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Lost Lake Unification ... by Marty Portner, President

As you may know, the RCD is a property owner and member-in-good-standing of the New Landing Property Owner's Association (**NLPOA**) and the Lost Nation Property Owners Association (**LNPOA**). As such, the RCD is entitled to receive a ballot and therefore is expected to vote in the referendum on Lost Lake Unification.

We have observed this issue with great interest over the years. We believe in the right of the people to choose their own destiny through the referendum process. The few who oppose Unification do not present to us a clear, logical or even an understandable argument. The proposal offered by the dedicated men and women of the **Unification Committee** makes common sense to us because it is based on the high ideal that the people should decide.

At our October 9th meeting, the RCD discussed and debated the issue of Lost Lake **Unification** vis-a-vis the referendum ballot. It was unanimously decided that the RCD has the obligation to vote and that a **"YES"** vote would be in the overall interest of the

Lake Management Update ... by Jerry Sellers, LMC Chairperson

The **Lake Management Committee (LMC)** continues, through dedicated volunteers, to optimally manage Lost Lake. Floating islands have been fabricated and placed in the lake. Two 4'x4' frames were constructed, wrapped with a coconut blanket then stuffed with coconut fiber. Four lily pad bulbs were placed in each. The two islands were anchored in the lake approximately 12 inches below the surface in 3 feet of water. The plants will root themselves in the lake bottom. Additionally 3 bulbs were planted directly in the lake bottom as an experiment. Thanks to the **Lost Lake Fishing Club** and LMC members for getting this project completed.

Joe Olliges, Fish Stocking Program Project Manager, supervised the successful stocking of 88 Muskies, 880 Walleye

District's membership.

It is clear that the interests of the combined POA and the **RCD** with respect to the future viability of **Lost Lake** are identical. We believe that the **Unification** effort is based on the solid principle that a united group, seeking a common destiny, can do more and do it better, faster and cheaper than a divided group facing separate, possibly divergent futures. Just imagine if there were two **RCD's**—one for the east side of Lost Lake, one for the west side. *It would be absurd!*

Unification is based on the principle that a single identity for Lost Lake makes property values more stable and also promotes pride in ownership, thus fostering volunteerism. **Unification** also brings with it the continuation of a new era that is based on cooperation and leadership instead of contention and mere reactive management. The **RCD** views these principles as being in harmony with its charter and its future plans. We sincerely hope that you agree.

and 880 Small Mouth Bass on September 18th. Joe spent much time contacting our fish vendor, making sure that all fish would be inspected by a fish biologist to prevent any contamination of our current fishery.

September 6th the **IDNR** shocked our lake with many of the fishing club and LMC members present to help and witness the event. We will receive a report from the state sometime in January which will be used to ascertain a stocking for next year.

Clearview Ponds came to review the plants which they planted last year on the lakeside of the **Lake Court Center**. They have provided a layout identifying the different plants as well as some local identification (stakes). Several species did not take and they will be back

in the spring to replant them as all plants were guaranteed. **Judie Leonard**, Master Gardener, and a member of the **Lost Lake Fishing Club**, met with the **LMC** and **Clearview**. Judie now has the information on all of the plantings should anyone wish to know what they are.

Monies have been approved for the dredging of the **Flagg Road Sift Basin**. A contractor has been secured and work will begin in late November. It is anticipated that 2200 cubic yards will be removed, stored on site and moved to the RCD property on the corner of Flagg and Lowden in the spring of 2008. Until moved, anyone wishing some of this material for fill may have it for the taking.

Did You Know ...

- The Flagg Road silt basin is scheduled for dredging this Fall?
- The RCD's Wildlife Management program is responsible for goose control on the lake?
- All public documents, including minutes of past meetings, are available for inspection at the RCD Office?

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