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Shoreline Stabilization is Underway

by Marty Portner, President

This past March, the RCD held a special meeting to present the overall stabilization plan as developed by members of the board along with Jerry Sellers, Lake Management coordinator and our lake scientist and consultant, Joe Rush of JadEco. The basic tenets of the program were discussed and we obtained valuable questions and feedback that helped us to perfect what was already a great program.

At its April 7th monthly meeting, the RCD passed a resolution, authorizing establishment of a formal program to assist the shoreline property owners in this endeavor. It

is now just a matter of refining the implementation details of the resolution and getting the shoreline property owners involved.

Here are the basic features of the program

- Program is voluntary.
- The RCD will provide consultation assistance at no cost.
- The RCD will rebate up to 50% of the cost of the construction.
- The RCD will provide detailed, written instructions and procedures.
- The property owner will be responsible for maintenance on the final product.

The program will be done in two or possibly

three phases, over two or three years. Phase One will commence this year and covers basically the south end of the lake.

Visit our web site www.rcdinfo.com to determine whether your lot is in Phase One and to see a complete text of the resolution.

Early this summer, all Phase One property owners will get a package in the mail that outlines the steps that the owner needs to take in order to receive the rebate. We have tried to make this process as simple and effective as possible. The package will contain a letter from the

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Watershed Planning Program by Steven Larry, VP

In previous articles, we have written about the goals and objectives your RCD has to achieve its vision of improving the water quality of Lost Lake. Among those of high importance is doing what we can to limit pollutants and

silt entering the lake from the surrounding watershed which measures some 10,000 acres. For those of you who attended our special meeting on shoreline stabilization, our holistic approach must include what happens around the

lake as well as its immediate shoreline.

As a result, we are very fortunate to have enlisted the support of the Natural Resources Conservation Service to facilitate the development of a Clear Creek Watershed Planning Com-

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is a periodic publication that contains information relevant to our District's constituents.

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Did You Know?...

- **The RCD's Phosphorus Free Informational Brochure has been mailed out to all District property owners.**
- **Boat Sticker applications have been received and stickers will be issued soon.**

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RCD notifying you of the program, a map of your property, a copy of the formal Shoreline Stabilization resolution, and an outline of what steps to take in order to commence and complete the project successfully in order to ensure that you get the full 50% rebate. Some conditions and restrictions will apply, so read the package

carefully and then, get going!

The RCD has awarded a contract to a Freeport company to complete stabilization of the 500-foot section of the old East Beach. This project will be done in plenty of time for property owners to see an example of the type of shoreline stabilization that the RCD is looking for.

We are excited to reach this point in the long road toward the completion of this portion of our Lake Management program. This major program will contribute to making the Lake this clearest, cleanest and most habitable lake possible in this watershed!

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mittee. On April 1st, the RCD along with the NRCS hosted a meeting of 7 local property owners from the surrounding watershed for the purpose of identifying interested stake holders who would be willing to participate on a long term planning committee to address and remediate conditions negatively affecting the land and waters in this area.

In all, 12 people attended and we had unanimous agreement to go forward. The RCD will be a participant

on this committee which will be chaired by one of the property owners. Our next meeting will take place in June (at the end of planting season) at which time we will formally organize and begin the planning process.

This is a major step in achieving our overall mission and we are all very excited about positive effect that this will eventually have on the entire watershed ecosystem.

Remember, you can do your part to make



**Lost Lake
A Phosphorous Free
Community...**

Did you Know that Ace Hardware & Walmart carry several different phosphorus-free fertilizers?

Ogle County Gypsy Moth Control Program

By Becky Breckenfelder, Administrative Manager

A representative with the Illinois Department of Agriculture out of DeKalb contacted the RCD to inform them of a gypsy moth abatement program to take place the last week in June, which involves the use of an EPA approved chemical pheromone called Disrupt 2, manufactured by Dispar. The area that they will be spraying will encompass an area starting from east and south of the Rock River (adjacent to Castle Rock State Park) all the way down to about half of both sides of Lost Lake (see map).

They will not be spraying directly over the lake and any spray over that

occurs is safe to use around water. If you have any questions, you may call the RCD office at 815 652-2006.



Herb Hill is retiring from the RCD Board on April 30th after 5 years of service. We will miss his ambitious and thorough stewardship of the Lake Court Center building. His input into critical issues was invaluable. Herb, we will miss you—see you out on the Lake!