

Fall 2009

LN/NL River Conservancy District
of IL

the Watershed

Letter From the President by Steve Larry, President

A lot has happened since our last “Watershed” was written. We had the equivalent of a Lost Lake “100 year flood” that brought out the best in all our neighbors and the three major organizations (POA, LLUD and RCD) pulling together to restore our community to “normalcy”; Marty retired from the RCD Board; we are in the midst of getting underway our Lake Shore Stabilization Program; we

received verbal confirmation that our 319 grant to receive “left over funds” was approved; we completed test borings for a possible Babbling Brook Silt Basin; and finally, we submitted a 2009-2010 319 Grant application for support of a Babbling Brook stream bank stabilization project. So let me tackle these one at a time to bring everyone up to date on where we stand. As for the “flood”,

there are too many people who should be recognized to mention here for their endless hours of work and dedication to our community. The POA joined forces with the RCD and held the first annual “Volunteer Recognition Picnic” on July 25th. Don Finn and I duly thanked all (and it was a great crowd) who attended and those who couldn’t for what they have given back to the

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RCD/POA Volunteer Picnic by Betty Lou Finn, Secretary

The picnic was a real success; we served about fifty-five volunteers and their families.

Many of our volunteers were missing—I guess that is what happens in the middle of the summer. We want to give special thanks to Gerry Skyles for his excellent beer, which was enjoyed by all.

We also want to thank Leslie and her daughter, Tessa, for all their great help in setting up and staying until the very end. Clean up went like a snap with many volunteer hands.

Lots of Extra items were donated to the social committee for their upcoming corn boil. All the extra cookies were

donated to the Lions Club for the Camp Reynoldswood picnic for the sight and hearing impaired.

LETS DO IT AGAIN
NEXT YEAR!

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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 Beaches are Open Thru Labor Day Weekend and the Campground is Open Thru October 31!**

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Lost Lake Community. During those days and couple of weeks following the devastation, the RCD restored the lake to “pool”, rebuilt and restored the beaches, restored the campground, RCD docks and community center, completed a full dam inspection (including materials), organized boats washed over the dam for people to pick up and repaired the North Shore fishing platform.

Marty Portner retired from the board but has volunteered to help us through the Lake Shore Stabilization project. Tim Spelde has volunteered to replace Marty and joined the Board in August. Tim will have responsibility to manage the dam, campground and burn pile along with having the LMC report to him. We are grateful to have the past president of the Fishing Club join us and look forward to his contributions.

The preliminary report on the test borings for the proposed Babbling Brook Silt Basin Project indicates the soil is questionable. Thus, we need to either seek better ground or look for another solution. Either way, this project may not fit into this fiscal year’s plan as we had hoped.

Our grant process is finally getting traction, even in this “economy”. We have verbal confirmation on our present grant for Watershed Planning. What this entails is all that is going on around us, which is the land that drains into Clear Creek and Babbling Brook. The funding supports the cost of resources that go into developing planning designing remedial action

around stream banks, land usage, etc. In addition, on July 31st, we submitted another 319 grant to support the stream bank stabilization along Babbling Brook. Our criteria for writing grants includes a chance of approval rate of at least 75%, and the preliminary indication is that this may have

SHORELINE OWNERS IN PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2 OF THE SHORELINE STABILIZATION REBATE PROGRAM SHOULD RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 AS TO WHETHER THEY INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

an even better chance to get approved. We will know late this fall.

Finally, the Shoreline Stabilization Program is underway. If you are a shoreline property owner, you received a packet of information the last week of July regarding the RCD Rebate Program and, hopefully, you responded accordingly to maintain eligibility for the 50% rebate. Phase One will be started and completed this Fall, Phase Two next year. If you have any questions about this program, contact the RCD office.

We also need to dredge the lake. We are seeking out financing opportunities and have retained Wendler Engineering of Dixon to assist us. If it comes about, it would be a

“mechanical” dredge which would require us to lower the lake to allow the soil to dry enough to allow equipment to get at it along the lake bed and have it trucked out. This is a costly program, but one we need to address sooner rather than later. It is a matter of budget and sourcing the funding.

Finally, the Lake Management Committee, headed up by Jerry Sellers, has recommended we take the lake down a few feet in the winter to reduce shoreline and dock damage due to ice. By the time you read this, we will have addressed this at our September meeting. Updates will be available on our web site if you miss the meeting or you can contact the RCD office for an update.

So there you have it, the latest update from your RCD.

Remember, you can do your part to make



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

***Please clean up after your
pets when walking them.***