

Fall 2009

LN/NL River Conservancy District  
of IL

# *the Watershed*

## *Message From the President*

by Steve Larry, RCD President

Since I last brought you up to date on our organization, accomplishments and future challenges, we have had some **great** news come our way. Our first application for EPA 319 Grant Funds to support our Watershed Planning Program was approved! What this means is that we now have funds available to the **RCD** to defer expenses associated with the planning and technical support necessary to put together a comprehensive plan to improve the watershed that has a direct impact on the lake. The amount of the grant is \$88,000 of which the **RCD** must match 25% or \$22,000. This will be

accomplished by charging volunteer hours from both TAC and Watershed Planning committees and the time Becky puts in on organizing and handling correspondence, etc. We owe a lot to Rebecca Olson of Olson Ecological Solutions for the work she did putting this together. By

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## *Fish Stocking and a Burn Pile Alternative*

by Tim Spelde, RCD Member at Large

Did you know that the **RCD** stocked over 3,000 fish this October in Lost lake? We stocked over 88 muskie, 880 walleye, 600 smallmouth, and 600 large-mouth bass. We fear that we lost thousands of fish over the dam in our great flood of 2009.

We greatly anticipate the results of the DNR lake survey, which was performed in early October, to review what the overall impact was from the flood. On a positive note, we have also noticed less gizzard shad in the lake, so nature may have helped us

in that respect.

My thanks to the many fishermen that caught fish below the dam and returned them to the lake to be caught another day.

**Please note changes to the burn pile are forthcoming.** The **RCD** has had recent complaints about the burn pile and has noted the continued abuse of the rules for the burn pile.

Specifically, garbage being thrown in the pile, stumps that do not burn, dead fish, etc. The **RCD** has voted to disband the

current burn pile and work with the POA to provide an alternate solution.

You may have noticed that we have improved the area below the dam with clearing some trees to allow easier access to the stream.

This area is one of our most visited spots in our community and the burn pile is not a pleasant sight. We will continue to improve our "green" areas in the community while looking for alternate solutions.

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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 Lake will be drawn down November 2nd through Spring.**
- **The Burn pile will CLOSED effective December 1st.**

### **RCD Board**

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## EXAMPLES OF SHORELINE STABILIZATION IN 2009

Below are pictures of the properties of first two participants to be reimbursed via the shoreline stabilization rebate program, as well as the work that the RCD had done at the East Boat Landing on Oak Lane



Belaski and Yagen Properties on Flagg Road



Yagen Property



Yagen Property (side view)



East Boat Landing (on Oak Lane)

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the way, Rebecca has completed our application for another such grant to support streamline stabilization for Babbling Brook. We are keeping our fingers crossed that it will also receive approval. We should know late fall or early spring.

On another front, property owners have started their shoreline stabilization and rebate checks are being written. We have modified the program so that if a shoreline property owner in the defined boundaries of Phase One or Two apply for and receive a variance from our current SOP's, they will be eligible for the rebate program with some requirements and commitments on their part. One of the keys here is that the rebate program will end May 31, 2011. Any approved work completed after that date will not be eligible for a rebate. So if you have been "holding back" in making a decision, we strongly suggest you get your application in and approved.

Also, if you have not heard, we plan to draw the lake down November 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. There are several reasons for doing this. The first is to limit shoreline and dock damage due to ice. The second is to determine how long it takes to dry the shoreline for the purpose of mechanical dredging which we hope to accomplish the fall of 2010. Finally, it would also help in shoreline stabilization efforts, especially if you have steep banks that need to be "cut". The ground will be harder

and result in less damage to lots as well. For those who may be concerned about the fish population, Joe Rush has indicated that it will have minimal impact if any at all. It may concentrate the fish in certain areas,

***Thank you, Jerry, for all the support you have lent to the RCD as LMC Coordinator.***



***We will miss you greatly!***

which we are sure will not make any ice fishing enthusiasts unhappy (remember limits folks!).

Lastly, our good friend and long-time volunteer, Jerry Sellers, has decided that his reign as our Lake Management Committee Chairperson has come to an end.

Jerry created the LMC several years ago, and through his efforts and those of a host of loyal volunteers, the LMC positively impacted the lake ecosystem. Jerry will be sorely missed, so if you see him out and about, thank him for all that he

has done and accomplished. The good news is that his volunteer team remains intact. In order to manage the many areas the LMC impacted, we have divided up the responsibilities to current board members:

The VLMP (Volunteer Lake Management Program) will fall under Glenn Baldwin; Wild Life Management (under the guidance of our Wildlife Manager, Frank Durkin) will operate as an ad hoc group reporting to me; Joe Rush, our lake management consultant, will report to me as well; Silt basin management will go to Tim Spelde; and finally, volunteer recognition of this team will be aptly handled by Betty Lou Finn.

***You can do your part to make***



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

***Fall fertilizing time is here—REMEMBER to use only PHOSPHOROUS-FREE FERTILIZER on your lawns!***