



# **Circle Lake Association Annual Report**

2017

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## A Letter from the CLA President

Another year has passed and once again I am happy and proud of the accomplishments of the community supporting the efforts to clean up the lake. Carp removal and containment, erosion control, invasive weed removal, aeration, LID establishment, Circle the Lake run / walk, the list of activities that are making our lake safer and healthier go on and on.....

In recognition of this, I want to give a big thank you to the people / organizations and businesses that have come together to support these efforts. In a time where it seems like people can only assemble to protest and complain, we have gotten together and delivered real projects that have gotten real results!

With this said, it is with mixed feelings that my 5 year run as lake association president is coming to an end. So much progress has been made over the last several years, I can only look forward to fresh leadership to come in and bring the association to the next level.

As we look at 2018 there are a few activities that will require everyone's support. Specifically, I would like to mention the significant dredging project on Wolf Creek. This is hopefully the first of several projects to remove sediment from our waters. It also is unique in that it will place a sediment trap close to the bridge on 130th street allowing us to easily maintain future soil from entering our lake. This project will require time, money and your voice of support.....I hope to count on each of you.

Additionally each of us has a vote in the establishment of the lake improvement district (LID). This might be the biggest legacy you pass on to future generations. As it should be apparent to all that while the problems that our lake has are solvable, the only way they will be fixed is if the residents act with their own time and money. If you are not supportive of the long term gain that an initiative like this has, consider the short term gain in the health benefits for you and your family while using the lake.

Speaking of time and money, the commitment each of us should be targeting to keep the lake improvement projects moving forward is an hour a month and a dollar a day. While this seems very little, impact in the short and long term is huge. If you are unsure on how to contribute at this level please stop by or give me a call. Also, please give your appreciation to the residents that do little things like putting in berms or planting native vegetation. We all need to pull together to make things happen.

With this said, I will end my last letter and term as president, it really has been an honor and a privilege to work with this group, I cannot say thank you enough for all of your support and your investment in the future of the Circle Lake Community!

Semper Fidelis

Dale Petelinsek



## Native Planting 2017

By Dean Sunderlin

In the fall of 2016, The Forest Township Board of Supervisors redid the ditches on Circle Lake Trail. At the same time they moved some dirt to improve the drainage in the native planting, and placed some biodegradable barricades hoping to discourage the annual destruction caused by recreational vehicle riders. So far, their efforts have paid off.

Native plantings need to be burned every few years. We had planned on using volunteers to achieve this, but were pleased when the county offered to hire a prairie burn specialists. A few weeks after the burn we obtained plants to fill in the areas left bare by the drainage work. A large variety of natives were planted, and then watered over the course of the summer. Sam and I would like to thank the volunteers who participated!

We were pleased to locate a government supplier who provided the plants wholesale. We hope to use this source in the future should any of our projects require soil stabilization.



# 2017 Circle the Lake Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K

By Dean Sunderlin



We had 172 runners/walkers come out for the event, with 47 running the 5K, 48 running the 10K, and 77 running the half marathon.

**The winners and their times were:**

- 1/2 Marathon MEN:** Craig Cardinal 1:19:54
- 1/2 Marathon Women:** Wanda Hanek 1:51:36
- 10K Men:** Tim Leiningner 43:11
- 10K Women:** Katie Aakre 42:28
- 5K Men:** Matt Vogel 24:48
- 5K Women:** Abigail DeBruzzi 25:45

Thank you to everyone who came out and ran. Also, a big thanks to those of you that volunteered on race day. Your enthusiastic support of the runners was greatly appreciated.

We retained the same great race organizing team with Julie Dornbusch, Ross Morrison, Kathy and Dale Petelinsek, and Kelli and Jim Vogel. Many thanks to them.

The 2018 race will be on September the 15th with a start time of 9 A.M. Please save the date, and come out and support this fundraiser by running or volunteering.



**We had great corporate support in 2017.**  
**A big thanks you to all of them.**

Millersberg Construction, Dundas  
State Bank of Faribault

Diamond Level

Southview Animal Hospital, Inver Grove Heights,  
Balanced Fitness for Life, Northfield  
Edward Jones Northfield  
Reiland Construction, Northfield  
RE/MAX AdvantagePlus, Northfield  
First National Bank, Northfield  
Boat Doctor Marine, Montgomery  
Boonies Bar & Grill, Millersburg  
Countryside Animal Hospital & Kennel, Dundas  
Emergency Medical Services, Northfield  
College City Beverage, Dundas  
Downtown Bikes Northfield  
Car Time, Dundas  
Northfield Yarn, Northfield

Platinum Level

Stellar Hearth Products, Prior Lake  
Cross Country Soaring, Faribault  
Brick Oven Bakery, Northfield  
Forza, Northfield  
Tandem Bagels, Northfield  
Eco Gardens, Northfield  
Cub Foods, Northfield  
Fireside Orchards and Gardens, Northfield  
Anytime Fitness  
Fitness in Motion Faribault  
HeartWork Yoga Studio, Northfield

Gold Level

We were able to net a little more than \$10,000 from this years event. All of that going into our lake improvement fund.

You will find the link to register for the 2018 runs at [www.CircletheLake.com](http://www.CircletheLake.com)  
Race updates and a link to register are also on the Association website [www.circlelake.org](http://www.circlelake.org).  
Follow us on Twitter @CircleLakeRun



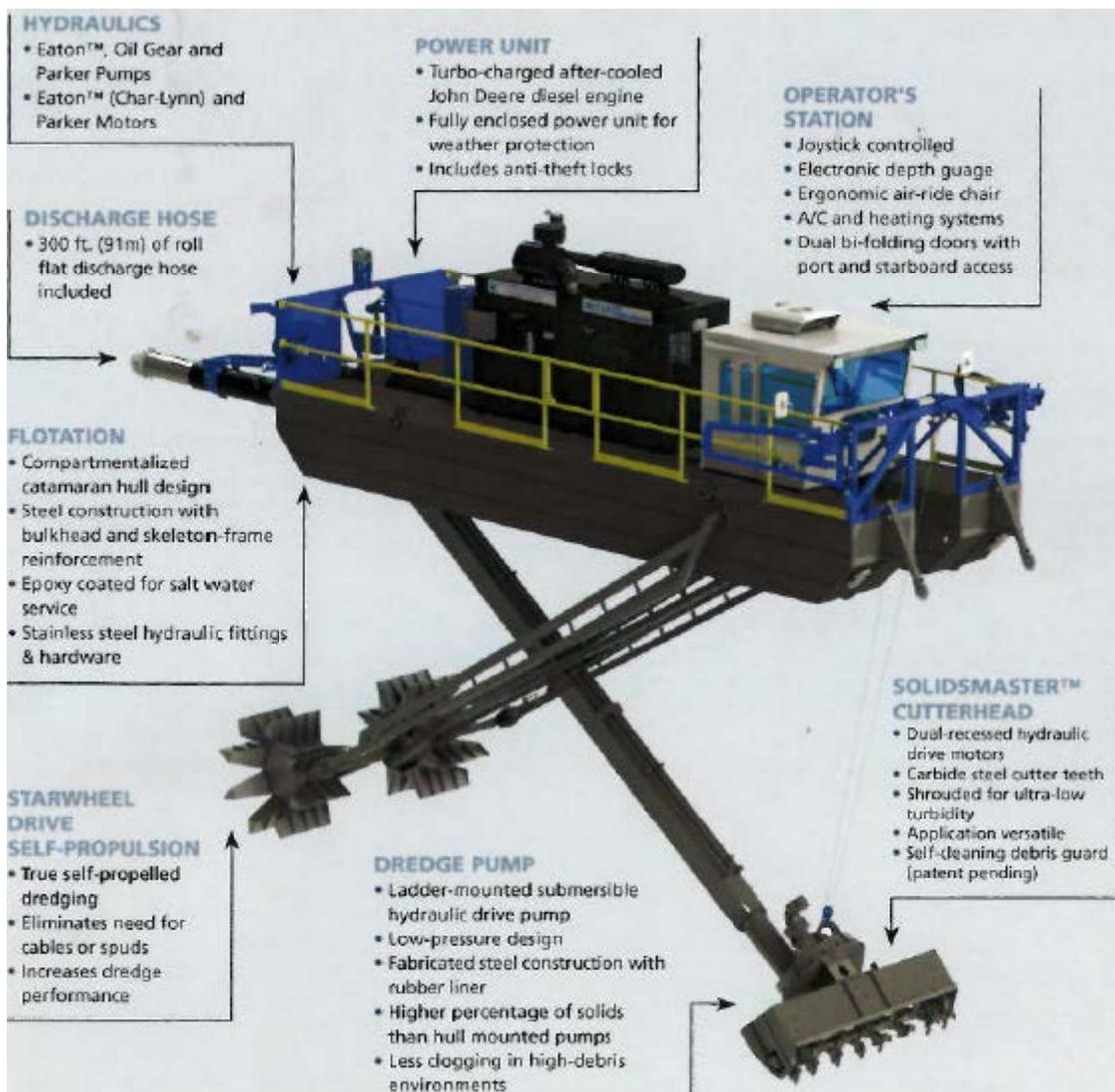
## Watershed

By Keith Kluzak

The watershed committee was not actively moving dirt in 2017. Volunteer hours in 2017 were allocated towards the largest project undertaken to date by the Circle Lake Association. In 1976, 1100 feet of Wolf Creek on the south side of Circle Lake was dredged. In the years immediately after 1976, sediment had an opportunity to settle out before entering Circle Lake. This section of Wolf Creek is now full of sediment and no longer affords the opportunity to settle out before the turbid waters enter the lake. The lake association is working on re-dredging Wolf Creek. This will serve to both restore the sediment settling capacity as well as restore a navigable waterway.

The estimated amount of material to be removed is 7500 cubic yards. This equates to 441 dump truck loads of dirt.

The vision is to use a dredge operated on a barge and pump the sediment roughly a mile away on to a 40 acre field just off the east side of Circle Lake currently enrolled in a Conservation Reserve Program.



## Lake Improvement District

By Brian Panettiere

An objective of the Circle Lake Association has been to educate its members and interested parties of an LID, gain approval of a majority of property owners, and engage the process of certifying the LID through Rice County government and DNR. Over the past year, we have continued to make excellent progress with developing our Lake Improvement District.

The following activities were engaged and completed over the past year.

Education, updates, and Q/A with CLA members, HOA meetings, and concerned parties has been on-going.

An excess of 51% of property owners have signed petitions agreeing with the formation of an LID.

CLA has attended, presented, and engaged the Rice County Commissioners at 2 public work session meetings. We are excited to report the enthusiasm we have experienced in these meetings as we have introduced the LID and addressed Q/A with the County. Through these meetings we have established a good working rapport with the Commissioners, as well as their support departments.

CLA has established dialogue and submitted a detailed outline to the DNR office handling their authorization of LID's. The DNR has responded with Q/A and comments regarding the LID, and have expressed their enthusiasm with seeing the LID established.

Over the past year, the bylaws of the CLID were drafted, reviewed, and submitted to Rice County. Significant time and thought were required to draft this document to assure that concerns raised during the petition process were properly addressed in the bylaws. We are confident that the bylaws are in line with legal as well as property owner best interests.

CLA is in the final submission process to Rice County of the petitions. We expect to be on the County agenda for certification and approval of the LID in 2018, with possible start of annual funding still to be determined, but no later than 2019.

We are grateful to the many members of the CLA that have asked questions, helped educate themselves and neighbors, and have supported our efforts with this major project. Your Lake Association will continue to keep you informed of the progress we are making with this. Please contact any CLA Board Member to address any questions or if you wish to help support us further.

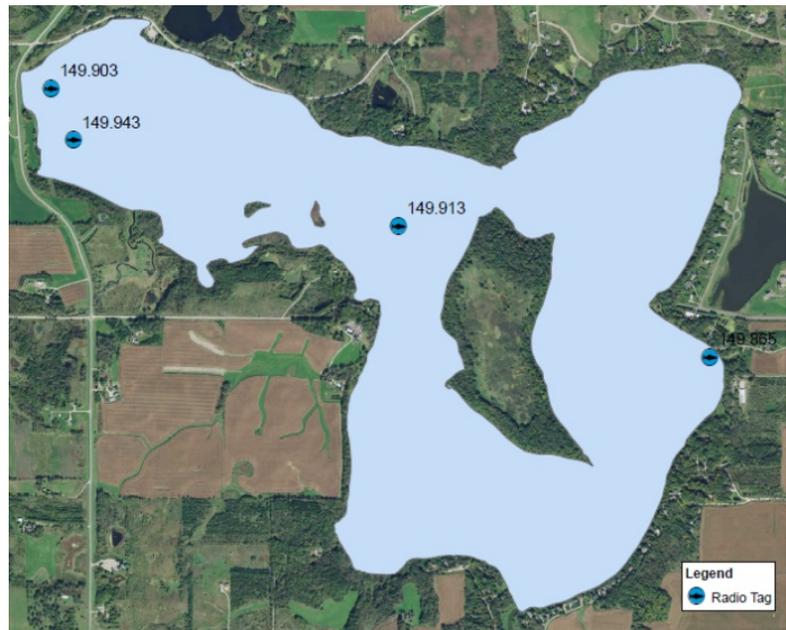


## Carp Control

By Jason Wood

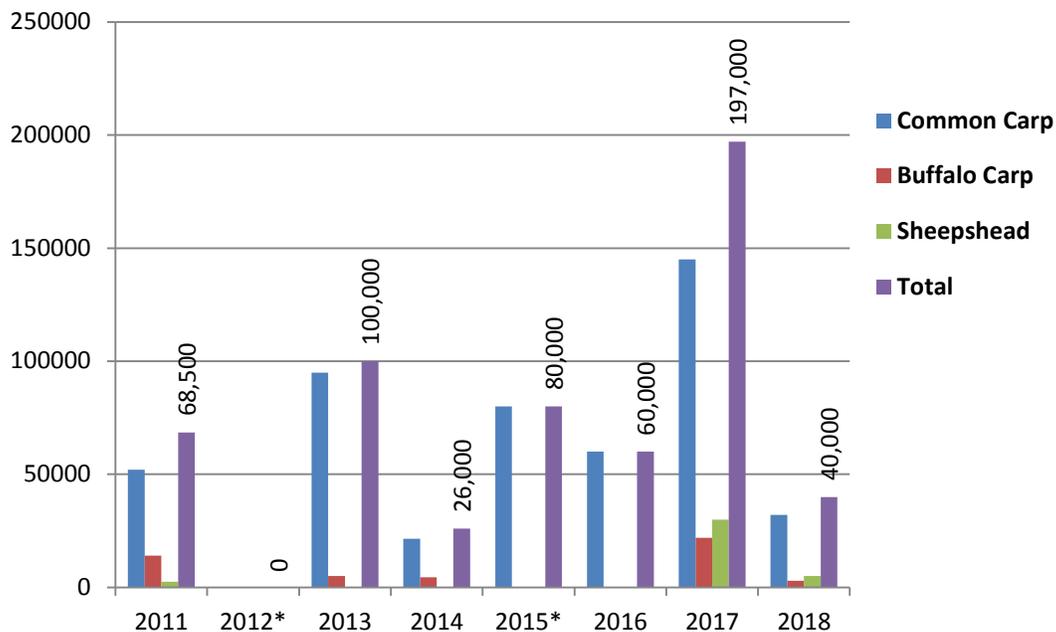
2017 was another successful year for the Circle Lake Association carp control project. Thanks to the help of data we receive from the radio tagged carp, we were able to complete our largest carp removal to date.

In May we surgically implanted our remaining four radio tags that have been stored for the past three years. All four of those fish survived the procedure and provided valuable data for the 2017/2018 winter seining operations. The data we are collecting during every removal is showing that the recruitment events we have seen in the past are reducing as the total number of carp in the lake is



**4 New Radio Tag Locations**

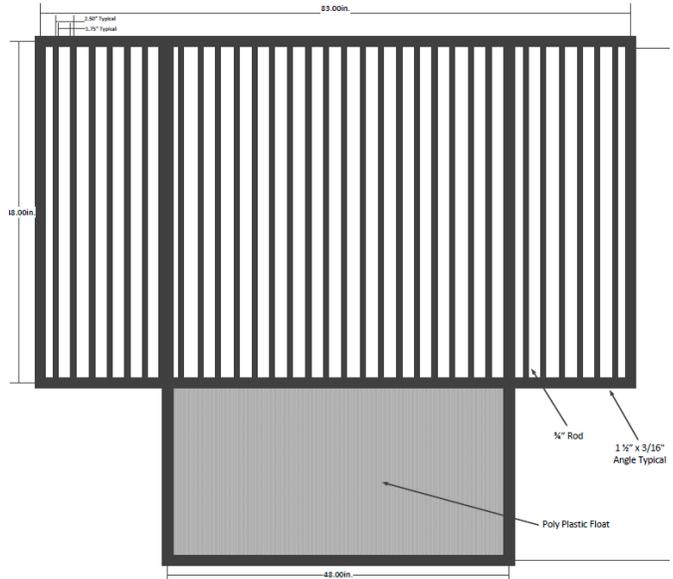
decreasing and the average size of the fish is increasing. These are good signs that our efforts to block new fish from entering the lake and our radio tag assisted seining operations are having a positive impact on the lake. Seining statistics for carp and other rough fish removal is shown below.



In the summer we removed the carp grates installed on the Wolf Creek dam as they had become badly damaged over their years of service. We installed one of the remaining floating grates that were previously used years ago to evaluate its performance on the pivoting structure attached to the back of the dam. We have also designed a different floating grate that allows for more water flow and is made of much heavier materials for longer life. The board is currently evaluating proposals for their fabrication with the hopes of building and installing new grates later this summer.



**Floating Carp Grate Currently Being Evaluated**



**Drawing of Design Being Considered**

## Treasurer's Report

By Jim Vogel

In December 2017 we received Lake Improvement Fund contributions of \$1,000 including \$500 in Race Sponsorship from Boat Doctor (Kevin & Kathy Vrieze) + \$500 from Remax-Frank Properties. We had Lake Improvement Fund expenses of \$20 in Circle the Lake race expenses for Forest Township hall rental.

We also received Regular Operating Fund contribution of \$351.12 from 2017 memberships from Gordy & Anne Jones, Dave & Patti Swanson, Wendy Anderson, Scott & Lisa Carlson, Steve & Elaine Trnka as well as 2018 memberships for Dean & Sam Sunderlin and Scott & Lisa Carlson + \$1.12 in Interest on Bank Account. We had Regular Operating Fund expenses of \$3 including \$3 for our monthly bank-account fee.

	Regular Operating Fund		Lake Improvement Fund		TOTAL
<b>Balance to start year</b>	<b>4,417.22</b>		<b>52,687.19</b>		<b>57,104.41</b>
<b>2017 REVENUE</b>	<b>2,816.29</b>		<b>31,307.43</b>		<b>34,123.72</b>
Member dues	2,800.00	99%			
Interest on bank account	16.29	0%			
Lake-resident contributions			6,979.62	22%	
Weed cutting fees			6,460.00	21%	
Circle the Lake run 2017			15,545.00	50%	
Ravine repairs funds from Tri-Lakes			2,000.00	6%	
Native-plant project (\$274.21 pd by Dean S)			274.51	1%	
Amazon Smile program			48.30	0%	
<b>2017 EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,644.00</b>		<b>60,495.08</b>		<b>62,139.08</b>
Town-hall rental	260.00	16%			
Professional services	130.00	8%			
Memberships (eg CRWP)	50.00	3%			
State AG registration fee	25.00	2%			
Bank fees	36.00	2%			
Insurance -Northfield - Auto Owners Ir	903.00	55%			
PO Box Fee	88.00	5%			
Web Site Fee	72.00	4%			
Settling-pond project			23,030.00	38%	
Lundstrom ravine repair project			10,200.00	17%	
Weed Harvesting (J&N + permit)			10,995.00	18%	
Carp-reduction & grant-writing project			9,662.75	16%	
Native-plant project			774.51	1%	
Circle the Lake run 2017			5,832.82	10%	
Misc	80.00				
<b>Increase / decrease</b>	<b>1,172.29</b>		<b>-29,187.65</b>		<b>-28,015.36</b>
<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>	<b>5,589.51</b>		<b>23,499.54</b>		<b>29,089.05</b>
<b>COMMITMENTS:</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>746.50</b>		<b>746.50</b>
Outstanding checks					
Carp & grant-writing project - funds approved			-253.50		
Circle the Lake income - other sponsors					
State Bank of Faribault			1,000.00		
<b>AVAILABLE (after commitments)</b>	<b>5,589.51</b>		<b>24,246.04</b>		<b>29,835.55</b>



## 2017 Association Members

1	Altendorfer	Timothy & Valerie
2	Anderson	Wendy
3	Appeldoorn	Karen & Jerry
4	Arnold	Craig & Ann
5	Bahnsen	Cheryl & Carl
6	Bisping	Denise & Scott
7	Bonnesen	Jane & Stan
8	Boulay	Matt & Denise
9	Boulay	Kevin & Sue
10	Calvert	Dean & Darlene
11	Carlson	Scott & Lisa
12	Cook	Pete (& Julie Farrell)
13	Desjardins	Mike & Vickie
14	Dornbusch	Julie & Scott
15	Duban	Robert & Sylvia
16	Eaves	Mike & Beth
17	Erickson	Bob & Tina
18	Featherston	Connie & Mike
19	Felegy	Nic & Kristen (Glazer)
20	Foster	Mike & Sherry (aka Southview Animal Hosp. and Dundas Dome)
21	Gates	Ann & Paul
22	Gieseke	Wayne
23	Gilbertson	Cynthia & Bob
24	Harris	Jim & Judi
25	Hoffert	Brianne & Kyle
26	Horsman	Steve & Joan
27	Ingraham	Don & Kathy
28	Jacobson	Tina & Bob
29	Johnson	Mark
30	Johnston	Don & Sheri

31	Jones	Gordy & Anne
32	Jones	Larry & Ilse
33	Kalkman	Dave & Missy
34	Keefer	Dennis
35	Kindseth	Gary & Terri
36	Kluzak	Keith & Jennifer
37	Kluzak	Rodger & Mary
38	Kluzak	Kurt & Dianna
39	Konetski	Bill & Cherrise
40	Malecha	Ken & Rhonda
41	Miller	Dave
42	Morrison	Ross & Susie
43	Morrissey	Samantha & Scott
44	Nelson	Barb & Brad
45	Olson	Ed & Bonnie
46	Palmquist	Rob & Pam
47	Panettiere	Nan & Brian (aka Edward Jones Co)
48	Petelinsek	Dale & Kathy
49	Quam	Robert & Aletha
50	Reiland	Matt & Jolene (aka Johnson Reiland Builders)
51	Selkirk	Scott & Lonna
52	Sunderlin	Dean & Sam
53	Swanson	Patti & David
54	Trnka	Steve & Elaine
55	Utech	William & Lori
56	Vogel	Jim & Kelli
57	Vosejpka	Dwayne & Michelle
58	Vreize	Kevin & Kathie (aka Boat Doctor)
59	Wood	Jason

CLA membership Levels (households & businesses)	2017
<b>Falcon level</b> (\$1,000+)	3
<b>Owl level</b> (currently \$750-999)	0
<b>Flamingo level</b> (\$365-749)	10
<b>Friends of Circle Lake</b> (\$1-364)	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>



## 2017 Association Bank Balances

<b>REVENUE</b>		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL	% of	cumu
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	total	%
1	Lake residents & businesses	17,205	12,616	6,980	2,380	14,423	18,030	6,890	9,025	87,549	53%	53%
2	Circle the Lake run			570	1,402	8,530	7,880	11,186	9,583	39,151	24%	77%
3	Grants and project sharing funds received				6,000	13,000	1,000	5,000	2,000	27,000	16%	93%
4	Transfer from operating fund		2,500	2,500					0	5,000	3%	96%
5	Silent auction		1,887	840	1,153		547		0	4,427	3%	99%
6	Chunky Dunk				80	1,827			0	1,907	1%	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17,205</b>	<b>17,003</b>	<b>10,890</b>	<b>11,015</b>	<b>37,781</b>	<b>27,457</b>	<b>23,076</b>	<b>20,608</b>	<b>165,034</b>		
change			-1%	-36%	1%	243%	-27%	-16%	-11%			

<b>EXPENSES</b>		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL	% of	cumu
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	total	%
1	Carp reduction & grant writing project					360	7,817	9,118	9,663	26,957	19%	19%
2	Schnider/Lundstrom ravine project					16,622			10,200	26,822	19%	39%
3	Erosion-control engineering			5,789	5,985	843				12,617	9%	48%
4	Culver Trail, phase 1					10,000				10,000	7%	55%
5	Culver Trail, phase 2						10,000			10,000	7%	62%
6	Lake Management Plan		7,450							7,450	5%	67%
7	Fish grates				5,193					5,193	4%	71%
8	Weed Cutter/harvesting		5,000						4,535	9,535	7%	78%
9	Bluegill stocking				3,000					3,000	2%	80%
##	Weed chemical treatment						2,109			2,109	2%	81%
##	Cover-crop project w/ Tri-Lakes							2,000		2,000	1%	83%
##	Settling Pond west end - Ditch 32								23,030	23,030	16%	99%
##	Miscellaneous and				166	123				288	0%	100%
##	Native Plantings								500	500		
##	Maintenance - previous projects					165				165	0%	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>12,450</b>	<b>5,789</b>	<b>14,344</b>	<b>28,112</b>	<b>19,926</b>	<b>11,118</b>	<b>47,928</b>	<b>139,667</b>		
change				-54%	148%	96%	-29%	-44%	331%			

### Bank Balance including Lake Improvement Funds and Regular Operating Funds

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Balance to start year	\$3,349.49	\$20,659.01	\$24,062.10	\$30,748.52	\$25,043.18	\$35,468.18	\$43,544.57	\$57,104.41
Balance at end of year	\$20,659.01	\$24,062.10	\$30,748.52	\$25,043.18	\$35,468.00	\$43,544.57	\$57,104.41	\$29,089.05

CLA memberships (households & businesses)	52	62	64	49	59	69	61	59
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