



Circle Lake Association Annual Report

2019

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A Letter from the CLA President

The Circle Lake Association has had another busy year and thanks to all of our members, volunteers and corporate supporters we had the resources to continue the work of cleaning up Circle Lake.

In this 2019 annual report, you will hear from our project managers regarding each of the projects that we have been working on during 2019. It will also give you some details regarding our major fundraiser, the Circle the Lake Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K.

One of the significant events that happened for Circle Lake was the establishment of the Circle Lake Improvement District (CLID). The establishment of this district will provide a reliable stream of income that will come directly back to the lake for lake improvement efforts within the lake and its watershed. This project took over three years to complete, and we are pleased that with your support we were able to get the district established.

We had hoped to get Wolf Creek dredged out between 130th Street and the lake in 2019, but for several reasons were unable to get that done. It looks like we will be able to get that project completed in 2020.

As we look beyond the dredging project the Board sees 2020 as a transition year. Some of the projects the CLA has been working on will move over to the Lake Improvement District. That doesn't mean that the CLA won't be doing projects anymore, but the scope of the projects might change. Your support and input towards what the CLA should become would be greatly appreciated. If you haven't already, please take this opportunity to join or renew your CLA membership for 2020 and give a little extra to our lake improvement fund. Dues are \$50 and can be mailed to P.O. Box 147 Northfield, Mn 55057. You can also pay for a membership via PayPal at www.paypal.me/circlelake or Venmo by searching CircleLake-Association (no spaces)

The Circle the Lake Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K Race/Fundraiser will require your participation and help as well. It is a fun community event and the CLA intends to continue sponsoring it. For 2020 the race is scheduled to run on September 19th, 2020.

However, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, this years run may have to be canceled. We will make that decision when we get closer to the date.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who served on the CLA Board in 2019. Keith Kluzak, Brian Panettiere, Mandi Morrissey, Jim Vogel, Julie Dornbusch, Jason Wood, Kristen Felegy, Scott Bisping, Carl Bahnsen, and Dale Petelinsek. Thank you for all your work for our Association and our lake.

I wish you all the best. Stay safe. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,
Dean Sunderlin
Circle Lake Association President





2019 Circle the Lake Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K

By Dean Sunderlin

The Circle the Lake Half Marathon, 10K and 5K was a success again this year in large part due to all of you that came out to support the event by participating in a race or volunteering to work the course or making a donation.

The 2019 race raised \$14,082 for our Lake Improvement Fund

We registered 212 runners and ran a total of 188. 85 folks ran the 5K, 41 ran the 10K, and 62 tough individuals finished the 1/2 marathon. Although last year's weather was hot and muggy, this year's race day weather was great.

Thanks to our excellent race organizing team of Julie Dornbusch, Kathy and Dale Petelinsek, Kelli and Jim Vogel, Kristen Felegy, Scott Bisping, and Heidi Melnychuk. Many thanks to them for all they did to make our event a success. We again had great support from the Rice County Sherriff office with two officers out patrolling the courses. This greatly enhances the safety for not only our participants but the drivers we share the road with Thank you Sheriff Dunn. Nealee, as always, did a great job as our race announcer this year and thank you to Dave Busch of Experience Entertainment for providing the great motivational music.

The winners and their times were:

1/2 Marathon M: Christoph Truscott 1:22:25

1/2 Marathon F: Janet Smith 1:33:12

10K M: Collin Buck 37:17

10K F: Mellissa Sandahl 54:23

5K M: Kyle Korynta 20:21

5K F: Brittany Hartnett 23:30

WE AGAIN HAD GREAT CORPORATE SUPPORT THIS YEAR AND ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THEIR SERVICES AS YOU MIGHT NEED THEM.

State Bank of Faribault
Edward Jones Northfield
Johnson-Reiland Builders, Northfield
Southview Animal Hospital, InverGrove Heights
RE/MAX AdvantagePlus, Northfield
Boat Doctor Marine, Montgomery

Capital Construction
Holden Farms
Dundas Dome Dundas
Car Time, Dundas
Countryside Animal Hospital, Dundas

Diamond Level
≥\$1,000

Platinum Level
\$300-\$999



First National Bank, Northfield
Boonies Bar & Grill, Millersburg
Northfield Yarn, Northfield
Downtown Bikes Northfield
Emergency Medical Services, Northfield
College City Beverage, Dundas
Brick Oven Bakery Northfield
Fireside Orchards and Gardens Northfield
Heartwork Yoga Studio Northfield
Fitness in Motion
WSB Engineering

Professional Dental Group
Forza, Northfield
Tandem Bagels, Northfield
Cub Foods, Northfield
Northfield Insurance Northfield
Kwik Trip, Northfield

Gold Level
\$25-\$299

The 2020 race will be on September 19th with a start time of 9 A.M. Please save the date and come out and support this fundraiser by running or volunteering.

Check www.circlethelake.com or the CLA website www.circlelake.org for the latest race information.



Watershed 2019 Annual Report

By Keith Kluzak

The focus of the Watershed Committee has been the continuing efforts to dredge Wolf Creek.

June 2018 -

The lake association obtained a permit to place the spoils on a 40-acre parcel of land a little more than a mile east of Wolf Creek. At the time the final public hearing and presentation to the county was being held, a landowner approached the lake association stating he would be willing to offer his land for the spoil placement.

July and August 2018 -

Inform the CLA board of a potential new spoil placement location and the possibility of cost savings due to the closer location to Wolf Creek. The new location is an 80-acre parcel south of 130th adjacent to Wolf Creek.

Fall of 2018 –

Start from scratch with developing a new plan and cost calculation. The plan was to build a berm on the east side of the 80-acre parcel closest to Wolf Creek for retaining the spoils. This location yielded a cost savings of approximately \$20,000 compared the 40-acre parcel. The cost savings resulted from having to pump the spoils a quarter of the distance.

February 2019 –

Informal meeting with the landowner, county and DNR to go over the what the governing bodies would require to issue a permit for the east side of the 80-acre parcel.

Spring of 2019 –

Gather the information, calculations and documentation requested during the February meeting.

June 2019 –

Submit all documents to the county and state to issue a permit. Based on required public notices and publications for a public hearing, the anticipated public hearing date is expected to be early August.

July 2019 –

Landowner expresses concerns over the size of the berm, overall scope of the project, regulatory concerns communicated to him from the governing agencies regarding the placement of the spoils given the proximity to a wetland (Wolf Creek and the adjacent creek bottom area). He offers the west end of his 80-acres instead of the east end.



August 2019 –

Amend the plans and cost calculations. The total cost of using the west side of the 80-acre parcel is similar to the east side of the 80-acre parcel. The pumping costs increase but the cost of the berm decreases. The new location has beneficial natural topography and greater opportunity water management. Submit all new plans to the county for issuing a permit.

September 2019 –

Technically, the landowner owns two separate 40 acres parcels. Because the west 40-acre parcel has a different legal description, a new publication for a public hearing must be made. With the required time between the publication and the hearing, the earliest available date to have a public hearing is early October.

October 2019-

The lake association obtains a permit to place the spoils on the west end of the 80-acre parcel. The CLA board agrees to move as rapidly as possible to complete the dredging immediately. With the short notice, not everything required to move the spoils could be completed in the fall of 2019. The berm for the retention pond is built and made ready for the spring of 2020. In hindsight, we received a blessing. Early November, snow and a hard freeze occurred.

February 2020 -

CLA Board decide to change method of sediment removal from aqua dredge to backhoe method. The aqua dredge method required significant CLA volunteers and posed larger potential problems.

March 2020 -

Meet with contractors, revise plans, discuss options with county, state, SWCD, commissioners, township, etc.

April 2020 -

Present amended plan to CLA board for approval.

May 2020 -

File amended plans with Rice County in order to obtain a revised permit.

June 2020 -

Hearing for the revised permit from Rice County is scheduled for June 4.

The target start date for dredging activity is June 15th.

July 2020 -

Dredging activity from Wolf Creek is complete. Spoils remain on the west bank of Wolf Creek for the month to permit drying.



August 2020 -

Transport spoils from the west bank of Wolf Creek to the permanent retention berm built in October 2019.

September 2020 -

Spread spoils evenly through the retention berm area.

October 2020 -

Remove berm and water control structures. Grade the area and return the land to a condition suitable for agricultural purposes.

Seeding the berms, late October 2019.



Carp Control

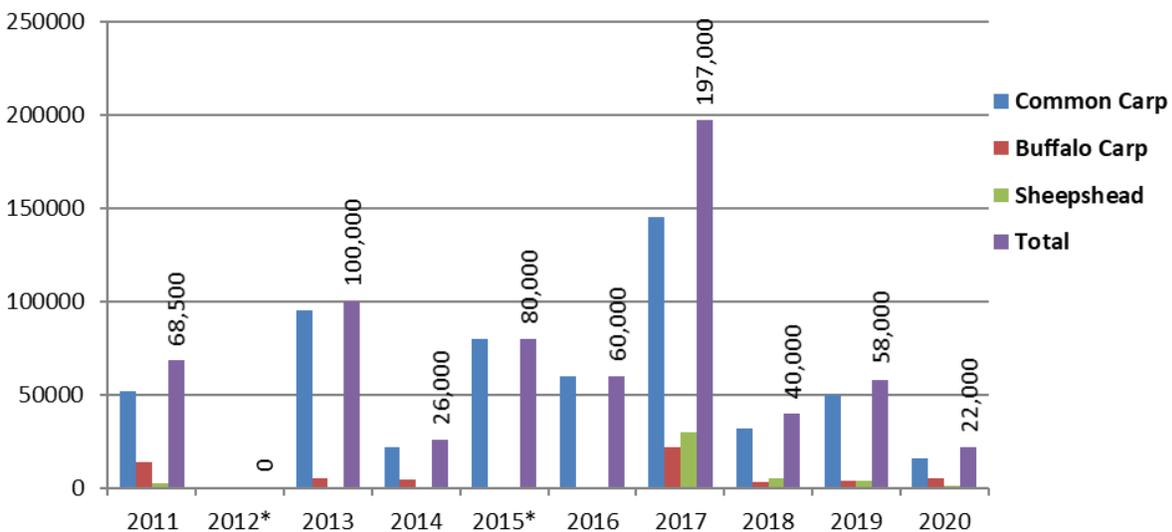
By Jason Wood

2019 was another successful year for the Circle Lake Association carp control project. Thanks to some great volunteer efforts from several people around the lake, we were able to cost effectively build and install a stronger version of the carp barrier. Prior to this, we evaluated several new designs that showed great promise. Moving forward we will work through the Lake Improvement District and the County to seek approval of a more effective design for future implementation.



Reconstructed – Stronger Carp Barrier

The winter of 2019/2020 had relatively favorable ice conditions for rough fish removal through seining. 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 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.



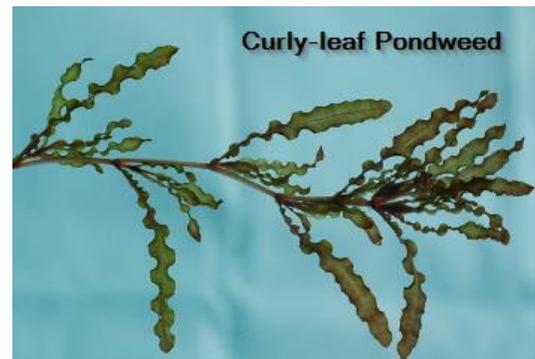
Invasive Weeds

Aquatic plants are important to Circle Lake. Fish rely on native plants for food and habitat. The weeds improve water quality, and protect the shoreline. Plants that are not native, also called “invasive”, can cause recreational, economic, and ecological damage. The invasive weed most prevalent in Circle Lake is the curly-leaf pondweed. This weed can be identified by its wavy, lasagna-like leaves and serrated edges with blunt tips.

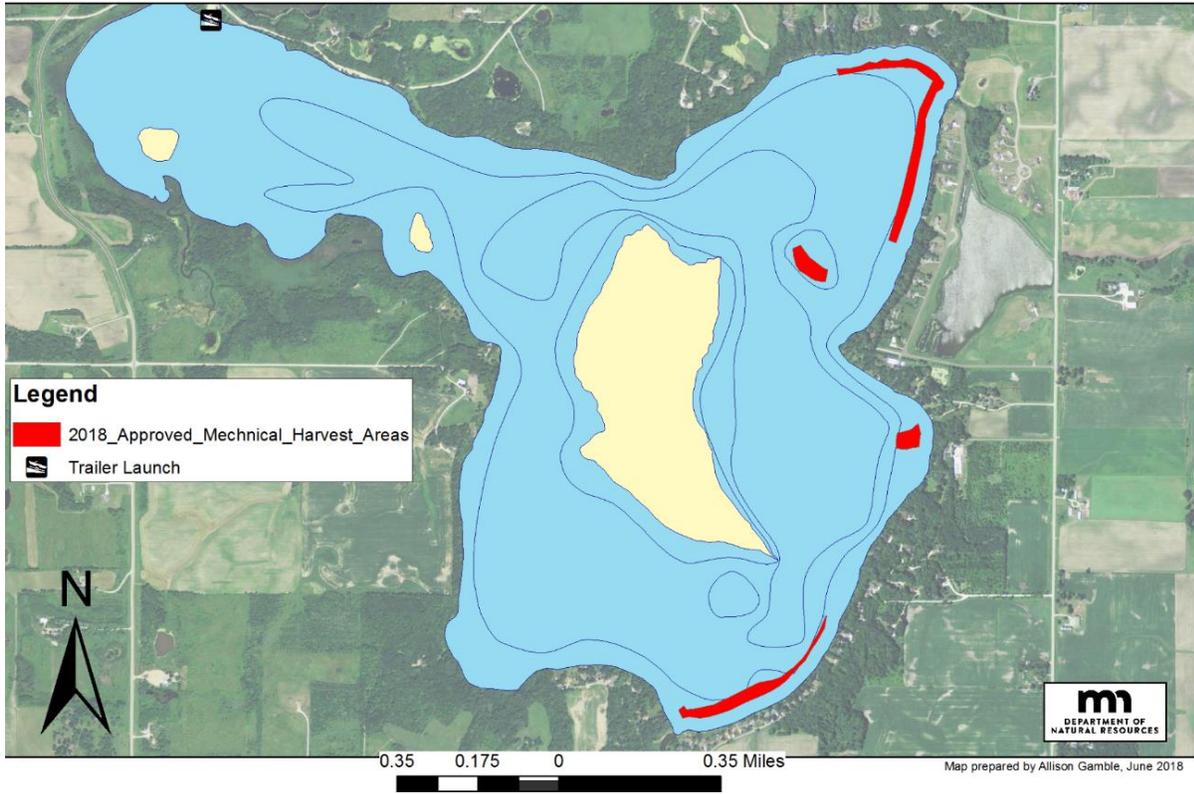
Curly-leaf pondweed produces dense mats at the surface of the water. This plant is an unstable source of food and habitat for fish. As it overtakes the lake, it can reduce native plants. As this plant dies off naturally midsummer, it litters the shoreline with the dead plants.

In 2019, the DNR approved 1,247 feet of homeowner shoreline to be harvested. The harvesting was complete by J & N Weed Harvesting. According to the contractor, the amount of weeds had nearly doubled since 2018.

In 2019, there weren't any non-shoreline weeds harvested due to other priorities being funded. Below is the 15 acres of non-shoreline areas that were identified by the DNR as approved for invasive weeds.



2018 Curly-leaf pondweed treatment, Permit 2018-1350 -15 acres



Treasures Report

CIRCLE LAKE ASSOCIATION TREASURERS REPORT Year End 2019

Revenue Key Points:

Circle the Lake Race Fundraiser = Net Profit of \$14,082 to Lake Improvement Fund. Up from 2018 level of \$10,634.
Additional donation of \$20,256 from members toward Lake Improvement Fund projects including dredging
(Excludes \$8,000 donated and refunded toward dredging due to delay till 2020)

Expense Key Points:

Dredging of Wolf Creek inlet cost of \$23,403 included berm design, permits and holding pond construction
Lake weed cutting for 24 property owners for a total of 1,200 feet of shoreline total costs = \$8,798 offset by \$6,895 from individual property owners
Contributed \$5,000 from ROF to offset LID startup admin costs until their funds are available in 2nd half 2020.
Carp control and grant writing expenses = \$3,481 including \$2,500 for grates upgrade.

| | Regular Operating Fund | | Lake Improvement Fund | | TOTAL |
|--|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|---------------------|
| Balance to start year | \$6,651.94 | | \$27,726.25 | | \$34,378.19 |
| 2019 REVENUE | \$2,721.71 | | \$47,249.13 | | \$49,970.84 |
| Member dues | \$2,690.00 | 99% | | | |
| Interest on bank account | \$31.71 | 0% | | | |
| Lake-resident contributions | | | \$20,256.00 | 43% | |
| Weed cutting fees - refunds) | | | \$6,895.00 | 15% | |
| Circle the Lake run | | | \$20,035.00 | 42% | |
| Amazon Smile program | | | \$63.13 | 0% | |
| 2019 EXPENSES | \$6,565.50 | | \$41,635.84 | | \$48,201.34 |
| Town-hall rental | \$240.00 | 4% | | | |
| Professional services | \$150.00 | 2% | | | |
| Memberships (eg CRWP) | \$50.00 | 1% | | | |
| State AG registration fee | \$0.00 | 0% | | | |
| Bank fees | \$38.60 | 1% | | | |
| Insurance -Northfield - Auto Owners In | \$867.00 | 13% | | | |
| PO Box Fee | \$92.00 | 1% | | | |
| Web Site Fee | \$113.95 | 2% | | | |
| Settling-pond project | | | \$0.00 | 0% | |
| Lundstrom ravine repair project | | | \$0.00 | 0% | |
| Weed Harvesting (J&N + permit) | | | \$8,798.51 | 21% | |
| Carp-reduction & grant-writing project | | | \$3,481.75 | 8% | |
| Native-plant project | | | \$0.00 | 0% | |
| Circle the Lake run | | | \$5,952.95 | 14% | |
| Wolf Creek Dredging | | | \$23,402.63 | 56% | |
| LID start-up admin cost funding | \$5,000.00 | | | | |
| Misc | \$13.95 | | | | |
| Increase / decrease | -\$3,843.79 | | \$5,613.29 | | \$1,769.50 |
| CURRENT BALANCE | \$2,808.15 | | \$33,339.54 | | \$36,147.69 |
| COMMITMENTS: | \$0.00 | | -\$16,375.37 | | -\$16,375.37 |
| Outstanding checks | | | | | |
| none | | | \$0.00 | | |
| Carp tracking/control for WSB | | | -\$1,478.00 | | |
| Wolf Creek Dredging | | | -\$14,897.37 | | |
| AVAILABLE (after commitments) | \$2,808.15 | | \$16,964.17 | | \$19,772.32 |



| Circle Lake Assoc Members | | Dues | LIF |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| LAST | FIRST | 2019 | 2019 |
| 1 | Arnold | Craig & Ann | \$50 \$100 |
| 2 | Bahnsen | Cheryl & Carl | \$50 \$300 |
| 3 | Bartho | Dan & Jane | \$50 |
| 4 | Bennewitz | Bob & Mary | \$50 |
| 5 | Benson | Curt & Gwen | \$50 \$3,950 |
| 6 | Bisping | Denise & Scott | \$50 |
| 7 | Bonnesen | Jane & Stan | \$50 |
| 8 | Boulay | Matt & Denise | \$50 |
| 9 | Boulay | Kevin & Sue | \$50 |
| 10 | Calvert | Dean & Darlene | \$50 |
| 11 | Carlson | Scott & Lisa | \$50 |
| 12 | Cook | Pete (& Julie Farrell) | \$50 \$315 |
| 13 | Dornbusch | Julie & Scott | \$50 |
| 14 | Duban | Robert & Sylvia | \$50 |
| 15 | Dunlop | Sybil | \$50 |
| 16 | Eaves | Mike & Beth | \$50 |
| 17 | Erickson | Bob & Tina | \$50 \$300 |
| 18 | Felegy | Nic & Kristen (Glazer) | \$50 |
| 19 | Findling | Mike | \$50 |
| | | Mike & Sherry (aka Southview | \$50 \$1,500 |
| 20 | Foster | Animal Hosp. and Dundas Dome) | |
| 21 | Freundschuk | Wayne | \$50 |
| 22 | Gates | Ann & Paul | \$50 |
| 23 | Gieseke | Wayne | \$50 \$50 |
| 24 | Gilbertson | Cynthia & Bob | \$50 \$900 |
| 25 | Hager | Chad | \$50 \$50 |
| 26 | Harris | Jim & Judi | \$50 |
| 27 | Hoffert | Brianne & Kyle | \$50 |
| 28 | Ingraham | Don & Kathy | \$50 |
| 29 | Jacobson | Tina & Bob (Kristine Gjerald) | \$50 |
| 30 | Jirik | Jeff | \$50 \$300 |
| 31 | Johnson | Mark | \$50 |
| 32 | Johnston | Don & Sheri | \$50 |
| 33 | Jones | Gordy & Anne | \$50 |
| 34 | Kalkman | Dave & Missy | \$50 |
| 35 | Keefer | Dennis | \$50 \$50 |
| 36 | Kindseth | Gary & Terri | \$50 \$50 |
| 37 | Klokow | Denise | \$50 |
| 38 | Kluzak | Keith & Jennifer | \$50 |
| 39 | Kluzak | Rodger & Mary | \$50 \$4,100 |
| 40 | Kluzak | Kurt & Dianna | \$50 |
| 41 | Konetski | Bill & Charrise | \$50 \$145 |
| 42 | Malecha | Ken & Rhonda | \$50 |
| 43 | Mansfield | Mike (Richard) | \$50 \$300 |
| 44 | Morrissey | Samantha & Scott | \$50 |
| 45 | Olson | Ed & Bonnie | \$50 |
| 46 | Palmquist | Rob & Pam | \$50 |
| 47 | Panettiere | Nan & Brian (aka Edward Jones Co) | \$50 \$500 |
| 48 | Petelinsek | Dale & Kathy | \$50 \$950 |
| 49 | Peters | Steve & Julie | \$50 \$350 |
| 50 | Quam | Robert & Aletha | \$50 \$3,800 |
| | | Matt & Jolene (aka Johnson Reiland | \$50 \$950 |
| 51 | Reiland | Builders) | |
| 52 | Russler | David & Sandy | \$50 |
| 53 | Sandberg | Kathy & Nalani McCutcheon | \$50 |
| 54 | Snodgrass | Jon & Stephanie | \$50 \$450 |
| 55 | Streiff | Rachel & Ben | \$50 |
| 56 | Sunderlin | Dean & Sam | \$50 \$500 |
| 57 | Trnka | Steve & Elaine | \$50 |
| 58 | Vogel | Jim & Kelli | \$50 \$300 |
| 59 | Vreize | Kevin & Kathie (aka Boat Doctor) | \$50 \$950 |
| 60 | Wood | Jason | \$50 \$4,000 |
| | | \$3,000 | \$25,160 |
| Total members paid | | 60 | |

