

Lake Minnetonka Conservation District Strategic Plan (Approved)

Vision: To protect and preserve Lake Minnetonka.

Mission Statement: The LMCD provides leadership in protecting, improving, and managing Lake Minnetonka. This is accomplished through administration and regulation; promoting cooperation and partnerships; through innovation and education; and effective stewardship of public and private funds.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Objective 1</u></p> <p>Reduce the levels of existing Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goals</u></p> <p>No matting of Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) and curlyleaf pondweed (CLP) that impedes public navigation from Memorial Day through Labor Day</p> <p>Manage three bay herbicide treatment pilot project on Carmans, Grays and Phelps Bays (2010-2012)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Objective 2</u></p> <p>Prevent the introduction of new AIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goals</u></p> <p>Inspect incoming watercraft at 11 designated public accesses, from mid May through mid September, from sunrise to sunset (18,942 hours)</p> <p>Educate lake users and service providers on prevention of AIS</p> <p>EWM/Exotics Task Force to create annual comprehensive AIS Plan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Objective 3</u></p> <p>Ensure that LMCD ordinances and policies are relevant and enforceable</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goals</u></p> <p>Identify problematic ordinances, with recommended solutions</p> <p>Review Management Plan by 4/30/10 to see if Plan should be updated</p> <p>Establish annual enforcement plan</p> <p>Review and update Strategic Plan annually</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Objective 4</u></p> <p>Maintain a strong financial foundation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goals</u></p> <p>Establish Fund Balance policies</p> <p>Increase Save the Lake revenues to match current year expenditures</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Objective 5</u></p> <p>Promote public access to Lake Minnetonka</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goals</u></p> <p>Document current car/trailer spaces on Lake Minnetonka</p> <p>Evaluate the adequacy of car/trailer spaces for public accesses</p> <p>Document the number of incoming watercraft launches at the 11 designated public accesses during a boating season</p> <p>Evaluate and document all types of public access</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Objective 6</u></p> <p>Ensure that Lake Minnetonka is safe</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goals</u></p> <p>Annual assessment for condition and adequacy of navigational buoys on Lake Minnetonka</p> <p>Promote public safety education</p> <p>Coordinate annual meeting with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Objective 7</u></p> <p>Improve public awareness of the LMCD</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goals</u></p> <p>Publish two newsletters annually</p> <p>Redesign and regularly update the LMCD's website</p> <p>Utilize local newspapers</p> <p>Utilize cable television programming</p> <p>Provide annual Report to member cities</p> <p>Visit with the member city councils annually</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Objective 8</u></p> <p>Protect the Lake's ecological systems</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goal</u></p> <p>Develop policies and ordinances based on the recommendations of the LMCD Environmental Technical Advisory Committee</p>