



# PRESERVING AND ENHANCING THE LAKE MINNETONKA EXPERIENCE



The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) makes and enforces regulations specific to Lake Minnetonka. We bring together 14 different cities, two counties, and many state and local agencies to protect, preserve and enhance Lake Minnetonka's environment, economy and vitality. We are one, uniform, coordinating body that cares for and regulates one of Minnesota's most important resources in a way that is consistent across all jurisdictions.



## OUR SERVICES

We partner with agencies and key stakeholders to provide a wide variety of services, including:

- **REGULATION:** Improving lake access, promoting health and safety, preventing pollution and protecting the lake through regulatory activities such as issuing licenses.
- **LAKE SAFETY:** Preventing accidents, injuries and deaths through education, public safety coordination and other programming.
- **LAKE ACCESS:** Supporting reasonable and equitable access to the lake for all.
- **PROPERTY OWNER SUPPORT:** Communicating and managing information about lake standards, riparian rights, and expectations for a cohesive community.
- **ECOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT:** Helping maintain the health of the lake to ensure its viability for generations to come through lakewide master planning for vegetation and invasive species, lake use, and other impacts to the quality of the lake.

## UNIQUE ASSET

As the largest lake in the Twin Cities and the 9th largest lake in the state, Lake Minnetonka is one of Minnesota's greatest, most unique natural assets.

- 125 miles of shoreline
- 14,000 acres of water
- More than 4,500 residential and commercial properties
- 14 cities and 2 counties
- 10 summer, 15 winter public access points
- Estimated 8,000+ boats and 500,000 people celebrate at Lake Minnetonka annually over the Fourth of July

## UNIQUE GOVERNANCE

Lake Minnetonka requires a unique governance structure – the LMCD.

**1967:** The Legislature created the LMCD to act as a regional governmental agency overseeing the lake.

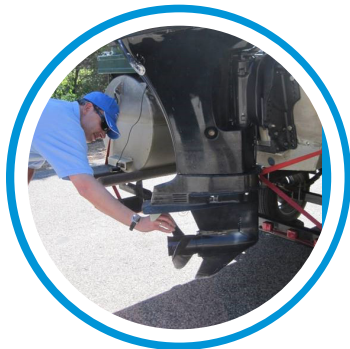
**14:** The number of members on the governing board. Each member is appointed for a three-year term by the locally elected government bodies that surround the lake.

The **LMCD collaborates** with several agencies and key stakeholders on an annual basis, from the Department of Natural Resources to lake associations, marinas, businesses and residents.

Lake Minnetonka is a highly valued year-round asset with vibrant aesthetic, recreational, commercial, and natural qualities. These qualities and values will be protected and preserved for present and future generations.



# LMCD'S IMPACT THROUGH SERVICES



**Educating** and training people regarding lake safety and lake conservation through classes, presentations, handouts, and online

**Licensing** businesses, residences, and visitors for reasonable use of docks and recreational lake activities

**Balancing** lake health, lake safety, lake access and lake property use

**Consulting** with prospective and existing lakeshore residents and businesses regarding lake standards and lake resources, managing expectations among all stakeholders

**Preventing & Managing** existing and potential invasive species and pollution in partnership with various cities, agencies, and other stakeholders

**Planning & Leading** lake safety and conservation initiatives such as lake management, high and low water declarations, responsible lake use, solar lights program, and more

