

Waseca Lakes Association

NEWSLETTER

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Fall 2003 Edition

Meeting Notice

Monday, October 27th, 7:00 – 7:30 pm
at Waseca County Highway Building.
WLA water monitoring program report
and discussion. This will be a short
meeting as the storm water committee
will meet at 7:30.

Calendar of Events

- Monday, October 27th; 7:00 pm WLA membership meeting: Water Monitoring Program.
- Monday, October 27th, 7:30 pm, Storm Water Committee Meeting.
- Monday, November 24th, 7:00 pm, Bolten and Menk final report and recommendations to WLA on the storm water study to improve our lakes.

WLA: 2003 Outstanding SWCD Conservationist

The WLA will be recognized by the Waseca County Soil and Water Conservation District as an area winner and will be considered for the state award at the state SWCD meeting in Bloomington on December 2nd. Activities including the Loon Lake shoreline projects, lake cleanup days, and water monitoring were considered by the SWCD board in awarding the distinction.

WLA Volunteer Water Monitoring Program Completes 3rd Year

WLA members have collected water phosphorus levels at key sites in our lakes to support a storm water management plan. A discussion of this program will take place at 7 pm on October 27th.



Kwik Trip to donate \$8000 towards a fishing pier for Loon Lake

As part of its' grand opening on October 23rd, Kwik Trip will donate \$8000, which will be matched by the DNR to purchase a fishing pier off the Loon Lake jetty. The WLA and DNR will accept the check which will be used in the DNR fishing pier grant program.

DNR Clear and Loon Lake Fish Survey

Below is a summary of the DNR Fisheries division survey conducted in August

Species	Clear Lake Fish Numbers		Loon Lake Fish Numbers	
	Gill Net	Trap Net	Gill Net	Trap Net
Black Bullhead	6	3	179	110
Black Crappie	351	918	1	1
Bluegill	19	169	5	
Golden Shiner	10	4		
Northern Pike	9	5	27	5
Walleye	18	9		
Largemouth Bass		11		1
Yellow Bullhead	28	6		
Yellow Perch	97	5	1	

Shoreland Habitat Projects Planned

Following discussion with Heather Baird of the Waterville DNR office at our September meeting, several shoreline habitat improvement projects were planned:

1. Utilizing a DNR Shoreline Habitat grant program, several private land owners as well as the Methodist Church are proceeding with plans for 2004 and 2005. This program calls for certain requirements such as a minimum of 25 feet of upland plantings as well as a 25% cost share by the land owner.
2. With the uncertainty of the shoreline affected by the city and county trail project, some interested land owners along Clear lake are not able to commit to a planting project in the area between the shoreline and the road. In those cases landowners are asked to consult with Heather Baird for a planting permit in lieu of participating in the grant program. You can direct questions to Heather at 507 362-4223 or email at heather.baird@dnr.state.mn.us

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