

To: City of Maple Grove
Attn: Derek Asche

Date: September 19, 2020

From: Rice Lake Area Association

Subject: Rice Lake Drawdown request for 2020-2021

We, the Rice Lake Area Association (RLAA) Board of Directors, would like the City of Maple Grove to sponsor our request for a drawdown this coming fall/winter to the Minnesota DNR.

Our reasons for doing a drawdown include:

- Reduce the invasive Curlyleaf Pondweed and Eurasian Watermilfoil growth, which has been increasing each of the past several years to the point it is becoming an environmental, navigational and recreational hazard.
- Provide a reduced water footprint to allow potential rough fish removal (carp) as part of a joint project with Fish Lake.
- Allow residents/entities to survey shoreline erosion and consider alternatives for reparation.
- Provide a suitable environment to dredge the channel to the private boat ramp on 87th Ave N. (This area has never been dredged in the 40+ years that Rice Lake has existed. Navigation is becoming very difficult.)
- Provide an opportune time for trimming trees which are in danger of increasing erosion and impacting navigation.

The support for these actions has been received from the following groups/consultants:

- CLP/EWM control
 - Freshwater Scientific Services
 - Blue Water Science
 - Three Rivers Parks District

RLAA will also comply with the conditions of the DNR permit, including:

- Annual AIS surveys (for 3 years through 2023)
- Annual Fish surveys (for 3 years through 2023)
- Running a Winter Aeration system each year

Please let us know if there are any questions or concerns with this request.

Cordially,

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This effort has also been supported unanimously by the RLAA Board of Directors and 82 out of the 89 shoreline residents approached by RLAA. (*Shoreline resident poll has been provided to Derek Asche via separate communication.*)

RLAA Board of Directors

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