

**To: City of Maple Grove
Attn: Rick Lestina**

Date: August 18, 2014

From: Rice Lake Area Association

Subject: Rice Lake Drawdown request for 2014-2015

We, the Rice Lake Area Association 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:

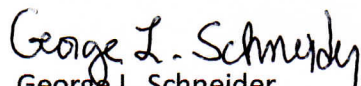
- Reduce Curlyeaf Pondweed growth, which has been on the increase each year since our last drawdown conducted in 2004-2005.
- Continuation of rough fish removal by not aerating while the water level is reduced (this is a follow up step after the severe winterkill experienced last winter).
- Allow residents/entities to survey shoreline erosion and consider alternatives for reparation.
- Set up Exclusion Areas along native, non-private shoreline to allow native plants to grow without interruption from fish.

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

- CLP control
 - Freshwater Scientific Services
 - Blue Water Science
 - Three Rivers Parks District
- Rough Fish removal
 - Freshwater Scientific Services
 - Blue Water Science
 - MN DNR (West Metro Fisheries)
- Shoreline erosion review
 - Hennepin County Environmental Department
- Exclusion Areas
 - Freshwater Scientific Services

Please let us know if there are any other concerns/questions about this request.

Cordially,



George L. Schneider

Secretary/Rice Lake Area Association

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Also supported unanimously by the remainder of the RLAA Board of Directors:

Rick Stulac

Bill Kidder

Luke Johnson

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