

Attention Little St. Germain Lake District Property Owners:

You have no doubt noticed some hefty lake district tax levies in recent years. You will, hopefully, also have noticed some improvements to the lake. The winter aeration systems have helped the fishery recover and the invasive plants are under control. Shoreline habitat restoration funding has been obtained. A spring newsletter will be mailed soon to explain more about shoreline restoration opportunities. An announcement will also be made soon about a major renovation to the public boat landing planned for early this spring. With the exception of water clarity improvements, much progress has been made in recent years.

The water clarity issue and what to do about it is an ongoing discussion between the board of commissioners, the professional lake management specialist we are working with and the WDNR. More on that topic will also be provided at a later date.

For now, your attention is directed to a new page on our website. It contains information about our lake management plan which is a document that requires periodic review and update in order for the lake district to qualify for ongoing permitting for projects and for State grant funding which supports many of our projects. The page is titled **Lake Management Plan**. A link to it can be found as the third entry on the website home page index at: <http://www.littlesaint.org>.

This lake management plan document and its appendices contain a great deal of information about our lake. You may be familiar with some of it, other pieces of the plan will be new to you. It's all worth reading!

The plan on the website is in draft form. That's because it needs to be reviewed and possible revisions need to be considered prior to it being approved by the WDNR and adopted by the board of commissioners before it can be implemented. A special meeting of the district will be conducted during the summer of 2010 at which time representatives from Onterra, LLC, our consultant from De Pere, WI, will provide a public review and explanation of the plan revisions. The meeting date has not yet been determined.

Please understand that the management plan is much more than a long, dull, boring report. It is the working document we will follow for the next several years in managing the lake. Your tax dollars have paid for the plan and your tax dollars will support its implementation.

Please take time soon to review the plan revision posted on the website. The board of commissioners will be awaiting your feedback. You may submit your comments to any of the board members. Simply click on our names on the website home page to send us an e-mail.

Thanks for your help, and happy reading!

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Little St. Germain Lake P&R District