

# Memo

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Joe Kohlmann, City Administrator  
**Date:** March 12, 2013  
**Re:** Lake Minnetonka Association – Milfoil Treatment

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The Lake Minnetonka Association is requesting funding for the milfoil treatment of Gideon's Bay. The City contributed \$5,000 in 2011, 2012 and has budgeted another \$5,000 for 2013.

Dick Osgood and Judd Bracket are expected to be in attendance.

*Attached is a letter from Dick Osgood of the Lake Minnetonka Association.*

**Source of Funds:**

The dock fund has \$5,000 in the budget for milfoil treatment, subject to Council review and approval.

**Council Action Requested:**

Consider the donation request from Dick Osgood and the Lake Minnetonka Association.

January 29, 2013

To: Lake Minnetonka Cities

As you know, the Lake Minnetonka Association has been project manager for the 2008-2012 milfoil demonstration project involving five bays (Carmans, Gideons, Grays, Phelps & St. Albans). We have had cooperation and assistance from many organizations and individuals, including the MN Department of Natural Resources, the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District, the US Army Corps of Engineers, numerous Lake Minnetonka Cities and the Lake Minnetonka Association Bay Captains.

*We were especially pleased and gratified that the Bay Captains received the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District's 'Watershed Heroes' award this past Fall.*

We have given the Cities periodic reports throughout this project. In addition, we have requested and received funding assistance from several Cities. This funding has been critical to the project's viability and success and we thank the Cities for that.

The five-year demonstration project has evolved positively during implementation and now, beyond the original scope to include additional bays. Many Cities have asked that a long-term plan be prepared to better frame the long-term needs, especially with respect to City funding.

I can report that the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District has developed a draft plan (copies available on their website), which frames the continuation of this project and proposes an ongoing funding source from the Cities. Regardless of how this plan may be finally adopted and implemented, we know the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District has not provided for funding for this project in 2013.

It is especially important to continue this project without gaps in the treatments. Our Bay Captains and their lakeshore neighbors have been extremely happy with the results and their ability to enjoy using the lake. These benefits are enjoyed by everyone who shares this wonderful public resource. Lacking local funding assistance in 2013, a disproportionate share for funding falls on private, voluntary contributions.

This letter accompanies a request for 2013 funding assistance from one of our Bay Captains. As you consider that request, please feel free to contact me if you would like additional information.

Thanks,



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