



Mitchell Lake Association Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 3, 2019



Agenda

- Introductions of Current MLA Board
- MLA Background Information
- 2019 Year in Review
- Guest Speakers
 - Leslie Stovring, City of Eden Prairie
 - Dr. Claire Bleser, Watershed
 - Kristan Maccaroni, MN DNR
- Business Meeting
 - Financial Report
 - Bylaws Update
 - Election of New Board Members
- 2020 Plans



MLA Board Members

- Dave Jackett, President (term ends 2021)
- Cheri Nehl, VP/Secretary (term ends 2019)*
- Jason Burnett, Treasurer (term ends 2020)
- Peter Iversen, CAC Rep (term ends 2019)*
- John Tyler (term ends 2021)
- Travis Yohn (term ends 2020)
- Paul Yahnke (replaced Dan Dorst) (term ends 2021)
- Joel Bredemeier (replaced Todd Johnson) (term ends 2021)
- Open

* We will be electing board members to fill open positions later this evening.



MLA Board Opportunities

- 3 Open Board Member Positions
 - *If you are interested in a position on the Board of Directors, give your name to Cheri Nehl before 8:00 tonight.*
- Board member roles:
 - 3 year term, 4 meetings/year
 - Support MLA activities
 - Interface with partners (EP/WD District)
 - Good opportunity to get involved



Background Information

- Steering Committee had its first meeting in March, 2006
- The association was officially founded in September, 2006.
- MLA is now 13 years old
- Formed partnerships with:
 - Citizens/property owners (Lakeshore Res, etc)
 - Watershed District
 - City of Eden Prairie (Education/Rain Gardens)
 - RPBC Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - Other Lake Associations (Riley, Lotus etc.)



Mitchell Lake Association

Purpose

- To maintain, protect, and improve the water quality, aesthetic values, wildlife habitat, and recreational capacity of Mitchell Lake;
- To educate shoreline owners and the public about the condition and protection of Mitchell Lake; and
- To provide a framework for representation for work with federal, state, and local agencies for improving quality of Mitchell Lake

Measures

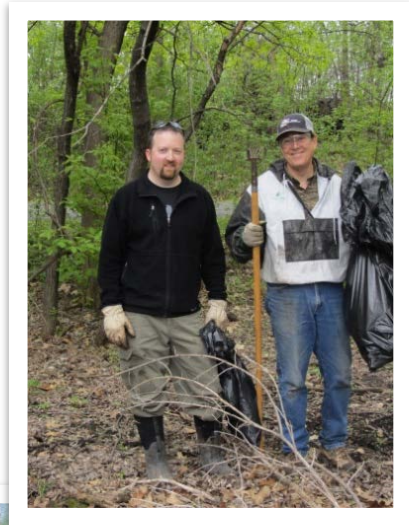
- Levels of Phosphorous
- Levels of Chlorophyll
- Secchie Disk (water clarity)

Watershed District



Over the Years...

- 13 lakeshore cleanup events
- \$33,000 DNR grant
- >1,000 ft of lakeshore restored
- Planted >100 trees along Hwy 5
- Installed bird houses
- Built community through fun events (BBQ etc.)
- Hosted water stewardship training events
- Monitored lake water and invasive species
- Advocated with City and Watershed

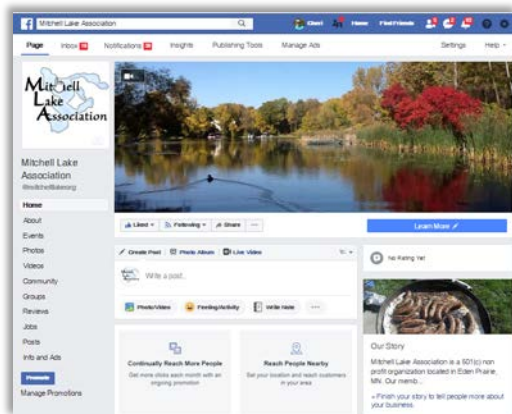


Communication

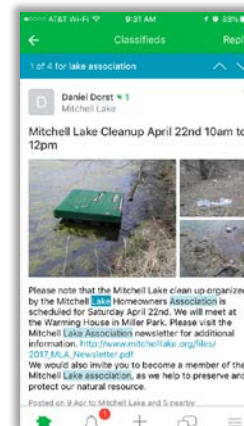
- Annual newsletters
- Website (www.mitchelllake.org)
- Facebook (Mitchell Lake Association)
- Survey
- Nextdoor
- Emails



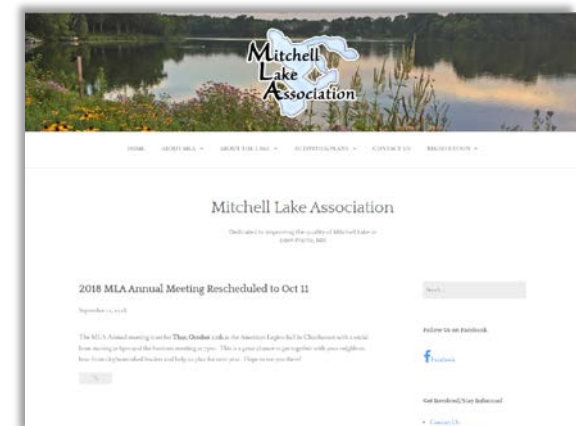
Newsletter



Facebook



Nextdoor



Website

Mitchell Lake Association

Year in Review



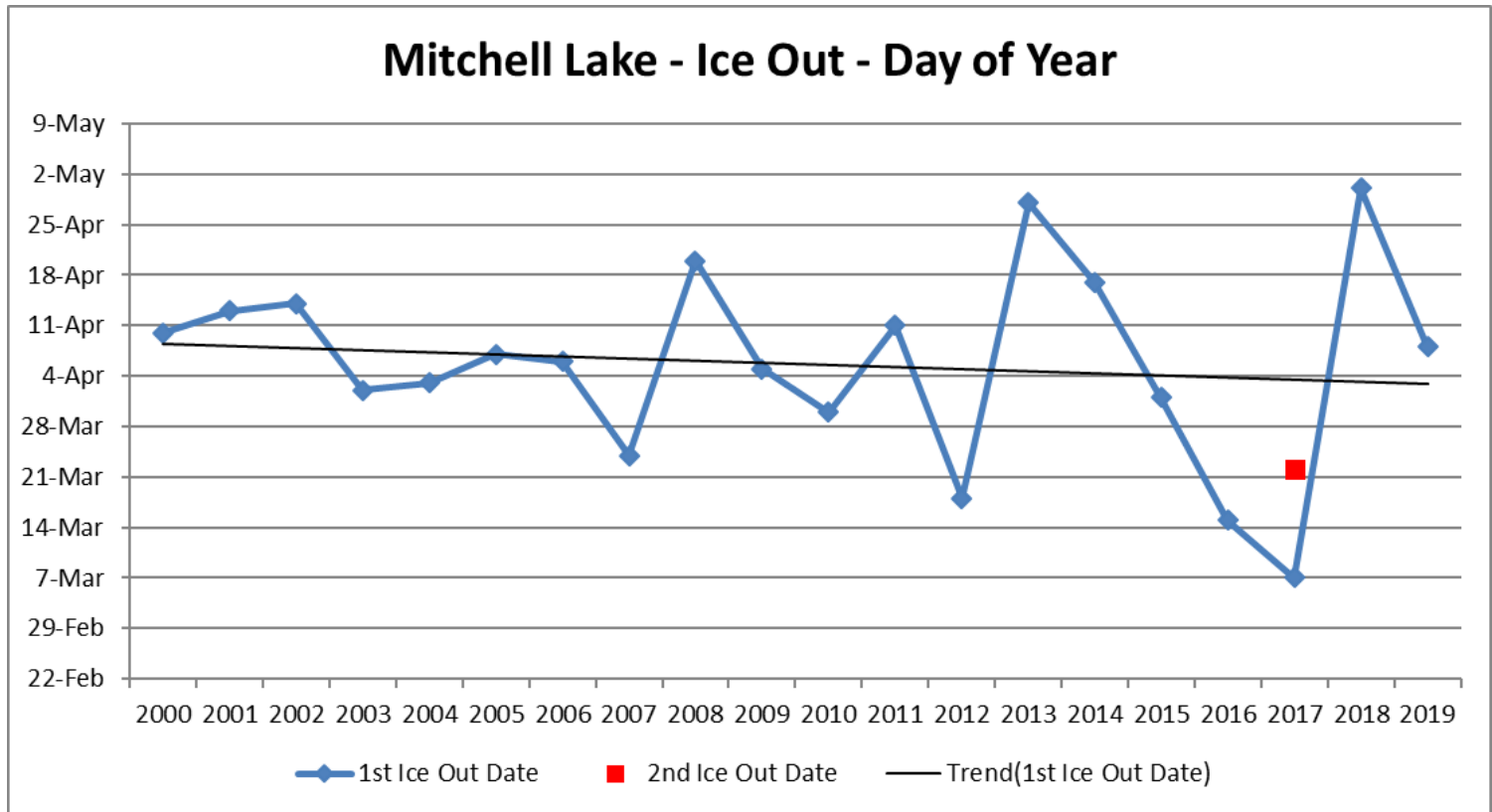


2019 Objectives

- **Improve the Shoreline**
 - Cleanup & restoration grants
- **Address the Weeds**
 - Harvesting credit & city/watershed partnerships
- **Grow Membership**
 - Partner with homeowner's associations
- **Address the Geese**
 - Removal in partnership with the city
- **Stop Invasive Species**
 - Zebra mussels in Lake Riley
- **Invest in our Lake**
 - Fish stocking

Ice Out Dates

April 8, 2019



Weed Harvesting



Weed Harvesting

- Increased weed harvesting rebate from \$75 to \$100
- >15 residents participated in weed harvesting
- 2 events
- Early/late summer
- 10-15 acres



Goose Removal

July 2019



Canada Goose
Management (CGM)

Removed geese in
partnership with the
City of Eden Prairie

July 2019

Thank You
Saint Leslie

13th Annual Lake Cleanup

May 2019



13 Years of Cleaning up our Lake

- 30+ participants
- Estimated >100 pounds of trash removed

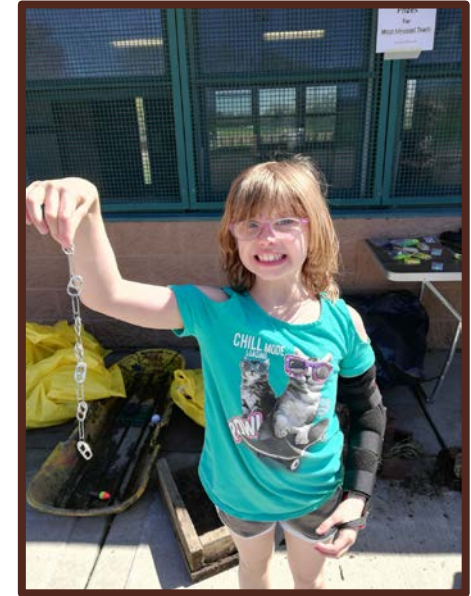
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Mitchell Lake Restoration Workshops

- Hosted 3 hands-on lakeshore restoration workshops in 2019
- Sponsored by RPBC watershed district in partnership with MLA and Natural Shores Technologies
- 16+ different participants
- Great opportunity to learn about how to maintain native plantings and identify/eliminate invasive species



Mitchell Lake Restoration Projects

- MLA continues to offer \$250 water quality rebate
 - Available for members who complete a RPBCWD or City of EP approved shoreline restoration or rain garden project
- One project completed in 2019 by Mike Kaselnek
 - Cleared buckthorn & noxious weeds
 - Planted native bushes
 - Installed silt catchers on hill to prevent erosion
 - Seeded hill with native grasses and forbs

Before



After



Mitchell Lake Fish Stocking

- MLA started a multi-year stocking program in 2019
 - >300 Crappie stocked
 - 20 Adult pairs of Bass released



Getting Ready



Crappie Release

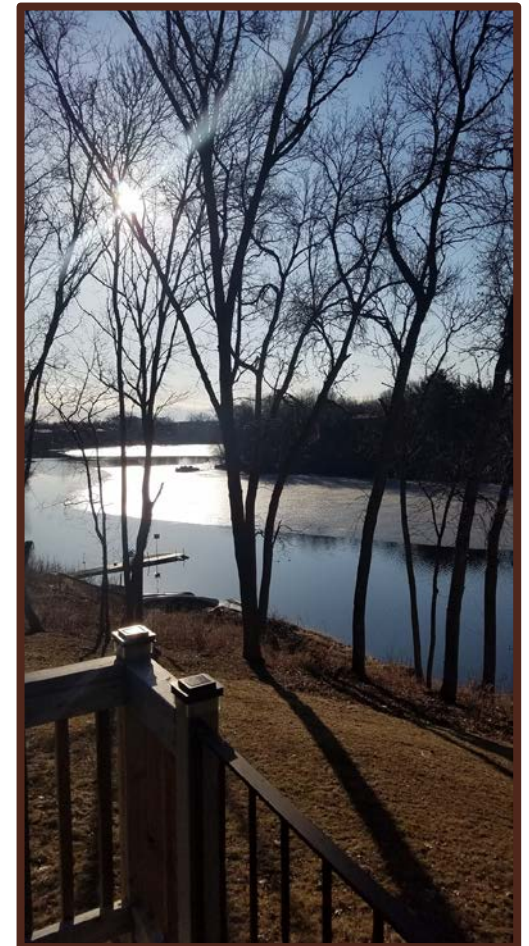
Bass Release 2019



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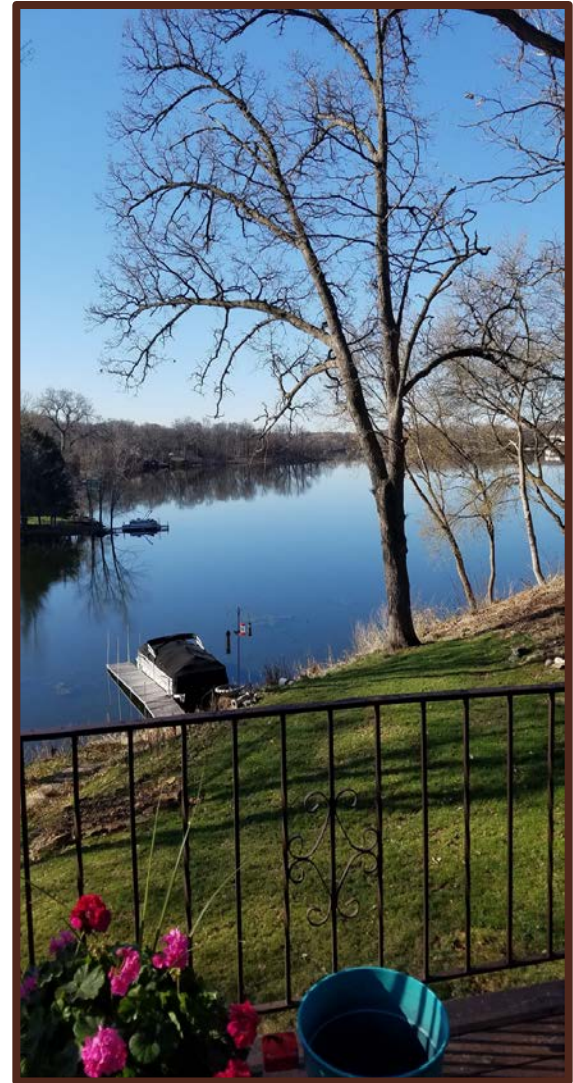
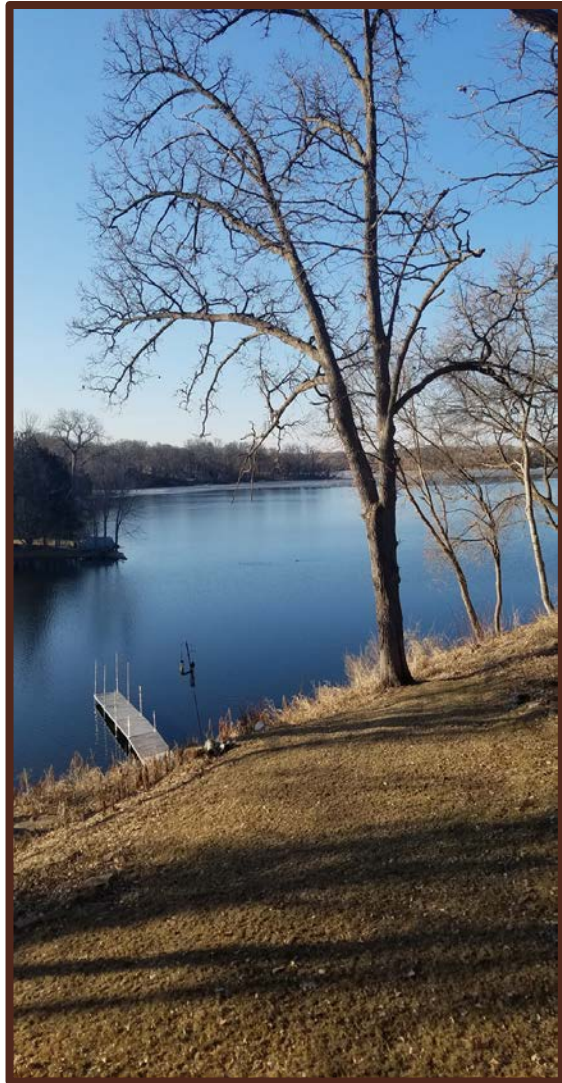
New in 2019

- Members asked to submit photos portraying Mitchell Lake scenery, wildlife or lake life activities
- >30 submissions received
- Prizes for 1st and 2nd place



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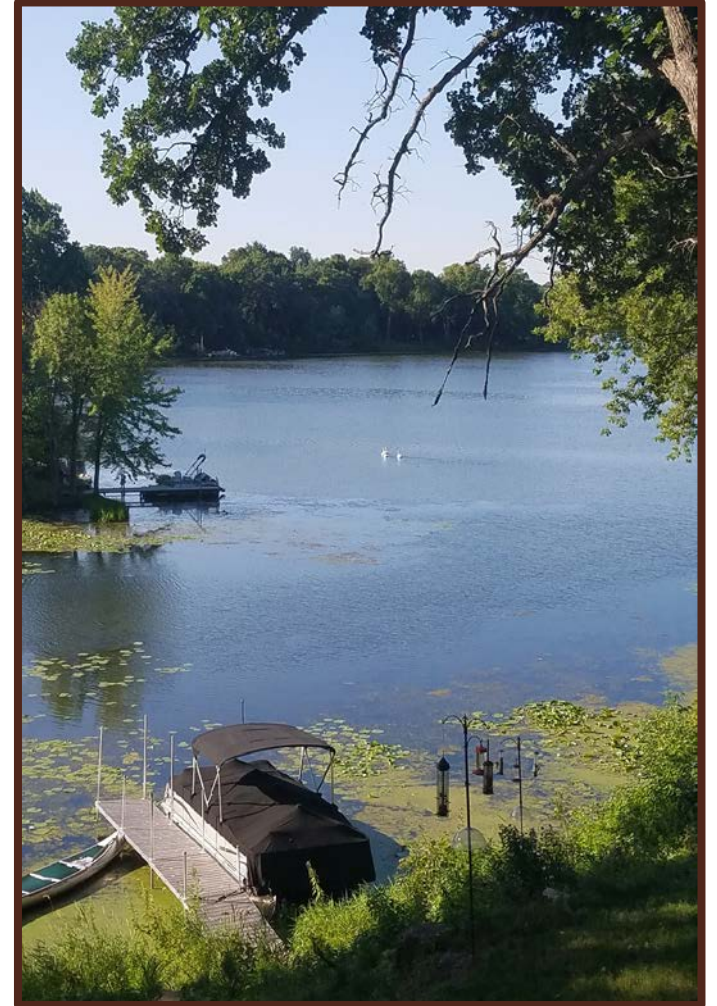
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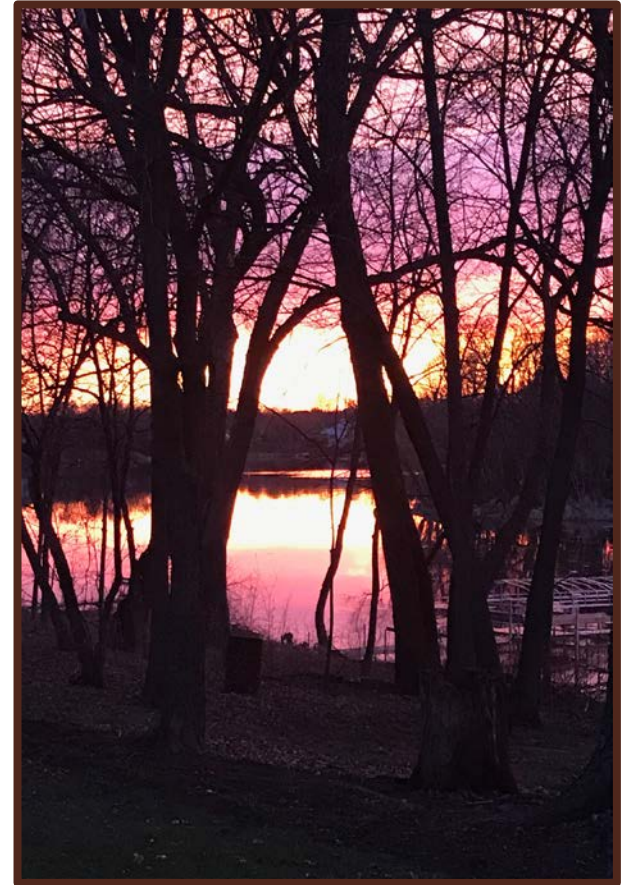
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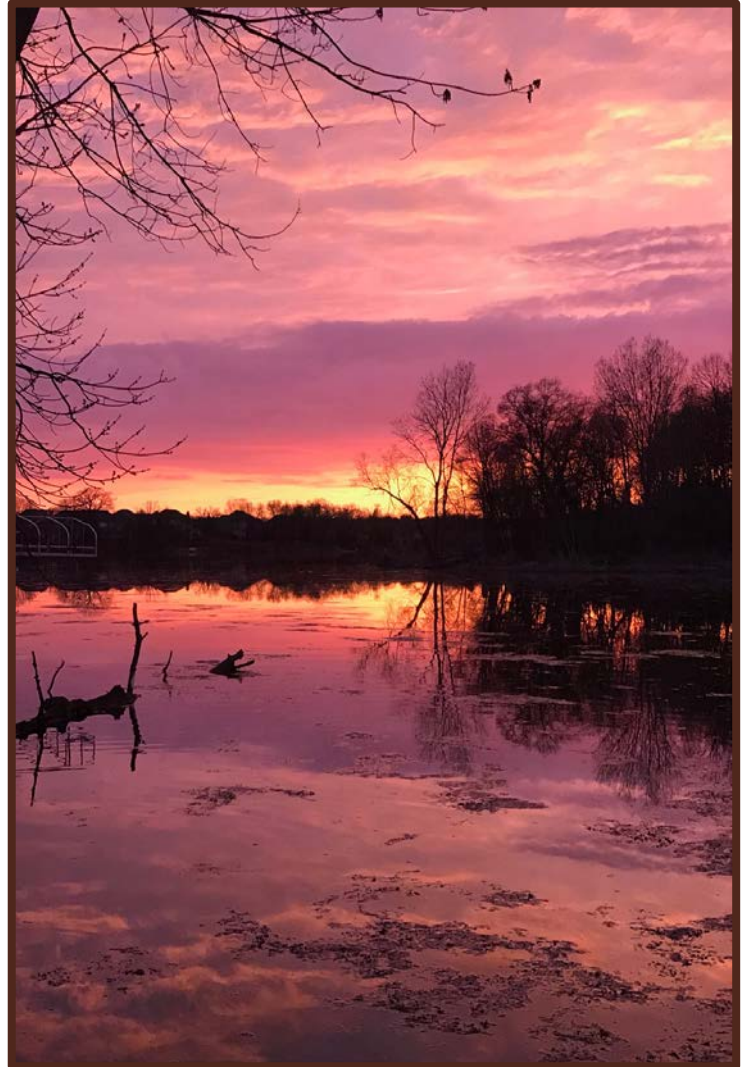
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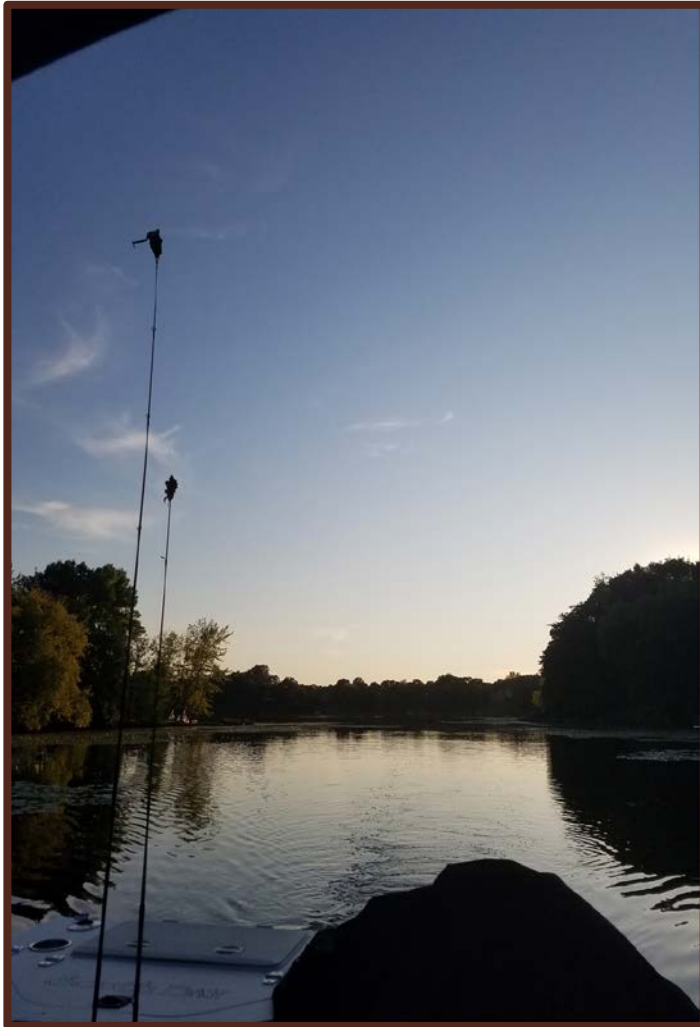
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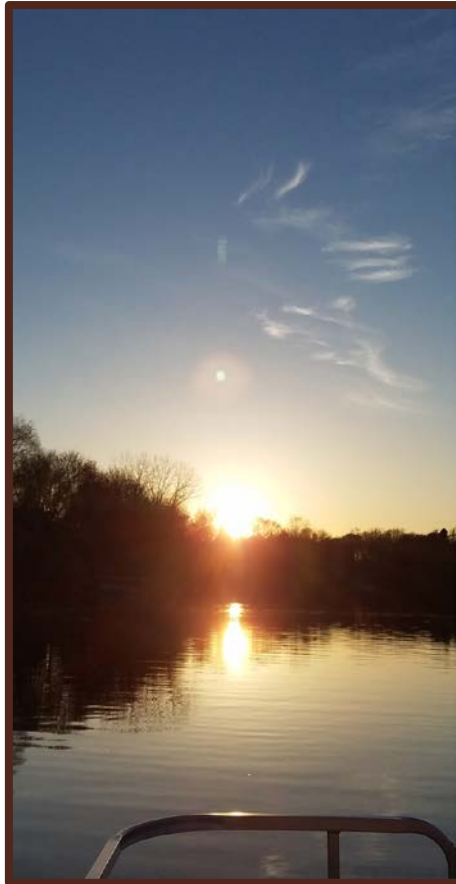
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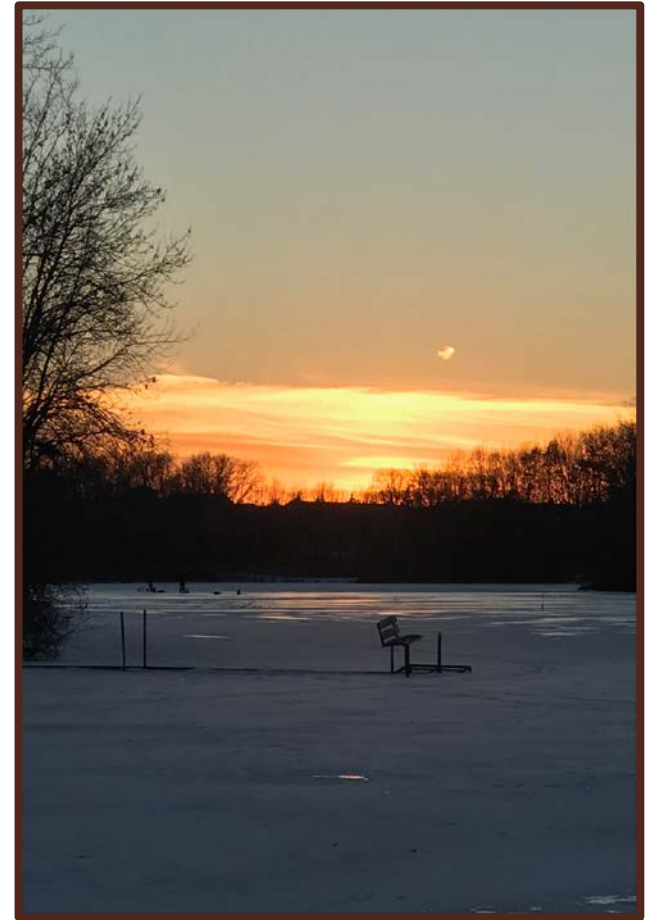
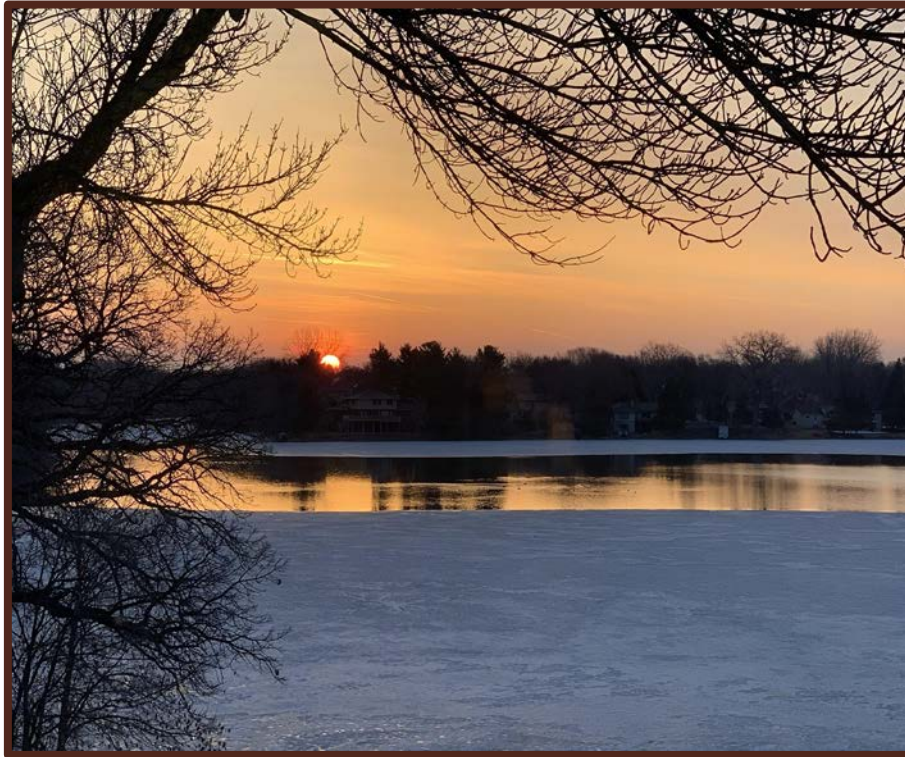
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Honorable Mention

Submitted by
Eric Toft



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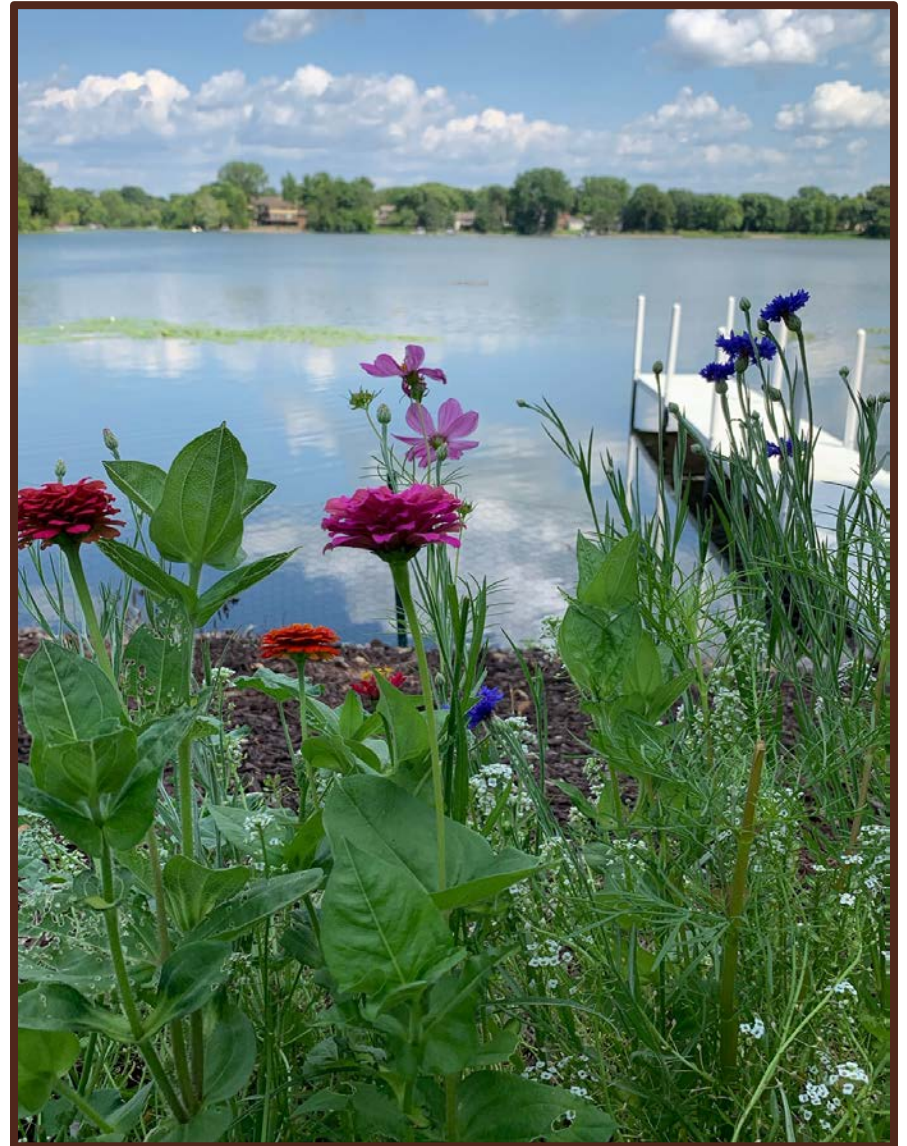
**Submitted by
Paul Yahnke**



And the winners are...

**2nd
Place**

**Submitted by
??**



And the winners are...

1st Place

**Submitted by
Eric Toft**



THANKS FOR A GREAT 2019!



Guest Speakers



Leslie Stovring

City of Eden Prairie

- Weed Harvesting
- Plans for 2020
- Q&A



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Harvesting Map



Dr. Claire Bleser

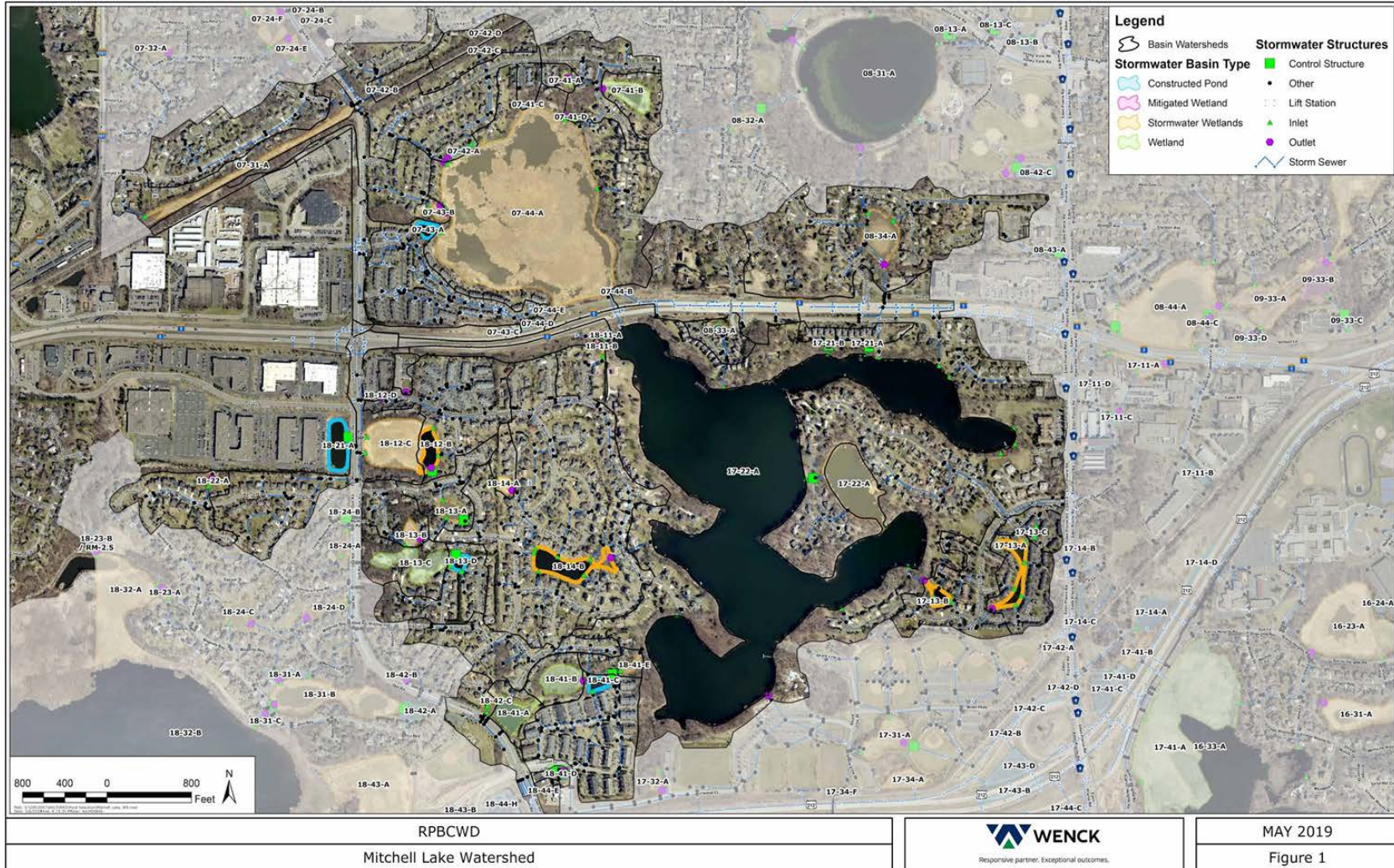


**Riley, Purgatory, Bluff Creek
Watershed District**

- Clean Water Grant to Study Holding Ponds
- Plans for Mitchell Lake
- Q&A



Mitchell Lake Watershed

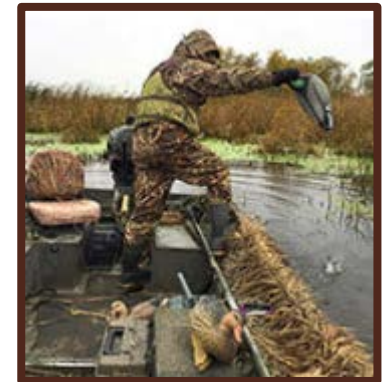


Kristan Maccaroni

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Fisheries Specialist

- Fish Stocking
- Invasive Species
- Herbicide in Lakes



Business Meeting





Business Meeting

- 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report – Jason Burnett
- Elections - 5 open board seats
 - Pete Iverson – term expired, running again
 - Cheri Nehl – term expired, running again
 - Open

New board members encouraged!



2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

- October 11, 2018
- Meeting called to order at 7pm
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Treasurer's Report

	Jan - Sept
Income	
43400 · Direct Public Support	
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	0.00
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	0.00
45000 · Investments	
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	9.98
Total 45000 · Investments	9.98
47200 · Program Income	
47230 · Membership Dues	3774.58
Total 47200 · Program Income	3774.58
Total Income	3774.58
Gross Profit	3774.58

Expense	
60410 · Membership Activities	
60320 · Cash Awards and Grants	0.00
60402 · Postage- fundraising	22.50
60403 · Newsletter	770.00
60411 · Annual Fall Meeting	0.00
60420 · Annual Spring Lake Cleanup	212.33
60422 · Weed Control rebates	1325.00
60425 · Fish Stocking	1165.00
60430 · Biennial Summer BBQ	0.00
60960 · Bank Charges	0.00
65001 · Web Host (3 Years)	150.72
60435 · Membership fees to Org	0.00
Total 60410 · Membership Activities	3645.55
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	
65160 · Other Costs	0.00
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	0.00
Total Expense	3645.55
Net Income	129.03
Weed Harvest	1000.00
Weed Harvest Count	10.00
Laskshore rebate	250.00
Paypal	617.72
Capital One	10385.84
Cash	
Restricted	1235.00
Unrestricted	9150.84



Elections

Candidate Introductions

- Background
- Why are you interested in running?

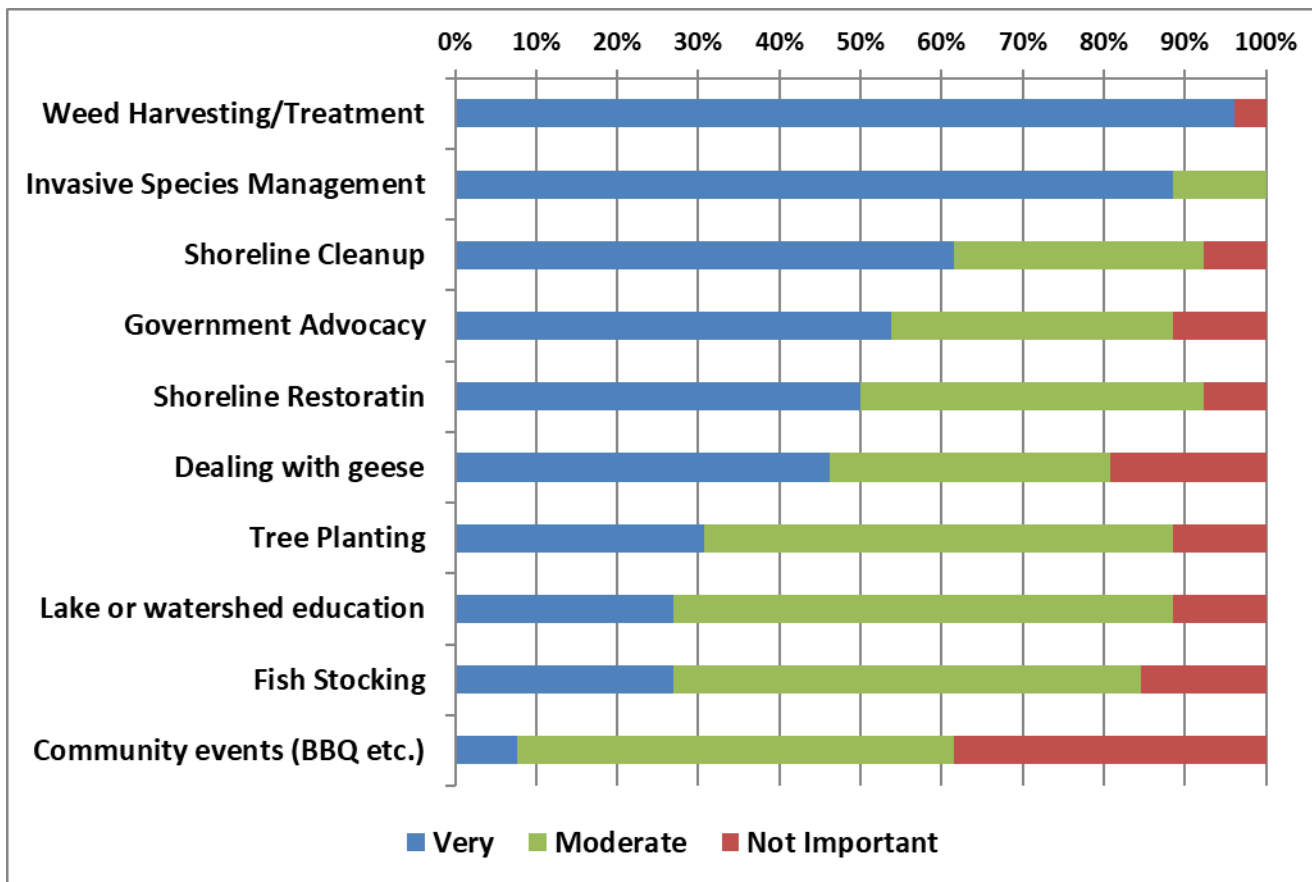
Elections

- Voting eligibility: Each address with a paid membership will be entitled to one vote
- Check up to 5 names on the ballot

Plans for 2020

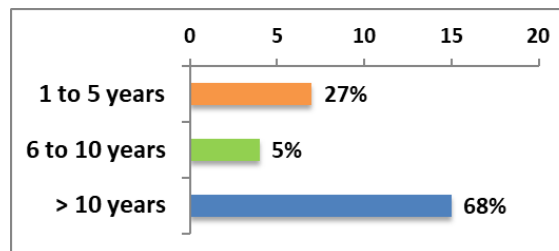


What should we focus on in 2020?



From
October
2019
Survey

Survey
Participants
Time on Lake



Other Topics

- Buckthorn removal
- Hwy 5 noise
- Restoration grants



Fish Stocking Discussion

- Are you a fisherman?
- Would you like to enhance the functionality of the lake?
- Should we support fish stocking as an association?



Prizes

- **Photo Contest Winners** (random draw)
 - \$50 gift card
 - \$25 gift card

- **Door Prizes**
 - Gift cards
 - Photos of Lake Mitchell



Thank You!!!

- Our Association Board members
- Especially our new board members Joel & Paul
- Cheri Nehl...*for elevating communications*
- Members...*for you contributions & support*
- Our speakers...*for your commitment to Mitchell Lake*



PLEASE Volunteer

**WITHOUT
VOLUNTEERS WE CAN
NOT BE EFFECTIVE**

Become a member of the association