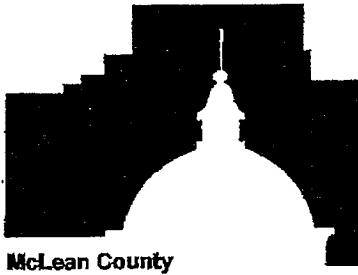




**Property Committee Agenda**  
**Room 400, Government Center**  
**Thursday, March 3, 2011**  
**3:45 p.m.**

1. Roll Call
2. Chairman's Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2011
3. Departmental Matters:
  - A. Mike Steffa, Director, Parks and Recreation
    - 1) Items to be Presented for Action:
      - a) Request Approval to Construct a Stream Stabilization & Wetlands Demonstration Area at COMLARA Park/Evergreen Lake 1-4
    - 2) Items to be Presented for Information:
      - a) Information on Possible Unlimited Horsepower, No-Wake Limit Pilot Program on Evergreen Lake 5-6
      - b) 2011 Calendar of Events for COMLARA Park/Evergreen Lake 7-8
      - c) General Report
      - d) Other
  - B. Jack Moody, Director, Facilities Management
    - 1) Items to be Presented for Information:
      - a) Status Report of EECBG Grant for Replacing Ballasts and Bulbs at McLean County Health Department
      - b) General Report
      - c) Other
4. Other Business and Communications
5. Recommend Payment of Bills and Transfers, if any, to County Board
6. Adjournment



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**TO: Honorable Chairman and Members, Property Committee**

**FROM: Michael J. Steffa, Director of Parks and Recreation** *MS*

**DATE: February 24, 2011**

**RE: Request Authorization to Construct a Stream Stabilization & Wetlands Demonstration Area at COMLARA Park/Evergreen Lake**

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Back in 2005 a Watershed Committee made up of staff from McLean County, City of Bloomington, Soil & Water Conservation District, and several other conservation and environmental organizations had proposed to construct a Stream Stabilization & Wetlands Demonstration Area on the south end of COMLARA Park/Evergreen Lake (See Attached Item A). Due to funding problems this demonstration area was never constructed. Recently matching grant funding has become available through two different agencies and the project was brought back to life.

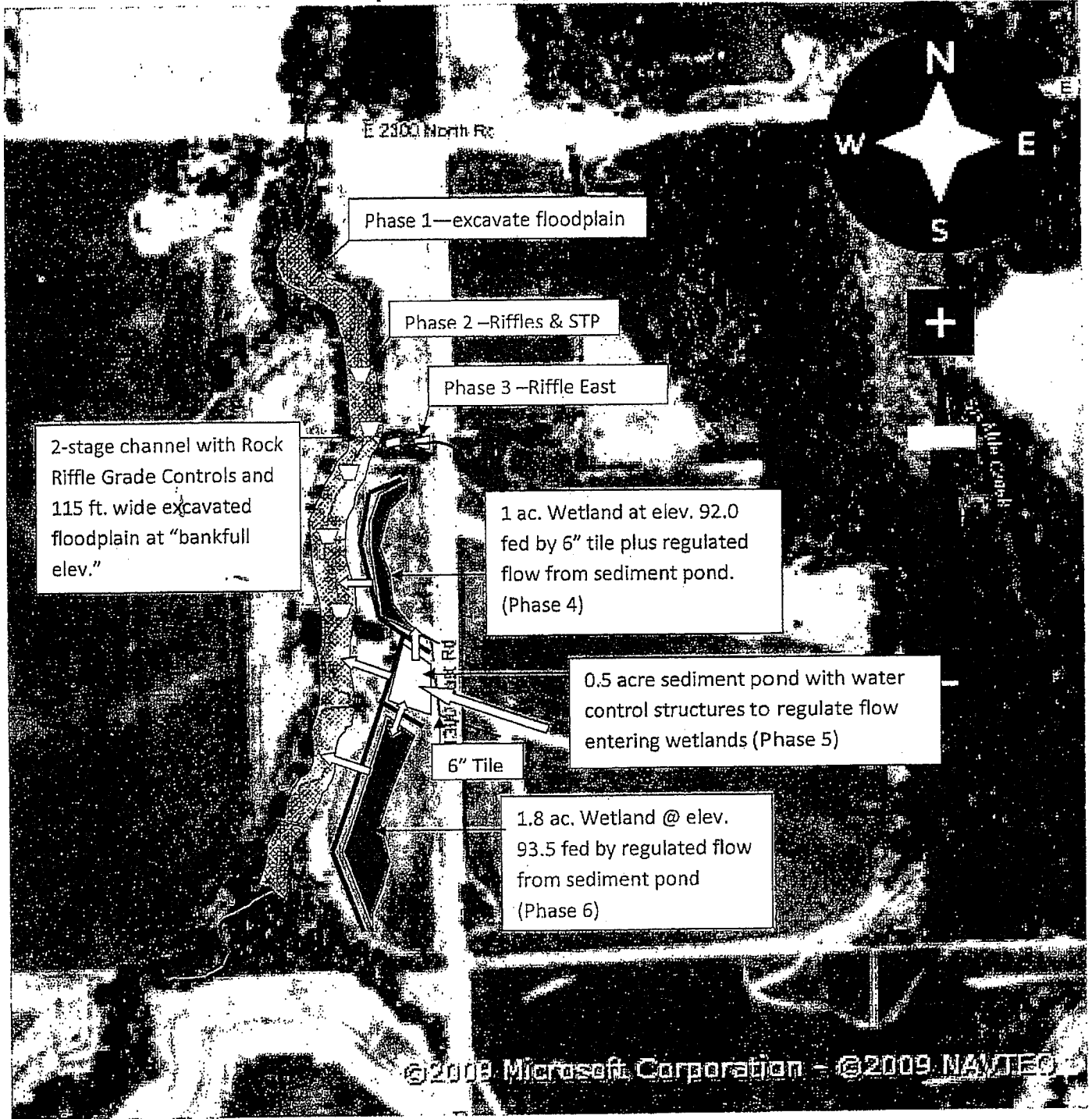
This project would have several benefits for the citizens of McLean County and the surrounding area. First, it would serve as a learning tool for the local farming community for best practices for land stewardship to reduce the amount of soil run-off during peak flood events, thus reducing the amount of phosphates, nitrates, sulfates, and other possible chemicals entering into the water supply. Second, it would greatly reduce the amount of streambank erosion reducing the amount of sediment going into Evergreen Lake. Third, it could be used as an educational tool by incorporating on-site visits by school-aged children and college students. Fourth, it could lead to increased spawning success in multiple fish species and could be used as a migratory stopover site by wetland birds. Fifth, it could be a tool to bring different community organizations together, such as governmental agencies, youth groups, universities, soil & water conservation districts, and conservations organizations to work towards a common goal.

This project was broken down into six (6) phases (See attached Item B). The first three phases will be funded through a matching Conservation Innovation Grant through the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The matching funds for the first three phases will come from the McLean County Soil & Water Conservation District. Phases four through six will be funded through a 5 Star Restoration Program Grant through the US EPA Office of Water. The matching funds for phases 4-6 will come from the City of Bloomington. Total costs for the project is \$125,375.00. There will be no direct costs for the McLean County Department of Parks & Recreation. If approved this project will likely start September of 2011 and be completed by December of 2012.

Therefore, the Park's Department is requesting authorization to construct this Stream Stabilization and Wetlands Demonstration Area.

# ITEM A

## Tributary 3 –Evergreen Lake Proposed Project Activities



# ITEM B

## Cost Figures for the Proposed Stream Stabilization & Wetlands Demo Area

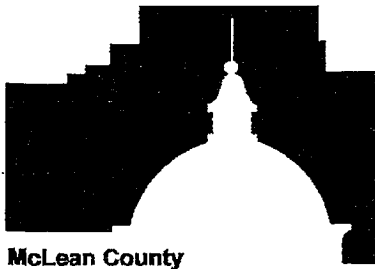
Item	Units	No.	Rate	Est. Cost	Cost by Phase	Funding Source?
Clearing and grubbing	acre	7	\$1,750.00	\$12,250.00	Phase 1 \$28,250.00	Conservation Innovation Grant CIG
Floodplain Excavation	cu. yds.	4500	\$2.00	\$9,000.00		
Seed and Mulch--Trib.3	acre	7	\$1,000.00	\$7,000.00		
Rock Riffles --Trib.3	tons stone	1000	\$45.00	\$45,000.00	Phase 2 \$55,800.00	CIG
Stone Toe Prot.--Trib.3	tons stone	240	\$45.00	\$10,800.00		
Rock Riffle--East Trib.	tons stone	255	\$45.00	\$11,475.00	Phase 3 \$11,475.00	CIG
North Wetland	cu. yds.	3500	\$2.50	\$8,750.00	Phase 4 \$10,950.00	5-Star Restoration Program Grant
Seed/Mulch-N. wetland	acre	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
Dozier Valve-N.Wetland	number	1	\$800.00	\$800.00		
Extend 6" tile	ft	200	\$2.00	\$400.00		
Build Sediment Basin	cu. yds.	1500	\$2.50	\$3,750.00		
24" CMP Principle spwy	number	1	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	Phase 5 \$7,100.00	5-Star
Dozier Valve-Sed. Basin	number	2	\$800.00	\$1,600.00		
Seed/Mulch-Sed. Basin	acre	0.5	\$1,000.00	\$500.00		
Build South Wetland	cu. yds.	4000	\$2.50	\$10,000.00	Phase 6 \$11,800.00	5-Star
Dozier Valve	number	1	\$800.00	\$800.00		
Seed/Mulch--S. Wetland	acre	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
Grand total				\$125,375.00	\$125,375.00	

Cost figures are estimates for "typical farm construction" with input from Jarod Boyle.

"Phases" are items that logically need to be completed as a unit--Phase 1 must proceed Phase 2 and 3---but other phases could be completed at any time.

Excavation from Phase 1 will be spoiled outside of floodplain--but not used for wetland construction due to suitability and distance from proposed wetlands. Excavation could be stockpiled future use (topdressing, etc.)

Cost for Seed/Mulch can vary widely depending on seed mixture and mulch type.



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**DATE: February 24, 2011**

**RE: Information Requested on Possible Unlimited Horsepower, No-Wake Limit Pilot Program on Evergreen Lake**

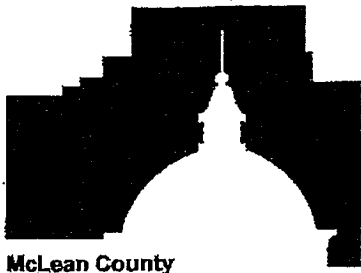
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Evergreen Lake currently has had a 10 h.p. motor limit. Recently, the topic of having an Unlimited Horsepower, No-Wake Pilot Program on Evergreen Lake has again been discussed. The Park's Department would like to provide some information on the different issues regarding this type of proposal.

- 1. Enforcement On the Lake – Would a horsepower change require an increase in the enforcement on the lake?** This change could increase the number of watercraft on the lake by approximately 15-20% (Based on increases from other Pilot Programs around the state). Based upon the experience of other Pilot projects, additional enforcement manpower would be needed especially during high traffic periods, i.e. Fridays –Sundays.
- 2. Revenue – Would there be an increase in the amount of revenue by selling more watercraft registrations?** There could be an increase by 15-20% (Again, based on percentage increases from other pilot programs). This could possibly mean additional \$10,000-\$15,000.
- 3. Other Pilot Programs – What is the experience of other programs?** The Illinois Department of Natural Resources implemented a Pilot Program on two lakes in Central/Northern Illinois approximately seven years ago. The Pilot Program on Dawson Lake in McLean County was instituted and is still currently in place. The Pilot Program on Lake Shabbona in DeKalb County only lasted a couple of months. There were several complaints from fishermen and sail boaters, and the IDNR decided to return the lake to a 10 hp limit.
- 4. Impact On the Fishery – Would there be an impact on the fishery?** With more watercraft and more fishermen using the lake more fish would be caught, and presumably, more fish taken out, so there would be an impact on the fishery. To what extent would be difficult to determine in the first couple of years.
- 5. Parking – Is parking an issue?** On busy weekends the White Oak (West) Boat Launch parking lot has been filled up, as well as the grass overflow parking lot. If we get an increase in the number of boaters, the Park's Department would have to consider expanding or adding an additional parking lot at the White Oak Boat Launch.
- 6. Erosion – Will there be additional lakeshore erosion?** With an increase in the number of watercraft, even at idle speeds, there could be some additional erosion around the lake. Much of the lakeshore is unprotected.

7. **Unspent Fuel – Do larger motors running at idle speeds discharge unspent fuel?** With today's newer 4-stroke engines the amount of unspent fuel would be minimal, but with older models there would be a greater amount released into the water.
8. **Litter/trash –What other impacts may occur?** Additional users will generate additional litter/trash volume.

Back in December of 2002 and January 2003 the Park's Department held two well attended public workshops to discuss Lake Management issues including an Unlimited Horsepower, No-Wake Pilot Proposal. During this time, people were also given the opportunity to respond to this topic either orally or by written survey. The park also offered the survey for a period time in-person or on-line. The results of the public comments and surveys from McLean County residents were closely divided with a slight edge to those favoring a Pilot Program. At the February 2003 Property Committee Meeting, the Pilot project proposal failed by a 4-1 margin. The fees for watercraft registration for Evergreen Lake were increased at that time.



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RE: 2011 Calendar of Events for COMLARA Park/Evergreen Lake

## 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS McLEAN COUNTY PARKS

DEC-FEB	CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS OPEN <small>AVAILABLE WHEN CONDITIONS PERMIT</small>
Jan 14-16	DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM -SHOTGUN <small>COMLARA PARK- CLOSED TO GENERAL USE</small>
APRIL...2	CAMPING RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED <small>IN PERSON (PHONE-IN &amp; MAIL-IN ACCEPTED APRIL 4)</small>
APRIL...9	BOAT RENTAL/BAIT SHOP OPENS -- WEEKENDS ONLY
APRIL..10	THE REDBIRD CHALLENGE-ADVENTURE RACE <small>COMLARA PARK-PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED (<a href="http://www.rec.iilstu.edu/redbirdchallenge/">www.rec.iilstu.edu/redbirdchallenge/</a>)</small>
APRIL..21	IHSA BASS FISHING SECTIONAL
*APRIL 30	GPS/GEOCACHING CLASS <small>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED, IN-PERSON, ON-LINE, OR MAIL</small>
MAY....7	PADDLING AT THE PARK-INTRO TO KAYAKING <small>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED, IN-PERSON, ON-LINE, OR MAIL</small>
MAY...21	MACKINAW RIVER CANOE TRIP <small>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED, IN-PERSON, ON-LINE, OR MAIL</small>
MAY...28	SWIMMING BEACH OPENS -- 7 DAYS/WEEK
	BOAT RENTAL OPENS -- 7 DAYS/WEEK
JUNE & JULY	ARCHERY DEER HUNT APPS.- AVAILABLE
JUNE...4	TRI SHARK TRIATHLON <small>SWIM, BIKE, &amp; RUN (<a href="http://www.tri-shark.org">www.tri-shark.org</a>)</small>
JUNE..11	BEACH BLOWOUT/WACKY WATER OLYMPICS
JUNE..25	U OTTER RUN 5K TRAIL RUN -COMLARA PARK
JULY & AUG.	FIREARM DEER HUNT APPS. - AVAILABLE
JULY...9	COMLARA PARK ICE CREAM SOCIAL <small>ICE CREAM, SOFT DRINKS, CHILDREN'S GAMES, &amp; MORE</small>
JULY..16	EVERGREEN LAKE INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON- <small>SWIM, BIKE, &amp; RUN (<a href="http://www.tri-shark.org">www.tri-shark.org</a>)</small>
JULY..30	TAKE A KID FISHING TOURNEY -EVERGREEN LAKE <small>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED IN-PERSON, ON-LINE, OR MAIL</small>
JULY..31	ARCHERY DEER HUNT APP. DEADLINE
AUGUST...6	CENTRAL ILLINOIS OPEN WATER SWIM (CLOWS)
AUGUST...8	SWIMMING BEACH CLOSED WEEKDAYS
AUGUST..13	EVERGREEN LAKE 5K RUN-COMLARA PARK
AUGUST..31	FIREARM DEER HUNT APP. DEADLINE
SEPT.....5	LAST DAY SWIMMING BEACH OPEN
SEPT.....6	BOAT RENTAL CLOSED WEEKDAYS
SEPT.....11	MUD, SWEAT & GEARS - COMLARA PARK <small>OFF-ROAD MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE</small>
SEPT.....17	ORIENTEERING CLUB PROGRAM
*SEPT.....18	EVERGREEN LAKE ULTRA MARATHON TRAIL RACE - COMLARA PARK/EVERGREEN LAKE



SEPT.....25	BOAT RENTAL CLOSED FOR SEASON
OCT.1-NOV.11	DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM-ARCHERY COMLARA PARK - DESIGNATED AREAS CLOSED
OCT.....15	FALL COLORS FAMILY DAY-COMLARA PARK MARSHMALLOW & WIENER ROAST, HAYRACK RIDES, MUSIC, CHILDREN'S GAMES, HAUNTED HAYRACK RIDES, CHILDREN'S CANDY HUNT & MORE
OCT.....16	LAST DAY - CAMPING RESERVATIONS
NOV.....12	GPS/GEOCACHING CLASS PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED, IN-PERSON, ON-LINE, OR MAIL
NOV. 18 - 20 &	DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM-SHOTGUN
DEC. 1-4	COMLARA PARK - CLOSED TO GENERAL USE
DEC.....10	DA DEER RUN, RUN-8K X/C RACE COMLARA PARK

\* - Denotes New Program for 2011

<p>OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIES EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT AT DUSK MAY 21 - SEPTEMBER 3 AT COMLARA PARK NEAR CAMPGROUND STATION</p>
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