

LAKE DELHI VOICE

Monthly Newsletter of the Lake Delhi Taxing District and Community—January, 2014

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Message From the Lake District Trustees

Dear Lake Delhi Property Owners and Supporters:

Happy New Year 2014 to you, your family and friends.

The restoration of Lake Delhi continues to proceed forward, although there have been some delays in the schedule. Here is an update of where we are at.

Phase I Construction—Existing Powerhouse Repair and Upgrade

We have made significant progress in the last few weeks in working with the US Army Corp of Engineers and other key stakeholders as it relates to our Federal Permit. The District has been working on an agreement that needs to be approved by multiple parties and we are confident that we are near the finish line of a final agreement expected to be in early/mid-January with a final permit being issued near the end of January/early February. Our initial goal was to start the bidding process for Phase 1 Construction in November, however, we have had a delay in getting the Federal Permit. This delay has been caused by a few issues: (a) the unforeseen Federal Government Shutdown, which stopped all Federal work and took time to get the permit review process back up and running, and (b) additional requests from SHPO (Iowa State Historical Preservation Office), and lastly (c) the Holidays have had an impact on all parties finalizing the review and decisions necessary to keep things moving. Although SHPO is a State Agency, they have a key role in Lake Delhi obtaining our Federal Permit.

Even though we have lost some time with the delay in Federal Permitting, we don't feel that this will significantly impact our overall timeline for completion of the Dam in late 2014 as originally projected. The reason is that if we can get the Federal Permit shortly, as we anticipate,

bidding could go out in late January/early February that would get Phase 1 construction going in early the Spring. This timing on Phase 1 would allow us to begin Phase 2 construction in the spring and have the entire 2014 construction season to complete the project.

Phase 2 Construction / DNR Permitting—Spillway

Permitting for Phase 2 Construction continues to progress nicely. The DNR is working with us to review our permit application, providing us feedback, they will be looking to send out public notices to property owners upstream and possibly downstream of the Dam. If you're requested to respond, please do so quickly to keep the process moving forward as quickly as possible. The Iowa DNR permitting process does not impact Phase 1 construction, so our timeline on getting IDNR permitting is not holding up the start of the project.

We are still on track to begin Phase 2 construction in the Spring 2014 and have the entire 2014 construction season to complete the Dam and Spillway.

Public Access Requirements

Significant progress has been made in partnership with Delaware County over the past 60 days to finalize future proposed enhancements to the Turtle Creek Cove area that will improve public access as well as enhance amenities and the overall experience at Lake Delhi for friends, visitors, and property owners. In this newsletter on page 3, we have provided a draft aerial view of what the proposed revamped Turtle Creek Cove area will look like. This project will be a partner shared cost situation between Delaware County and the Lake Delhi District. The plan includes expanded parking, additional restrooms, a recreational beach, added fishing areas, a relocated and enhanced boat ramp, and expanded boat access allowing taller boats to access Lake Delhi with a new taller bridge.

Lake Bed Preparation

We made outstanding progress on Lake Bed preparation tasks through the Fall. Later in this newsletter,

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read the article that goes into more detail on what has been accomplished, but the short headline is that we *accomplished our important mission of Tree Mitigation* downstream of Hartwick Bridge in preparation for spring lake water to cover much of the lake bed in the lower portion of the lake. With the future installation of the coffer dam during the construction process to dry the dam/spillway area, the lake water in the lower portion of the lake will rise enough to cover much of the lake bed, which made it critical for us to clear out tree growth in the lake bed from approximately Hartwick Bridge down to the Dam.

As always, please feel free to contact any of the Trustees if you have questions, comments, ideas, or concerns. You can reach all Trustees via our Trustee email address: LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org. Also, we post all future meeting agendas as well as all past Trustee meeting minutes on our website, www.LakeDelhi.org.

We have posted a slightly revised estimated timeline of the reconstruction project later in the newsletter. Have a wonderful New Year. 2014 will be a great year in the history of Lake Delhi.

The Combined Lake Delhi Recreational Facility and Water Quality District Trustee's:

Steve Leonard: President, Trustee

Larry Burger: VP, Trustee

Mary Kray: Secretary, Trustee

Laurie Kramer: Treasurer, Trustee

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New Lake Delhi District FEMA Authorized Rep

The District would like to thank Dave Fry for his time and effort as the Lake Delhi authorized FEMA rep as we work through past FEMA project funding issues. Dave has stepped down from this position, and the Lake Delhi Taxing District has appointed Doug Herman to this post. Doug

volunteered for the role when he heard that someone was needed for the position. Here is some information about Doug, which you will see why he is an outstanding person to have in this role.

Doug is currently employed by the City of Monticello as the City Administrator. In addition to his duties as City Administrator, Doug also performs most of the duties of City Attorney. Doug and his wife Leann moved to Monticello twenty years ago. He was self-employed as a private practice attorney in Monticello until being hired by the City in June 2006. Prior to his appointment as City Administrator, Doug served as Monticello City Attorney. Doug graduated from Luther College (BA) in 1990 and earned his Juris Doctorate (JD) from Hamline University in June 2004, after two years of study at Hamline and one year at the University of Iowa College of Law. Doug and Leann have three children, Sydney (21) Sawyer (18) and Caleb (14). Doug and Leann previously owned property on Esmann Island in Guttenberg and became Lake Delhi owners after the 2010 flood.



Doug Herman

Remember to Submit Your Nominees for the Good Neighbor Award

Whether it is someone shoveling your snow, helping you move something heavy, watching your place for you while you are away, or just being there when you need them — make sure you submit your nominations for the *Good Neighbor Award*. Recognizing others for their good deeds is something that we don't do nearly enough, but is something we want to do in your Lake Delhi VOICE Newsletter.

Remember that the person or people you nominate who are featured with the Good Neighbor Award in the VOICE newsletter will get a free Lake Delhi Shirt, and be publically recognized for all they do.

Submit your Good Neighbor Award nominations to LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org.

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Who In The World Is It? CONTEST

Can you guess who this famous person is and win the contest?

The image to the right is a portion of the face of a very famous person. If you guess who it is correctly and are drawn from all the correct responses submitted, you will win a Free Lake Delhi shirt of your choice. To participate in this contest, you will send an email to LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org, use a Subject of "Who In the World Is It Contest", put your guess in the body of the email, and provide your contact information. Responses are **Due by 1/15/14**. Good Luck!!!

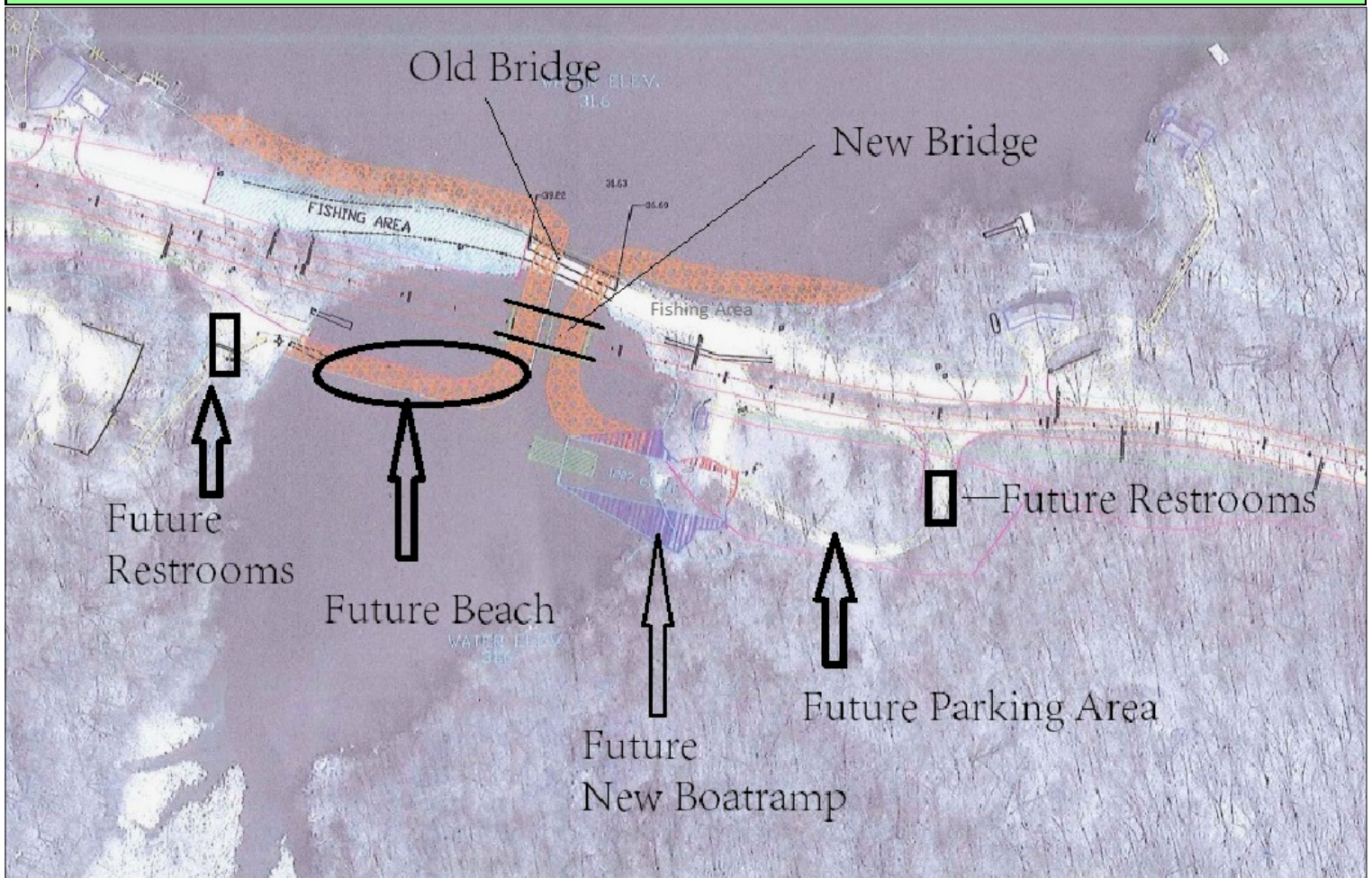
Last Newsletter Winner of the Where In the World Is It Contest was Joe Camp—Congrats Joe!



Guess correctly who this famous person is, get your name drawn from all the correct answers submitted, and win a Lake Delhi shirt of your choice!

Proposed Future Turtle Creek Cove Enhancement Plan

As was mentioned in the Message from the Trustees on page 1, here is a Draft aerial view of the proposed enhancements to the Turtle Creek Cove area at Lake Delhi. The proposed plan includes added parking area, new convenient restroom facilities, a relocated and enhanced boat ramp, a public beach area, fishing areas, and enhanced boat access to Lake Delhi, allowing for more height under the new bridge.



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Lake Delhi Lake Bed Tree/Weed Mitigation Project *Mission Accomplished!*

It was critical that Trees and large weeds be cleared/killed from the lake bed before winter hit for the area from approximately Hartwick Bridge down to the Dam. This is because with Phase 2 construction beginning in the Spring 2014, and a coffer dam being constructed to divert water through the powerhouse Dam gates in order to build the spillway — the lake water will rise noticeably and cover a substantial amount of lake bed in lower portion of Lake Delhi. Trees still growing in that newly water-covered area would be difficult if not impossible to kill.

Between the help of ATI Paladin Company in Delhi donating use of heavy tree/brush cutters, Jodie Antrim and his equipment, and a number of individual property owners, we successfully eradicated virtually all of the trees growing in the lake bed from just north of Hartwick Bridge down to the Dam. Mission accomplished!

Previously in the VOICE, we created an article talking about the realities and dispelling myths about trees growing in lakes. We determined with expert guidance from Iowa State University Forestry Extension Office and the DNR that we needed to cut down trees growing in the lake bed so that any tree covered by a foot or more of water would die. Cutting down literally thousands of trees in the lake bed was determined to be much more viable and cost effective than killing trees with poison.

With the generosity of ATI/Paladin equipment company, John Schromen of ATI/Paladin, Jodie Antrim, and some other volunteers, we were able to put heavy duty equipment to work to tackle this huge challenge. Lake Delhi saved thousand of dollars in the overall project cost because of getting donated equipment from ATI Paladin, figuring how to tackle this ourselves vs. having a company come in to do this, avoiding chemicals, using some Grant money, and of course using Lake Delhi volunteers.

We have provided some photos of the work that was done to give you a sense of how much was accomplished. Great job Lake Delhi. We will need to do the same thing for the upper half of the lake in the Summer of 2014.



Hooking up the Tree Cutter to the Skid Loader



'Mowing' down a 18 foot tall Tree like cutting grass!



Miles of and thousands of Trees growing in the Lake Bed need to be cut down — *See next page to get a better perspective*

Photos by Brian Hughes

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You are looking at an area that had thousands of trees growing densely in the lake bed that were 10 feet—18 feet tall. You can see Jodie Antrim in his skid loader with the Tree/Brush Hog Cutter from ATI Paladin cutting the trees down like mowing grass.



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Community Fund To Rebuild Lake Delhi Continues to Receive Donations from People Who Care About Lake Delhi!

The *Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi* received a surprise donation check from the Maquoketa Valley National Honor Society for \$423.00. Sponsor Mrs. Besler



Lake Delhi's Laurie Kramer Accepting Donation Check from Derek Salow and the Maquoketa Valley National Honor Society Kids

indicated that the students came up with the idea all on their own to raise money for the rebuilding and restoring of Lake Delhi. They decided to have a silent pie auction at a volleyball game. Each brought in a pie, and decorated it, and then set up in the cafeteria on senior night of the volleyball game and sold the pies. Thank you local Honor Society Kids!

The Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi (CFTRLD) continues to need and accept pledges and donations to rebuild and restore Lake Delhi. You will be rewarded and recognized for your generosity, and most of all, you will be part of the Lake Delhi family of donors that made it possible for Lake Delhi to come back.

If you would like to make a donation, pledge for a donation, increase your current pledge donation, or make a donation of in-kind property or services, please contact Laurie Kramer at (563) 920-9863, or Todd Gifford at (319) 651-6688, or go to the Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi website at www.RebuildLakeDelhi.org. Donations to the CFTRLD are Tax Deductible.

Cool Lake Delhi Shirts, Sweatshirts, Hats Available for Purchase

Lake Delhi apparel is a great way for you to give a unique and appreciated gift to your family member, friend, or loved one. A large variety of Lake Delhi T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Polo shirts for men and women, Fleece jackets, and hats are available for purchase in all sizes. All proceeds go to the Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi. See the order form on the last page of the newsletter. Instructions are on the order form, as well as contact information if you have any questions. Wear or Gift Lake Delhi apparel for a great cause!

DVD Copies of “We Will Be Back—The Lake Delhi Story” still available for purchase

Buy 1 and get a second copy at 1/2 Price

If you saw the *We Will Be Back—The Lake Delhi Story* movie in the theater, you know how powerful of a movie it was. You definitely want to have a copy of it to see it again. If you did not see it in the theater or on PBS TV after the initial showings, you need to get a copy to see it. DVD copies are still available, and you can get 50% off your second copy when you buy 2 DVD's. Remember, when Lake Delhi is back and friends and family are visiting, you will want to have this DVD Movie for them to watch and see our story. Also, what a great gift to give them to take with them after a wonderful experience at Lake Delhi. You can purchase your DVD's online at: www.LakeDelhiWeWillBeBack.com, or in person at Widner Drug Store in Manchester.

Submit Your ‘Winter Time At Lake Delhi’ Photos for our next newsletter and win a Free Lake Delhi T-Shirt

We are looking for fun photos of ‘Winter time at Lake Delhi’ for inclusion in upcoming VOICE Newsletters. Please send us your photo(s). If you send a photo and we use it in the Newsletter, you will receive a Free Lake Delhi Shirt of your choice! Heck, maybe we will even do a free Lake Delhi Sweatshirt since it is cold right now! Send your Winter Lake Delhi photos to LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org, use a Subject of “Winter time at Lake Delhi Photo”, and provide a description and your contact information.

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Lake Delhi Trustees Presentation Update to Monticello Lions Club

The Monticello Lions Club invited Lake Delhi to attend a monthly meeting recently. Steve Leonard from the Lake Delhi Taxing District Trustees reviewed the progress that the Lake Delhi Community has made thus far, discussed the FEMA withdraw in detail, reviewed the Dam design and water flow capacity of the new dam structure, the Lake Delhi Districts Public Access plan, and our goals and timeline for reconstruction of the Lake and Dam. The folks from Monticello were very supportive of the reconstruction of the Dam and had some good questions surrounding the dam design and how we were going to increase public access. We want to thank the leadership team from the Monticello Lions Club for inviting Lake Delhi to give an update and to answer questions.

Mind Teaser Question:

Sid Shady is in prison and is planning his escape. The cell he is in measures three meters by three meters by three meters. The walls are made on reinforced concrete and they extend two meters below the dirt floor. The only openings in the cell are a locked door and a skylight one meter in diameter. Sid thinks he has found a way to escape so he begins by digging a tunnel. He knows that he can't tunnel himself out, but digging a tunnel is crucial for his plan. How does he plan to escape. The answer is up side down at the bottom right of this page.

SUDOKU Puzzle! (Difficulty Level: Easy)

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Crazy Photo of the Month!



Submit Your Crazy Photo and Get a Free Lake Delhi Shirt if we use the photo in the *VOICE*! Send to LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org.

Boost health and flavor in fresh food

There are lots of important but little known nutritional facts about fruits and vegetables, and changing a few habits and learning some new tricks can result in better health for you and a boost to the flavor of these goods.

Fresh fruits and vegetables continue to respire after harvesting, and even while in your refrigerator. This absorbs oxygen and releases carbon dioxide and uses up their stores of antioxidants and natural sugars. As a result of this, by the time you eat them they will have become more acidic, contain fewer antioxidants and have lost some of their natural sweetness.

Fruits and vegetables that respire faster than others include artichokes, asparagus, brussels sprouts, corn, lettuce, okra, raspberries, snap beans, strawberries, arugula, broccoli, cherries, kale, mushrooms, parsley, scallion and spinach, and these should be eaten as soon as possible after harvesting or purchase in order to get the most value out of them

Mind Teaser Answer:
Shady plans to use the dirt from the tunnel to build a mound high enough to reach the skylight.

Lake Delhi Rebuild Estimated Timeline of Key Tasks/Events

Timeline estimates are subject to change depending on Weather, Permitting, etc...

LDRA Property Transfer **Completed**

Federal Permit / County Permit **Jan 2014**

Phase 1 Construction
(powerhouse, gates,
Electrical, Concrete repair) **March 2014 – Oct 2014**

Phase 2 Permit (IDNR Permit) **Early Spring 2014**

Phase 2 Construction Begins **Apr 2014**

Coffer Dam Construction **Apr 2014**

Divert water through Powerhouse
(expected to raise lake level covering some amount
of lake bed from about Hartwick Bridge on down to the dam) **May 2014**

Phase 2 Construction (coffer dam, spillway) **Apr-Nov/Dec 2014**

Lake Delhi Dam Completion **Nov/Dec 2014**

Lake Bed Preparation Tasks within timeline:

- Debris Removal
- Tree/Weed Mitigation
- Pre-water Dredging
- Shoreline work

Lake Delhi Shirt/Apparel Order Form

All Proceeds Go to: The Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi



Item	Color	Price	Size	Order Qty	Ext \$ Amount
Lake Delhi Hooded Sweatshirt (<i>with zipper</i>)		\$30			
Lake Delhi Hooded Sweatshirt 2XL+ (<i>with zipper</i>)		\$35			
Lake Delhi Regular Sweatshirt		\$20			
Lake Delhi Regular Sweatshirt 2XL+		\$25			
Lake Delhi Ladies White T-Shirt	White	\$15			
Lake Delhi Ladies Heather T-Shirt	Heather	\$15			
<i>I Gave a DAM</i> T-Shirt or <i>Dam-Just Build It</i> T-Shirt – White	White	\$15			
<i>I Gave a DAM</i> T-Shirt or <i>Dam-Just Build It</i> T-Shirt – Gray	Gray	\$15			
Lake Delhi Polo Shirt – Ladies Style	Yellow	\$30			
Lake Delhi Polo Shirt – Reg Style	Navy	\$30			
Lake Delhi Fleece Jacket	Black	\$40			
Lake Delhi Cap	Gold/Black	\$15			
Lake Delhi Cap	Navy/White	\$15			
Lake Delhi Cap	Royal Blue	\$15			
Lake Delhi <i>Visor</i>		\$10			
				Total \$:	

Name: _____

Mail Form and Check Payment to:
Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi
712A Third St.
Delhi, IA 52223

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