

LAKE DELHI VOICE

Newsletter of the Lake Delhi Taxing District and Community—January, 2015

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see Dredging/Silt Removal article later in this newsletter for details. **Each property owner should consider submitting this application now, regardless of whether or not for certain you will take advantage of it.**

Dock Permits: If you own a boat dock, consider applying for your Dock permits now. According to the Iowa DNR you are required to have a permit once water is below your docks. See the Dock Permitting section later in this newsletter for full details on how to apply for your permits and a link to the complete detailed document on the Lake Delhi Trustee website.

Full Steam Ahead!

Message From the Lake District Trustees

Happy Spring to everyone! Things are moving forward very quickly now as each day passes.

Phase 2 Construction work is moving forward now along with the final steps of Phase 1 Construction: See Construction Update later in this newsletter for full details.

The new bridge and public recreational area at Turtle Creek is moving along quite well. The new bridge is near completion and the road is anticipated to be open by June 1, 2015. The concrete for the new boat ramp is scheduled to be installed next week and the remainder of the work is anticipated to be completed by fall of 2015. As a reminder, the Lake District in partnership with Delaware County and the State came together to assist in increasing the amount of Public Recreational Amenities at the Lake. The Delaware County Engineer and County Conservation Department have been very busy finalizing plans for a new beach, boat ramp, taller new bridge, and restrooms. Please note when you look at the pictures, the depth of the cove has increased by an additional 4 Feet which is great news. See Turtle Creek Public Access are Photo later in this newsletter.

Simplified permitting process for dredging approved around Boat Docks: An agreement has been made with the Iowa DNR, US Army Corp of Engineers, and the Delaware County Engineer to allow for removal or moving of sand and siltation from your boat lift areas. Please

This is the time to come together to make all final preparations:

Late Fall of 2015 (October 23rd), or potentially sooner if construction runs ahead of schedule, is the scheduled target date for completion of Phase 2 construction that would enable the passage of water over the spillway. This will be the planned start date to fill up the lake. The Incentive plan approved by the Trustee board could allow for this planned start date to begin approximately six weeks sooner to early/middle of September. Any remaining shoreline projects should be completed by the above target dates.

Time is extremely limited to removing tree growth and debris in the Lake Bed. Please work with your neighbors and friends to finish this process as weather allows. If you need help, please contact Todd Gifford at 319-651-6688 and see the information later in this newsletter about Lake Bed Tree/Debris mitigation.

To the Lake Delhi financial supporters, including homeowners, businesses, and countless others who pledged and donated financial support to the *Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi*: Thank You! Your donations are needed for financial obligations to the winning contractor for work to be performed. For those who have not donated yet, your commitment is needed now. The *Community fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi* will be sending out letters to all property owners and neighboring businesses soon asking for help to take us over the finish line. As a reminder, donors who financially support the Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi above minimum levels will forever be recognized for their generosity by a permanent Wall of Recognition for future generations to see.

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If you have any questions or concerns: Please email us at LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org

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Dam Construction Update

By Pat Colgan

See more detailed and up-to-date chronological Dam Construction Updates on www.LakeDelhi.org, click on Dam Construction Updates Link.

Phase 1 and Phase 2 Work Status as of mid April, 2015:

New North Dam - Base being formed and rebar placed. This is the connection between the existing powerhouse concrete structure and the north embankment.

Concrete truck placing concrete in concrete pumper. This is the concrete being pumped into the forms shown below for



the new North Dam. Shows how far concrete is being pumped for North Dam construction. April 14, 2015, was a historic event in the life of Lake Delhi.

The new North dam portion of Phase 1 had its first concrete pour. Approximately 162 cubic yards of concrete were

placed in this one pour. This is the largest single pour in the Phase 1 work and possibly will be the largest concrete pour for the entire project. This is foundation for the new dam structure to replace the demolished north dam wall which was severely damaged in the flood of July 2010. Next, after the concrete forms are removed from this base, the concrete walls will be constructed on top of this base foundation to become the new North dam. Once this north dam is completed, the three new flood gates will be delivered and installed, probably in May 2015. All of the other Phase 1 refurbishment of the main concrete structure built in 1928 is now complete. Phase 2 work began as of April 1 to rebuild the dike that was lost in the breach including a new overflow spillway. The river is now being diverted through the sluice tubes under the concrete structure (as shown in below photo) by the Phase 2 contractor. This allows the new Phase 2 main cofferdam to be built. Everything is going very well with Phase 2 work which is scheduled to be completed in October 2015. Finally, when Phase 2 work is substantially done, the process to refill the lake will begin. As always, the plan is to re-establish the lake to its original level before the July 2010 dam breach.



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Lake Delhi Boat Dock

Permit Renewal or New Application Process

Instructions are available as an aid in managing your dock permit online. To enter the program, go to www.iowadnr.gov/boatdocks. Your first step towards managing your account online is to click on **Sign In**.



The complete instruction document is located on the Lake Delhi Trustee website, www.LakeDelhi.org, in the Reference Documents section. [Click Here](#) to go directly there.

A Note of Thanks!

Once again, Larry Aschbrenner and Tom McLaughlin, served as honorary bartenders for the St. Pat's celebration at the Pizza Place on March 15th. All tips were donated to the Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi. *This year's total is a new record at \$1,254.40!* Thanks again, guys! It was a blast and we appreciate all the support!

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

Just a quick reminder to nominate your deserving neighbor for their extra effort, extra caring, and going above and beyond the call of duty! If they are selected for the Good Neighbor Award, they will receive a Lake Delhi Shirt of their choice and be recognized in this newsletter.

“Main Street” Interrupted— A Story By Deb Burger

Our “Main Street,” the Maquoketa River, the main thorough fare on Lake Delhi has undergone immense change since those torrential rainfalls of July 2010. Summer days that many of us will never forget, have come and gone, but have left visible changes and emotional heartache for all who love the community that is Lake Delhi. Disbelief, grief and shock came quickly

for lake families as they became aware of just how much had been lost in those few days. Certainly we give thanks that no loss of life occurred in this event. A miracle from above, I am most certain.

Lake neighborhoods, and there are many, that were connected to one another by “Main Street” for over 80 years suddenly became empty, somewhat isolated and disconnected from one another by the loss of “Main Street” traffic.

I remember those first days, nights and weeks, following the dam failure bringing with it a silence, darkness, and a painful aching for the return of “lake life” as I knew it. A strange and almost eerie feeling prevailed. I was certain that I had heard a boat engine...or had I? No... not possible for “Main Street” had been interrupted.

I desperately longed to hear a familiar sound in a place that was always buzzing with sounds. I longed for the sound of laughter, the sound of boats tooting their horns, the purr of a boat engine, crashing waves on the shoreline, music to cruise with, and yes, even the shrill sound of a jet ski that had at times annoyed me, but now would be a welcome sound in this new silence.

Gone from sight too, many of our beautiful wildlife and the distinct smell known to all waterways. The nearly vacant and untraveled “Main Street”, the intense darkness of the uninhabitable homes and cabins, the missing dock and patio lights soon became the new normal in my neighborhood and my heart ached for the familiarity of “Main Street” and a return to business as usual.

Those first days gave way to weeks and those weeks have now given way to months and yes... this is real. A change in the way we neighbor, the way we travel about, the way we play, the way we connect to one another will be different, but not lost. We have hit a speed bump on a familiar, scenic and well traveled road. Let each of us rally together, support one another and with passion do what it takes to bring LIFE to our “Main Street” once again.

This is my story... *“Main Street” Interrupted*
In Everything Give Thanks.
Deb Burger - Waterloo and Lake Delhi resident

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Where/What In The World Is It? **CONTEST**

Our Past Winner: Scott Loggins—drawn from the group submitting the correct answer of Iowa State Campanile. Congrats Scott!!

Septic System and Well Information Needed

The Delaware County Water and Sanitation office, along with the DNR, would like to remind those property owners who received letters last fall to start putting the information together and return it in 2015.

The letters went to people who:

- A) Sent no information when the survey was done 2 years ago.
- B) Have a septic system that was installed prior to county permitting in 1990
- C) indicated the material of their septic system in the original survey is non-standard or unknown.

The letter asked property owners to obtain services of certified time of transfer inspectors to conclusively determine the type and condition of the septic system. The inspection will consist of opening the tank and finding secondary treatment. The tank will need to pump unless it had been done by a certified inspector in the past three years. They will then verify the secondary treatment system is working properly. Some people have called — thank you being proactive with this project. The certified inspectors at www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDnr/regulatoryWater/PrivateSepticSystem/Timeoftransfer. You can contact: Dennis Lyons, Delaware County Sanitation, dlyons@co.delaware.ia.us 563-927-5925 or Daniel Olson, Iowa DNR, DanielOlson@dnr.iowa.gov 515-725-8404.

Boat Dock Dredging and Silt / Sand Removal

If you own a boat dock on Lake Delhi and want to dredge or remove excess silt and sand from around the dock, please keep in mind 1 to 3 permits may be required before starting work. Please see the steps below to make sure you have the correct permits from county, state or federal officials. The Delaware County Local Flood Plain Permit is required for all projects in the flood plain.

**Delaware County Local Flood Plain Permitting
(Required in all cases)**

A local Delaware County Flood Plain Permit is *required* for work in the flood plain along the Maquoketa River channel and Lake Delhi. All boat docks along the river and lake are located in the flood plain. Fill out the attached application form and send to Anthony Bardgett at co-engr@co.delaware.ia.us. Approval from the Delaware County Engineer's Office is required *before* construction begins.

State of Iowa Flood Plain Permitting

If your project meets the two conditions listed below, you will *not* need a flood plain permit from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources:

1. The minor dredging occurs at least 100 feet from the current location of the Maquoketa River channel.
2. The dredged material is removed from the flood plain around the channel and/or lake bed.

If your project does *not* meet these two conditions, you will need to submit a Joint Application to the DNR and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Joint Application Form and instructions can be found at

www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/RegulatoryLand/FloodPlainManagement/FloodPlainDevPermits.aspx.

Even if you do not need a flood plain permit from the DNR, you will still need a county flood plain permit and may also need additional federal permits, so please see below.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Water Quality Permitting

If your project meets the conditions listed below, you will *not* need a 404/401 Water Quality permit from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers:

1. Up to 25 cubic yards may be dredged or excavated if all material is deposited in an upland area away from the river channel or lake bed. 25 cubic yards is approximately 2.5 large dump trucks.
2. Only 10 cubic yards (total) may be dredged or excavated if the material is returned to the lake bed. 10 cubic yards is approximately 1 large dump truck.
3. The dredged material is not used or placed in an area for the purpose of stream diversion.
The material is not deposited in a wetland area.

Questions may be directed to the U.S. Army Corps District Engineer at 309-794-5057. [continued page 6]

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Lake Delhi Feature Family Story

Dan & Vicky Staebell Family

We are high school sweethearts growing up near Jesup and Gilbertville area and graduating from Don Bosco High School. Getting married and knowing we wanted to start a family right away is something Vicky and I always dreamed of. Well, 35 years later we are blessed with 4 wonderful children and 8 precious grandchildren.

Our story in finding Lake Delhi actually happened the day after our wedding when my parents moved into a cabin at Freddy's Beach, they enjoyed that home for close to 9 years when they decided living the "Snow Bird" option of the Southwest seemed appealing. Mom never really cared for the winters. So, we were left with no connection and we missed the lake for a couple years. But we always kept some "feelers" out with friends.

A small cabin became available at Schneider's Camp in the spring of 1990. One bedroom, one bath, small kitchen, what more could a family of 5 need. In our thoughts, it was better than a pop up camper! It was perfect! Besides, I wouldn't have to back it in a tight spot at a crowded campground on Memorial Day Weekend. Been there done that!

This location and cabin has brought more laughs, tears and memories shared amongst our family than we can ever begin to explain. But needless to say, anyone who knows anything about "Lake Delhi" you can understand the magic of a camp fire, a cold beverage, and

a good laugh! Our four children, Danielle, Meghann, Peter and Joe all were in the Ski Club. As I would run them down in the flat bottom screaming in the fog or listen to them whine because it was cold or they were tired, I would think someday this would be a good



memory. Well, they still talk about those days and they are great memories. They see friends from those years long ago; those are connections they have not lost. Hartwick Huskies Rock!

Vicky and I have

moved away from the Jesup area in 1994 shortly after we purchased the cabin and since, lived in Ankeny for



3 years, the Twin Cities for 12 Years, Algona, Iowa 2 years and our current location of Onalaska, WI (near La Crosse) for the past 8 years. So for the past nearly 25 years nearly every summer weekend, we have driven a great distance to a place we will always call paradise! Some of that was in a full size van with a strapped down TV and DVD player with 4 kids and 2 full sized labs. And yes, many of those years traveling

nearly 4 hours. Yeah I know, sounds like pure hill-billy, but we wouldn't trade it for the world.

During the flood, we like most everyone, had a lot of



damage to our little piece of paradise and had to make some very difficult decisions. What do we do now? We loved our neighbors; many of them our family members whom had moved into the area since we had enjoyed the Schneider's Camp. So we needed to decide what to do. At the end of the day, we have sold to a wonderful couple who have now built

a brand new start in the area to enjoy the Lake, and we have started a new connection to the Cedars community which is another wonderful and welcoming

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neighborhood. Our goal will be to one day move and permanently call Lake Delhi home, as in our hearts it always has been our home.

Some have called us crazy. We have lived in a State of 10,000 Lakes, lived in Wisconsin, where the North Country is full of lakes, trees, and cabins. And people would tease us to go to “corn country” for a cabin? I would always say, don’t knock it till you try it! Most who visit always leave saying.....you guys have something special here, and we really do!

We will be back, better than ever! Thanks Lake Delhi Community for all of the wonderful memories!

You can Still Buy a limited edition *Lake Delhi Cookbook!*

Mary Jo McDermott put together a fantastic Lake Delhi cookbook and has sold many copies while raising money that has been donated to the Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi. You can still buy one of these fantastic cookbooks by contacting Mary Jo at Todmarjo@yousq.net or pick one up at Widner Drug in Manchester. These cookbooks are a limited run edition, so you would be wise to purchase one of these wonderful Lake Delhi limited edition collector’s items while there are still some available! And when you do, you contribute money towards the rebuilding of the dam and restoration of Lake Delhi. It’s a great gift!!

Dredging, Silt, and Sand Removal: *Continued*

If you discover any previously unknown historic, cultural or archeological remains and artifacts while performing the dock work, you must stop the work and contact the U.S. Army Corps District Engineer.

Delaware County Engineer – Flood Plain Permits

Anthony Bardgett at co-engr@co.delaware.ia.us

Iowa DNR Flood Plain Permits

Asia Azam at asia.azam@dnr.iowa.gov, 515-669-2335

Jim Hallmark at james.hallmark@dnr.iowa.gov, 515-725-8306

Iowa DNR Fisheries and Boat Dock Permits

Sue O’Loughlin at sue.oloughlin@dnr.iowa.gov, 563-927-3276

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Turtle Creek Public Access Area Project

Below, recent photo taken of the bridge reconstruction as well as dredging work going on to enhance Turtle Creek Lake Access area. The larger bridge will accommodate bigger and taller boats. In the distance, that area will become a nice parking area with boat ramp and restrooms. The near ground will be a beach.



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Lake Bed Preparation: Tree/Weed/Debris Removal and Mitigation

Todd Gifford (project manager), Chris Stender, and Jim Locke are currently the committee/team responsible for coordinating the remaining lake bed preparation activities needing to be done prior to refill of the lake. We have created this map below and a written plan. It is linked to and being kept up-to-date on the Trustee website <http://www.LakeDelhi.org> [click on *Lake Bed Preparation* link], and the 3 of us will be coordinating efforts and plans for each problem area identified. Different strategies and plans will be developed for each problem area, some already underway, or previous work done. Problem areas are being evaluated each with its own unique aspects, and strategies developed for each one. The plan document will be how we document plan, notes, activities, etc... Although this is one overall project, each problem area is being treated as a sub-project with a plan developed for each one. Each problem area will potentially have a different strategy, different volunteers, and different resources utilized. If you know of Tree or Debris problem areas we have not already identified on the map OR you are willing to volunteer time or equipment, contact us. Our contact info is on the plan document on the website. This Map and Plan will be kept up to date on the website, and as new information is discovered or new activities take place, the map and plan will be updated. The target completion and readiness date is end of August 2015. Significant communication, education, and activities will be taking place between now and then and all property owners will be called upon to help in some manner.

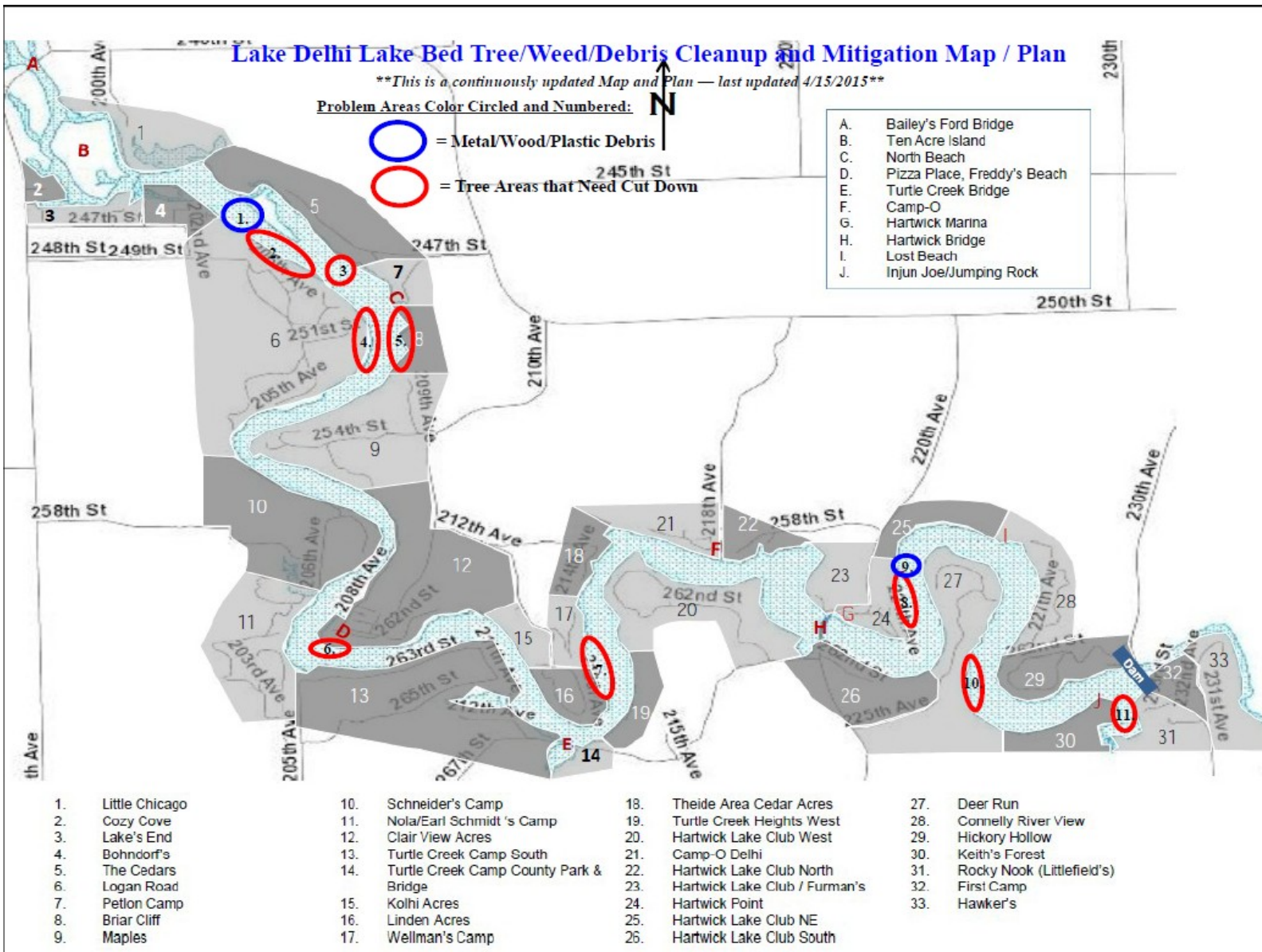
Lake Delhi Lake Bed Tree/Weed/Debris Cleanup and Mitigation Map / Plan

****This is a continuously updated Map and Plan — last updated 4/15/2015****

Problem Areas Color Circled and Numbered:

- = Metal/Wood/Plastic Debris
- = Tree Areas that Need Cut Down

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| A. | Bailey's Ford Bridge |
| B. | Ten Acre Island |
| C. | North Beach |
| D. | Pizza Place, Freddy's Beach |
| E. | Turtle Creek Bridge |
| F. | Camp-O |
| G. | Hartwick Marina |
| H. | Hartwick Bridge |
| I. | Lost Beach |
| J. | Injun Joe/Jumping Rock |



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 T-Shirt or Dam-Just Build It T-Shirt – White</i>	White	\$15			
<i>I Gave a DAM T-Shirt or Dam-Just Build It T-Shirt – Gray</i>	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			
* <i>Special Order Items</i>				Total \$:	

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Mail Form and Check Payment to:

Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi

712A Third St.

Delhi, IA 52223

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Kramer at (563) 920-9863 or Todd Gifford at 319-651-6688