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RIPARIAN OWNERS... WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Are you unhappy with the way the WWMD is handling the weeds or do you see progress? Are you against the dredging project or are you for it? Whether you support what we're doing or you don't, you can have an impact on our activities by volunteering.

Every person working on the WWMD is a volunteer. If you like what you're seeing, join us and help us do more. If you want to see changes, join us and encourage change. Either way, your opinion and actions can have the same impact as all the other volunteers of the WWMD.

We need help in many areas, the positions listed here are the most pressing. Please contact us if you're interested in helping.

MARKETING
The Marketing Committee is looking for a volunteer to work with the Waterford Chamber of Commerce.

FINANCE
The finance committee is looking for volunteers to seek funding for our dredging project.

This is a huge undertaking and we would like anyone who is interested in reducing the costs to our homeowners to join us.

We need people to research grants, write grants, seek local, county, State and federal support as well as private foundations and corporations.

We plan to have a meeting of all those who might be willing to help shortly after the first of the coming year.

This is an extremely important committee and we need as much input from our residents as possible.

INFO. & EDUCATION
We are seeking reporters to attend WWMD meetings and write articles for newsletters and website. We also need an event coordinator to assist in planning a community get together in the spring.

AQUATIC PLANTS
The APM Committee is seeking people to manage the following programs.

Manual Weed Removal
Organize three weed pulling events each season.

- Secure dates, set locations, and get proposals
- Secure disposal sites
- Solicit volunteers for each event (minimum 8 per date)
- Get equipment (kayaks and wheel barrels)
- Track volunteer time of all involved
- Arrange for lunch and refreshments
- Prepare brief report for grant submission

Library Launch Signage

- Communicate with WDNR for signage requirements
- Hire contractor
- Get permits
- Maintain signs

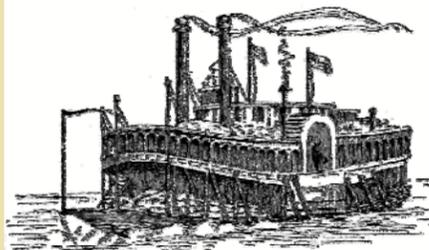
Clean Boats Clean Waters
Inspections of watercraft that enter and leave our waterway for transport of aquatic invasive plants.

- Apply for grant (2015 application already submitted)
- Hire and manage an intern
- Solicit volunteers to supplement inspection hours
- Schedule training date with Wisconsin DNR
- Order supplies
- Request user ids for WDNR computer system
- Prepare schedule
- Verify that data from all inspectors is entered into WDNR computer system
- Track volunteer hours
- Prepare end-of-season report for grant reimbursement



A Steamboat on the River?

The large print on the advertising poster exclaimed: "STEAM BOAT EXCURSION!". In early 1868, that poster



announced "The Steamer Dan Thompson" was to leave the Warf in Waterford, for an excursion to Lake Tichigan and return. The round trip, to made at 10 a.m. and again at 3 p.m., was to occur on Monday, the 4th of

May in 1868. Both trips were to be accompanied by "the full Brass Band of Waterford".

The proceeds of this excursion were to pay the "indebtedness" (misspelling per poster) for brass instruments. Tickets were to be available at the Post Office or from any band member. The cost: 50 cents, not cheap 146 years ago! The steam boat was not even close to the size of that shown on the poster. It was transported to Waterford for this "excursion" from its home on a nearby lake.





Ecosystem Restoration Committee (ESR) Update
by Don Baron

Have you heard the latest on the dredging project? We're working to obtain permits from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the Army Corp of Engineers. Once permits are issued, we can request bids from contractors.

On September 26, 2014, the ESR Committee delivered a permit application to the WDNR who was required to respond within 30 days. We had high hopes we would soon be moving to the next phase of the project.

There was good news and bad news.

The WDNR did not deny the application, but they did say that after reviewing our application, they needed additional information. It is important that we provide detailed information about our project's requirements and constraints so the WDNR has the information and documentation to support an approval.

On October 23, 2014, Barb Baron (WWMD), Don Baron (WWMD), Jim Pindel (SEWFRC), Brian Schneider (GRAEF) and Geoffrey Parish

(GRAEF) met with WDNR to review the list of additional information needed for re-submission.

Based on the list shared at that meeting, Brian Schneider from GRAEF Engineering is preparing the required information to reapply for our permit.

We plan to reapply by January 15, 2015 or sooner if possible.



HELP US FIND FUNDING FOR THE DREDGING PROJECT

HELP THE MARKETING COMMITTEE BY WORKING WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TAKE OVER A PROGRAM FOR THE AQUATIC PLANTS COMMITTEE

MAKE AN IMPACT

See page 1 for more info

BECOME A REPORTER

Waterford Chamber of Commerce Pontoon Tour of the Fox River
by John Bjork



MONTHLY MEETINGS ON SATURDAYS

Each year in October we move the monthly meetings to the fourth Saturday of the month.

Next monthly meeting: SATURDAY 1/24 @ 9:00AM



The second annual pontoon boat tour of the Fox River for the Waterford business community occurred on August 14, 2014. The event was sponsored by the Marketing Committee of the Waterford Waterway Management District (WWMD) and the Waterford Chamber of Commerce.

Katy Engels, Executive Director of the Chamber welcomed 35 guests from the local business community and introduced the WWMD volunteers who presented information regarding the Eco-System Restoration project for the Waterford waterway. John Bjork, Chairman of the

Marketing Committee discussed the history of the formation of the District, and presented a summary of the January Riparian Owners Survey which was previously published in the Waterford Post. Dredging has significant support among the riparian owners if cost of the project is resolved. Aquatic invasive species control and silt remain major concerns of the residents.

Gary Hansen, Chairman of the Finance Committee discussed the economic loss to the Waterford community if nothing is accomplished to improve the waterway. He reviewed the estimate from Graef for the dredging project which is between 8.4 to 10.4 million dollars. Cost varies depending upon the

method used for dredging. The scenic urban waterways statute enacted in 1984 may obligate the Wisconsin DNR to assume responsibility for maintaining the Fox River. He encouraged the community and business leaders to contact our political leaders to financially support the Eco-System Restoration project for the Fox River watershed.

Up to date information on the project is available on the WWMD website: www.waterfordwwmd.com.



Aquatic Plant Management Meeting with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
by Mike Waghorn

In early October I met with Craig Helker, Water Resources Management Specialist with the WDNR. Craig is our support person and has been monitoring our waterway for several years. We reviewed our 2014 activities and discussed plans for 2015. Here is a summary of our discussion:

We plan to continue herbicidal treatments in a similar fashion to previous years. The 2014 post treatment survey that was conducted in the fall revealed that we had success reducing invasive species in many of our historically bad areas. Unfortunately, we also found that they are showing up in new areas. What we did find to be very successful was our experimentation with a new Wisconsin herbicide called Clipper. Clipper is commonly used in other Midwestern states. Craig is hopeful that Clipper will be approved for more widespread usage next season to improve our navigational lanes. We plan to request this in our permit application for next season.

Based on the results of weed cutting, particularly in Buena Lake, we decided that we will not continue this harvesting approach in 2015. What we will do instead is employ a broader use of hydraulic weed removal. We saw great results of this method last season in the channel north of Elm Island Bay. We are enthusiastic about expanding this in the very shallow areas of our waterway. Unlike weed cutting, this

method removes the whole plant, including the roots. We will request from the WDNR to use the weed cutting permit for this. Additionally, we will also expand the use of the manual weed pulling program that we tried for the first time in Island View Bay last season.

Following are measures that a riparian owner can take to improve their own areas. None of which require a permit:

- You are allowed to manually remove all free-floating, unattached vegetation along your shore and around your pier, as far out into the water as you like.



- You can manually pull out and remove all Invasive Species as far out from your shore as you can wade.
- For all other vegetation, you can manually clear a 30ft wide path.

This path can go as far into the water as you can wade.

For clarification or more information you can visit the WDNR website or contact

Craig Helker at 262-884-2357.

Lastly, we discussed use of Water Thrusters or Groomers for your shoreline. These devices use a pump to create a water flow or drive booms that 'groom' the lakebed. These can be installed by a homeowner with a permit from the WDNR.

The APM committee will continue to refine the approaches of what works well in our unique waterway. We are hopeful that with more dedicated volunteers we will see improvements.

What Happened at the Annual Meeting?
by Margaret Shoptaw

Thanks to everyone who attended the annual meeting. We had a good turnout but would love to have had even more!

The primary purpose of the annual meeting is to review the upcoming year's budget and allow the riparian owners to vote on it. This year each committee chair reviewed their proposed budget and answered questions from the audience. The WWMD also recommended keeping the special charge the same this year at \$175 annually per riparian property.

After questions and discussion, the proposed

budget and special charge were approved by the riparian owners in attendance. In case you were wondering, you must be at an annual meeting to vote. Unfortunately, Chapter 33 which governs the WWMD does not allow us to accept absentee ballots. There is a Frequently Asked Question on our website that explains this in more detail.

One other topic that received a lot of attention at this year's annual meeting is our need for volunteers. Each committee chair shared a description of the type of work they need volunteers to help with. You will see some of these "job descriptions" in this

newsletter. If you would like to help but never knew how, review these job descriptions and see if you would be a good candidate to take over one of these important jobs.

Finally, during the winter (October to March) we hold our monthly meetings on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00am in Town Hall. Please consider coming to a meeting and getting involved. The only way we can improve our waterway is with A LOT of help. There are approximately 1000 riparian owners, if we could have 10% actively involved we could make huge progress.

