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COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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Great Lakes Park Training Institute (GLPTI)

Attending the 2015 Great Lakes Park Training Institute (GLPTI) provided me with the opportunity to learn from a variety of different districts, counties, and municipalities that all face similar challenges regarding the upkeep and improvement of their unique park systems. I left having gained numerous new insights that are applicable to the Clinton County system of parks including new methods for community partnership, revenue providing and cost-saving programs, and the importance of bridging maintenance and programming among many others. I was also able to network with other professionals that will serve as a valuable resource as the Clinton County park system continues to grow and develop.

Big Clinton Lake Fish Habitat

On Friday, February 27, a group of students from RESA's agriculture, food, and natural resources class along with Jerry Jaloszynski helped to move autumn olive branches that were cut last fall onto the ice off of the south shore of Big Clinton Lake. The piles will be tied and weighted to sink when the ice melts to provide plenty of habitat for the lake's fish population.



Summer Staffing

Clinton County Parks and Green Space is now in the hiring process for a new intern to manage the summer operations at Motz and Clinton Lakes County Parks. This position offers a highly skilled and professional student the opportunity to experience the management and supervisory side of parks operations as well as developing key park maintenance skills. The program has been very successful in past years and I hope to continue that trend with another excellent intern this summer.

MSU Legacy Projects

Shari Dann's Community Engagement class at Michigan State University has provided two student groups to develop long-term, natural resource-based projects that will benefit the Clinton County community. One group will assist the Friends of the Maple River and Friends of the Looking Glass River with various promotional and service-based projects. The second group will be conducting the initial photo-monitoring at the prairie grassland project that is set to kick-off in the spring. I have met with both groups and am excited about that opportunity to connect and create some positive student involvement in the Clinton County community.

Other Duties Assigned to the Coordinator

- Central Dispatch Communication System Enhancement Project: Phase 2
- Request for Proposal: Deferred Compensation Program

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