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COORDINATOR'S REPORT

October 2011

ACTIVITIES:

The Birth of a Lake

The lake continues to fill with ground water.



Lake basin - Photo taken on August 1, 2011



Lake Basin - Photo taken on September 26, 2011

Yellow Perch Stocking

Stoney Creek Fisheries, a commercial fish farm located in Grant, Michigan, will be stocking 1,500 5 to 7 inch yellow perch in the park lake on October 6. The same number of fish stocked in May 2007 eventually grew to an 11 to 12 inch size. Channel catfish stocked in 2007 grew to 22 to 24 inches in length. Fishing pressure in 2010 and 2011 has been intensive with fisherpersons not only catching the large perch and catfish, but also largemouth bass and bluegill. Except for bluegill, it is not know if the other fish species are successfully reproducing in the lake. In June of this year, additional bass, catfish and fathead minnows (food source for larger fish) were stocked. The October 6 stocking will complete fish stocking allowable under the Commission's current Michigan Department of Natural Resources permit.

Erosion Control / Flooding

In the September Coordinator's Report I went into some detail identifying several areas of the park that were being damaged by surface water sheet erosion. I am pleased to report that erosion occurring along the east side of the main pedestrian walk to the beach seems to have been stopped. The many volunteer hours spent by Chuck Nelson with assistance of the Park Rangers and the volunteer efforts of Jack Enderle paid off. There are other areas still experiencing less damaging erosion; areas that will need a contractor to resolve. The 2012 Capital Improvement Budget, if approved as requested, will provide funding to fix the remaining erosion problem areas.

Bath Charter Township – Park Lake Preserve

This Commission assisted Bath Charter Township in preparing a "supplemental information" response to DNR Grant Management. The response was made to resolve issues cited by the DNR in the township's Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund ("Trust Fund") Park Lake Preserve grant acquisition application. Working in partnership with the township, the Commission was able to find solutions to three major issues that if allowed to remain would have likely resulted in the application being denied funding. Other than the three issues, the township application did receive a fairly good evaluation score. Nevertheless, criteria that failed to receive any evaluation points were examined and additional information specific to the criteria was provided. It is believed that the overall evaluation points given to the township's project will increase by an estimated additional 200 points once DNR Grant Management receives and reviews the supplemental information packet.

The Park Lake Preserve project is an excellent acquisition proposal that serves the recreational, environmental and trail development objectives of the township and this Commission. It was a pleasure working with township officials on the supplemental information response. The township project is very competitive in the evaluation process for a Trust Fund grant award.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant ("EECBG")

Clinton County was one of 12 applicants statewide to have been selected for a second EECBG grant award. The project, *Clinton County Lighting the Way*, was awarded a grant in the amount of \$87,121 to replace 178 outdoor and 37 indoor light fixtures with new energy efficient LED fixtures. Working with Building and Grounds Director Blaine Stevens and Lead Account Cindy Moser, two Requests for Proposals ("RFP") have been prepared; one for the purchase of the lighting fixtures and one for installation of the fixtures. Bid proposals will be opened on October 7 (equipment) and 14 (installation) and project contracts awarded soon after.

Another component of the project is completion of "public education" resources since the grant is a demonstration project. Clinton County has a very positive story to tell about its energy conservation / operational sustainability accomplishments. Two MSU

students, Alison Johnson and Tanya Baker, have agreed to take on the development of several educational products to meet MSU CARRS Natural Resources Communication Campaigns course requirements. Alison is an advertising major; Tanya is a journalism major. I recently met with both students and found them to be enthusiastic and capable of producing creative end products. The products will include a press release, newsletter article, informational sign design, bulletin board display and web page display.

Other Assignments/Activities Assigned to Parks and Green Space Coordinator

- Parkland and Open Space Acquisition Evaluation Tool (Not started)
- Agricultural Preservation Board – Administration Staff Liaison (On going)
- Design, construct and install Maple River access site sign (Not started)
- Community Development Department – General Management (On going)
- “Authorized Organization Representative” for Federal Grants (On going)
- Assist w/ creation of Clinton County Trail Advisory Council (Pending)
- *Clinton County Non-Motorized Facilities Plan* – Plan Development (In process)