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COORDINATOR'S REPORT**January 2016****Waterfowl Hunting Program: Survey Results**

A total of 18 hunters responded to the online survey with positive results and great suggestions for future hunts. The majority of hunters recommended implementing a system to designate and assign spots so that each group will know where they will be hunting beforehand. This will eliminate any potential disputes between groups on the day of each hunt. Hunters also suggested the use of vehicles in the park to help move their equipment. In order to cause the least amount of the disruption and fear in the waterfowl, if vehicles are to be allowed, the hunters must arrive on time and stay for the duration of the hunt.

The big issue going forward is the groups that did not show up for their hunting date or give any prior notice. This takes the opportunity away from those other groups that applied and were not selected, of which there were many. A required check-in (24 hours notice) or a deposit may help curb this issue.

Link to Survey Results:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-795VVFHJ/>

Culvert Project at Clinton Lakes Park

The culvert creating a sediment-free passage for water to travel from Big Clinton Lake to the lake-leveling device attached to Little Clinton Lake was installed and covered with 2.5"-3.5" stone in order to secure and maintain function during a flooding event. The culvert will continue to be covered in stone as the sediment settles. Safety barriers, grates, and a sign will also be placed around the culvert to ensure swimmers and other visitors do not get hurt or disturb the site.

Before:



After:



Clinton Lakes County Park Sign

The Prison Trades Program in St. Louis, MI completed the Clinton Lakes Park entrance sign. The sign is currently in storage and upon approval of a site from the Clinton County Building Department and the spring thaw; the sign will be placed well in advance of the 2016 park season. A logo, similar to the one on the Motz County Park sign, will be placed in the open square area of the sign as well. A number of visitors are still unaware of the new parkland and a large sign will help attract new park-goers within and outside of Clinton County.



MSU Legacy Projects: Fall 2016 Wrap-Up

The fall 2016 class of the CSUS 301: Citizen Engagement for Sustainability course at Michigan State University worked on two separate projects for Clinton County Parks and Green Space. The bluebird box group helped develop a way to record and monitor the numerous boxes that have been placed throughout both parks. Their maintenance and recording spreadsheet will become a part of the intern/ranger duties for the 2016 season and will help identify what types of birds visit and nest within the parkland.

The native grassland group continued the photo-monitoring project that the spring 2015 class started. The group took two rounds of pictures during the fall and started to track some of the growth in the project area.

All of the groups in the class did an excellent job of presenting their projects and this type of work can go a long way towards the development of future programs and activities within Clinton County Parks and Green Space.

Other Duties Assigned to the Coordinator:

- District Court Collections Project
- MIS/GIS Request for Proposal
- Capital Improvement Timeline (Buildings and Grounds)

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