

Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District

CEDAR MEADOW LAKE

2007 - 2008

ACTION PLAN

STATUS REPORT

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GOAL 1. DAM MAINTENANCE

COMPLETE

Maintain the dam in good condition and provide the ability to engage in periodic draw downs or other actions to maintain the lake in good condition. Routine maintenance will include touch-up paint on the gate house, repair of cut security fencing, and monthly mowing of the upper dam surface.

Responsibility: Management Committee with assistance of qualified contractors

Resources: Funds in Annual Budget

GOAL 2. TREE REMOVAL

INCOMPLETE

Continue to seek permission of the owner of the property on the south side of the dam to cut large trees within ten feet of the dam structure.

Responsibility: Management Committee with assistance of qualified contractor

Resources: Funds contained in reserve account

GOAL 3. LEGAL DEFENSE

DOR SUPPORT COMPLETE

**TRIAL
POSTPONED**

Vigorously defend the District in a law suit brought by Central Water District Associates (CWDA) seeking a greater value for the dam and land under the lake than that paid by the District as part of an eminent domain taking. Continue to support The Massachusetts Department of Revenue in their effort to collect unpaid taxes from the prior owner of the Cedar Meadow Lake dam to discourage pursuit of the law suit by CWDA.

Responsibility: Management Committee with assistance of legal counsel and expert witnesses

Resources: Funds in Annual Budget

GOAL 4. WEED CONTROL

**RECORD RAINFALL RAISED WATER
LEVELS**

The District's draw down program calls for periodic suspensions. Such a suspension is planned this Fall and Winter. Efforts will be undertaken to maintain lake levels between 30 and 36 inches below the spillway elevation during that portion of the winter when the lake is covered with ice to minimize ice damage to shoreline structures Spring.

Responsibility: Management Committee

Resources: Volunteer hours and minor administrative expenses

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GOAL 5: BENTHIC BARRIER

COMPLETE

Redeploy, and periodically move, the 7 foot by 100 foot benthic barrier in the Rawson Street cove.

Responsibility: Management Committee with assistance of volunteers

Resources: Funds in Annual Budget

GOAL 6: CONDUCT WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM
COMPLETE

PARTIALLY

Measure total phosphorus, clarity, and bacteria content through the collection and analysis of lake water samples.

Responsibility: Management Committee with assistance of volunteers

Resources: Volunteer hours and low cost or no cost analysis

GOAL 7: REGULATORY DAM SAFETY COMPLIANCE

COMPLETE

Hire independent engineering firm to conduct visual inspection of dam as required by State regulations and correct any detected deficiencies.

Responsibility: Management Committee

Resources: Funds in Annual Budget

GOAL 8: FRIENDS PROGRAM

SUCCESSFUL

Continue to implement a program to solicit voluntary contributions from non-Proprietor neighbors that might use or otherwise enjoy the lake.

Responsibility: Management Committee

Resources: Minor postage and copying expenses

GOAL 9: COMMUNICATIONS

COMPLETE

Communicate information regarding happenings on and around the lake through periodic newsletters.

Responsibility: District Clerk

Resources: Funds in Annual Budget