

Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District

CEDAR MEADOW LAKE

2008 - 2009

**ACTION PLAN
STATUS REPORT**

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**GOAL 1. DAM MAINTENANCE PARTIALLY
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 painting 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. Take those legal steps necessary to gain access to the land and to remove the necessary trees before the start of the hurricane season in September.

Responsibility: Management Committee with assistance of qualified contractor

Resources: Funds contained in the Annual Budget

**GOAL 3 REPAIR DAM PARTIALLY
COMPLETE**

Draw down lake approximately five feet and perform repairs to stop seepage through dam identified in Phase I Dam Inspection / Evaluation Report.

Responsibility: Qualified contractor(s) under the supervision of Management Committee

Resources: Funds contained in Annual Budget

GOAL 4. WEED CONTROL COMPLETE

Draw down the lake five feet in late September or early October to coincide with dam repair and maintain this water elevation until the lake bottom freezes for weed control purposes. Thereafter, efforts will be undertaken to maintain lake levels between 30 and 36 inches below the spillway elevations during that portion of the winter when the lake is covered with ice to minimize ice damage to shoreline structures.

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 80 foot benthic barrier in the Rawson Street cove.

Responsibility: Management Committee with assistance of volunteers

Resources: Funds in Annual Budget for minor material

GOAL 6: CONDUCT WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM

COMPLETE

Measure total phosphorus content and clarity 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: 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 efforts 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 8: FRIENDS PROGRAM

COMPLETE

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