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Water Quality Monitoring

Our water quality monitoring begins again on Saturday, April 10th and will be conducted the 2nd Saturday of each month into the fall. Volunteers are needed to collect water samples throughout the watershed and perform the testing at Griggs & Browne. It can take anywhere from 20 minutes to 3 hours, depending on the time you have available. Training will be provided. Please call Mike Zylich at 508-864-8582 if you can help or come at Griggs & Browne between 8 and 10am the 2nd Saturday of each month.

319 Status

The next phase of the 319 grant program involves implementation of a pilot weed replacement program. This innovative technique has only been tried at three other lakes throughout the state. The long term goal of this process is to solve weed problems for the entire lake without using chemical treatments. With the vast spread of non-native invasive aquatic weeds throughout New England, this project will be closely watched by many state and local authorities and watershed groups.

We will be working with ESS Group Inc, a consulting/engineering company that has a full range of professionals on staff including aquatic biologists, wetland scientists and engineers dedicated to the study and management of wetlands and water resources. After removing the weeds in the areas to be planted, volunteers will be needed to help collect native low growing plants at other locations and plant them in Indian Lake. There will be 12 test plots to begin the program. Volunteer commitments will be 1/2 day

to 2 days. Please contact Mike Zylich at 508-864-8582 if you are interested in working on this ground breaking project.

Mass Community Water Watch Cleanup

The Mass Community Water Watch organization coordinates students from college campuses to become civically engaged in their local watersheds for the sake of cultivating community stewardship over our waterways as a means for protection. They are currently kicking off a new local campaign to educate the Worcester public about their local waterways. A door to door outreach program throughout the watershed began the weekend of March 20th. The goal of this campaign is to educate folks about their watershed and what they can do to help. This includes involvement in their local watershed groups as well as taking on personal responsibilities for their actions that may otherwise impact their waterways.



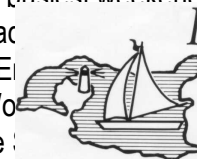
Mass Community Water Watch is inviting all local watershed groups, their families, neighbors and friends to clean up the Blackstone River of which Indian Lake forms the headwaters on May 1st to demonstrate how all of the smaller watersheds impact the larger. For more information, contact Julie Danton, Campus and Community Organizer for Mass Community Water Watch, at 508-

Indian Lake 2005 Calendar

We are developing a 2005 calendar of Indian Lake and the surrounding area. We are currently searching for pictures—old and new—for consideration. We are also looking for people to work on the design, pricing, promotion and printing. If you would like to participate in this exciting project or have photos, please contact Paula Imbergamo at 508-853-5159.

Morgan Park Update

We will be seeking approval from our board to hire an off duty police officer to patrol Morgan Park on our busiest weekends this summer: Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day. In addition to the Worcester Police and Environmental Working Group, we are working closely with the Worcester Police Department and the Indian Lake Watershed Association to find a long term solution to the ongoing overcrowding problems at Morgan Park.



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Spring Cleanup

- Storm Drain Stenciling
- Morgan Park Cleanup
- Install Permanent Trash Receptacles
- Cleanup at War Memorial across from Strand's

Sunday, April 25th, 2004
9am - 12pm

Please meet at Morgan Park.

**Please direct questions, comments or suggestions for this newsletter to:
Beth Proko 508-856-9598 or bproko@charter.net**

Next Meeting

The ILWA Board of Directors' next scheduled meetings are Tuesdays April 6th, May 4th and June 1st at Griggs & Brown, 549 Grove Street, Worcester. All members are welcome.

Membership

The ILWA membership drive last year was a huge success bringing us over 100 new members. Do you have a new neighbor? Please pass on this newsletter and encourage them to join or contact Bob Gates at 508-852-6325 for more information.



Storm Drain Stenciling

3 North Pond Road,

As part of the 319 grant, we will be stenciling many of the 1500 storm drains that drain into Indian Lake with signage that deters people from dumping into these drains. We completed approximately 60 during our fall cleanup and will continue at our April 25th cleanup. Paint and supervision of this project is provided by the Worcester DPW. Large groups such as boy/girl scouts and schools are also encouraged. Board member Isada Martignetti is coordinating this effort. Please contact her at 508-853-4749.

Please accept my application for membership in the Indian Lake Watershed Association, Inc.

_____ Senior or Student \$5

_____ Sustaining Member \$50

Number of Adults in Family _____

_____ Individual \$10

_____ Benefactor \$100

Number of Children in Family _____

_____ Family \$25

_____ Patron \$1000

Interested in Volunteering? _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Optional): _____

Send to:
Beth Proko, Vice President
Indian Lake Watershed Association
2 Holden Street
Worcester, MA 01605

Membership Valid 1 Year From Date of Receipt