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State Monies

Massachusetts State Representatives Bob Spellane and Jim Leary took the initiative to file an amendment to the state supplemental budget for the benefit of the Indian Lake Watershed Association to assist the many community projects we are in the midst of. The amendment for \$25,000 (!!) was approved by the House of Representatives in late October. It then had to go before the Senate for approval.

Without hesitation, Senator Chandler took the ball and lobbied her counterparts in the Senate to support this initiative and it also passed.

We are so very fortunate to have the attention and support of these wonderful individuals. Their commitment to our organization and our community is truly remarkable.

Please take the time to pass on your thanks and support to Representatives Spellane and Leary and Senator Chandler!

Frostholm Memorial

The Frostholm Memorial Restoration Project has made tremendous progress, however, due to the heavy rains in the fall, we were not able to get the pathway installed which is the key next step. At this time, we are expecting to have the pathway prep work done in the first week in May. Immediately after, we will begin coordinating the pathway build. Here are the most recent accomplishments related to the project:

- Commitment from four sponsors to cover the costs of benches.
- Frost Manufacturing has offered to assist with the design and cost of a bronze plaque to identify the memorial to oncoming traffic.
- ILWA board members Bob Gates and Herb Adams have agreed to build the dis-

play case which will house the veteran's names.

- We have sorted through thousands of names to re-create the list of World War II veteran's that were originally honored on this memorial.

If you have any questions or can assist with this important project, please contact Bob Gates at 508-852-6325 or Herb Adams at 508-853-0223.



YMCA Renovations

The Greendale YMCA, a long time supporter of the ILWA, will soon be announcing some significant renovation plans to their facility. Recently, we had an opportunity to review these plans with Jeanette Robichaud, Executive Director of the Y.

Some highlights of the plan for the Greendale Family Branch include a new **Center for Health and Wellness** which will be created on the courtyard between the Director's office and the back of the tennis courts. At nearly 9,000 square feet, this will be a state-of-the-art facility. A new building next to the wellness center will house a **Child Care Center** consolidating the children currently in 3,850 square feet of space split between the Higgins Program Center, the main building and an offsite church. A new dedicated **Teen Center** will be established, the Y's **lobby and entrance** will be modernized, **locker rooms** will be updated, a new **whirlpool** will be installed and the **Family Changing Area** will be significantly expanded to accommodate more families and individuals with special needs.

The total cost of the Greendale project is approximately \$5.5 million

These exciting plans can be viewed in the main lobby of the Greendale branch.

319 Wrap Up

As part of the 319 Non Point Source Pollution Grant Program, high volume underground sedimentation catch basins (also known as BMP's) were installed near Nelson Place, Huntington Avenue and Sherbourne Avenue this fall. These devices will begin trapping much of the sediment and foreign runoff that is entering the lake

Unfortunately, when the bids came in on these systems, the cost was more than was expected. Even with a shuffle of some of our 319 funds, we were not able to adequately fund all three.

Matt Labovites, Assistant DPW Commissioner, and his staff did a lot of fancy footwork and were able to come up with the difference through the stormwater management budget. We are very fortunate to have these folks working on our side!

Once we are able to measure the success of the systems, it should open the door for funding from other sources for installation of additional systems and in the long term, dredging of sediment that has accumulated and deteriorated the quality of the lake.

We will be working with DPW to wrap up the 319 grant over the next couple of months. It is scheduled to be complete by June 30, 2006.

Water Monitoring

The spring water quality monitoring will take place on **Saturday, May 13th from 9am to 11am** in conjunction with the spring cleanup.

We need help with gathering water samples and testing on this morning. As always, whether a few minutes to grab some samples or an hour to help with testing, every little bit helps and is greatly appreciated.

Contact for water quality monitoring is Kim McCoy, who can be reached at mcbstone@yahoo.com.



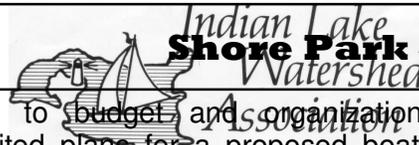
Next Meetings

The ILWA Board of Directors' next scheduled meetings are Tuesday, May 2nd and June 6th at 6:30 at Griggs & Brown, 549 Grove Street.

Spring Cleanup

Our spring cleanup will be **Saturday, May 13th from 9am to noon**. Due to the massive rains in the fall, we had to cancel our fall cleanup so it is important that we get a good crew to help out with the spring one.

This will be held in conjunction with our water quality monitoring so we will need help with both. For more information, contact Bob Gates at 508-852-6325.



Due to budget and organization changes, the awaited plans for a proposed boat ramp at Shore Park have not transpired as of yet, however, the design stage is imminent. With the onset of this plan, we are hoping to inspire the parks department to create a wishlist for improving and making better public access to this facility. We will keep you informed of meetings to discuss these plans.

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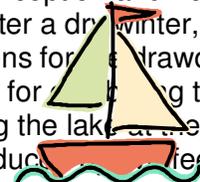
9am - 12pm

Please meet at Morgan Park.

Drawdown

While the gates at the dam were closed a bit later this spring, do you have a new neighbor? Please pass the word on this newsletter and encourage them to have been a join or contact Bob Gates at 508-852-6325 in the annual for more information.

this at our April meeting and the consensus is that the current situation is the exception and not the norm. Several years ago, after a dry winter, we did change the order of conditions for the drawdown but found it was not as effective for reducing the weed growth. After 2 years leaving the lake at a higher level, the lake again was reduced to a level vertical for the winter drawdown.



Where it is still early, a couple of significant rain events should allow us to see an improvement.

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