March 31, 2024

Coon Lake Improvement District (CLID)

Board of Directors

P.O. Box 26

East Bethel, MN  55011

Dear Coon Lake Improvement District Property Owner,

**The intent of this letter, in addition to its legal requirements, is to inform the District Property Owners of items of importance.**

This letter is being sent to all property owners within the Coon Lake Improvement District (CLID) boundaries and is intended to meet two requirements of the State of Minnesota. These are information on how to Opt-Out of herbicide treatment of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control and of the CLID Annual Meeting Notice.

This letter requires your immediate attention and signature submission should you choose **NOT** to have herbicide treatment lake-ward of your shoreline for AIS in the year 2024.

This letter portion along with two weeks’ prior published notice in the Anoka County Union Herald will satisfy notice informing property owners of the CLID Annual Meeting required by Resolution #2008-10, Anoka County Board of Commissioners, Order Establishing Coon Lake Improvement District, Item # 7 in accordance with Minn. Statute, 103B.571, Subd. 2.

CLID meetings are currently held at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month at the Coon Lake Community and Senior Center, (182 Forest Rd., Wyoming, MN 55092). Additional meetings may be added for the fourth Wednesday to accommodate the workload with regards to the lake vegetation treatment planning or to prepare for the annual meeting. The CLID board is subject to the rules and statutes of the State of Minnesota Open Meeting Law, MN Statute Chapter 13D. Meeting minutes of all CLID meetings are available on the CLID website, www.clidmn.org. Treasurer’s reports will be posted twice per year, after the January and July board meetings.

**This year the Annual Meeting of the CLID will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024**, at the Coon Lake Community and Senior Center, address above, in the Coon Lake Beach area. Meeting time begins at 7:00 PM and voting for Directors by ballot will be open from 7:30 – 8:00 PM following introductions.

The agenda includes:

* One of the five position terms of the board is expiring. We will be meeting candidates and electing one resident to serve in the open position for a three (3) year term on the Board of Directors
* We will be presenting options having costs more than $5,000.00, which will require a vote for a 2025 Plan of Work to be carried out by the Lake Vegetation Management Team
* We will approve a budget for the fiscal year to submit to Anoka County
* We will be voting on the CLID annual fee to be included on the 2025 tax statements.

If you are interested in serving your lake community through the CLID, we encourage you to consider filing for the open board positions to be elected through a ballot process at the July 24, 2024, CLID meeting.  To file for Office of Director, please refer to the following requirements:

* Eligibility. Individuals must be unique property owners with property abutting Coon Lake, Anoka County, including the man-made channel.
* Candidates. Candidates shall be 18 years of age and submit a completed Letter of Interest within the stated filing period.
* Filing Period. Letters of Interest shall be filed not more than eight weeks or less than two weeks before the annual meeting. The filing dates for this year are between May 30, 2024, and July 10, 2024.
* Letter of Interest. The Letter shall contain the following information:
1. The candidate’s true name or the name by which the candidate is commonly and generally known in the community.
2. The address and telephone number of the individual.
3. The signature of the individual and
4. The reason the candidate is running for office.
5. The Letter shall be presented at a CLID Board meeting or mailed to:

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Property owners who are not present at the annual meeting may participate in the election of the board of directors by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots shall be mailed to any eligible voter requesting one beginning no later than 10 days before the annual meeting.  Completed absentee ballots shall be mailed to the Coon Lake Improvement District, P.O. Box 26, East Bethel, MN  55011.  Absentee ballots not received by 3 p.m. the day of the annual meeting are void and shall not be counted. Absentee ballots can be obtained by calling Jeff Welciek, at 651-402-8460 after July 1, 2024.

An update on past and planned treatments for aquatic invasive species will be presented at the annual meeting along with an accounting of funds spent and planned for 2024 and 2025.

The CLID Board recommends joining the Coon Lake Improvement Association (CLIA). As a CLIA member, you would receive current and pertinent information regarding Coon Lake via email and newsletters. We hope that you agree and understand the importance for Coon Lake property owners to be an integral part of their community and to be well informed. The MN DNR favorably recognizes a lake association with a large percentage of membership. Please consider this thought and should you wish to be on the CLIA Membership, you can request a membership form and will receive one either electronically or by US Mail. CLIA’s website is www.coonlake.org and email address is www.coonlake.org

With warmest regards,

The CLID Board of Directors: Term Ends

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For any further information or clarification, feel free to call Al Beck at 763-232-7568

For History of the creation of the Coon Lake Improvement District please go to our CLID Website at: **www.clidmn.org**

COON LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - (CLID)

REQUEST TO BE EXCLUDED FROM HERBICIDE TREATMENTS FOR:

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) CONTROL

**SIGNING THIS FORM DOES NOT EXEMPT YOUR PROPERTY FROM THE ANNUAL CLID FEE CHARGED TO ALL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

**Use this form each year to Opt-Out of having herbicide treatments to control AIS within the 150' lake-ward zone from your shoreline:**

Due to the distribution date of aforementioned information and when the treatments would occur, this signed form is only valid when signed between January 1st and May 31st and is valid only for that year’s Spring/Summer season. If you plan to submit this form and wish not to have treatment for CLP, do it immediately as early season treatment for CLP is temperature sensitive and could be applied as early as mid April. EWM treatments may occur as early as mid-May. **Your request to “Opt-Out” is invalid for treatments that occur prior to receipt of your signature by the CLID or the DNR.**

**Submit a copy of the following to each of the addresses listed below:**

Coon Lake Improvement District Keegan Lund / Invasive Species Specialist

PO Box 26 Division of Ecological and Water Resources/ MN DNR

East Bethel, MN 55011 1200 Warner Rd, St. Paul, MN 55106

I have read the CLID annual letter sent on or before April 1st of this current year and reviewed this document. I request that **no herbicide treatment** occur adjacent to the property and 150’ lake-ward of the shoreline for the property listed below. (For further information or clarification, call Al Beck at 763-232-7568)

Signed Date

(Only One Signature is required)

**All requested information must be entered for verification and validation purposes.**

Current Year: Pin Number(s):

Property Owners Name(s):

Lake Property Address:

# City / State / Zip

Phone Number(s) Home: Cell:

Mailing Address (If different from Lake Property Address):