

CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NORTH CENTER-NORTH LINDSTROM CHANNEL MAINTENANCE



In 2018, the Chisago County Public Works Department replaced the County Road 20 bridge between North Lindstrom and North Center Lakes. In the early summer months of 2019 water levels rose to their highest levels in about 15 years. Because of these two events, boats were able to navigate the channel in early summer 2019 for the first time in many years—and boats were able to travel between 5 lakes (North & South Center, North & South Lindstrom and Chisago Lakes).

- Partners:**
- Chisago Lakes LID
 - Center Lakes Association
 - Chisago-Lindstrom Lakes Association
 - Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc.
 - Adjacent Property Owners

Over the course of the summer water levels lowered and vegetation bogs developed in the eastern stretch of the channel. Floating bogs have limited boat traffic in the channel.

In the fall of 2019, the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) identified and mapped a proposed channel route (above). It is anticipated that water levels will again be high in 2020. The LID Board will be considering options for bog removal/cleanout.

The following principles will help guide a potential channel maintenance project:

1. No dredging will occur.
2. The channel area to Bull Lake and Bull Lake itself will remain unchanged.
3. There will be no significant change to lake levels.
4. The project will not significantly lower the water quality of North & South Lindstrom Lakes.
5. The goal is to minimize project costs while providing maximum benefit to the Chisago Lakes Area community.

