

2012 Summary for the LID Hook Line & Sinker Recycling Program

The goals for the introduction of the Hook, Line & Sinker recycling program in 2012 included:

- Provide public education and awareness of the impacts of monofilament line to boats and wildlife
- Obtain a DNR Special Use Permit to install PVC Collection Stations (Collectors) at public boat accesses within the Lake Improvement District
- Construct and install Collectors at these public accesses, as well as the Government Center and Household Hazardous Waste Facility for display and recycling purposes
- Promote the recycling program to area residents through various publications and signage at Collector sites

PVC Collectors were installed at the public boat accesses within the LID in May of 2012. Decals identifying the program and sponsors were attached to the front of the Collectors, and metal signs on fence posts were installed in close proximity to each Collector identifying the program sponsors: Chisago County and the LID.

Collectors were attached to the DNR wooden notification signs at the following public boat accesses:

1. Little Lake public access
2. South Lindstrom/Chisago Lake public access
3. Little Green Lake public access
4. Green Lake public access
5. Kroon Lake public access
6. Spider Lake public access
7. North Center Lake public access
8. South Center Lake public access

And located at the following county buildings:

9. Chisago County Government Center, Environmental Services Counter
10. Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, North Branch

The Collectors were emptied weekly from May through mid-November when lake level readings were taken, and monthly upon ice-up of the lakes.

Fishing line will be recycled free of charge at Berkley's Spirit Lake, Iowa Facility. It will be made into fish habitat structures, tackle boxes, spool for fishing line, and toys. Lead sinkers will be recycled with other lead waste received at the Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, and old fish hooks will be recycled as scrap metal.

Total collected:

Fish hooks (8)

Lures (16)

Lead Sinkers (51)

Bobbers (4)

Leaders (8)

Fishing Line (Difficult to quantify; see photo)

