



## LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Property Owners in the Lake Redstone Protection District:

At the special meeting of the Lake Redstone Protection District on May 18, 2019, LRPD electors approved the proposed dredging plan with 284 votes in favor and 59 votes opposed. We are writing to provide an update on the actions that have occurred since then and on what lies ahead, including the financial impacts. Additional details can be found on the LRPD website ([www.lakeredstonepd.org](http://www.lakeredstonepd.org)). We want to emphasize that the dredging process will be dynamic. Weather conditions, equipment breakdowns, and other unforeseen events will likely force changes to the plans and we ask for your patience and cooperation.

**What comes next?** The LRPD and its Dredging Committee are implementing a contract with the low bidder, Kaiyuh Services and Waterworks Marine. Before the contract can be signed, the contractors need to secure various permits. The LRPD has already secured those permits for which it is responsible and has finalized loan arrangements to allow the contractors to be paid as the work proceeds.

Once the contract is signed, mobilization of the dredging equipment will occur in late June and early July, including constructing a temporary facility at the end of Mourning Dove bay to allow sediment removed from the lake to be transferred from barges to trucks for transport to the final disposal sites. Actual dredging activities are tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, July 8, 2019.

Beginning with Mourning Dove bay, dredging will proceed according to the schedule shown on the enclosure. Detailed maps showing the areas (in red) to be dredged can be found on the web site ([www.lakeredstonepd.org](http://www.lakeredstonepd.org) -click on "Dredging Aerial Map"). We hope to add lot numbers for where dredging will end on each bay so owners can be certain if they are affected. Even without that, the aerial maps currently on the website should be sufficient for most owners.

**What property owners must do:** It is essential property owners determine if their property is within a dredging zone (see previous paragraph). Those who are affected must remove their docks, piers, boats, toys and other items located in the water prior to the beginning of dredging in their bay. Dredging equipment is large and awkward to maneuver, making it difficult to work around such items. Neither the LRPD nor its contractors are responsible for damage to any items left in the water. Furthermore, dredging in the vicinity of such items may be significantly restricted, impacting not only your own property but also possibly that of your neighbors.

Once dredging activities are completed in a bay, property owners are free to return their docks and other items to the water. This will not interfere with a survey of the bottom that

will be performed subsequent to dredging to determine the resultant depth of the water. By comparing this to a similar survey prior to the beginning of work, the amount of sediment removed will be determined, which will be the basis of payment to the dredging contractor.

**How to stay abreast of changes to the dredging schedule:** The enclosed schedule assumes all will go according to plan. However, as noted earlier, we expect this process to be dynamic. Thus we have established several avenues by which property owners can keep abreast of changes to the schedule and/or verify that dredging of their bay has been completed. Those avenues are:

1. The LRPD website ([www.lakeredstonepd.org](http://www.lakeredstonepd.org) – click on “Dredging Schedule Updates”).
2. The LRPD Facebook page (Lake Redstone Protection District).
3. The LRPD app, which can be downloaded from the website. Both iPhones and androids can access the updates. Currently only iPhones receive notifications of changes.
4. A dedicated phone number (608-448-6696) that will contain information on the latest dredging schedule.
5. Receive an email update. For those who provide us with an email address, we will send out a weekly update. Visit the home page of the LRPD website to provide your email address and receive email updates without further action on your part.

All five avenues will be updated as needed, but at least every Friday afternoon or evening to provide progress made during the week just completed, plus plans for dredging in the coming two weeks. For example, if work proceeds according to the current schedule, then on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, a notice will be posted to the effect that: 1) dredging in bay 5 (Mourning Dove bay) is complete; 2) dredging during the following week will occur in bays 4, 3, and 2 and; 3) dredging will occur in bays 26, 25 and 24 in the week after that. This will mean that: 1) property owners in bay 5 can put their docks and piers back into the water; 2) property owners in bays 4, 3 and 2 must make sure their docks and piers are out of the water before Monday July 22 and; 3) property owners in bays 26, 25 and 24 have their items out of the water before Monday July 29.

**Other details of note:** The goal of the enclosed schedule is for completion by mid-October. Normally ice does not form on Lake Redstone until the middle of November, so this schedule will accommodate some delays while still allowing completion of the project during 2019. Should the dredging be delayed more than that, the contract permits the contractors to go into 2020.

Within each area to be dredged, dredging will begin once the depth is less than 5 feet or at the original lakebed, whichever is less. Dredging will proceed toward the shoreline, gradually getting shallower until no sediment is removed in locations within 10 feet of the shoreline. No sediment will be removed from areas that are already 5 or more feet in depth or that are closer than 10 feet from the shoreline. Note that bays 14 and 18 are exceptions. They will be dredged to a depth of 6 feet using a similar process.

**Financial Impacts:** The final cost will not be known until the project is complete and the

final surveys determine how much sediment has been removed from the lake. This will determine the amount of extra tax to be levied against LRPD property owners. The extra levy will appear on the 2019 tax bills to be mailed out at the end of this year and will extend for 10 years. As described at the May 18<sup>th</sup> special meeting and posted on the LRPD web site, the maximum amount of the extra levy will be \$182 per year for 10 years for every \$100,000 of assessed value of both land and improvements.

Several variables may reduce the amount of the dredging levy, including not using the entire contingency fund and/or getting financial assistance from any of several sources being pursued. These include pending applications or requests for: a grant from the state waterways commission, reimbursement from FEMA, and assistance from state and county governments. Any such savings will be used to reduce the size of the extra levy rather than its duration.

**Questions:** For those who have questions, send them via email to: [lrpd.board@gmail.com](mailto:lrpd.board@gmail.com)  
We will do our best to provide a timely response, but depending upon the complexity of the question or the volume of inquiries received, it may take several days to receive a response.

**Postscript:** Finally, we want to emphasize that the 2019 dredging project is probably the largest and most complex undertaken by the LRPD in the 43 years of its existence. Despite years of planning and preparation there are likely to be bumps in the road ahead, especially as schedule changes occur. We ask for your patience and cooperation as we travel this road together and as we improve Lake Redstone for the 30, 40 or even 50 years that lie ahead.

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## Tentative Dredging Schedule

The following is the tentative dredging schedule. When a bay is being dredged, all docks, lifts, boats swim rafts, etc. will need to be removed to allow access to the bay. Please refer to the map below for your bay number. We will provide specific lot numbers for each bay at a later date.

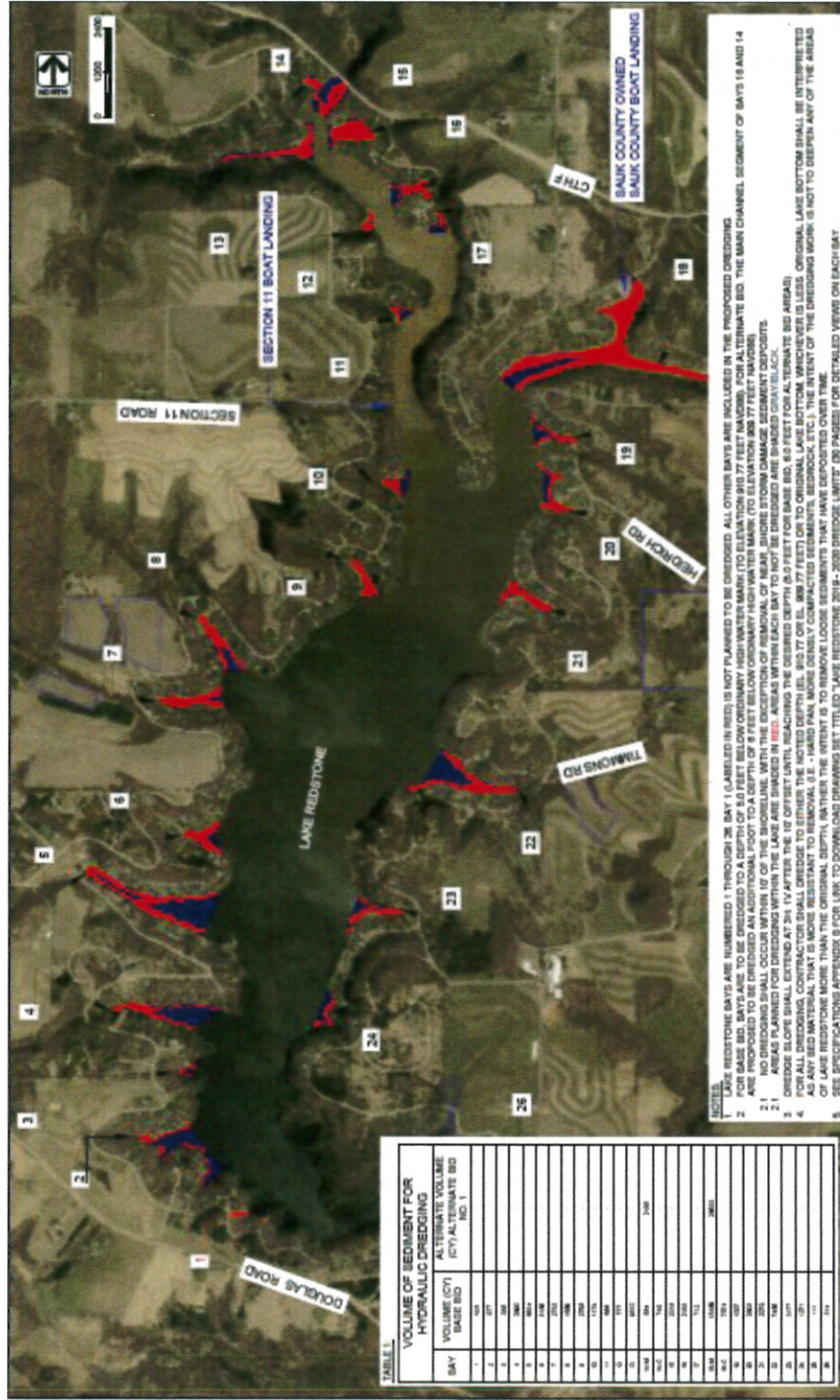
Bay	Name	Start		End	
5	Morning Dove - Main	Mon	7/8/2019	Fri	7/12/2019
4	Oriole	Mon	7/15/2019	Wed	7/17/2019
3	Sauk	Thu	7/18/2019	Thu	7/18/2019
2	Canary	Fri	7/19/2019	Fri	7/19/2019
26	Sac Court	Mon	7/22/2019	Mon	7/22/2019
25	Navaho	Tue	7/23/2019	Tue	7/23/2019
24	Raven	Wed	7/24/2019	Wed	7/24/2019
23	Cardinal	Thu	7/25/2019	Mon	7/29/2019
6	Morning Dove - Small	Tue	7/30/2019	Thu	8/1/2019
22	Eagle	Fri	8/2/2019	Thu	8/8/2019
7	Chickadee - south	Fri	8/9/2019	Tue	8/13/2019
8	Chickadee - north	Wed	8/14/2019	Thu	8/15/2019
9	Chippewa	Fri	8/16/2019	Tue	8/20/2019
21	Hummingbird	Wed	8/21/2019	Thu	8/22/2019
20	Arapaho	Fri	8/23/2019	Tue	8/27/2019
19	Tanager	Wed	8/28/2019	Wed	8/28/2019
18-C	Swallow	Thu	8/29/2019	Wed	9/4/2019
18-M	County Boat Landing	Thu	9/5/2019	Wed	9/18/2019
17	Mockingbird	Thu	9/19/2019	Thu	9/19/2019
16	Gull	Fri	9/20/2019	Mon	9/23/2019
15	Warbler	Tue	9/24/2019	Wed	9/25/2019
14-C	Killdeer	Thu	9/26/2019	Thu	9/26/2019
14-M	County F	Fri	9/27/2019	Fri	9/27/2019
13	Meadow Lark	Mon	9/30/2019	Tue	10/8/2019
12	Robin #1	Wed	10/9/2019	Wed	10/9/2019
11	Robin #2	Thu	10/10/2019	Thu	10/10/2019
10	Goldfinch	Fri	10/11/2019	Fri	10/11/2019



# Bay Number Map



# Dredge Area Map



Areas to be dredged are in red