

**PETITION REQUESTING THE ELK RIVER CITY COUNCIL TO FORM
AN ORONO LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Proposed Name: ORONO LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (Elk River, MN)

Necessity: The Orono Lake Improvement District (OLID) is needed to achieve an equitable and stable ongoing funding means to manage water quality, sedimentation, existing aquatic invasive species (AIS), nuisance weeds, algae, and to be positioned to cope with future AIS threats. The funds would complement City, County, State and Lake Association investments that alone are not sufficient due to the extensiveness of the concerns.

Specific Actions:

1. Restore Lake Orono by dredging approximately 130,000 cubic yards of sedimentation impairments and reuse the good soil. Further, establish a plan to maintain its sediment catch basin.
2. Expand Curly-leaf Pondweed remediation to all infested public and private areas lake-wide (approx. 85 acres).
3. Improve water clarity and quality in Upper and Lower Lake Orono by further pinpointing harm sources and implementing a reduction plan.
4. Manage fisheries, habitat and maintain or improve their quality.

Benefits: Property owners and all Elk River residents who use Lake Orono will enjoy a cleaner, clearer and safer-to-navigate lake that will provide better recreational opportunities and improve wildlife habitat. A managed lake will also maintain and improve property values as well as add to residents' enjoyment. It would also be an added way to be eligible for public grants.

Boundaries The proposed OLID would include all properties that abut Lake Orono.

Directors The OLID would have 5 directors. The initial directors would be appointed by the City of Elk River; thereafter they would be elected at an annual meeting of the property owners. It is requested that the City of Elk River provide administrative support and oversight for the OLID.

Request: Petitioners request the Elk River City Council to establish the Orono Lake Improvement District in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 103B.521 as proposed in this petition.

[Up to two owners of each property within the proposed Orono Lake Improvement District are eligible to sign this petition.]

The following persons signing this petition do hereby state that they are owners of real estate that abuts Lake Orono and agree with the request to form an Orono Lake Improvement District:

Signature	Printed Name	Address	Date
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