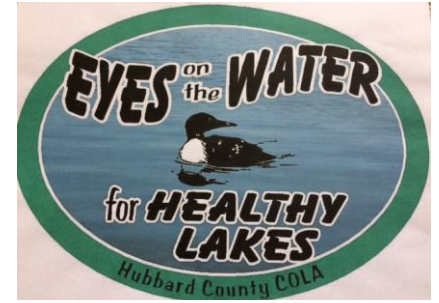
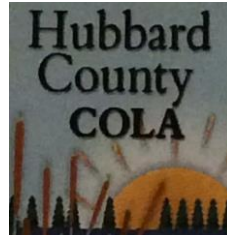


## Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) New Year Update For Your Lake Association

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019



### Girl Scout Troop #408 Working Toward Bronze Award & Helping Lakes!



*Pictured above is the Girl Scout Troop #408 who created 40 Zebra Mussel Settlement Samplers (ZMSS) in 2018 for adoption by Park Rapids Lakes Area Resorts, HC COLA members for their public accesses, and their own family or friends. Many completed the end-of-season survey too.*

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In January, 2019 Troop #408 plans to complete another 200 Zebra Mussel Settlement Samplers (ZMSS). They are about half done with this project as we write this newsletter. These ZMSS be distributed by HC COLA free of charge in 2019 along with instructions on hanging the ZMSS from the dock about a foot off the bottom of the lake and how to participate in the end-of-season "Eyes On The Water" Survey also.

Please email [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com) if you want to adopt a ZMSS for your dock with your contact information and Hubbard County lake. This early detection tool can be cleaned and reused from year to year. HC COLA's goal is to have enough of the lakeshore owners on a lake adopt so there is a monitoring "circle" around your lake. Early detection on a lake helps to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species through education and prevention techniques.

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest honor that a Girl Scout Junior can achieve. This Girl Scout 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grader "Take Action" project helps make a lasting impact on a girl scout's community & our lakes! We support them in their endeavor to achieve their Bronze Award!

**Chili Challenge is Wednesday, March 6, 2019! You Can Help the Hubbard County Food Shelf with HC COLA!**



*Pictured above are the 2018 HC COLA team members Sharon, Theora and Mike serving our HC COLA Chili at the Park Rapids American Legion. Our theme was "Just Chili-ing at the Lake" for 2018.*

**Help us think of a lakes-focused theme for the 2019 HC COLA Chili Challenge entry! We need to determine this theme in January for our Chili Challenge entry form. Please send your chili challenge theme suggestions to [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com) or use the form below. Your HC COLA team will dress the part to serve our chili!**

Please use the form below and send your checks now (date check for 3/1/19) to help HC COLA aid the Hubbard County Food Shelf. The need in Hubbard County is great as at least 40% of our county is food insecure; a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. This is an important **Fundraiser** for our Heartland Lakes area! In the past six years, HC COLA has raised \$14,749 for the Hubbard County Food Shelf by participating in the Chili Challenge for our lakes area community. If you are in town, please mark your calendar to come for lunch at the Park Rapids American Legion, 900 E 1<sup>st</sup> St, Park Rapids, MN for Chili Challenge Wed 3/6/19. Bring \$\$ for tastes & send your check now in case of another snow storm!

Enclosed is my support for the HC COLA Chili Challenge 2019 to benefit the Hubbard County Food Shelf, a 501c3. **Make your checks payable to: Hubbard County Food Shelf.** The Hubbard County Food Shelf will receive the checks from HC COLA as part of the Chili Challenge on 3/6/19 and they will provide you a receipt.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lake: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City / State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail form, theme, and check to: Theora Goodrich, 28933 State Highway 87, Nevis, MN 56467**

## Public Comment Opportunities – 3 opportunities below:

1) **Leech Lake River One Watershed One Plan** where **part of Hubbard County** is within this pristine area to be protected. Comment as a citizen on the vision for this Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan: woods, water, wildlife, and people in a healthy watershed & vibrant economy.

### **Leech Lake River One Watershed One Plan –includes part of Hubbard County**

**Public Comment Period** Open Now To January 14, 2019

Link's on Cass County's website: <http://www.co.cass.mn.us/llr1w1p/index.php>

**Email Your Public Comments by 1/14/19 to:** [kelly.condiff@co.cass.mn.us](mailto:kelly.condiff@co.cass.mn.us)

Recent article – still important to comment – HC SWCD & HC COLA participated in plan too:

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/news/government-and-politics/4547469-county-backs-out-watershed-protection-plan>

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Leech Lake River (LLR) Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) was developed in accordance with the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) program implemented by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). The four local governments that entered into the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to develop the LLR CWMP were Cass County, Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Hubbard County, and the Hubbard County SWCD. A representative from each MOA governmental unit was appointed to the Policy Committee, which is the decision-making authority for this planning effort. Staff from the Cass and Hubbard County SWCDs led the planning effort. Citizens and representatives from local non-profit organizations, lake associations, cities, townships, state agencies, and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) were highly involved. These partners developed and approved the following vision for this CWMP: Woods, water, wildlife, and people: a healthy watershed and a vibrant economy. This vision is the foundation from which the plan was developed and will be a cornerstone when implementing the prescriptions for protecting this pristine watershed throughout the life of this plan.

The LLR Watershed is approximately 854,659 acres and healthy forests cover approximately 60 percent of the watershed's area. These forests are critical in supporting the nearly 166,374 acres (nearly 259 square miles) of lakes and 277 miles of streams in the LLR Watershed. The pristine nature of the LLR Watershed is demonstrated by the following:

- » 61 lakes in the LLR Watershed are classified as biologically significant.
- » 12 coldwater tullibee lakes are located in the LLR Watershed.
- » Over 50 percent of the watershed is designated as important bird areas.
- » The LLR Watershed contains the largest number of breeding pairs of eagles in the continental United States.
- » The LLR Watershed supports 89 species of greatest conservation need.
- » Wild rice (*Zizania palustris*) has been found in 67 lakes and 5 streams.

## 2) U. S. Army Corp of Engineers Enbridge Line 3 includes part of Hubbard County

Public Comment Period Open Now To January 21, 2019

Link to U.S. Army Corp of Engineers site: [https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Enbridge\\_Line3/](https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Enbridge_Line3/)

**Email Your Public Comments by 1/21/19 to: [CEMVP-L3R-PN-Comments@usace.army.mil](mailto:CEMVP-L3R-PN-Comments@usace.army.mil)**

Enbridge Inc. has submitted a permit application for activities affecting water resources associated with the proposed construction of the Line 3 replacement crude oil pipeline across Minnesota, and a nearly one-mile segment in North Dakota. The Corps of Engineers is evaluating the application for (1) construction-related impacts to wetlands, specifically the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S.; (2) work in, over or under navigable waters; and (3) crossings of federal projects.

(More on regulatory authority at the bottom of this page).

(1) Construction of the pipeline would temporarily impact more than 1,000 acres of wetlands, and permanently impact 10 acres; if authorized Enbridge would restore all temporarily-affected wetlands to pre-construction conditions and mitigate for permanent impacts

(2) The project proposes crossing 211 water bodies, three of which are considered navigable waters

(3) There is a single request to alter the Lost River Flood Control Project, a channel clearing and snagging project, located in Red Lake County, Minnesota

### **Recent Article - State Commerce Department Asks Appeals Court to Block Enbridge Pipeline:**

<http://www.startribune.com/state-commerce-department-asks-appeals-court-to-block-enbridge-pipeline/503335891/>

## 3) Hubbard County Shoreland Management Ordinance Considerations – On a Monthly Basis, the Hubbard County Planning Commission & the Board of Adjustments Meets on applications:

[http://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/departments/environmental\\_services/planning\\_commission\\_board\\_of\\_adjustment.php](http://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/planning_commission_board_of_adjustment.php)

Written Comments by the public for the Planning Commission & BOA to consider for Mtg Mon Jan 28, 2019 are due before 4:30 PM, Wed 1/23/19. The 1/28/19 agenda is expected to include Planning Commission to work on further evaluation of Shoreland Management Ordinance amendment application / Outdoor Recreational Facilities.

Background – also see Section 401 & 402 Special Provisions in the [Shoreland Management Ordinance No 17:](#)

At the Nov Planning/BOA 11/26/18 meeting, there was a motion made regarding Section 401 and adding Outdoor Recreational Facilities instead of just aerial adventures amendment to Shoreline Ordinance. It went to the County Commissioners as a recommendation and now will come back to Planning Commission for more work based on the Cty Commissioner Dec 5th meeting. Nov 11/26/18 minutes from Planning Commission meeting include: <http://cms6.revize.com/revize/hubbardcounty/November%202018%20PCBOA%20Meeting%20Minutes.pdf>

VanKempen made a motion to forward to the Hubbard County Board of Commissioners a recommendation that we amend the Shoreland Management Ordinance Section 401 for uses to look at adding a use under the possible heading of “outdoor recreational facilities” that may include rope courses, swimming pools, disk golf, paintball facilities, sports fields, mini golf, golf courses, etc. as a conditional use on recreational development lakes. Petersen seconded the motion that passed 3-0.

Hubbard County Commissioner meeting minutes 12-5-18 include:

[http://cms6.revize.com/revize/hubbardcounty/government/board\\_of\\_commissioners/Board%20Meeting%20Archives/2018/120518/120518%20BDBK%20Mtg.pdf](http://cms6.revize.com/revize/hubbardcounty/government/board_of_commissioners/Board%20Meeting%20Archives/2018/120518/120518%20BDBK%20Mtg.pdf)

On motion of Ms. Christenson, seconded by Mr. Massie and carried unanimously, the Board approved a Planning Commission recommendation to proceed with further evaluation of a Shoreland Maintenance Ordinance amendment application, as recommended by the Environmental Services Director.