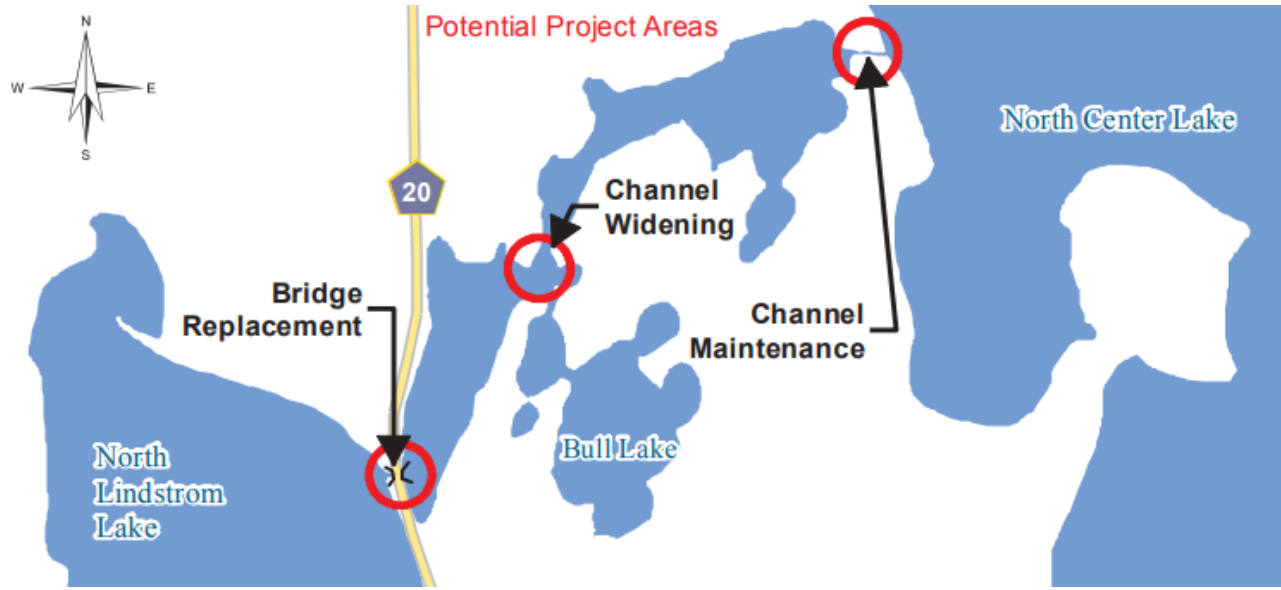


North Center to North Lindstrom Channel Maintenance



The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District has established a sub-committee to investigate potential channel improvement options.

CHANNEL

No dredging will occur as part of this potential maintenance project.

Small stretches of the channel may be widened to improve navigation during times of high water. This includes the area of the channel adjacent to North Center Lake and a portion of the channel approximately halfway between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes.

The remaining areas of the channel will remain unchanged.

The channel between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes is permanent slow no wake.

BULL LAKE

The channel area to Bull Lake and Bull Lake itself will remain unchanged. Those areas are outside the scope of any potential maintenance project and will not be impacted.

Bull Lake is non-motorized.

LAKE LEVELS

There will be no significant change to lake levels as a result of this potential maintenance project.

During times of high water boats have navigated through the channel.

Historically, approximately 40% of the time, water levels are high enough for boat and pontoon navigation between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes. During times of lower water levels, canoeists and kayakers can paddle through the channel.

WATER QUALITY

This potential maintenance project will not significantly lower the water quality of North & South Lindstrom and Chisago Lakes.

When lake levels are high enough water has flown between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes.

The water quality of North Lindstrom Lake is typically higher than the water quality of North Center Lake.

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District regularly monitors water quality of area lakes – including North Lindstrom and North Center Lakes. In 2018, the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District has begun monitoring water quality in the channel.

COUNTY ROAD 20 BRIDGE

The new County Road 20 Bridge will be high enough to allow passage of pontoon boats with the canopy down during times of high water. The bottom of the bridge is 6 ½ feet above the ordinary high water level.

The new Bridge will be complete during summer 2018.

PROJECT COST

The goal is to minimize potential maintenance project costs while providing maximum benefit to the Chisago Lakes community.

The actual cost of a potential maintenance project has not yet been determined.

PERMITTING

An Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be completed prior to the beginning of this potential maintenance project. The worksheet will inform the public about the potential maintenance project and help identify ways to protect the environment including evaluating impacts to water levels, wetlands and water quality.

Any potential maintenance project will require a Public Waters Work permit from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

MUCH MORE INFORMATION ON THE NORTH CENTER TO NORTH LINDSTROM CHANNEL, LAKE LEVELS, WATER QUALITY, AND OTHER CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CAN BE FOUND AT:

<https://mn-chisagocounty.civicplus.com/300/Lake-Improvement-District>