



Environmental Connections

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50 YEARS EARTH DAY 2020

Earth Day Birthday: 50 Years and Going Strong!

The crisp, fresh air and cool, clean water we enjoy today looked quite different 50 years ago. Back then, smog hung thick and heavy in large cities, oil spills were a common occurrence in the oceans, pesticides like DDT were widely used on food crops, and rivers were so polluted that some caught fire – on more than one occasion!

Americans eventually realized this behavior would lead to an unsustainable lifestyle. Our country needed a course correction. Rachel Carson's 1962 New York Times best seller, *Silent Spring*, played a huge role in raising that awareness. Senator Gaylord Nelson, a Clear Lake, Wisconsin native and conservationist, was instrumental in organizing the first earth day as a teach-in to gain support for the event from everyday people (see addendum on back page 8). In 1970, a New York Times ad boldly proclaimed this turning point: **"On April 22 we start to reclaim the environment we have wrecked"** and from this understanding the first Earth Day was born.

On April 22, 1970, 20-million Americans – a whopping 10% of the United States population at that time, protested the environmental degradation that was occurring. Their goal was to shed light on environmental ignorance and forge a new path for the health of the planet.

The results of this massive effort included such legislation as the Clean Air Act (1970), the Clean Water Act (1972), and the Endangered Species Act (1973), as well as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Fast forward to this year: **2020 marks the 50th Anniversary of the first Earth Day.** It is recognized as the largest secular observance in the world, celebrated by more than one BILLION people. This year's theme is Climate Action.

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Waste Reduction Tip: Reusable pods for your single serve Keurig style coffee maker

When buying products, remember to **REDUCE** and **REUSE**, not just Recycle.



Many of us have single serve Keurig style coffee makers, they are quick and convenient, but also expensive and not eco-friendly.

Annually, billions of plastic K-Cups are sold on the planet, enough to wrap around the earth numerous times. How can you help minimize this? Think about what you buy and **REDUCE** your purchases of single use plastics. Start by buying a **reusable K-Cup filter**, there are many options available on the Internet.

While many are still plastic, **reusable K-Cups** will reduce the single use plastic waste going into our landfill in Mora, MN. They are an easy and effective way to reduce your waste footprint, and just one way you can make a difference on the 50th anniversary of earth day. So grab a **reusable k-cup**, choose your grind and your favorite bean, and enjoy a great cup of coffee you can feel good about!



Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

39649 Grand Avenue, North Branch
651-213-8920 | www.chisagocounty.us

WASTE COLLECTION HOURS:

Every Non-holiday Monday Noon-7:00 PM
Last Saturday of the Month 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

- Residents can drop off unwanted household chemicals and paint free of charge!
- Small Business Hazardous Waste Services available, call for information and appointment.
- FREE home improvement products available on the reuse shelves.

Waste Wizard Searchable Database:

An easier way to access waste disposal and recycling information is coming to the county website. The **WASTE WIZARD** will make searching for this information a lot easier. Watch the website for the grand opening:
<https://www.chisagocounty.us/384/waste-disposal-recycling>

Don't "Wish-Cycle"

Please be careful about what you put in your recycle bin – **DON'T "WISH-CYCLE"** Check with your hauler or call the Chisago County Solid Waste Administrator at 651-213-8923 if you have questions.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. STOP "Wish-Cycling" - **when in doubt throw it out!**
2. **Never bag your recyclables!** Always place loose in your recycle bin.
3. Take control over what you and your family purchase and ultimately toss into the recycle bin.
4. Only recycle what you know is clean and recyclable.
5. Encourage the use of recycled materials, buy post-consumer recycled materials - avoid single use plastics.

YES – ALWAYS IN THE RECYCLE BIN:

Must be loose in cart. **NEVER PUT RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS!**

- Paper: Cardboard, Cartons (food & beverage) Junk Mail (no unusual items included), Newspaper (unwaxed), Office Paper, Paper, Paperboard (unwaxed)
- Aluminum: Beverage Containers, Clean Foil, Pie Tins & Cookware
- Tin/Metal Food Cans
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Plastic Labeled #1 thru #5 Bottles & Containers; SRC Custom Only #1 and #2 Plastics

NO – NEVER IN THE RECYCLE BIN:

When in doubt throw it out!

- Batteries
- Diapers
- Electronics
- Foam or Styrofoam: Cups, Plates, Containers
- Food (compost instead)
- Glass-type Materials: Dishes, Mirrors, Window Glass, Heat Treated Glass or Ceramic Cooking Containers
- Light Bulbs
- Metals: Aerosol Cans, Blades or Sharp Metal Objects, Propane Tanks of any size, Scrap Metal
- Needles/Sharps
- Paper-type Materials: Egg Cartons, Paper Cups, Plates, Napkins or Towels
- Plastics: #6 & #7, Bags & Films, Toys & other molded plastic(s)
- Shredded Paper
- Tanglers: Wire, Chains, Ropes, Cords, Hoses, etc.
- Textiles & Clothing (unless using SRC – must be packed separately)
- Wood Scraps

Rain Barrel and Composter Truckload Sale!

Archeological evidence suggests that rainwater was being collected for use as early as 3,000 B.C. in parts of India and the Middle East. The practice of rainwater harvesting still exists today, and is gaining in popularity as we face water challenges around the country.

DID YOU KNOW... rain barrels can be a great emergency source of water for rural homeowners. Rain water can even be used to flush the toilet during a power outage! Get set up to capture your own rain water by ordering one (or several) 45 gallon rain barrels, designed specifically for easy collection of rainwater from downspouts. Each barrel has a hose at the bottom of the barrel for easy access to use the stored water. Rain barrels are \$79 +tax.

While you're at it, pick up a compost bin too! Composting is a great way to reduce the amount of garbage your household produces by up to 30% and makes free fertilizer for your garden! The compost bin comes with a 10-year warranty and is made from recycled content. Compost bins are \$66 +tax **BUT Chisago County residents get a \$7 discount when using code: chisago20** for a sale price of \$59! (discount applies to compost bins only)



- **Rain barrels and composters go on sale March 1st and must be pre-ordered online**
- **Order at:** <http://recycleminnesota.org/work/compost-bins-rain-barrels>
- **Orders must tentatively be picked up on May 16th from 9-11 am at Chisago County Public Works (31325 Oasis Ave, Center City)**
- * Go online to check for updates on pickup date due to Covid-19 pandemic conditions

Sale is hosted through the Chisago County Environmental Services/Zoning and Parks Department and the Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District.

Call Lisa Thibodeau (Chisago County) at **651-213-8923** or Jacquelynn Kelzenberg (Chisago SWCD) at **651-674-2333** with questions, or contact the Recycling Association of Minnesota directly at **651-641-4589**.

(Earth Day Birthday continued from front page)

Currently Sea levels are rising as polar ice melts, weather patterns are changing and becoming more erratic, and plant & animal species are having trouble adapting to the unfamiliar environment they find themselves in today.

"Scientific evidence for warming of the climate system is unequivocal."

– Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

As the world continues to study the contributors to climate change, the fact remains that the burning of fossil fuels creates massive amounts of air pollution, contributing to illnesses worldwide. *Earth Day is a global reminder that it makes sense to come up with the next generation of clean, sustainable energy resources before it becomes both an energy crisis and a public health crisis.*

What can one person do to help the planet? Here are some suggestions:

- Educate yourself on environmental issues
- Volunteer for a community cleanup
- Share resources: carpool, borrow not buy, use the library or download e-books
- Work toward renewable energy solutions, purchase hybrid or electric vehicles, upgrade appliances/heating/cooling systems for efficiency
- Eat more plant-based meals, shop locally, grow your own food
- Minimize single-use plastics, carry reusable utensils to eliminate plastic when eating out, use reusable shopping bags and water bottles
- Be selective on pesticide use, look for safer alternatives – or skip them altogether

For more information and resources on how to get involved, visit: Earthday.org or Climate.nasa.gov or Northwoodsandwaterslynx.org

2020 Chisago County Residential Recycling Program for Appliances, Electronics, Mattresses, & Tires

AAA Recycling
651-238-022
www.aaagreenrecycling.com
Pick-up only, call to schedule

ECSWC*
763-689-4056
www.ecswc.cog.mn.us
Cambridge Transfer Station
4914 Hwy 95 NE
Cambridge

Evergreen Recycling
320-358-3988
53465 Forest Blvd.
Rush City

North Metro Recycling
651-257-6709
www.northmetrorecycling.com
10985 Lake Blvd.
Chisago City

Recycling for Wildlife - (RFW)
651-304-7312
43239 Forest Blvd.
Harris

SRC, Inc.
651-462-5298
www.mytrashservice.com
6320 East Viking Blvd.
Wyoming

Steel Chick Recycling
651-269-6412
www.steelchick.com
Pick-up only, call to schedule

Supported by Chisago County Solid Waste Management Fund. For more information, see "Waste Disposal & Recycling" at www.chisagocounty.us

\$5 OFF RECYCLING

Appliances, Monitors, TVs and Mattresses

Chisago County pays part of the cost to make recycling affordable. Commercial and business items excluded from program.

At AAA, Evergreen, North Metro, RFW, SRC, or Steel Chick

*Discount not available at ECSWC.

Limit one coupon per household, expires 12/31/20

Rusty Patched Bumble Bees

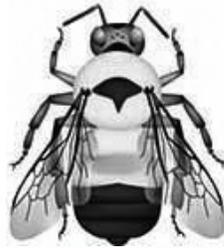
The rusty patched bumble bee lives in colonies of one queen and the female workers she rears. The queen is the largest bee in the colony, and workers are the smallest. Workers and males are the ones who have the identifying rusty reddish patch on the center of their backs.

The rusty patched bumble bee queen emerges from hibernation early in the spring (April) and is one of the last species to go back into hibernation (September). The bumble bees need a variety of pollen and nectar producing plants and flowers throughout the entire growing season. Habitat suited for the rusty patched bumble bee also benefit a wide range of other pollinator insects and birds.

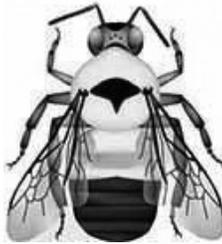
The rusty patched bumble bee population has declined 87% in the last 20 years due to habitat fragmentation and degradation, climate change, disease, pesticides, and intensive farming. This rate and severity of population loss is why this bee has found itself on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered species list since 2017.



Queen



Worker



Male

Illustrations of a rusty patched bumble bee by Elaine Evans, The Xerces Society.

Lawns to Legumes Grant

In 2019, the rusty patched bumble bee was named the Minnesota State Bee in order to bring awareness to this endangered species and their habitat. The Board of Water and Soil Resources, in partnership with Blue Thumb, obtained state funding to establish rusty patched bumble bee habitats on residential properties. The program is called **Lawns to Legumes**. Through the program residents can receive up to **\$350** for installing bee lawns, flowering trees and shrubs, pollinator meadows, and smaller pocket plantings. To apply for funding go to www.bluethumb.org

Through this grant, Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District will be working with residents in the Chisago Lakes Watershed and Taylors Falls area, to install rusty patched bumble bee habitat in order to create demonstration neighborhoods.

Landowners, large and small, can help by installing pollen and nectar producing plants on your property that provide food throughout the entire growing season. Some of the Bee's favorite plants include: Shooting Star, White and Purple Prairie Clover, Coneflowers, Gentian, Goldenrod, Aster, and Leadplant. Flowering trees and shrubs are also critical food sources as they bloom in very early spring. For more information on the rusty patched bumble bee, their habitat, and the role they play in our ecosystem, go to: <https://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/insects/rpbb/>

For more information on the Lawns to Legumes program call Jacquelynn Kelzenberg at **651-674-2333**.



White Clover



2020 Septic Funds Now Available!

For the past 16 years Chisago County has received over \$340,000 in grant funding to help County residents with the installation or repair of their onsite septic systems. Grants are given on a first come basis, and will be awarded up to \$5,000 for each septic system repair, upgrade or replacement. A family of four can make up to \$64,500 and still qualify.

Chisago County also has loans available for property owners who are having problems obtaining funding. There are no income qualifications for a loan but you must show two denied attempts at financing from recognized financial institutions. The loan can fund the entire septic project from design, to installation. The County has over \$207,000 available for the loan program. As of January 1st the interest rate was 2.375% for a 10 year loan. All loans are paid back through your tax assessment each year, half (1/2) due in May and half (1/2) due in November.

Both programs require your septic system to be failing or noncompliant in order to obtain funding. Funds cannot be used for new home septic systems.

For more information contact Kellie Strobel, Chisago County Sanitarian at **651-213-8373** or kellie.strobel@chisagocounty.us.

Spring 2020 Lake Levels

Last spring, many lakes in the Chisago Lakes area rose to some of the highest levels in the past 15 years. Was this an unusual event, and what might we expect this coming spring?

Chisago Lakes – Lake Improvement District (fig. 1, back cover)

The Chisago County Board of Commissioners first established the Chisago Lakes – Lake Improvement District (LID) in 1976 and then reactivated it in 1984 due to high water levels. During those years, many lakeshore properties experienced flooding.

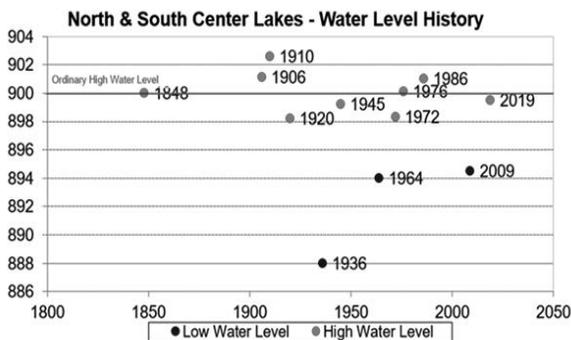
The first major project the LID undertook in 1986 was to install a system of channels & weirs with the purpose of lowering water levels during times of high water. A weir is a water control structure, which allows water to flow in specific conditions. A weir can be compared to a large faucet or a dam. While weirs cannot prevent flooding, they significantly lower the risk. Specific water-level trigger-points determine when the weirs are opened and closed. During times of low water levels, water does not flow through the system. The channel and weirs are inspected regularly to ensure proper functioning.

Water flows through the weirs from lake to lake within the Chisago Lakes Chain from the east to the west. Eventually, all water flows through Bloomquist Creek into the Sunrise River and then north into the St. Croix River.

More information on the channel & weir system can be found at: <https://www.chisagocounty.us/308/Channel-Weir-System>

North & South Center Lakes (fig. 2, back cover)

Lake level information is essential when managing the channel & weir system. At the end of each year, lake level readings are summarized in a chart. The example (fig. 2, back cover) shows the 2019 lake level readings for North & South Center Lakes. Each lake has an Ordinary High Water Level (OHW) established by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The OHW is the point at which aquatic vegetation generally changes to terrestrial vegetation. The OHW for North & South Center Lakes is 900.20 feet above sea level. Additional lake level data for many lakes in Chisago County can be found at: <https://www.chisagocounty.us/347/Lake-Levels>



Lake level readings have been collected for a number of years. There are readings from as far back as 1848. The table on the left summarizes the readings for North & South Center Lakes over the years. While 2019 water levels were high compared to the past decade, they were not historically high water levels. There were several years when water levels were higher.

The highest recorded water level for North & South Center Lakes was 902.6 in 1910. This is 2.4 feet above OHW and 3.01 feet above the highest 2019 reading.

The lowest recorded water level for North & South Center Lakes 888.0 in 1936. This was 14.6 feet lower than the 1910 reading. The main take away from this is water levels fluctuate – a lot, from year to year.

Chisago County Lakes

Typically, spring lake levels go up because of winter snow melt and spring rains. While difficult to predict, it is anticipated that Chisago County lakes and rivers will be high again in 2020. There are many factors that influence lake levels such as:

- Slow snow melt evaporates and infiltrates water resulting in less of a rise
- Large rain event on top of snowmelt can result in higher levels, as rain cannot infiltrate the soil
- Local groundwater trends can have an influence

Ways to Prevent Damage to your Shoreline from High Lake Levels

If you live on shoreland property that is in a low lying area, is exposed to wave and ice action, or has a steep slope, it is best to take extra steps to protect your property from erosion and to keep soil from running off into the lake or river that you enjoy.

The single most important thing that you can do is maintain and/or restore the natural vegetation along your shoreline.

Natural vegetation:

- Holds soil in place protecting shorelines from increasingly intensive rain events and rising lake levels
- Slows runoff and stores moisture
- Filters out nutrients, which along with rising lake temperatures, accelerates algae blooms
- Provides habitat so species can survive in a changing climate
- Increases property values by keeping lakes clean

For more information on how to protect your shoreline, please visit <https://extension.umn.edu/water-resources/shoreland-property-owners#recreation-and-other-land-use-1904264> and https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/shoreland/property-owners.html.

Before completing a project along your shoreline, make sure to check with the MN Department of Natural Resources for information on required permits and your City or the Chisago County permitting and zoning authority to see if ordinance regulations apply.

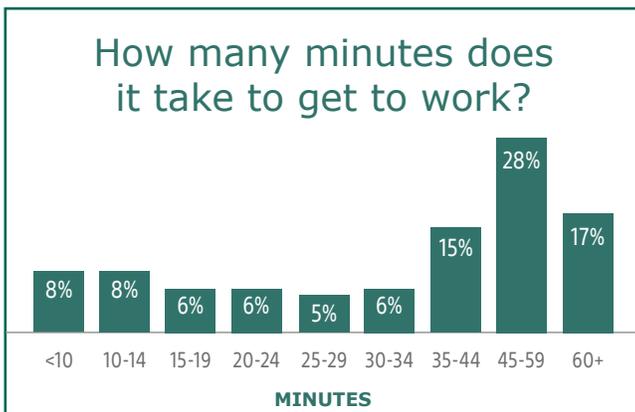
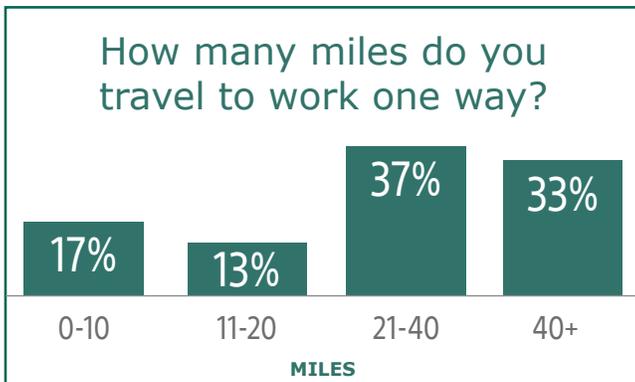
The Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) also provides technical assistance for shoreline restoration design and landscaping. Funds may be available to assist with restoring or protecting your shoreline. Please contact the SWCD office at **651-674-2333** or visit <https://chisagoswcd.org/> for more information.

Commuter Survey Snapshot

Thank you to those that completed the Chisago County Commuter survey last fall! The information you provided is valuable and gave us insight to where residents are working, what your occupations are, and why you commute. This information will be used to promote the county to new and existing businesses, but more importantly the survey helped identify an already present workforce here in Chisago County.



The following charts show Chisago County residents are spending a substantial amount of time and fuel getting to work.



There were 584 households that responded on behalf of 1,180 residents. Here are some highlights:

78% reported that they work outside of the home. Of those not working outside the home: 52% are retired, 17% are stay-at-home parents and 15% have a home based business. We know some retirees would like to work but are not, and some parents are not working due to lack of day care services. These residents may be an untapped labor force.

The majority, 65% are commuters and commute 5 days a week. Others do not commute daily because: 33% work part time, 27.4% telecommute, 10% travel to different locations and 9% are self-employed. Telecommuting opportunities to work from home are becoming more readily available. This is one reason why the Chisago County HRA-EDA has been working with townships and cities by advocating to bring faster, more reliable Internet services to the county.

When asked why people travel more than 20 minutes to work, 52% said it was for higher wages. 30% said they were not able to find a similar job closer to home. It is often difficult for rural businesses to compete with the higher wages and variety of businesses in the metro. This is an area Chisago County HRA-EDA will delve into further to understand what industries are paying and who could possibly bring forward competitive wages.

The top occupations that people commute for include: Business and Financial Operations; Management; Construction and Extraction; Health Care; and Education, Training and Library. The top four industries are Healthcare, Manufacturing, Education, and Transportation.

The Chisago County HRA-EDA is working with the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development to analyze the survey results.

These results will help promote the county and furnish helpful data to existing businesses in an effort to aid them with future workforce decisions.

To encourage residents to complete the survey, there was a drawing for \$100 gas cards.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following winners of the gift cards:

- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| Taylor Belisle | Curt Rivard |
| Jessica Blomberg | Justin Richert |
| Crystal De Kam | Chris Schramm |
| Lacey Passer | Tess Wang |
| Michael Pickens | Jeanne Witte |

To contact the Chisago County HRA-EDA about this and other Economic Development Resources go to chisagocounty.org or call **651-674-5664**.

Business/Education Spotlight: Local Grad Makes Good in Renewable Energy Industry



Karl Lutz, a 2019 graduate of Chisago Lakes High School, and resident of rural Shafer Township, grew up working on tractors and enjoying the outdoors. Many high school graduates go the college route, but Karl took a road less traveled, and he is now making a good living as a member of the Local #548, the Independent Millwright Contractors union <http://www.millwrightsmn.com/pages/local548.html>.

In high school, Karl had an after school job working on car-show autos. One day some workers showed up to install a press-break (used to bend sheet metal). Interested in learning more, he asked questions on who they were and what they did. They explained they were industrial mechanics, and worked on equipment and jobs all over the place. Immediately Karl knew he was hooked. He applied and joined the union while still in high school. Following graduation, he found himself in a 4-year apprenticeship with on-the job and classroom training to certify him in skill areas such as tools and welding. Upon completion of his apprenticeship, he will progress to journeyman.



Karl is now working for Mortenson, the company headquartered out of Minneapolis that built U.S. Bank Stadium where the MN Vikings play. He is part of a crew installing fields of Vestas wind turbines out in western MN. The cutting edge Vestas towers are 528 feet tall and have three 240 foot long blades. A ground crew digs a 20 foot deep foundation hole and lays a perfectly level concrete pad with a rebar cage. Then Karl's team of three millwrights and a couple of iron workers, assemble the tower on the pad. It takes six hours from start to finish for one tower, and a typical field installation is 100 towers.

Karl starts out the day on site by getting his tools and supplies together, including the 35 lb. bolts that hold the towers together. The tools are hoisted up by a winch, but not the millwrights - they have to climb the towers as they build them!

The base is the most critical part, and Karl shims it up to be perfectly level. Once the base is set, they use a crane to hoist the tower up in sections. Karl lines each section up and "torques out" the bolts, essentially building the tower skyward. Once at the top, the crane lifts the huge wind generator in place, and they hook up the hydraulics and build the housing. The most challenging part of the operation is installing the 240 foot blades, which are hoisted up by crane, and as the jargon goes "stabbed" into the housing. For this part of the operation, Karl is suspended in a harness - hanging over the front of the turbine some 500 feet up in the air with nothing below, getting the blades to fit and locking them in. Karl said he was queasy the first couple of times he did it, but now it doesn't bother him.

Once built, the towers are on their own. Each have auto greasing mechanisms, and electronics on top that align them into the wind and regulate the speed. They are serviced by turbine technicians, and will need a "re-power" or re-build about every ten years.

Asked about environmental problems such as killing birds, Karl says they do shut the fields down if there is a migrating flock of birds coming through. The Audubon Society reports that wind turbines do kill birds, and note the best approach is to not build sites in bird migration pathways or near wetlands <https://www.audubon.org/news/will-wind-turbines-ever-be-safe-birds>.

Karl says the best part of the job is meeting new people, and telling them what a millwright does!

In Chisago County, people have become accustomed to seeing solar panel installations at local houses and farms, but we are not as familiar with wind energy. The County is right at the divide of the northeastern boreal and the central eastern deciduous forests. Consequently the wind doesn't blow quite as hard here in the forest as it does out on the treeless prairie of western Minnesota (MN).

MN ranks in the top 10 in the nation for generation of wind energy. Locally within the state, wind energy produces 17.42% of MN's total power generation, and solar produces 1.69%. Wind is a clean-energy source, and there is job growth in the sector due to actions such as Xcel Energy, the state's largest utility, committing to using more renewable energy and going carbon free by 2050.

If you are interested in installing wind energy here in Chisago County, you must first obtain a Conditional Use Permit, and adhere to Section 7.30 of the Zoning Ordinance which covers Wind Power Management. The total height (including the blades) cannot be more than 199 feet.

For more information contact Jessica Jagoe at Jessica.Jagoe@chisagocounty.us.

<https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/your-home/energy-info/wind/>

<https://windexchange.energy.gov/states/mn>

https://www.xcelenergy.com/carbon_free_2050



(addendum from front page)



Earth Day Founder: Gaylord Nelson

About 30 miles southeast of Chisago County is a rural Wisconsin town called Clear Lake with a population hovering around 1,000 people. It may be small in size, but

treasures a large chunk of history. The Founder of Earth Day, Gaylord Nelson was born and raised in Clear Lake. His love and appreciation for the environment came from spending time outdoors.

A perfect "road trip" opportunity is just beyond our county/state border. The town's museum has a collection of memorabilia from Gaylord Nelson along with Burleigh Grimes, the famous spitball pitcher and member of the Baseball Hall of Fame. The museum is open Memorial Day through Labor Day and tours offered by appointment. Who knew these legends were so close to Chisago County!

<https://clearlakewi.com/business/clear-lake-historical-museum-inc>

Unwanted Medicine Disposal Program offers 2 *NEW* Locations



County Residents May Drop Off:

- Over-the-Counter Drugs
- Prescription Drugs
- Animal Drugs
- **NO SHARPS! (Dispose at HHW, 39649 Grand, North Branch)**

Drop Boxes Located At Chisago County Sheriff's Offices:

15230 Per Rd., Center City
325 S. Eliot, Rush City

Local Police Departments:

NEW 13292 Sylvan Avenue, Lindstrom

NEW 7665 Wyoming Trail, Wyoming

6408 Elm Street, North Branch

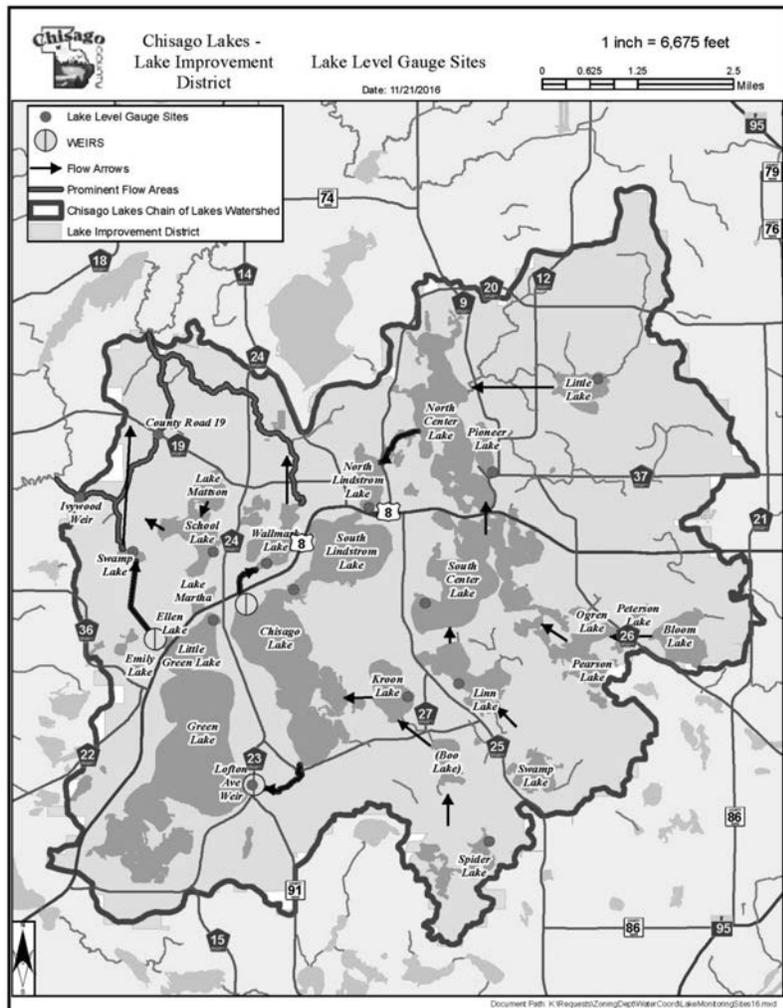
Hours & Information:

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday
Anonymous and confidential.

General Questions: 651-213-8920 #5

Chisago County Deputy: 651-257-4100

Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (fig. 1 from page 5)



2019 North & South Center Lake Levels (fig. 2 from page 5)

