

North Center North Lindstrom Channel Restoration Survey

The Chisago County Board of Commissioners has established a Task Force with the purpose of reviewing possible options for re-establishing a navigable channel between North Center Lake and North Lindstrom Lake. The Task Force will make a recommendation to the County Board.

The Task Force is considering various channel options, including undertaking no action. As part of this process, the Task Force wants to gain a sense of community opinion and hear your thoughts on establishing a navigable channel. As such, the Task Force invites you to take the following survey.

Please complete only one survey per person, and THANKS FOR YOUR HELP AND INPUT!

BACKGROUND:

Historically, at times, up to six lakes in southern Chisago County (Chisago, South Lindstrom, North Lindstrom, Bull, North Center, and South Center) were connected as one lake. Swedish settlers called it Big Lake. Native Americans called it KiChiSaga which means fair and lovely waters. Over time, through natural changes in weather and environment, development of roads and railways, and other factors, the lakes were disconnected to form the lakes as they are known today. Recently, new bridges for Highway 8 have improved the navigational connections between North and South Center Lakes, and improved the connections between North and South Lindstrom Lakes. Reestablishing a navigable channel would create the second longest navigable lake system in the Twin Cities metro area.

1. Are you a lakefront property owner?

- Yes No

2. Which area lake do you live on or associate with most directly?

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| <input type="radio"/> Bloom | <input type="radio"/> Little Green | <input type="radio"/> South Center |
| <input type="radio"/> Chisago | <input type="radio"/> Mattson | <input type="radio"/> South Lindstrom |
| <input type="radio"/> Emily | <input type="radio"/> North Center | <input type="radio"/> Spider |
| <input type="radio"/> Green | <input type="radio"/> North Lindstrom | <input type="radio"/> Sunrise |
| <input type="radio"/> Kroon | <input type="radio"/> Ogren | <input type="radio"/> Swamp |
| <input type="radio"/> Linn | <input type="radio"/> Pioneer | <input type="radio"/> Wallmark |
| <input type="radio"/> Little | <input type="radio"/> School | <input type="radio"/> None |

3. What do you enjoy most about the Chisago Lakes area lake you live on or associate with most directly? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic value |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Water sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Value/Investment | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of life | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter sports |

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4. Are you affiliated with any of the following organizations? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Center Lakes Association | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Lindstrom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Improvement District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chisago Lakes Township | <input type="checkbox"/> Lindstrom Parks Department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chisago Lindstrom Lakes Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable - Other |

5. On a scale of 1 - 5 what is your opinion on improving boat navigation between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes?

- 1 - strongly support 2 - moderately support 3 - neutral 4 - moderately oppose 5 - strongly oppose

6. If you support improved navigation in question 5, what are the primary reason(s) for improving the channel for navigation?

7. If you oppose improved navigation in question 5, what are the primary reason(s) for not improving the channel for navigation?

8. If a channel improvement is pursued, which of the following channel navigation options would you prefer?

- Accommodate Small boats
- Accommodate Small boats and mid-sized recreational "runabout" boats
- Accommodate Small boats, mid-sized recreational "runabout" boats, and pontoon boats with canopies down
- Accommodate Small boats, mid-sized recreational "runabout" boats, and pontoon boats with canopy tops fully extended
- I do not support channel improvements, leave the channel "as-is"

9. On a scale of 1 - 5 what is your opinion regarding the expanded use of local tax dollars to accommodate boat navigation as part of the planned reconstruction of the County Road 20 bridge between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes?

- 1 - strongly support 2 - moderately support 3 - neutral 4 - moderately oppose 5 - strongly oppose

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10. In what Chisago County City(s) or Township(s) do you own property?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Center City | <input type="checkbox"/> Chisago Lakes Township |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chisago City | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Lake Township |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harris | <input type="checkbox"/> Fanconia Township |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lindstrom | <input type="checkbox"/> Lent Township |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Branch | <input type="checkbox"/> Nessel Township |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rush City | <input type="checkbox"/> Rusheba Township |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schafer | <input type="checkbox"/> Shafer Township |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise Township |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taylors Falls | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming Township |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming | <input type="checkbox"/> None, but I live and/or rent property in Chisago County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amador Township | <input type="checkbox"/> None |

11. Do you pay property taxes (home, business, land) in Chisago County?

- Yes
- No

12. Demographic information (Optional - We will not release or use any of this information other than for its intended purpose, unless required by Minnesota or Federal law.)

Name:

Address:

City/Town: