

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

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- Ability to travel by boat. Value of restoring to original historic appearance.
- Boating would be much better. Would add value to the area. People would want to come here if the lakes were connected.
- access of "chain of lakes"
- Being able to enjoy all the lakes. Entice new business to our area.
- Opens it up for more fishing and boating opportunities. Will also increase value of property because it has access to more water.
- property value, attraction for vacationers
- access
- Enlarged area of water for pontoon cruising
- cruising
- Make lake more enjoyable. Increased property values.
- more flexibility
- Improve access between lakes. Reduce amount of nasty summer time vegetation
- more boating/fishing options
- greater access
- added area for boating
- increased recreational and business opportunity
- recreation and water level control
- Increase navigable waterways and property values.
- more boating access
- Access to more lakes
- future boating access to all lakes in the chain
- Navigation to all waters
- expanded easy access to the other lakes for fishing and recreation and also most likely increased property value
- It will greatly enhance recreational and business opportunities in the Chisago/Lindstrom/Center City area
- expand access to all 5 lakes
- More water to boat and fish
- preserving access to lakes by the public
- home values, a lot more area to explore, fishing improvement, maybe bring in some commercial uses onto the lakes shores (restaurant, gas, bait, motel), tourism, lake notability
- tourism, improve access to other lakes, improved recreation
- More lakes to enjoy all lake sports and activities, increase property value, positive impact on the community commerce.
- more available water to boat and sight see. also property value improvement

- Fishing access, west shore of North Lindstrom was homesteaded by family. Currently boat access to fishing areas fished with grandfather cannot be accessed. In part due to water level in part due to poor launch access on North Lindstrom.
- The overall enhanced lake area experience between all possible lakes would improve why I enjoy the lakes area, as described in question 3.
 - fishing
 - opportunity to visit friends/places on all lakes
 - 26 years ago I directed the Mn D.O.T. to raise all lake bridges as part of any road reconstruction. I was pleased they did so and not continue the choking off of the Big waters nature of the area.
 - more lakes
 - availability to boat on more lakes/boost revenue for this area
 - increased use of all the lakes
 - More water acreage to play on
 - Access to more lakes
 - It will greatly enhance the desirability of the Chisago lakes chain
 - improved navigation between all lakes
 - Travel with pontoon boat for fishing and sightseeing.
 - They should be connected as one lake, as in the past. If federal funds have been designated for improvements, they should be used
 - Increase boating and fishing area.
 - it expands the area that we can access by boat
 - Improvement chains value and usage of the lakes
 - fish & recreation at all original lakes
 - A great improvement to the lake chain.
 - more lakes to boat thru !!!!!!!
 - access to additional water from North Center will greatly increase the value and desirability of North Center Lake and property and could increase people coming from other areas to use the lake and increase local commerce
 - the ability to boat to N.Lindstrom and Chisago Lakes and to get to the Dinnerbel by boat. also to visit friends on Chisago Lake
 - Increased recreational opportunities, property values and area draw.
 - recreation, property value, marketing
 - accessibility to adjoining bodies of water
 - so we can get to other lakes by boat
 - Boating fishing and other water sports would be much more enjoyable.
 - recreation
 - More lake area is better. You may want to extend survey. We just got this on the 16th
 - enjoyment of all day lake activities
 - For all the reasons I checked in question 3 above.
 - Home value
 - Getting to all the lakes by boat
 - BOATING
 - clearance for pontoon

- increased boating, increased property value
- so we can enjoy all the lakes
- restoring back to one big lake ,boon to the area like lake Minnetonka
- Greater opportunity to more of the area lakes; property values will go up
- recreation, restore ecosystem, property value
- Boating
- Improve property value and marketability of area.
- Ability to access all the lakes.
- More Access
- recreational use
- Having more navigable water to boat in
- more water to enjoy
- Restoring lakes to previous connections. It would make the chain of lakes much more connected and enjoyable.
- More water area/lakes to navigate/explore/fish.
- North Lindstrom has poor boat access
- allow boats access to all lakes
- Raise property values
- boating
- it will be extra fun to go to many lakes by boat also the tax should be for the people only who live on these lakes
- To be able to navigate between the lakes.
- Larger lake area to boat on
- Property value should rise/more lake to boat
- larger lake
- more options for boating
- addition boating and fishing area
- Fishing and boating opportunities
- More Boating to multiple lakes
- to fish and boat all the lakes
- increased access to more acres for boating
- Larger area to boat
- To be able to travel among more lakes by boat
- To be connected. it would great for this area! it seems to work well in Minnetonka.
- business and fishing increases in more diverse hunting tripping and also fishing
- Boating, canoeing, fishing, scenic value, recreation, and property value/investment.
- boating and fishing
- prop value, more water to boat, transportation
- to be able go all (5) lakes
- To have 5 lakes to go on
- restores natural water flow
- larger span of lake access
- restoring the natural water flows that have been blocked by development
- enjoyable to go into several lakes

- Better access to lakes
- Cruise to daughter's cabin on South Center.
- Ability to enjoy other lakes and visit friends
- Would make an awesome local waterway-exploring, canoeing, local attraction
- Wider boat travel opportunities.
- recreation, fishing
- More area to fish
- make more water surface available to all
- improved recreation, explore other lakes
- Bringing increased tourism to the area
- access to other lakes
- To be able to have more lake access
- To be able to enjoy all lakes and to improve the Chisago County tax base by attracting people to our area! Good for our business community...may draw new business!
- more fishing opportunities, more sightseeing opportunities, increased property values.
- Expanded cruising and fishing area
- boat to more lakes
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- Ability to visit friends on North Center from Chisago
- to travel from lake to lake
- to have access to other lakes
- Improve access to other lakes. Bring additional revenue to this area in the form of tourism.
- Better water flowage for cleaner water
- Cost is one factor. I believe that we can't go back in time to what was. We, as members of a community, have not been good stewards of our environment and in particular our lakes. More people, more boats, fish houses and boats coming from many other lakes would only add to the mess we have created I do not believe we can go back in time and make the lakes what they once were, beautiful, clean and truly KiChiSaga. Don't think the lakes can handle more traffic. I see I have filled out the wrong number on the survey. I do not support opening the lakes to more traffic, milfoil etc.
- Fishing
- fishing access, don't have to portage
- 1. It increases the value of property to those homeowners. 2. Improve water quality. 3. Lake levels can be controlled.
- Greater access to other lakes
- Would like to boat all 5 lakes some day
- access to all lakes
- property value
- To access other lakes for fishing and recreation, also would give a boost to the tourism/resort owners if you could access 5 lakes from anyone of the lakes.
- More area for boating and fishing, higher property values
- Would like access to the chain of lakes
- Expanding boating territory
- Can enjoy boating on all the lakes

- If it might raise the water level on N Lindstrom?
- for better use of all 5 lakes
- overall fishing quality
- Better fishing opportunities, increased property values
- Can fish all the lakes by going to just one boat access
- pontoon availability to all lakes
- property value
- it would improve navigation for fishing, watersports, and overall value of the lake
- RECREATION / WATER LEVELS
- PROPERTY VALUES
- Why not connect the lakes, that will bring in more people to the area and thus more business for the local business and the county
- More boating opportunities
- To navigate and fish all the lakes
- Easier
- To gain access to other lakes for fishing and recreation
- Like the idea of reestablishing navigable chain amongst all lakes, & having 2nd largest navigable lake system in T.C. Also use all lakes on snowmobile in winter--our main way to be on/see the lakes--& that would make it easier more convenient.
- More play area!!
- I am not opposed, but would be okay with whatever decision.
- More lake access when using the lake and if one is overcrowded the ability to go to another lake without having to trailer the boat to get there
- Increased value to all area property
- Expansion of lake usage to include all lakes originally connected together.
- Make it deeper
- I believe strongly it would improve tourism, being able to visit many lakes by launching/trailing boat to one launch site rather than pull and relaunch to see other lakes. It would greatly enhance our enjoyment of the area with having an expanded area in which to travel by boat.
- The access to other lakes
- more access to lakes for recreation
- fishing diversity as well as hunting and trapping diversity
- access to other lakes. property value
- Expand area available for fishing without having to trailer to other lakes. Reduces direct pressure of fishing clubs on South and North center lakes. Dramatically increases the area for general boating excursions
- Fishing all lakes without having to pull the boat out of the water and launch it somewhere else
- use of both lakes at one time
- easy access to both lakes
- opportunity to fish a lake I currently have no access to
- BOATING & FISHING
- Boating, recreation, snowmobiling, and improving the land values.
- Boating among all the lakes. Improved economy for the area. Increased property values.

- to be able to cruise the 5 lakes as a whole, would enhance the tourist trade and shore up the resorts trade still available at this time.
- easy access to both lakes
- navigation between lakes / increased property value
- More lake access
- Access to all lakes in the area would be a unique opportunity that could produce more tourism and a larger income for the Chisago Lakes area.
- I feel this would promote more tourism into the area.
- Being able to get from one lake to the next
- More water to enjoy
- good development for the area
- to be able to pass under the highway to have access
- Showing the lakes to family as it once was one lake
- Convenience
- Opportunity to improve tourism. Gain access to additional lakes in the chain.
- It's an effort to restore the lakes to their previous grandeur.
- use of more lakes with only launching the boat one time capable to move from on lake to another with launching my boat in each lake
- More water to boat on.
- Lake access to visit friends, improve property value
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- More options of water for our family
- fishing on both lakes
- allow boater to enjoy lakes without trailering
- It used to be one lake years ago. Recreation seeing all the lakes never leaving the water
- I have previously been a fisherman and recognize it would be convenient for fishing.
- access to the other lakes
- May increase value of lake properties and bring more people into the area
- to have access to other lakes
- Being able to enjoy all the lakes in one day from a boat
- navigation
- Enhance boating
- Boating, sightseeing, fishing.
- for looks, and being able to go to other lakes
- I think that we should be able to go between the lakes
- moving around the lakes.
- Hooks up with Chisago lake
- Boating, fishing and improving tourism
- Quality of life!
- It will improve the health of the lakes, make them a more desirable recreation and fish destination, and increase property values.
- being able to visit all the lakes without having to trailer a boat.
- Improve tourism to the area and lake accessibility
- Recreational benefits

- another "plus" for boating in this area
- This was an original connection & it was artificially restricted. Restoring the connection would be to the benefit of the quality of life in the area and is one of the reasons this area achieved early settlement.
- Reconnect lakes
- Improved recreational access. Higher property value.
- Better access to different areas in the community
- I feel it would be good for area economy. Having a large water area I think more people come would use the treasure that the lakes are blessed with.
- Increased tourism and ability to navigate to all the lakes
- I like the idea of being able to travel between the lakes without getting out of the water.
- Return to original intent
- fishing options, scenic value
- To allow flexible access to more lakes.
- increase access to other lakes, increase recreation
- More area to enjoy boating.
- Recreational activities and increased property value
- recreation, increased property values.
- To increase travel by water.
- would be more enjoyable and may improve lake level
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- Improving our community
- More water to boat on
- Brings in tourists, better fishing access, better boating access
- Access to all the lakes with my boat from my dock. We have relatives and friends on the other lakes. Connecting all the lakes would be a big boost for tourism and business in the area. People would travel to boat the Chain of Lakes the way they do at Minnetonka.
- Opens up more boat cruising and fishing
- being able to navigate all the lakes
- As boaters, we could more frequently visit other lakes. For tourists, I think this would be a huge selling point for them to travel to this area, and by doing so, would increase our economy in this area.
- Like the idea of traveling by water throughout the community
- Boating
- Economic, recreational, and environmental benefits. It could do wonders for our area's economic development and also improve our chances to get grant support for lake improvement projects. Think boat tours for visiting Swedes! Think multi-lake angling with ease! Think dockside dining!
- I think that it would boost tourism if people could access both lakes.
- Reconnecting the lakes gives greater access for everyone. Also creates an opportunity to meet other people in the community that you would otherwise not meet.
- Greater boating opportunities
- all-lake navigation with improved lake property values
- to travel further in our boat

- great ride from one lake to another
- Restore lakes to original connections for pleasure plus economic opportunities in our area
- Improve the local lake experience
- Different scenery, Easier to get from lake to lake without pulling out your boat every time. If this happened I would relocate to Chisago lakes Chain
- Increased tourism
- Boating
- Real estate value and enjoying navigating to all of the lakes
- restoring lake navigation
- Getting to the other lakes without having to take my boat out of the water
- I feel the lakes should be restored to how they were naturally. Also would provide boaters and fishermen better access to more water and easier to move from lake to lake.
- To allow boats to navigate between the lakes
- More boating options
- Boating fun
- more boating area when boating
- Having access to all of the lakes on the chain would be great!
- increased access to area lakes
- Providing improved navigation may be an appeal to potential home/cabin buyers and vacationers. This could increase property value and bring commerce into the towns.
- Larger area to boat and enjoy the water
- It would be great fun to cruise around and visit friends, overall it would create a better community
- Boating from lake to lake
- Bring added enjoyment for boaters. Added tourism to the region.
- Visiting friends on other lakes
- give us more lakes to enjoy
- allow navigation of 5 lakes
- Ability to reach lakes without portaging. Lake water levels. Community.
- It will enhance this area and return the lakes to the historical "Big Lake" they were.
- Our lakes are one of the communities greatest assets. By enlarging the navigable size of the chain of lakes we increase their value. Increasing the opportunities for tourism and increasing the value of our as a resource. We are all aware of large chains of lakes like Minnetonka or Cross Lakes, etc. We can double the navigable water area with this investment.
- It would improve tourism, profit local businesses and would be a benefit to local citizens to be able to boat on and enjoy a chain of lakes. This is a one-time opportunity to make an improvement that will positively impact the lakes area for the future..
- chain of lakes, more access, and more options for people.
- Ability to take advantage of connectivity of all of the lakes
- More Places to go.
- improve boating
- Restore the lake to its original condition. Positive economic impact to the community.
- Our lakes are like a giant park system - connecting them expands their value and use.
- being able to enjoy and support 2 more lakes

- better access for visiting boaters
- boating, fishing
- Imagine the possibilities for a chain of lakes -- while people move out of the area to be closer to cities with the past economic fluctuations rebrand the Chisago Area as a Lake get away. This opens up opportunities for new business and stimulated economic growth.
- better access
- why not?
- Scenery variety for boating, North Lindstrom would be more desirable to live on with access to bigger lakes
- more access
- Connecting with friends
- Recreation, property value.
- Diversifying and enhancing boating and fishing (and even restaurant) experience.
- Better boating experience
- Access to another lake. Greater recreation opportunities.
- Improved boating, lake restoration, property value
- more lakes to fish and enjoy
- access to all the lakes in the chain.
- Restoring what man changed, improved boating.
- enhanced boating pleasure
- Bigger area to boat on
- BOATING/RECREATION/SCENICVALUE
- Adding dimension to the boating opportunities.
- Boating, property value increase
- For boating and fishing and restoration of natural flow
- to be able to go between the two lakes
- boating, fishing and property value
- The problem isn't the channel. The lake level needs to be raised
- to have more boating options
- We would be able to enjoy all the lakes. This project would make the whole area more inviting to new residents as well as tourists.
- Increased property value and recreational opportunities
- improving tourism elements, improving public access for those of us area residents who are not lakefront owners
- To bring more business to our community. To make Lindstrom and surrounding areas more of a destination city for tourism/visitors
- More ability to move from lake to lake is a win for everyone.
- Travel between lakes for pleasure
- To make the lakes a more desirable place to come to visit and improve the area's tourism trade.
- boat navigation
- improve access
- Property value and more scenic and different options
- the few businesses that are on the lake could be accessed by more boaters. I know if i have to pull my boat out of the water more than likely I will go off shore to eat

- Boating
- Access to all lakes
- expanded recreational opportunities
- More fishing and recreation opportunities
- Supports all local businesses in the area including resorts on the lakes. Increased property values and tax revenue
- All the lakes were meant to be connected not cut off by bridges. Navigation between all the lakes in the Chisago Lakes area would definitely draw visitors to our community too, bringing in tax revenue to our area which definitely needs it.
- I think it could bring more people from the cities up to enjoy boating/fishing/etc on the lakes and bring more money to the area.
- Better property value for all
- I THINK IT WOULD IMPROVE QUALITY OF BOATING ON THESE LAKES AND MAYBE EVEN DRIVE UP THE PRICES OF HOUSING IN THE AREA.
- Connecting the lakes like they were originally.
- Would offer more water to navigate and look more of the landscape. Also, I feel the lakes are a major reason people live in and visit this area. I feel this would bring the area more money via increased tourism and increase property tax value. I feel the economic benefits outweigh the risks. The lakes are one of the biggest assets to this area and if done correctly could bring in a lot of revenue to the local community.
- increased property value which will bring in more tax revenue
- Quality of life, boatable water, property values, commercial business improvement
- Improve economic vitality
- Tourism
- Improved tourist attraction, bringing more potential customers to the area for Local businesses (i.e. restaurants, shops, hotels, gas/convenience, etc..)
- Boating to all the lakes
- Access to all the lakes.
- Boating, fishing.
- Property Values!! More lake acres = Higher Values
- best use of the lakes and improve the economy
- It would be really cool to take a boat through all that water.