

# Waseca Lakes Association

# NEWSLETTER

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## Fall 2006 Edition

### *Upcoming 2006 Activities:*

- Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Maplewood Buckthorn removal, 9am to Noon
- Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, Landscaping opportunities with 2007 Clear Lake road and trail project. 7 pm County Highway Building.
- Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, Bolton and Menk design study report on Gator Lake storm water diversion project. 7 pm County Highway Building.

### *Maplewood Park Buckthorn Removal Saturday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>*



Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>; 9am to noon is an opportunity to assist in the preservation of Maplewood Park by helping to remove buckthorn. This invasive plant will smother out native plants in the park if not removed. City parks director Mark Bartelt asks volunteers to meet at 9am at the shelter at the top of Maplewood. Bring pruning shears or loppers and gloves; coffee and refreshments provided.

### *Landscaping During 2007 Clear Lake and Trail Project*

Lakeshore owners affected by the 2007 Clear Lake and trail project construction can help improve lake water quality through landscaping and shoreline restoration.

Nathan Richman, county highway engineer will be on hand at the October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting to explain options available as part of the road and trail project.

Also, grant aided landscaping and shoreline improvements may also be available through the WLA from a DNR grant program.

This is an excellent opportunity for lakeshore owners to take advantage of water filtering landscaping that will improve water quality and contribute to their property aesthetics, privacy, and value.

# Water Improvement Efforts

## ***November 27 WLA Meeting to Feature Gator Lake Storm Water Design Report***

Bill Douglas from Bolton and Menk will present the design study funded jointly by the city and county in 2005. This is the next step towards utilization of wetlands to improve the water quality of Clear Lake.

## ***County Fair Wrap Up***

Thanks to all who helped at the WLA county fair booth.

Door prize winners were:

Nancy Traynor	Cooler
Tim Terrell	Rod and Reel
Nicole Ozmun	Life Vest
Craig Johnson	\$25 at Sportsman Stop
Diane Lewer	\$25 at Sportsman Stop

## ***WLA Grant Activity***

We have completed two recent grant applications for water quality improvement projects and will find out by December if we have been successful:

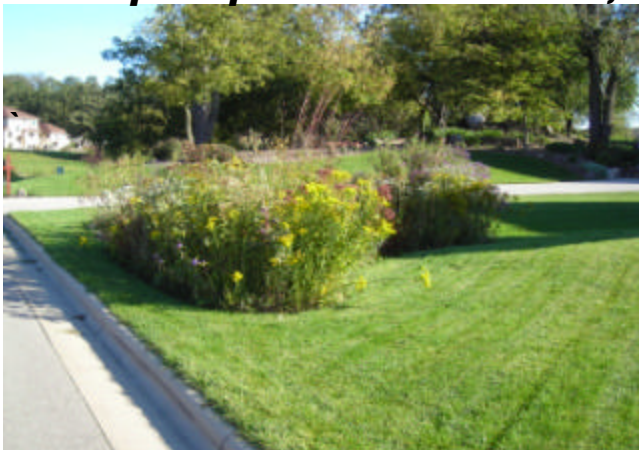
1. DNR shoreline habitat and storm water filtering in conjunction with the 2007 Clear Lake road and trail construction.
2. Clean Water Legacy Act protection funding for impaired waters; Gator Lake project.

## ***Lakefest Freedom Run***

Thank You to the 172 runners who raised \$750 for the active service men and women Blue Star Banner Program at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event



## ***Help Improve Our Lakes, Landscape With a Purpose***



An example of attractive landscaping that serves as a rain garden. Projects to improve water filtering and shoreline habitat are being encouraged on all properties. If you live in the Waseca area, your lot is likely a tributary to our lakes carrying sediment and nutrients that fuel algae growth.