



# Little Rock Lake News

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Meetings are held at Rumors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month, 11 A.M.  
Future Meetings- April 9, May 14 & June 9.

**Please help us** by completing the enclosed survey on paper or online at:

**<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LittleRockLake>**

The Little Rock Lake Association would like to know what you value most about your shoreline property, how you use your shoreland, and what changes you have made or might consider to stabilize your shoreline and improve our lake water quality. The survey has been sent to all lakeshore owners on Little Rock Lake and the Channel.

Please check the box(s) for each question. Feel free to add your comments at the end. If you complete the paper copy, please complete the questions on both sides of the pages and return the survey in the enclosed postage paid envelope. All answers are anonymous unless you choose to provide your information. The survey closes on **April 9th**, so please respond promptly.

Our thank you goes out to the Initiative Foundation for assisting with this and the online survey. Also thanks to the DNR and the Ottertail County Conservation Dept. for permission to use their survey.

***Your responses*** will assist the Lake Association in developing our program direction. ***Thanks!***

## Your Lake Association – 2011 Focus

If you have been attending meetings or following the newsletters, you know your lake association has been very active identifying, designing, financing, and installing lake shore native buffer projects. Working closely with the Benton County Soil & Water Conservation District, 5 projects have been installed protecting 620 feet of shoreline, and 8400 square feet of native buffer. Three more projects are on deck to be completed this spring.

As we look to 2011 and beyond, your LRLA will continue this collaboration and look for additional areas of focus to obtain our goal of a cleaner, healthier Little Rock Lake. Look for additional information regarding efforts in continued native buffer projects, development of “rain gardens” to reduce impervious surface run off, carp control projects, assistance in the upgrade of septic systems around the lake, and education and installation of other Best Management Practices (BMP’s), both residential and agricultural, which are identified in the Implementation Plan being created from the recently completed TMDL study.

**With your continued support your lake association will be able to achieve our goal.**

## Oak Hill Recognition

In our participation in the Little Rock TMDL Stakeholders group, the Lake Association has become aware of some encouraging information regarding our neighbor to the south, Oak Hills Golf Course. Golf courses, with their fertilization and irrigation practices, have the potential for great negative impact on local water resources. However, we have learned that Oak Hill’s practices, zero phosphorous fertilizing and low impact irrigation, will not be a major area of concern in the TMDL implementation plan.

**The LRLA applauds Oak Hills for their progressive environmental practices.**

*By Chuck Rau, (a LRLA member and member of the Benton County Water Resources Advisory Board)*

**LRLA Membership (August 2010/July 2011) \$25 -- Payable to LRLA, P.O. Box 326, Rice, MN. 56367**

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