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2021 January

Lake Papakeechee

BOD Report

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The common hexagon snowflake, holding to a spent blade of grass, is a cliffhanging view of the regretful year 2020. I hope this finds you well and surviving through the pandemic and nonsensical atmosphere of our country.

Starting with routine care for areas of need in our Lake Papakeechee Community my insights are focused on the wetland but the water goes somewhere and hopefully it will pass on good will and understanding. Its influence will challenge others interest in native landscape, perennial water flowers to take a second look.

Some typical house keeping chores in the wetland are picking up trash and could be applied to the invasive species loosestrife, cattail and fragmites need never to be overlooked, they are part of the trash. These working necessities are necessary to keep a flood plain wetland clean, in tact and can also be passed on to other areas of the lake.

Beginning with Great Bur Reed *Sparganium eurycarpum* planting with theory it can give cattail competition for space and ultimately help keep it contained. Another species of bur reed was initiated by Larry Clough on original vegetation list, 2012.

Our *Juncus effusus* Common Rush seems to be dwindling! The crane feed on it seems before it can go to seed. 100 seed balls with rush and 150 seed balls with reed were distributed into the wetland on January 14. We are planting also compass seeds *Silphium laciniatum*, all the seeds are from Prairie Moon. These are the ones for this planting this season.

Questions abound heretofore not understood, or answered, with this writing hopefully some answers will be evaluated.



In closing, sustainability of wetlands with issues in Northern Indiana and a pending issue called HB389 is in the hands of the House Committee on Local Government. Actually their are measures to be taken that the current law doesn't block reconstruction of regulated drains. Please consider exploring this issue with your representative.

With the promise of the sun, there will be bright days ahead.

Move into the sun, it is always there, it's up to you to find it!