



Lakes, Dams & Parks News (April, 2026)

Major Projects Underway

Upgrades Coming to the Inn Island!

The Lakes, Dams, and Parks Committee, in concert with LLCC staff management, is initiating major improvements to the Inn Island starting now and finishing around April 24th. To mitigate the on-going shoreline erosion caused by waves and other natural forces, we are implementing proven soil stabilization methods by adding enhanced plantings and natural native plants along with refurbishing the grass. An irrigation system will also be added to keep all the new planting areas watered and alive until they take root. Additionally, two new switchback pathways with split rail fencing are being installed to improve beach access for swimmers. While the island will be closed for the upcoming Fishing Derby, we are excited for these improvements to take root and look forward to a fantastic summer of swimming!

Is anything planned to help clear waterways in the Bird Sanctuary?

Yes! We are currently pursuing a Mason County permit to cut back the excess vegetation that has been encroaching on our waterway in the Bird Sanctuary. This will restore recreational use of the area and improve boat navigation. As part of this improvement plan, we will be mechanically removing the overgrowth of plant materials in stages and then installing large, submerged bottom barriers to cover the area where plant material was removed. This helps to prevent future weed growth. Additionally, on islands in the Sanctuary and in our parks, we will be trimming overhanging branches and brush to limit excess debris that falls into the lake. This debris provides nutrients that promote vegetation and algae growth. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve our community water features!



What can lakeside homeowners do this Spring to help maintain lake health, appearance and stem the growth of algae?

- Ensure your septic system is inspected and maintained regularly, **as required by Mason County**.
- Consider raking your beach area to remove weeds and refresh its appearance. Note that adding new beach gravel is **no longer allowed** per Washington State departments of Ecology and Fish & Wildlife.
- Be aware that the Lake level will be raised starting the week of the 6th. Secure anything that can float away.

Your Lakes, Parks and Dams Committee