



Anderson Lake Water Quality Improvement Project Begins

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Bloomington— On Tuesday, August 5, water level control boards at NW Anderson Lake were removed to allow the lake to drain down approximately one foot in preparation for Nine Mile Creek Watershed District's lake drawdown later this month. The lake draw down is part of the Eden Prairie Lakes Water Quality Improvement Project.

Beginning at the end of August and through October, electric pumps will drain NW and SW Anderson Lakes. The lakes will not be drained completely. A 19-acre pool will remain in the deepest portion of NW Anderson Lake. Provided the draw down is successful, the lake will be allowed to return to its normal level the following season. It is estimated that it may take 18 months for the lake level to return to normal with average snowfall and precipitation.

The project is intended to improve water quality by freezing out curlyleaf pondweed, a non-native invasive plant present in both lakes. Curlyleaf pondweed blocks out native vegetation and was found to be a significant source of phosphorus that contributes to algae blooms and poor water quality. Areas with remaining water will be treated with chemicals to destroy the plant.

For more information, visit the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us or call Bloomington Senior Civil Engineer Scott Anderson at 952-563-4867 or Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Administrator Kevin Bigalke at 952-835-2078.