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You are invited to participate in a public forum hosted by the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) to discuss environmental issues on Lake Minnetonka relating to dock and boat storage in wetlands and shallow littoral zones. The meeting will be held at Shorewood City Hall, 5755 Country Club Road, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. The purpose of this meeting is to solicit public input on Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendations.

The LMCD Environmental Committee is evaluating changes to existing docking ordinances to determine their ability to protect wetlands and shallow littoral zones (4' of water or less) from any possible irreparable damage. To assist in this process, the Environmental Committee has formed a TAC to ensure that any ordinance changes be considered taking into consideration scientific literature.

The TAC has reviewed a variety of scientific literature and made five recommendations to the LMCD Environmental Committee. These include:

1. Review LMCD ordinances to facilitate minimization of surface areas of docks and other structures;
2. Increase the use of no wake zones in sensitive littoral zones;
3. Avoid high density traffic in shallow areas;
4. Attempt to protect sensitive areas while allow unlimited use on others; and
5. Educate the public to understand the damage caused by shading and motorboat traffic in littoral zones.

Further detail on these TAC recommendations, as well as Environmental Talking Points and a Survey, can be viewed at www.lmcd@lmcd.org.

The LMCD Environmental Committee would like feedback from all stakeholders on these recommendations. All interested parties that attend this public meeting will be given an opportunity to be heard. For stakeholders unable to attend the meeting, your comments are welcome via e-mail at lmcd@lmcd.org. Questions before this meeting can be directed to LMCD Executive Director Greg Nybeck.

