


# **Revitalize Lake Odessa for Community Betterment**

## **“Lake Odessa for All”**

**By Ken Purdy, April, 2006**

**Member of the Louisa County Board of  
Supervisors on behalf of 1,000 signed  
petitioners. [kenpurdy@lisco.com](mailto:kenpurdy@lisco.com)**

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right arrows on your  
keyboard to view the  
slides.

A satellite map of the United States with a white callout box pointing to Lake Odessa, Iowa. The callout box contains the text 'Lake Odessa', 'Wapello, IA', and 'Louisa County'. The map shows various cities and landmarks across the country, including Seattle, Portland, Mount Saint Helens, Denver, San Diego, Phoenix, Grand Canyon, Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Toronto, Montreal, Boston, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Nashville, Charlotte, Atlanta Airport, and San Antonio. The callout box is positioned over the central part of the United States, specifically over the state of Iowa.

## Lake Odessa

Wapello, IA

Louisa County

**Lake Odessa is a 6400-acre complex consisting of about half water and half land mass. It is located in Southeast Iowa, 4 miles East of Wapello, Iowa in Louisa County.**





# **Lake Odessa for All**

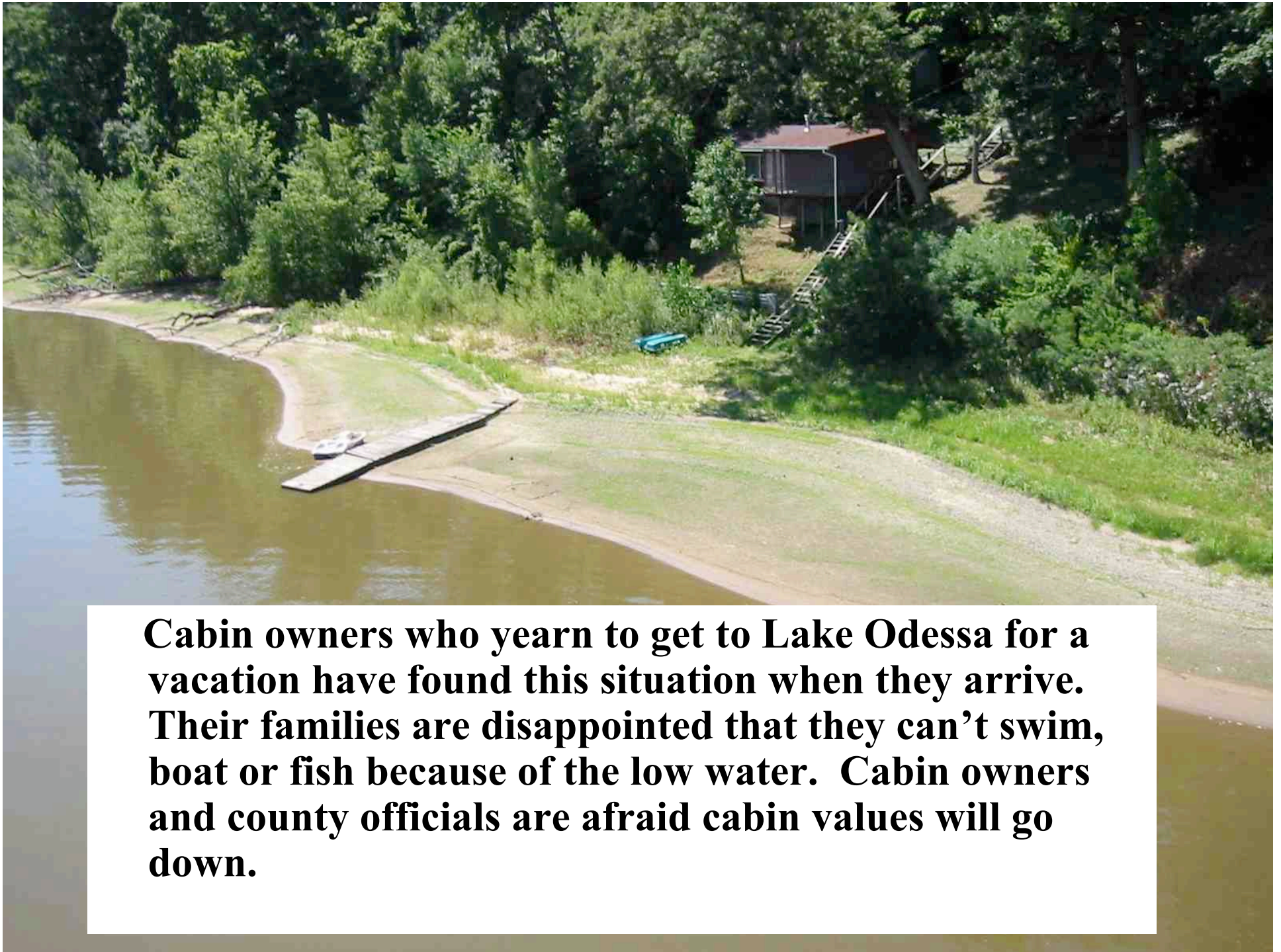
## **COMPROMISE FOR COMMUNITY BETTERMENT**

**This is what we would like Lake Odessa to look like. We are asking you to help the Economic Development of Louisa County, and there is a no cost way to do this.**



Here is the problem: The water depth at Lake Odessa has been artificially lowered in the last 40 years, deteriorating the quality of this resource so badly that it has affected the economic vitality of the region, especially the city of Wapello and Louisa County.





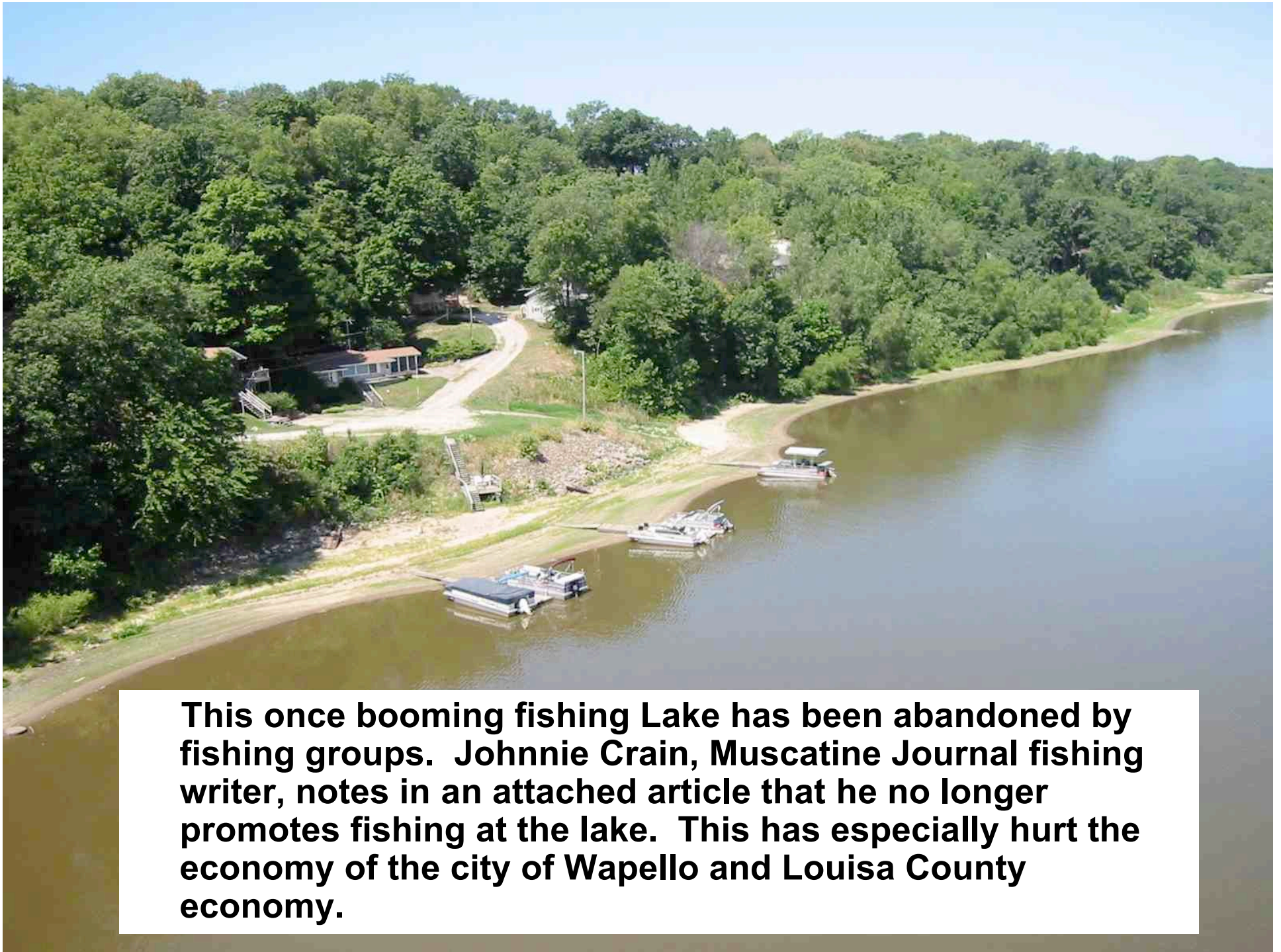
**Cabin owners who yearn to get to Lake Odessa for a vacation have found this situation when they arrive. Their families are disappointed that they can't swim, boat or fish because of the low water. Cabin owners and county officials are afraid cabin values will go down.**





**Even Pontoon boats sit idle because the water depth is too low to get to the back water fishing holes.**





**This once booming fishing Lake has been abandoned by fishing groups. Johnnie Crain, Muscatine Journal fishing writer, notes in an attached article that he no longer promotes fishing at the lake. This has especially hurt the economy of the city of Wapello and Louisa County economy.**





**This is the first weekend in August 2005. Note the nearly empty parking lot and no boating activity or day users in the grass park area to the right of the boat ramp. Many of the 1,000 petitioners are old enough to remember when the parking lot was full and you had to park at the top of the hill. There used to be picnic tables in the grass area to the right of the ramp and restroom facilities. Today, there are no restrooms or picnic tables.**





**Picnic tables need to be placed back here. Restrooms need to be installed. Take the posts out so there will be more parking like in the past. There used to be many families and lots of people in this area all through the week, but especially on the weekends. Allow tent camping here and cars to be parked.**





**Even swimming isn't appealing (stagnate water) or even possible when the Lake is held this low artificially.**

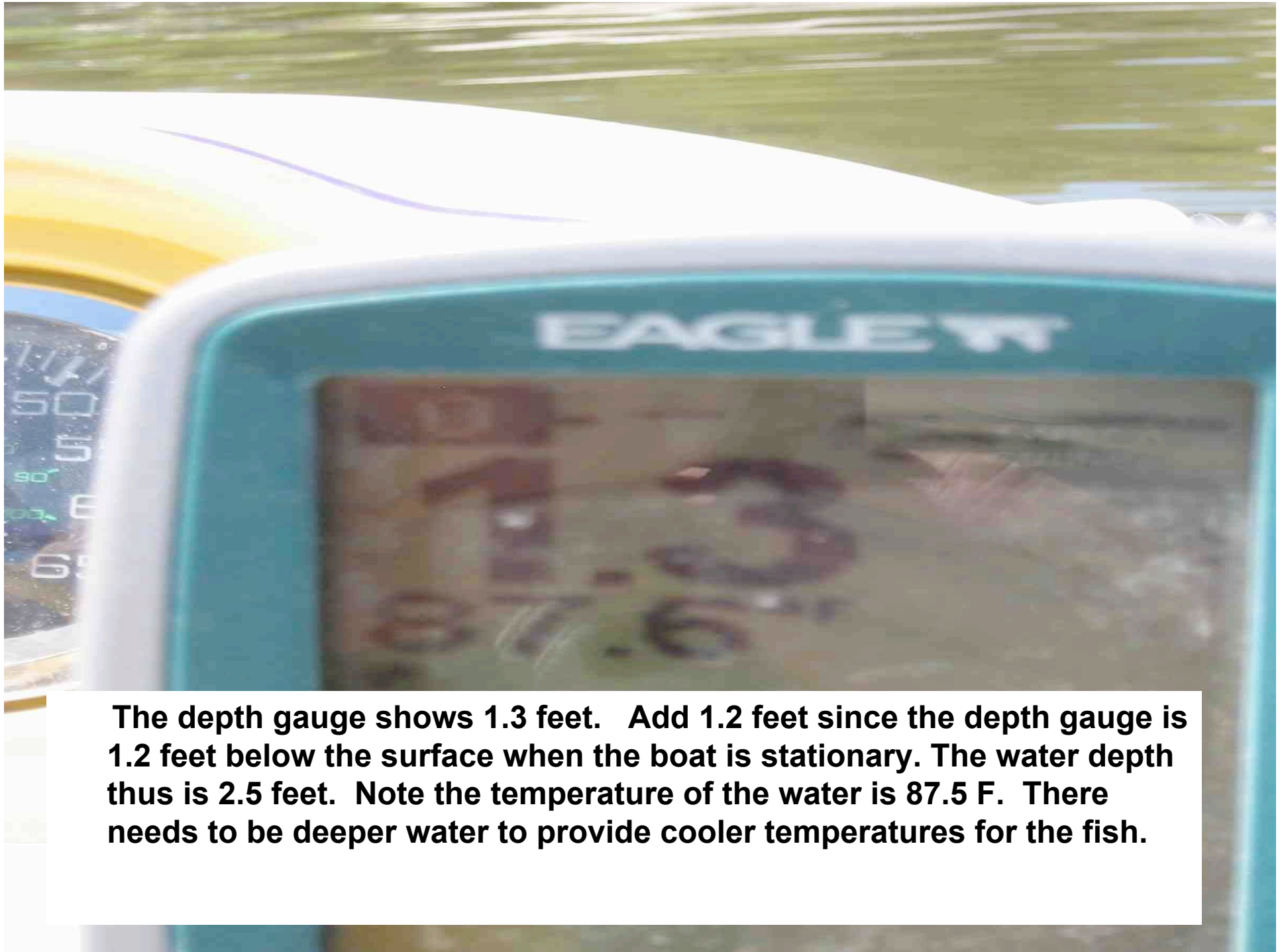


**Water depth at Schafer's access (the main access with the boat ramp) was around 2.5 feet on this early August weekend.**



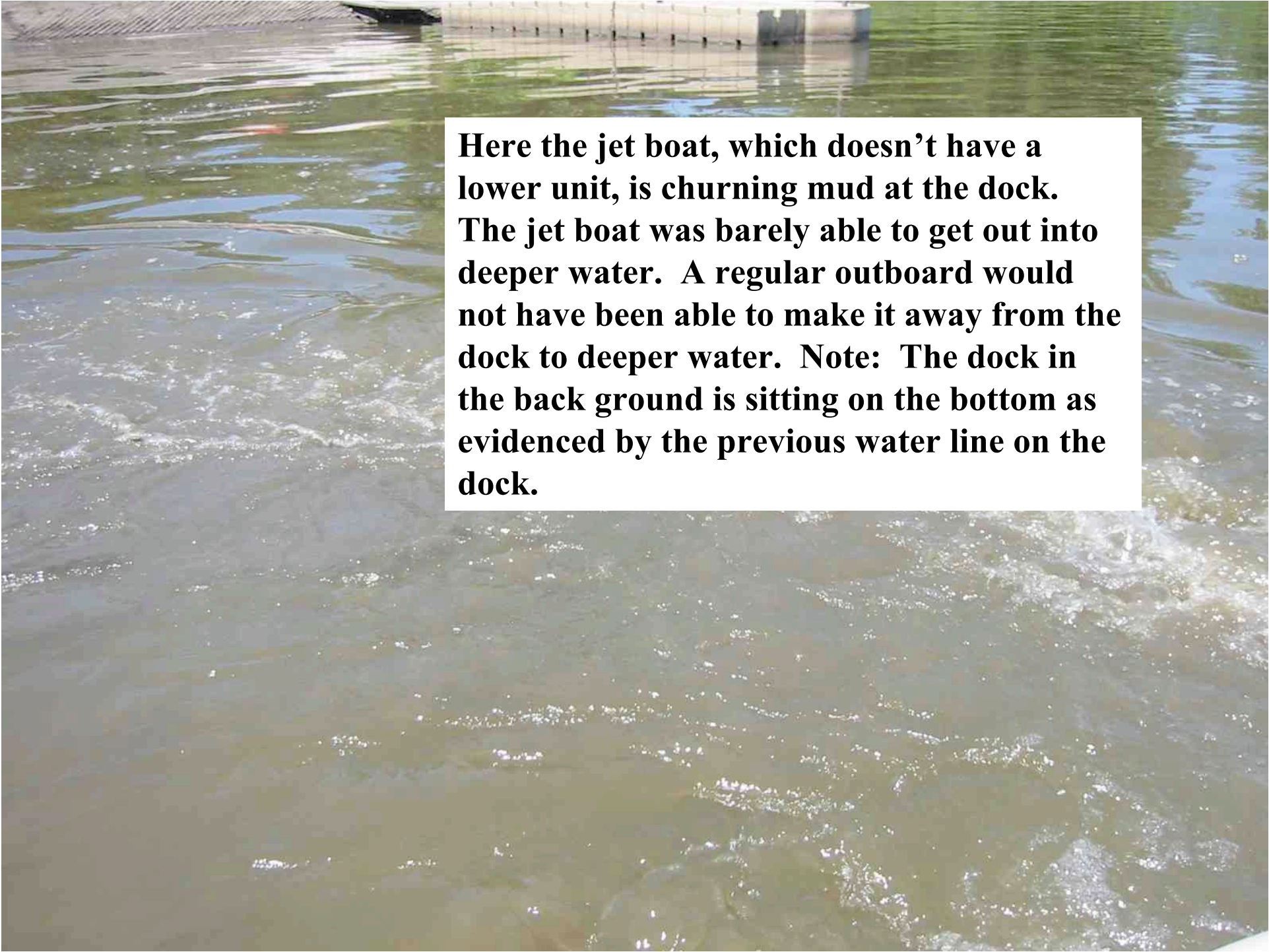






**The depth gauge shows 1.3 feet. Add 1.2 feet since the depth gauge is 1.2 feet below the surface when the boat is stationary. The water depth thus is 2.5 feet. Note the temperature of the water is 87.5 F. There needs to be deeper water to provide cooler temperatures for the fish.**



A photograph showing a jet boat in a body of water, likely a river or lake. The water is murky and brown, indicating it is churning mud. In the background, a concrete dock structure is visible, partially submerged. The water level appears to be high, with the dock structure sitting on the bottom. The jet boat is moving away from the dock, leaving a wake of white foam and bubbles in the muddy water.

**Here the jet boat, which doesn't have a lower unit, is churning mud at the dock. The jet boat was barely able to get out into deeper water. A regular outboard would not have been able to make it away from the dock to deeper water. Note: The dock in the back ground is sitting on the bottom as evidenced by the previous water line on the dock.**






The next three slides will show you how you can help the economic development of Louisa County and make it a better place to live **at no cost**. There is a little math involved, so be prepared.


This is the gauge at Schafer's access to Lake Odessa on 8/5/05. Add 530 ft. to this to get the elevation above sea level. Thus, add the 3.00 ft. gauge reading to 530 ft to get **533 ft.** above sea level for the surface elevation of Lake Odessa this day. Coincidentally, the 3.00 ft gauge reading does correlate somewhat to the depth of the Lake.

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**This is the gauge on the Mississippi River side of the control structure between Lake Odessa and the Mississippi River. The gate can allow water to flow into Lake Odessa. This control structure (gate) is 4 miles upstream of Lock and Dam 17 and at the North end of Lake Odessa. Note the gauge reading is 536.3ft. On the previous slide the surface elevation of the Lake was 533 ft. above sea level. Thus the river is 3.6 feet higher than the Lake this day and most of the time.**





**Here is the no cost solution to aid Economic Development in Louisa County and to revitalize Lake Odessa.**

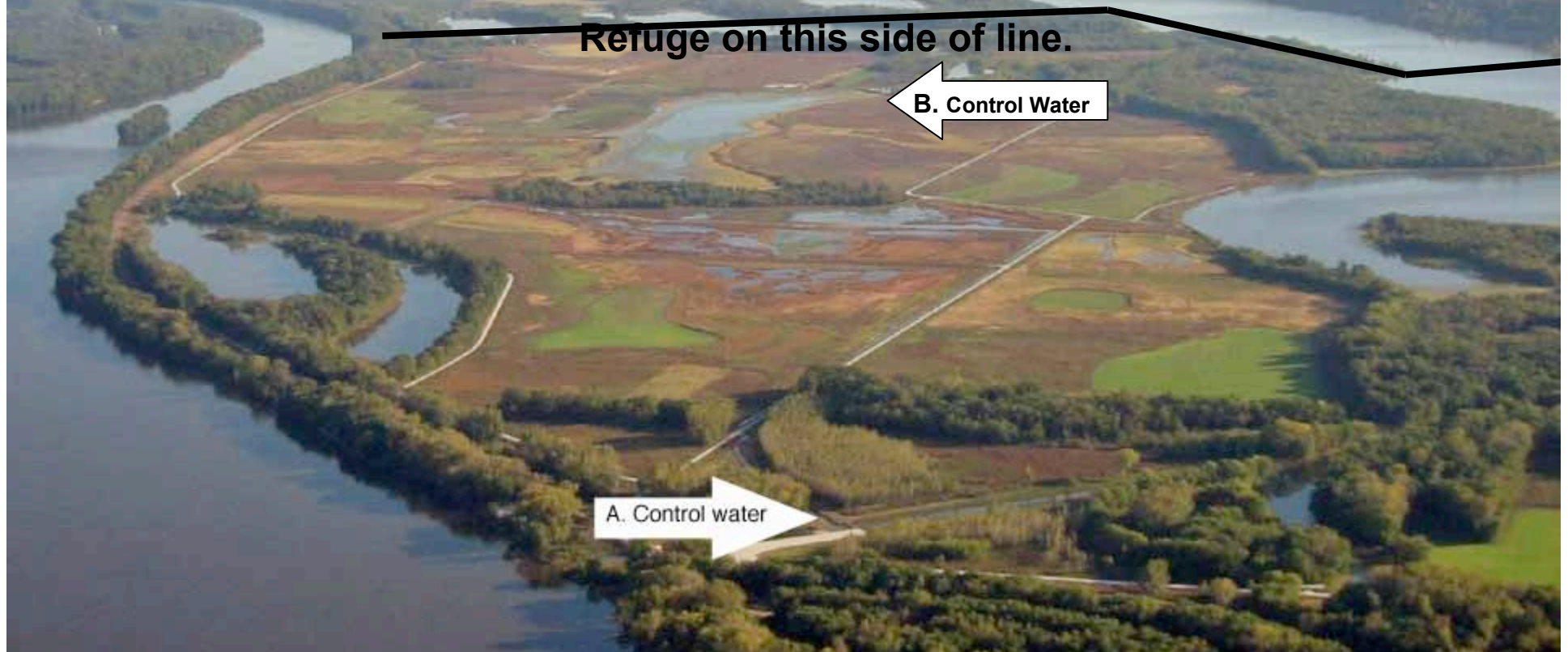
**Just open the gate and let gravity do the rest!**





**This aerial photo shows the Lake on 10/10/05 at a surface elevation of 534.7. That means the main part of Lake Odessa has a minimum depth of around 4.7 feet. This depth would be sufficient to revitalize the Lake. There would be better fishing, swimming, boating, sailing, duck hunting, and canoeing and people once again would come to Lake Odessa.**

**Some would worry that 1.7 feet more of water would inundate the refuge. Not true. The refuge depicted below will not be inundated with water. In fact there are man made canals that allow water into the refuge that can be shut off at points A. and B. and there wouldn't be any water on the refuge at all in this photo except someone has chosen to let the water be in the refuge.**

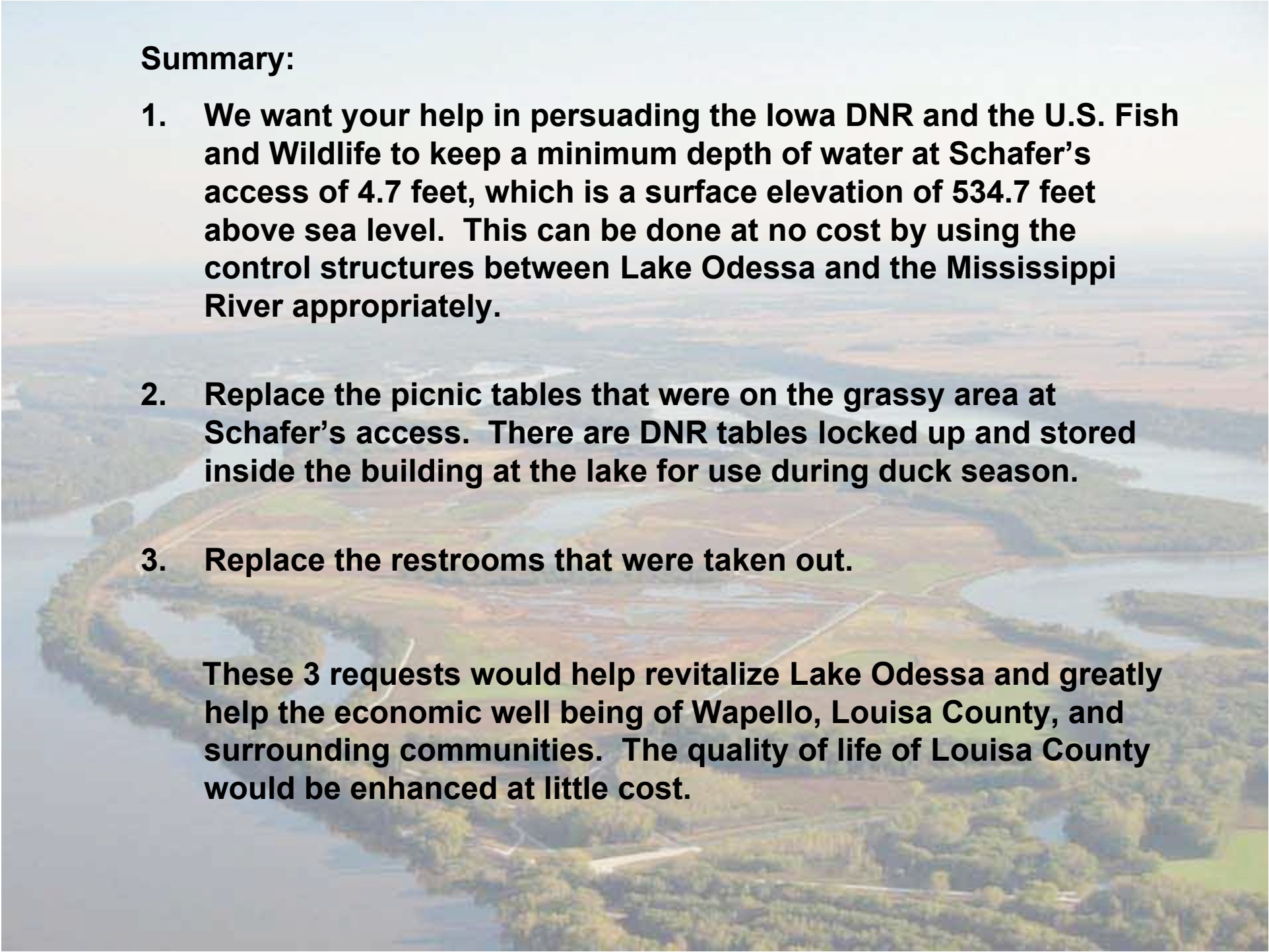






**Please help persuade the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife to allow a greater minimum depth of the water in Lake Odessa. This may literally take an act of Congress at the federal level and legislative intervention with the DNR at the state level. This is the level we would like to see Lake Odessa.**



An aerial photograph of a large body of water, Lake Odessa, with a winding shoreline. The water is a light blue-grey color. The surrounding land is a mix of green trees and brownish-yellow fields, suggesting a rural or natural area. The sky is a pale blue. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

## **Summary:**

- 1. We want your help in persuading the Iowa DNR and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to keep a minimum depth of water at Schafer's access of 4.7 feet, which is a surface elevation of 534.7 feet above sea level. This can be done at no cost by using the control structures between Lake Odessa and the Mississippi River appropriately.**
- 2. Replace the picnic tables that were on the grassy area at Schafer's access. There are DNR tables locked up and stored inside the building at the lake for use during duck season.**
- 3. Replace the restrooms that were taken out.**

**These 3 requests would help revitalize Lake Odessa and greatly help the economic well being of Wapello, Louisa County, and surrounding communities. The quality of life of Louisa County would be enhanced at little cost.**

**This request for more water in Lake Odessa translates to a multipurpose use of Lake Odessa as it used to be.** Lake Odessa could once again be usable for fishing, swimming, boating, canoeing, sailing, and duck hunting.

Supporters of more water in Lake Odessa are on successive slides.

Mayors

Supervisors

Duck hunters

Cabin owners,

Residents and people that use Lake Odessa - 1,000 signed petitioners

Louisa County Farm Bureau

Johnnie Crain Sports writer and fisherman

Fisherman groups

City Council Members

Iowa State Legislator

Bankers



The Louisa County Farm Bureau at their annual meeting with over 100 in attendance voted unanimously to pass resolution no. 1 in the news article to the right. "We support that Lake Odessa be managed as a multipurpose area to benefit all interests - duck hunting, fishing, boating, birders, canoe and cabin owners, rather than it's single purpose current use". This item was discussed separately from all the other items and it passed unanimously. The single purpose referred to was duck hunting. Duck hunting, fishing, boating, bird watching, canoeing, and cabin dwelling can coexist.

# Louisa



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Sept 6, 2005  
Event

## Resolutions approved at annual meeting

The Louisa County Farm Bureau annual meeting was Sept. 6 at the American Legion Hall in Columbus Junction. There were approximately 125 members and guests in attendance.

Louisa County members discussed the proposed resolutions taken from the county opinionnaire. After discussing the resolutions and amendments the voters approved the following resolutions.

### Local.

1. We support that Lake Odessa be managed as a multipurpose recreation area to benefit all interests - duck hunting, fishing, boating, birders, canoe and cabin owners, rather than it's single purpose current use.

### State.

2. We support the right to kill mountain lions on sight without consulting the Iowa DNR or any other agency.

### Ethanol:

3. We support requiring all gas stations to sell 10 percent or 20 percent ethanol based gasoline.

### Livestock regulations:



Scott Heater reads the resolutions at the Louisa County Farm Bureau annual meeting Sept 6.

### assistance:

13. The farm bill should provide reduced cost crop insurance to farm operators.

14. Crop insurance should be expanded for additional non-program crops.

### CRP:

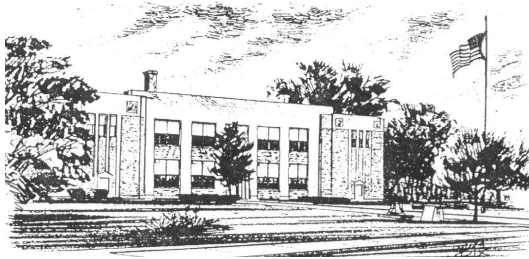
15. CRP re-enrollment should be limited to site-specific locations in critical need of conservation measures

**Louisa County**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**Jim Howell**

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**This is a letter of support from the Louisa County  
Board of Supervisors to Congressman Leach on  
10/21/04 for keeping more water in Lake Odessa.**

- October 21, 2004
- Congressman Jim Leach
- 214 Jefferson Street
- Burlington, IA 52601
- Dear Congressman Leach:
- As county supervisors, we are looking at ways to better the economy in Louisa County. One way to do this is to get the recreational usage of Lake Odessa back to the way it was in the 1950's. The lake was alive with campers, boaters, and fisherman during the summer months. We are asking your assistance to this end.
- It is our understanding that the Corps of Engineers has ultimate authority over Lake Odessa. The Corps has granted management rights to Lake Odessa to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife on the North end and the Iowa DNR on the South end of the lake. The DNR and the US Fish and Wildlife have expressed that their mission at the lake is to promote waterfowl. Drawing the water level down during the summer months so that vegetation can grow that the waterfowl like does this. Unfortunately, waterfowl promotion has been the only thing controlling the lake management. This has been to the detriment of fishing, boating, water skiing, and camping. The mid-summer "draw down" has made the lake ever shallower as silting has occurred making it unsafe and impossible to boat, ski, and fish.
- We feel a review by the Corp of the charter they grant needs to asses all needs as mentioned in the Presidential Commission report "Reservoirs of Opportunity". We encourage you to convince the Corp to look at a balance of practices at the lake. A compromise on the water level keeping it deep enough so one can navigate would be in order. If you are told like we have been that the mission is to enhance migratory bird population, then change the mission to include enhancement of recreation.
- Our hope is that a review by the Corps would result in a modified water draw down until there are funds to dredge the main part of the lake. There would be no budget cost to the DNR or USFWS for a modified draw down. The result would be increased recreation at the lake, more cabin and housing development along the lake, and ultimately enhanced economic benefit to the county.
- Sincerely,
- Forrest Bartenhagen, Chairman
- Jim Howell
- Ken Purdy



- Opinion Columns
- Iowa DNR releases season fishing report
- By Johnnie Crain for the Muscatine Journal

**This was a news article in the Muscatine Journal by Outdoors writer, Johnnie Crain supporting more water in Lake Odessa.**

- Odessa issues continue.
- Area sportspersons have asked for my opinion on the on-going issues at Lake Odessa. The following is simply my own thoughts and not those of any other writer or the Muscatine Journal.
- You wouldn't think that one foot of water could stir up so many issues about a lake. Most area anglers, boaters and hunters are asking the DNR to raise the lake one foot and keep it there all year.
- Dealing with the DNR and Corps of Engineers can be a daunting task at best. I find it hard to believe that by raising the so-called lake one foot would hurt the ecosystem, and most likely would improve it.
- Why were the control pipes added if they are not going to be used to control the lake's depth and flow? What would even just one foot of water mean to the fish in Lake Odessa?
- The fish would have additional cover to hide in when they are fry. The cover would allow small fish to grow to a larger size. The fish would stand a much better chance of surviving the summer heat and lack of oxygen. The fish wouldn't be as likely to die off from winter fish kill.
- [\(continued on next slide\)](#)

- Boaters could ski, fish or simply boat ride and enjoy the wildlife and scenery without needing a push pole or Go-Devil type motor just to get around. Launching and loading boats would be much easier with the deeper water. **Crain letter continued.**
- As boaters and anglers, it seems we are missing out on a great opportunity to enjoy water sports only 14 miles from Muscatine. Most anglers and boaters must drive a minimum of 50 miles to use their boats when the river is flooded.
- Muscatine and Wapello are losing lots of funds generated by boaters, hunters and anglers. When sportsmen have to drive 50 miles or more to an area, they usually will wait to fill their boats and tow vehicle with gas since it's generally cheaper away from Muscatine. Anglers will wait to buy their bait at their destination, minnows just don't live very well on extended trips.
- Bass, catfish and crappie tournaments can generate a lot of revenue for towns bordering a good lake.
- Lake Odessa does not meet the requirements for these events.
- Waterfowl hunters have even given up on the lake. Even with special motors designed for low-water conditions, the boats often become grounded and walk-in hunting is a burden due to all the needed equipment.
- Swimming at the lake has been reduced to wading, just not enough water during the hot months.
- Even with phone calls, emails and signed petitions it seems that any changes at Lake Odessa will be minimal, if at all.
- In my opinion, it's sad that so few people can impact massive numbers of outdoors sportspersons. What's best for Southeast Iowa, a useable lake, or a swampy marsh?
- Johnnie Crain is an outdoors writer from Muscatine. Contact: 563-263-287



- Residents say recreational activities on decline at lake.

- By AIMEE TABOR

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## News Article in Burlington Hawkeye supporting more water in Lake Odessa.

- WAPELLO — Several area business owners and residents say the yearly drawdown of Lake Odessa has caused recreational activities to dry up and hurt businesses and the local economy.
- Over the years, the residents say recreational activities have been on the decline at the lake and many feel the drawdown is to blame. A letter from the Louisa County Board of Supervisors urges the federal government to change the mission statement of the lake. The consensus among residents and business owners is to keep the lake level at 4 1/2 feet to 6 feet deep instead of lowering it to 3 feet or below in certain areas.
- "The Louisa County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the citizens of Louisa County and surrounding counties request that you apply your influence or pass legislation if necessary to change the mission statement of the Corps of Engineers for the management of Lake Odessa in Louisa County from the single purpose migratory bird mission to a multipurpose recreation area to benefit all interests," stated a letter addressed to U.S. Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, and signed by Supervisors' chairman Ken Purdy.
- Although the residents say the lake is managed as a single-purpose use, state officials say the lake offers recreational activities. The state Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services manage the lake, which they say offers hunting, fishing, boating and other activities. Several residents, business owners and the supervisors have circulated a petition, which already has hundreds of signatures, calling for the management plan to change, saying it's not fair to the recreational aspect of the lake.
- "The number of users of Lake Odessa has declined significantly over the years," Purdy wrote in his letter. "This past Saturday there was just one johnboat on the lake at 2 p.m. on a great summer day and one camper on shore. This is a direct result of the public not being able to trust that the water level will be deep enough for safe boating, for fishing, skiing and relaxing." Furthermore, the management plan has affected the community, Purdy wrote. "The decline in users has had a significant impact on the economic well being of the county, especially businesses in Wapello. Many of us remember when Wapello proudly displayed on their billboards 'Wapello — The Gateway to Lake Odessa.' "
- In his letter and during a town hall meeting Leach attended, Purdy said there's a no-cost fix to correcting the situation at Lake Odessa. Federal officials like Leach can use their influence to change the situation, Purdy said. Leach said he will look into the matter.

- Bill and Kay Orr, who have a cabin on the lake, said they've noticed a decline in the number of people who visit the lake. Both have been frequent visitors to the lake for many years. They remember a time when the lake was frequented by a lot of people. "At one time, Lake Odessa was an economic draw," Bill Orr said. It was a known attraction around here," Kay Orr said. At the public access point where boats can be launched, there used to be picnic benches on one of the grassy areas. They're not there anymore, Kay Orr said.
- The Orrs and others in the community worry about the economic impact the drawdown has had to the area. Kay Orr, who served as governor of Nebraska, said when she was in office she looked for ways to help small communities. Gov. Tom Vilsack should be doing the same to help communities like Wapello, she said. "This is something that won't cost any money and it will draw people from all over the area if they keep the water level consistent," Kay Orr said.
- Although the management is intended to attract migratory birds such as ducks, Bill Orr said there aren't as many of those birds as there used to be. He said the flyway for the ducks has changed. However, statistics from Bill Ohde, a wildlife biologist with state Department of Natural Resources, indicated there could be between 6,000 to as many as 120,000 ducks at one time.
- The Orrs cited a report from the National Recreation Lakes Study Commission which indicated federal agencies aren't meeting the needs of the public when managing lakes. The commission was created by Congress to look at concerns residents have. "Despite good intentions, many of the federal agencies in charge of lakes are unable to provide recreation facilities and lake conditions that meet public demand and present-day expectations; and they are failing to recognize and act on recreation opportunities," the study indicated.
- Besides the Orrs, other residents and business owners said they would like the lake to remain at a constant level. Joyce Moyers, owner of Moyers Tackle Box on U.S. 61 in Wapello, said she's seen activity at the lake decrease. That has affected her business, which has seen fewer people coming in to buy bait and other fishing supplies. "I sell duck shells for duck hunting and that also has declined," Moyers said.
- Down the street at the Boat Shop, the owners and some patrons of the business said they also would like to see the water level remain constant. Rock Williams and his son, Chet, who own the Boat Shop and live in Wapello, said the constant raising and lowering of the water level has caused fewer people to venture out on the lake in boats. "It's detrimental to business," Rock Williams said. "You don't have the people water skiing or fishing."
- Dave Singleton of Wapello said something needs to be done to change the situation. Singleton remembers when the lake was brimming with activity. "They've taken the lake away from the people," he said.
- Aimee Tabor reporter
- The Hawk Eye Burlington, Iowa
- 319-758-8137 1-800-397-1708 ext. 137



# **Myths**

**Myth 1. The Lake was created for Duck hunting and wildlife. False.**

**Lake Odessa was created because of the levee system and used to be a great Lake for all purposes.**

**Myth 2. The refuge will be flooded and ruined. False.**

**If you keep the Lake at a minimum depth of 4.7 feet at Schafer's access instead of 2.5 feet the aerial photos indicate that the refuge would not be flooded. In fact, no water would be back there if the man made canals were shut off, which they can be. More water would help, not hurt the Wildlife at Lake Odessa.**



**Myth 3. More water will hurt wildlife. False.**

**In the last 50 years, fishing has deteriorated drastically. Pelicans now feast on the fish and minnows in the shallow water. Residents have observed the Pelicans feasting on the stocked fish immediately after being turned loose in the lake. The number of duck hunters has gone down from over 6000 in 1972 to approx. 3000 in 2005. Duck counts are elusive. Even though the ducks harvested per hunter ratio seems fairly close to those in 1972, I would conjecture that counts in the refuge and surrounding river and corn field areas are way down from 40 years ago. We haven't been able to attain counts in the refuge.**

**The key thing is the number of hunters and fisherman and families using the lake has gone way down. Why? Not enough water.**

**Myth 4. There is just a few special interest groups wanting more water. False.**

**City Councils, Mayors, Louisa County Board of Supervisors, State Legislators, Bankers, Business owners, fisherman, hunters, boaters, swimmers, families, cabin owners have all made their wishes known for more water in Lake Odessa. The 1,000 hand written signatures on the attached petition shows wide spread support for more water. It's only the loud minority that want the status quo. They want to keep managing Lake Odessa the way it has been managed the last 40 years. Things have changed and you don't keep doing things the way they have always been done. What has changed is that the Lake has silted in. People aren't coming to the Lake anymore in the numbers they used because they can't trust the water to be deep enough and the good fishing has disappeared.**



**Myth 5. The online petition for leaving the Lake the way it is shows local support for status quo. False.**

**Ninety percent or less of the on line petitioners haven't even been to Lake Odessa. They are not local (mostly out of state and some are out of the country) and don't know the real situation at Lake Odessa. They are perhaps what one might call environmental purists and have signed a petition they really know nothing about. They would just as soon not have human beings around at all. Nature and humans can get along. We need nature and humans to get along for the economic well being of the county. Our natural resources are one of our greatest assets in the county, but only if people can enjoy them.**

**Why hasn't the minimum depth of the Lake been increased?**

**Because of the environmental purist approach to management. They would say drain the Lake and do away with the people.**

**The only way this management style is going to change is from legislative body intervention at both the state and federal level.**



**If you are in a position to help persuade the Iowa DNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife to change their management methods at Lake Odessa, please do so.**

**If you would like a CD or Quicktime version let Ken know.**

If you wish additional information, you may contact:

Ken Purdy, Louisa County Board of Supervisors, [kenpurdy@lisco.com](mailto:kenpurdy@lisco.com) ph. 319-728-2274. Ken will be glad to present to Groups  
<http://www.kenpurdy.com>

Dan Wilson, Mayor of Columbus Jct. [wils@louisacomm.net](mailto:wils@louisacomm.net) ph.319-728-2854

Forrest Bartenhagen, Louisa County Board of Supervisors 319-523-4106

- Dredging is another possibility, but that will be for the future and take considerably more money. Indications are that the public, Local DNR management, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife local management would not object to dredging. This would be a longer range solution to the problem of not enough water depth in the Lake. This procedure has been used elsewhere on Iowa lakes.
- You may end here. A few pages of the 1,000 signed petitioners follow if you want to go on.



# Lake Odessa Petition

LOUISA COUNTY  
APPROVED

AUG 09 2005

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Signature	Address	City	State	Zip
1. [Signature]	105 Laurel	Muscadine	IA	52761
2. [Signature]	709 N. Broadway	MT. Pleasant	IA	52641
3. [Signature]	1658 20th	Wapello	IA	52653
4. [Signature]	3268 R Ave	Morning Sun	IA	52640
5. [Signature]	210 Pleasant	Wapello	IA	52653
6. [Signature]	808 N Prairie	Wapello	IA	52653
7. [Signature]	210 Pleasant	Wapello	IA	52653
8. [Signature]	3209 120th NE	Solon	IA	52333
9. [Signature]	102 Cedar Ave. Apt 15	Waverly	IA	50671
10. [Signature]	217 So. Second	Wapello	IA	52653
11. [Signature]	9008 CARD ST	Morning Sun	IA	52640
12. [Signature]	11307 J Ave	Wapello	IA	52653
13. [Signature]	324 South 4th	Wapello	IA	52653
14. [Signature]	911 Louisa Ave	Wapello	IA	52653
15. [Signature]	901 State	Wapello	IA	52653
16. [Signature]	204 Sand Run Rd	Franklin	IA	52749
17. [Signature]	1648 Riley's	Muscadine	IA	52761
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19. [Signature]	1804 W. 116th	Dow	IA	52804
20. [Signature]	8608 142nd Ave	Wapello	IA	52653
21. [Signature]	500 S. Benton	Brighton	IA	52540
22. [Signature]	1440 250th St	Washington	IA	52353
23. [Signature]	5003 8th Ave	Wapello	IA	52653
24. [Signature]	1103 Huron St	Mediapolis	IA	52657
25. [Signature]	5674 Market	Wapello	IA	52653
26. [Signature]	8150 Farr	Wapello	IA	52653
27. [Signature]	621 Franklin	Wapello	IA	52653
28. [Signature]	817 Issett Ave.	Wapello	IA	52653
29. [Signature]	10197 77th Street	Wapello	IA	52653
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Signature	Address	City	State	Zip
1. <i>Sharon Jones</i>	2207 Hilltop Rd	Col. Jct.	IA	52738
2. <i>Nathan Wilson</i>	3725 South Hilltop Rd	Col. Jct.	IA	52738
3. <i>James J. Jones</i>	227 Main St	Columbus	IA	52738
4. <i>Donald Orr</i>	804 Union St	Col. Jct.	IA	52738
5. <i>Donny Orr</i>	804 Union St	Col. Jct.	IA	52738
6. <i>Nathan Wilson</i>	831 Colonial Ave	Col. Jct.	IA	52738
7. <i>Steve Johnson</i>	830 Colonial Ave	Col. Jct.	IA	52738
8. <i>Rich Bridenstine</i>	829 Colonial Ave	Col. Jct.	IA	52738
9. <i>Thomas J. Hunter</i>	1615 Colton	Col. Jct.	IA	52738
10. <i>Thomas J. Hunter</i>	134 Crocker Ln	Col. Jct.	IA	52738
11. <i>Mary J. Nelson</i>	831 Colonial Ave	Col. Jct.	IA	52738
12. <i>Michelle Orr</i>	1307 Bryant Rd	Atterbury Farm	IA	52738
13. <i>Kathie Orr</i>	1307 Bryant Rd	Atterbury Farm	IA	52738

Signature	Address	City	State	Zip
1. <i>Robin Giese</i>	106 N Elm	Morning Sun	IA	52640
2. <i>Robert A. Curtis</i>	1417 Colton St	Columbus	IA	52738-9312
3. <i>Cheryl A. Curtis</i>	1417 Colton St	Columbus	IA	52738-9312
4. <i>Michelle Orr</i>	200 S Blair	Morning Sun	IA	52640
5. <i>James J. Jones</i>	605 E. Division St.	Morning Sun	IA	52640
6. <i>Gregory R. Pierce</i>	200 S. Clark St	Morning Sun	IA	52640
7. <i>Gregory R. Pierce</i>	17910 Hwy 78	Morning Sun	IA	52640
8. <i>Gregory R. Pierce</i>	1807 N.E. 2nd	Morning Sun	IA	52640
9. <i>Coral Pierce</i>	1501 E Ave	Morning Sun	IA	52640
10. <i>Robert A. Hamm</i>	204 E Division	Morning Sun	IA	52640
11. <i>Steve Delzell</i>	605 Church	Morning Sun	IA	52640
12. <i>Shirley Hilly</i>	2835 E. 2nd St	Morning Sun	IA	52640
13. <i>Gene Minner</i>	207 S. Kearney	Morning Sun	IA	52640
14. <i>Rachel Ridd</i>	500 S. Church	Morning Sun	IA	52640
15. <i>Shirley Hilly</i>	207 S. Kearney	Morning Sun	IA	52640
16. <i>Robert A. Hamm</i>	1911 E. 2nd St	Mediapolis	IA	52637
17. <i>Tracy Skipton</i>	600 Main St	Morning Sun	IA	52640
18. <i>Michelle Orr</i>	302 N. 1st St	Morning Sun	IA	52640
19. <i>Gene Minner</i>	106 N. Olive	Morning Sun	IA	52640
20. <i>Robert A. Hamm</i>	Box 512	Morning Sun	IA	52640



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1. Randy Treck	9626 Main St	Wapello	IA	52653
2. Bobba Kammerer	2044 Vision St	Morning Sun	IA	52640
3. Adam Kammerer	PO Box 366	Morning Sun	IA	52640
4. Tom Allworth	RR 2	Wapello	IA	52653
5. Brett Cooley	108 N. Keary	Morning Sun	IA	52640
6. Lisa Kammerer	10 Post Ave	Morning Sun	IA	52640
7. Jeff Chausse	203 Box H	Wapello	IA	52653
8. Steve Gull	102 SE 2nd	Morning Sun	IA	52640
9. Steve Gull	Hwy 78	Morning Sun	IA	52640
10. Brett Smith	1107 IA	Wapello	IA	52653
11. Steve & Osmer	308 E 12	Oskville	IA	52646
12. Mike Ayler	3440 240th St	Oskville	IA	52646
13. Keith Bell	1461 E Ave	Mediapolis	IA	52637
14. Bill McElhenny	2805 CO RD	Morning Sun	IA	52640
15. Gary Burt	Hwy 78	Mediapolis	IA	52637
16. Detsky	4139 14th Ave	Wapello	IA	52653
17. Brian Keltner	1907 Hwy 6	ATAHSSA	IA	52220
18. John G. Gandy	2174 US Hwy 61	Wapello	IA	52653
19. Mike Gull	231 S. Cedar	Wapello	IA	52653
20. Jeff Gull	6163 W. Rd. H22	Catonsville	IA	52646
21. Lion Wynn	17910 Hwy 78	Morning Sun	IA	52640
22. Harrison Fendley	2094 W. Ave			
23. Tom Gull	8096 Hwy 78	Wapello	IA	52653
24. Paul B. Gull	6103 Cedar Ave	Oskville	IA	52646
25. John Gull	7024 W. Ave	Oskville	IA	52646
26. Fred Hartman	210 E Elm	Wapello	IA	52653
27. John Kammerer	316 4th St	Morning Sun	IA	52640
28. Bob Brown	107 N.	Wapello	IA	52653
29. Bradie Wilcox	2437 W. Ave	Morning Sun	IA	52640
30. John Gull	2457 W. Ave	Morning Sun	IA	52640
31. Keith Waller	15045 30th St	Morning Sun	IA	52640
32. Robert Earnest	219 SE 5th	Morning Sun	IA	52640
33. Nick Gull	427 S. Ave 2nd	Wapello	IA	52653
34. Nick Gull	211 2nd St	Wapello	IA	52653
35. Travis Wiley	1637 Main	Wapello	IA	52653
36. Jim Walker	3015 M Ave	Morning Sun	IA	52640
37. Teddy Jackson	745 do 5th	Wapello	IA	52653
38. Kirk DeBrell	3555 E Ave 11	Morning Sun	IA	52640
39. Dustin Brewer	908 Mill St	Wapello	IA	52653



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1. <i>Denick Peterson</i>	<i>858 Mill St</i>	<i>Wapello</i>	<i>IA</i>	
2. <i>Tom McCleary</i>	<i>301 NW 3rd St</i>	<i>Morning Sun</i>	<i>Ia</i>	<i>52640</i>
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1. <i>Spence Schaffer</i>	<i>9544 Co. Rd. X61</i>	<i>Wapello</i>	<i>Ia</i>	<i>52653</i>
2. <i>Randy A. Cusick</i>	<i>943 Marshall</i>	<i>Wapello</i>	<i>Ia</i>	<i>52653</i>
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1. <i>Georgie Black</i>	<i>606 Laurel St</i>	<i>Wapello</i>	<i>Ia</i>	<i>52653</i>
2. <i>Brian Hamed</i>	<i>10946 CO RD X37</i>	<i>Columbust</i>	<i>Ia</i>	<i>52738</i>
3. <i>Jammy Halyes</i>	<i>10946 Co. Rd. x37</i>	<i>Col. Jct.</i>	<i>IA</i>	<i>52738</i>
4. <i>Sydney Waynick</i>	<i>9645 M Ave</i>	<i>Wapello</i>	<i>IA</i>	<i>52653</i>
5. <i>Bill Brauns</i>	<i>208 Ray E1 Rd</i>	<i>Wapello</i>	<i>Ia</i>	<i>52653</i>
6. <i>Jean Brauns</i>	<i>208 Ray E1 Rd</i>	<i>Wapello</i>	<i>IA</i>	<i>52653</i>
7. <i>Andy Ball</i>	<i>8745 Co. Rd. 11-22</i>	<i>Mediapolis, IA</i>		<i>52637</i>
8. <i>Chris Ball</i>	<i>8945 Co. Rd. 11-22</i>	<i>Mediapolis, Ia.</i>		<i>52637</i>
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1. <i>David H. Wilson</i>	<i>11513 County Road 662</i>	<i>Wapello</i>	<i>IA</i>	<i>52653</i>
2. <i>Anna Huppert</i>	<i>403 N Harrison St</i>	<i>Mediapolis</i>	<i>IA</i>	<i>52637</i>
3. <i>Kenneth W. Storka</i>	<i>113 NE 3rd St</i>	<i>Morning Sun</i>	<i>IA</i>	<i>52640</i>
4. <i>Richard McCleary</i>	<i>200 E 2nd St</i>	<i>Morning Sun</i>	<i>IA</i>	<i>52640</i>
5. <i>Lynn Rogers</i>	<i>20 SW 2nd St</i>	<i>Morning Sun</i>	<i>IA</i>	<i>52640</i>
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1. <u>Ken Brandy</u>	<u>27423 Hwy 92</u>	<u>Columbus Jct.</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52738</u>
2. <u>Bert Rogers</u>	<u>226 Ambrose</u>	<u>Town City</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52245</u>
3. <u>Patricia R. Lewis</u>	<u>2907 Mulberry</u>	<u>Muscatine</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52761</u>
4. <u>Phil Chapman</u>		<u>LAKE Odessa</u>		
5. <u>Ronald D. Crompton</u>	<u>2404 E 5th St</u>	<u>Columbus City</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52737</u>
6. <u>Phil Crompton</u>	<u>12050 Q Ave</u>	<u>Columbus Jct</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52738</u>
7. <u>Patricia Wappling</u>	<u>10463 Cold X17</u>	<u>Columbus Jct</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52738</u>
8. <u>Wanda Wappling</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
9. <u>Henrietta Hogdell</u>	<u>1313 Nashua</u>	<u>Winfield</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52659</u>
10. <u>Chen Wappling</u>	<u>24512 105th St</u>	<u>Columbus Jct</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52738</u>
11. <u>Steve Ott</u>	<u>509 N. 2nd St</u>	<u>Wapello</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52653</u>
12. <u>Miriam Ott</u>	<u>509 N. 2nd St</u>	<u>Wapello</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52653</u>
13. <u>ARTHUR M. PURDY</u>	<u>13839 104th Ave</u>	<u>Davenport</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52801</u>
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1. <u>Amel J. Johnson</u>	<u>304 Royal Court</u>	<u>Wapello</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52653</u>
2. <u>Deborah Moore</u>	<u>207 Royal CRT</u>	<u>Wapello</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52653</u>
3. <u>Ang Johnson</u>	<u>940 S Ave</u>	<u>Wapello</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52653</u>
4. <u>Jackie R. Griffin</u>	<u>219 S 4th St</u>	<u>Wapello</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52653</u>
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1. <i>Steve Jenkins</i>	830 Colonial Ave.	Col. Jct	IA	52738
2. <i>Jim VanHorn</i>	257 Cedar	Col. Jct	IA	52738
3. <i>Raymond D. Cronen</i>	200 West Varnon	Franklin	IA	52752
4. <i>Todd H. Humm</i>	414 2nd St.	Col. Jct	IA	52738
5. <i>Thomas H. Hutton</i>	1615 Cedar	Col. Jct	IA	52738
6. <i>Ray E. Evans</i>	4th 8th & Cedar Oakville	Oakville	IA	52646
7. <i>Paula D. Evans</i>	2406 Burlington St	Calmar	IA	52737
8. <i>Mark Smith</i>	132 Spring-	Col. Jct	IA	52738
9. <i>Robert D. Buss</i>	1576-18th St	Nichols	IA	52766
10. <i>Charles Snyder</i>	Little	Yuba	IA	52754
11. <i>Jim Jones</i>	2022 x Ave	Col. Jct	IA	52738
12. <i>James Cady</i>	Little	Yuba	IA	52754
13. <i>Bonnie Snyder</i>	2366 Crockett Rd.	Little	IA	52754
14. <i>Paul Hock</i>	305 McCordy Dr	Washington	IA	52753
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1. <i>Mike Rogers</i>	409 3rd St	Oakville	IA	52646
2. <i>Loren Albini</i>	14481 100th St	Wapello	IA	52653
3. <i>John Smith</i>	2505 G. Rd. G-52	Colmar	IA	52738
4. <i>Mark Frank</i>	3490 K Ave	Wapello	IA	52653
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1. Clarence J. Salladay, 803 BUCHANAN BL. Wapello, IA 52653  
August 9, 2005  
*A Duck Hunter*
2. Ralph Tebo 707 N. Francis Wapello
3. Britt Timmerman 809 Iselt Ave Wapello IA 52653
4. Andy Buntington 633 South Main St. Wapello IA 52653
5. Dawn Timmerman 118 N. 2nd Wapello IA 52653
6. Robert Miller 1132 Oak Ct. - Riverside, Ia 52327
7. Kelly Hodge PO Box 69 Andalusia IL
8. Alex Hodge 1036 Kammerer Ct. Muscatine IA
9. Nathan R. Carver P.O. Box 135 Morning sun, IA 52644
10. Brandy Burt PO Box 69 Andalusia IL

**This is just a few of the 1,000 signed petitioners representing county supervisors past and present, mayors, city councilmen, school board members, school superintendents, bankers, state legislators, boaters, fisherman, duck hunters, citizens, etc. These concerned citizens are either local residents or are users of the Lake.**

**Feel free to contact:**

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