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IAFSM CONFERENCE, TINLEY PARK, IL

LAKE LORIN SITE TOUR, ORLAND HILLS, IL (South COOK COUNTY)

Lake Lorin was built in the late 1970's to provide 88 acre-ft of detention for surrounding residential developments in Orland Hills, IL (south Cook County). The created storage is on-line detention associated with Tinley Creek, which has a total drainage area of approximately three square miles at this location. The western and southern portions of the lake were enlarged to provide wetland mitigation for the Pepperwood Subdivision in the late 1990's. The control structure at the NE corner of the lake was replaced in 2010.

Due to deep highly organic non-cohesive soils and severe wave action approximately 25' – 30' of the east and north shoreline severely eroded landward over the years. This also created an unsafe condition with up to a 5' vertical drop close to the perimeter walking path enjoyed by many local residents.

Recognizing the need to protect the residents and the integrity of the lake the Village of Orland Hills obtained a permit from the USACE to stabilize / restore / protect approximately 900 linear feet back of the bank to the historical shoreline location in 2021. They also obtained a "No permit required" confirmation from the MWRDGC and relied upon the IDNR-OWR Regional Permit #3 for construction in a designated floodway.

Limestone ledgerrock, steel sheet piling, and synthetic sheet piling alternatives were designed along with an option to dredge the lake to restore fish habitat. Bids ranging from \$0.45M to \$1.5M for the shore stabilization and \$0.45M to \$1.05M for the dredging were received in May, 2021.

Only the limestone ledgerrock shoreline stabilization work was awarded in June, 2021 for \$0.45M. Authorization to proceed with the dredging was received later in August, 2021. The was completed (except the dredging and restoration) before winter set in. Unfortunately permits were not obtained for the disposal of the dredged material in a future park less than a ½ mile from Lake Lorin until October, 2022. Work is now scheduled to be completed in 2023.