

Orono Lake Improvement District (OLID) Proposed Budget 2021

	Project/Activity	Description: OLID Annual Services and Activities Fee	Budget
1	AIS Control Curly-leaf Pondweed	Continue treatment where needed of this invasive species according to LOWQC recommendations until CLP seed banks are eliminated. For 2021 the estimated acres to be treated are 15 to 25 acres. Herbicide, mechanical and/or hand removal will all be considered. If Sherburne AIS Grant funds remain available and are approved, costs could be reduced, the project scope expanded or funds carried over for use the following year.	\$7,521
2	AIS Control Eurasian Watermilfoil	Eurasian Watermilfoil was first detected in Lake Orono on July 21, 2020. Following DNR early detection rapid response protocol, the EWM infestation was treated on August 5. In addition, inspection and hand removal will be permitted after the drawdown and winter freeze should further assist. However, EWM is rarely eradicated from a lake once introduced and continued maintenance may be necessary to maintain the plant at low, manageable levels. Also, Sherburne AIS rapid response funds or grant funds from the DNR might be sought.	\$2,000
3	Fisheries Survey, Preservation and/or Stocking	Create fund set-aside to be prepared to survey fish population in comparison to the 2019 DNR fisheries survey and stock as needed. The DNR may be able to assist with both a new survey and some stocking, if not both would need to be contracted services. Work with the DNR to determine fish stocking needs and the most appropriate species to select to stock as deemed appropriate. Also, assist with awareness campaign for needs to reduce fishing limits during this winter.	\$2,000
4	Web licensing and maintenance	OLID membership communication, official document repository, director nomination forms, absentee election ballots, etc.	\$200
5	Office supplies	Annual meeting notice mailing, location rental or refundable deposit, P.O. Box, meeting-related or other general supplies.	\$500
6	OLID Board Liability Insurance	Secure standard Liability Insurance for the OLID Board of Directors.	\$853
7	Cash Flow needs or contingency (e.g. AIS, suitable grants, other)	Build and maintain a cash reserve equal to half of the annual budget to assist with cash flow shortages due to inherent timelines associated with the tax settlement and payment schedule. Also, be positioned to act on grant opportunities when available and be prepared to fund mitigation if additional AIS infections occur through expansion of existing threats or new AIS (e.g. Starry stonewort, Zebra mussels).	\$3,000
Total cost of goals 1 – 7			\$16,074*
*OLID property owner annual cost for 2021 of \$94.00 per unit.			

Note: A carryover of funds from year-to-year may be allowed to accommodate cash flow.