

Orono Lake Improvement District (OLID) Proposed Budget 2025

	Project/Activity	Description: OLID Annual Services and Activities Fee	Budget
1	AIS Control Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP)	Continue surveying and treatment where needed of this invasive species until CLP seed banks are eliminated. For 2025 the estimated acres requested to be treated is 32 to fit within the MN DNR maximum allowable without a variance (15% of the littoral area). Herbicide, mechanical and/or hand removal will all be considered. If MN DNR or Sherburne AIS Grant funds remain available and are approved, costs to OLID could be reduced or funds carried over for use the following year. Also, a Sherburne SWCD AIS grant will be applied for to cover required independent contractor CLP delineation costs.	\$8,475
2	Sedimentation Monitoring and Management	Continue lake sonar surveys and baseline studies to monitor existing conditions, sediment sources and baseline sediment levels. Monitoring equipment and data processing. Conduct or contract for feasibility studies and develop proposals for future dredging projects.	\$2,000
3	Undesirable Aquatic Vegetation and Organisms Public Waters Control	MN DNR staff have stated that Water star-grass, and the distribution and density of any submerged aquatic plant, can vary significantly from season to season, particularly in a reservoir system like Lake Orono. Set-aside funds are needed to be prepared to act. Also, work with the City of Elk River to secure existing funds or seek additional funds through Minn. Statute 103G.625 for the control of CLP, harmful or undesirable aquatic vegetation and organisms in public waters.	\$2,000
4	Fisheries Survey, Preservation and/or Stocking	Continue to work with the DNR to determine fish stocking needs and the most appropriate species to select to stock as available and deemed appropriate. Also, assist with current awareness campaign for the need to continue encouraging catch and release.	\$2,000
5	Web Licensing and Maintenance	OLID membership communication, official document repository, director nomination forms, absentee election ballots, etc.	\$200
6	County Special Assessment Fee	Fee for Cities, Townships and LIDS to certify special assessment on the Sherburne County tax system (\$5.00/parcel/year).	\$920
7	Office Supplies and Organizational Expenses	Annual meeting notice mailing, location rental or refundable deposit, building staff supervision, P.O. Box, membership dues or other meeting-related or general supplies.	\$675
8	OLID Board Liability Insurance	Secure standard Liability Insurance for the OLID Board of Directors.	\$980
Total cost of goals 1 – 8			\$17,250*
*OLID property owner annual cost for 2025 of \$100.00 per unit.			

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