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RKLD Donates Historic Koshkonong Dredging Documents to  
Janesville Hedberg Library, Rock County Historical Society

## Koshkonong Experimental Dredge Project Wraps-Up

*Joint Agreement Between  
Lake District, WDNR and USACE  
Likely to Lead to Future Cooperation*

EDGERTON -- The final phase of an experimental dredge project was recently completed that could lead to additional dredging, erosion controls and habitat improvements.

Lake District Chairman Brian Christianson said the US Army Corp. of Engineers and the WI DNR have finished their final accounting and the Lake District finished adding more stone to the dredge deposit site, concluding the cooperative effort launched in January 2013.

"Mother Nature brought us a drought last year that enabled dredging on a dry lake bed and dramatically reduced construction costs of the berm," said Christianson. "Although, we still had to wait a year for the sediment to dewater and determine larger stone was needed for the rip rap to do its job protecting Mud Lake."

Christianson provided a full cost summary of the project on the Lake District's website - [LINK HERE](#)

[http://www.rkld.org/Portals/0/documents/PASprojects/USACOE%20Close-out%20Letter%20e%20PAS%20\(Col.%20Deschenes.%202011.26.13\).pdf](http://www.rkld.org/Portals/0/documents/PASprojects/USACOE%20Close-out%20Letter%20e%20PAS%20(Col.%20Deschenes.%202011.26.13).pdf)

While some residents believed the purpose of the dredging was to improve the North Shore boat ramp or to enable bigger boats to navigate the lake, Christianson wanted to clarify the project's true goal.

"The team of engineers used anemometers and determined this site was the windiest location on the lake. So if we are to continue dredging, fortifying more shoreline against erosion, and potentially building islands to help break wind fetch, then we must prove to the WI DNR and the USACE that the windiest location can withstand sediment from refilling the footprint we dredged," said Christianson.

Christianson said the dredge site is being monitored regularly with the hopes that future dredging proves to be cost effective.

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The Lake District has donated all supporting documents to the Janesville Hedberg Library's Community Room. Items such as plat maps, permits, engineering diagrams, aerial photos and cost sharing agreements were also provided to the Rock County Historical Society.

"The property taxpayers of the RKLD funded this project and their legacy will be an improved lake and river that future generations will enjoy, whether hunting, fishing, bird watching, boating, or all the above," concluded Christianson.