



# Cascade Thornapple River Association (CTRA)

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May 2015

## CTRA ANNUAL MEETING MAY 19 6:30PM Wisner Center

As another summer on the river is right around the corner, it is time for the river association's annual meeting. Typically in April, last year we experimented with a March meeting and so this year May 19th.

The board with the help of former board members, legal counsel, and Cascade Township staff has been undertaking quite possibly the boldest river project ever. As you may recall we sent out a survey a little over a year ago and discussed the results at last year's annual meeting. The top request was for the board to explore a weed management program. This will be discussed in detail at the CTRA annual meeting. The other top desires by respondents had to do with maintenance and cleanup of the river, especially the silt/sand problems in bayous and tributaries. The CTRA board has been discussing the formation of a Special Assessment District to manage these programs. The funds would be collected over a period of 5-20 years based on a term we choose and predetermined specific projects and budgets would take place during that term. At this point the board is exploring an annual assessment for riverfront lots of about \$250-\$300 per year per parcel. At the end of the term the assessment cannot be renewed. It simply ends.

To begin the process we need at least 51% of the property in the proposed district area to sign a petition requesting the Special Assessment District be created. As we draft a petition, have the township approve it and list projected projects and budgets we will try to get out information. At this point we want to present the latest information we have at the annual meeting. If the association wants us to move forward we will launch the petition signature drive. A map is shown on the web page that shows the parcels we expect to have included in the proposed district at this point. After the township reviews the petition and holds a public hearing they have the ultimate say on whether this project is approved or not. The township has indicated in order for this to work we need almost universal support from the property owners within the proposed district. Other items being discussed to be included are of course hazardous object removal, fallen trees, and the long time discussed train bridge bypass. The bypass has remained unusable for at least 15 years now. Originally clogged with railroad gravel and sediment it now has weeds, brush and trees in the way. About 10 years ago some of you may recall work being done by the board to secure a permit for this project. The soil was tested, (it's clean) and unfortunately the permit process was not completed after the DNR's follow up request for more detailed information. This process was ended due to funding concerns.

**AIRPORT UPDATE** - The airport is in the final stages of the storm water system. Currently routing pipe under Thornapple River Drive and the railroad tracks Ford International is on schedule to have the new system active for the first time this fall. A link to construction photos will be on our web site.

**WEED CONTROL** - A recommendation to treat and mechanically harvest weeds has been submitted with a proposal from Professional Lake Management. A representative will be at the meeting to discuss the methods and products used.

**FIREWORKS - THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED!!!** We raised more than enough funds for the first ever 2014 river association fireworks show. We hope the fundraising continues and we are able to double our budget for this event in 2015. Turn out last year was so great and the show was a safe and fun success so two years in a row seems appropriate. Plans for this and future activities will be discussed at the annual meeting. **THANK YOU!**

**Fireworks donations can be made via the web site [www.cascadethornapple.org](http://www.cascadethornapple.org)**



Send your 2015 dues of \$50.00 Payable to the CTRA or pay online.

Cascade Thornapple River Assoc.  
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2015 Dues 4-1-15 thru 3-31-16 \$50  
2014 Dues of \$50 if name was not on paid list \$\_\_\_\_\_

Fall Fireworks Donation \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

***Thanks to all 123 members who paid their 2014 Dues!!!***

Andrews, Rob  
Asadi-Moghaddam,  
Beahan, Rob & Judy  
Berkshire, Brad & Stacy  
Borisch, Matt & Kara  
Borisch, Tom & Jessica  
Bouwer, Doug & Chris  
Brannoff, Chris & Kim  
Breen, Lyle & Judy  
Brundidge, Jim & Chris  
Butts, Bill & Angie  
Carlson, Scott & Robyn  
Carrier, Brad & Sandee  
Carpenter, Ken & Judi  
Christensen, Dave & Jessica  
Clark, John  
Clem, Jesse & Rebecca  
Cutler, Dar & Hazel  
D'Amato, Paul & Sheryl  
Dale, Michael & Deana  
Daley, Patrick & Barbara  
Degraaf, Dean & Amanda  
DeKok, Dennis  
Desjardin, Evelyn  
Deyoung, Morgan Cole & Jaci  
Donker, Dick & Sandra  
Dowling, Rex & Connie  
Drake, John & Marilyn  
Duiven, Don & Margie  
Finkelstein, David  
Gatti, John & Kathy  
Gaviglio, Jim & Vicki  
Gorsuch, Kerry  
Greeman, Ben & Liz  
Haehnel, Craig & Kathi  
Hammerman, Diane  
Hartman, Carl & Janet  
Herbruck, Harry & Sheri  
Hovinga, David & Lisa  
Hoffman, Jim  
Hoffman, Erin & Ellisa

Hyde, Ron & Lisa  
Hooper, Dan & Tia  
Ines, Desi & Evelyn  
Kassouni, Haig & Ann  
Kenny, Pete & Judy  
Kingsland, Sandy & Diana  
Klamer, Craig & Janet  
Koetsier, Mr. Lawrence  
Kohn, Dick & Jeanne  
Koetje, Harold & Anita  
Koops, James & Christine  
Lantinga, Herb & Sharon  
Lobdell, Jeff & Audrey  
Lockwood, Jill & Sean  
Love, Bill & Sheila  
Mancini, Michael & Lisa K.  
Marsh, Robert & Amy  
Martin, Wayne  
McDermott, Sean & Deb  
McKeown, Peg  
McKinney, Richard & Leslie  
Merrill, Win & Julie  
Metwalli, Ali & Nadia  
Meyer, John & Diana  
Miller, Ron  
Mills, David & Deidre  
Munger, Gerald & Kathy  
Newby, Frances  
Neitzel, Shirley  
Oberlin, Mark & Kathy  
Ohlman, Robert  
Orr, Alan & Sally Jo  
Palmore, Bill & Karen  
Parent, Brett & Stacy  
Parent, Al & Karen  
Peters, Barbara J  
Petrie, Jim & Julie  
Perschbacher, Chip & Judy  
Ralya Josh & Rachel  
Reese, Dave & Chris  
Reid, Mike & Sheila

Renzenbrink, Mark & Robin  
Riley, Bob & Paula  
Rissi, Jeanne  
Rissi, Scott & Hazel  
Robertson III, Dan & Karen  
Rowland, Paul & Leann  
Saggio, Frank & Judy  
Sears, Josh & Carol  
Shoemaker, Dale & Melodie  
Sinning, Mark & Catherine  
Skinner, Barbara  
Spykman, Don & Chris  
Stacilauskas, Ron & Catherine  
Stacy, Todd & Michelle  
Stanton, Pat & Diane  
Stein, Jim & Sheri  
Stuit, Donna  
Swider, Dawn  
Thomas, Fred & Nancy  
Thompson, Jannah & Fred Harmon  
Timyan, Steve & Cheryl  
Tobian, John & Lydia  
Trapp, S-J & Rusty  
Uecker, Bill & Cathy  
VanderBrug, Duane & Adele  
VanderWeele, Robert & Kay  
VanHoven, Jim & Diane  
VanTil, Gary & Maxine  
Walco, Mrs. Elaine  
Walker, Heath & Tracy  
Walker, Richard & Cynthia  
Weber, Scott & MaryBeth  
Werkema, Tim & Heather  
Whitley, Chuck & Kathy  
Wickering, Ms. Charlene  
Widdis, Melinda  
Wiegand, Mike & Debbie  
Williams, Tom  
Winston, Steve & Sandi  
Wolbers, Rich & Jennifer  
Zadvinskis, John

**2015 FALL DRAW DOWN**  
**OCTOBER 8-11**  
**SPRING 2016 APRIL 7-10**

**Name not on this list?**  
**Don't worry, you can**  
**mail a check, or pay**  
**dues of \$50 online.**  
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**Board members needed**  
**Several board members are**  
**retiring and we need new**  
**folks to pitch in.**



## 2014 – 2020 Drawdown Schedules

Year	Cascade Dam Spring Drawdown (April)	Cascade Dam Fall Drawdown (October)
2015	9th-12th	8th-11th
2016	7th-10th	6th-9th
2017	6th-9th	12th-15th
2018	12th-15th	11th-14th
2019	11th-14th	10th-13th
2020	9th-12th	8th-11th

**Annual Meeting Agenda**  
 Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Pm  
 Wisner Center, Cascade Library

- Welcome
- Secretary Report
- Treasurers Report
- Election of new board members
- Review of 2014 river activities including airport and fireworks
- Discussion about proposed Special Assessment District
- Vote on District Petition drive
- Guest Speaker talks about Aquatic Weed management
- Results of Vote

**E-Mail the Board at:**  
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**Board Positions Available**

Please contact [cascadethornapple@gmail.com](mailto:cascadethornapple@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating as a member of the CTRA Board.

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