

FAQ - Lake Management District (LMD)

Offut Lake Community Steering Committee

1. Which type of district (LMD or SUD) is the Steering Committee going to propose to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCc)?

We propose to form a Lake Management District (LMD). The main reasons for choosing this are:

- **This is the most commonly chosen district.**
- **The SUD requires a very committed group that will put in many hours of work each month. Forming an LMD moves that work to the County level.**

2. What day or month is set for the community to vote yes or no on the lake treatment?

The date for the vote for/against the LMD will be set by the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

3. What are the benefits of forming an LMD?

- You get a 50% reduction in storm water fees (~\$37 a year) for every parcel owner in the LMD. If you have 95 parcel owners in the LMD that would be a combined savings of ~ \$3,515 back in the pockets of parcel owners every year.
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) pays into your LMD for the public boat launch facility (approximately \$14,000 a year) with no strings attached to how that money is spent – your steering committee decides how it is spent. That is a big percentage of all our revenue, each year, being paid by the state to help your lake.
- Access to State Grants to hire consultants for Integrated Aquatic Vegetative Management Plan (IAVMP) – could be 50-80% of IAVMP cost (~\$30,000+).
- Access to other State Grants (DNR, WSDA, etc.)
- Control over chemicals put into the lake. Without an LMD you do not have any control on what type of chemicals, what quantity of chemicals or how frequently chemicals are put into your lake.
- A financial means to improve water quality, lake environment, habitat, recreational activities that is fair and equitable to all LMD members – those that have the greatest stake (waterfront parcels pay the most) – those that don't live on the lake, but have access to it and use it (upland parcels pay considerably less).
- A means to prevent our lake from becoming a marsh/wetland.

<p>Have questions? Email us at: Info.Offut.Lake@gmail.com</p>
