

2018 LILSA - Dear Mayor and Council,

In partnership with Alberta Beach, LILSA is applying for a Watershed Stewardship Grant to undertake riparian restoration and landscaping in Lion's Park.

Grass was planted at Lion's Park at one time and the shoreline has eroded significantly as a result; the village is facing pressure from residents to fix the area, with a retaining wall being the most common suggestion. The purpose of our project is therefore two-fold. We would like to restore the riparian area, to prevent a retaining wall from being put in and improve water quality. In addition to the riparian area being functional, we are also planning/hoping to plant the area in a visually appealing manor, that will continue to allow good sightlines of the lake. As the park is highly visible at a busy intersection, it is our intention to use the project as a public education piece. We want to educate people on the importance of healthy riparian areas, as well as show lakefront owners that you can maintain your property at the lakeshore without the use of retaining walls, in a way that is functional yet beautiful.

We have contacted, who is well know for riparian restoration and landscaping, to help us with the project, and have requested assistance from other organizations as well. We are also planning on doing much of the actual planting with the help of volunteers.

We are hoping that Sunset Point would be interested in working with us on this project. We realize that money is tight, and while we would appreciate any funds that you could send us for the project, we are also hoping that you may be able to provide us with help advertising and recruiting volunteers. In addition, we may be able to cut costs and show good stewardship through harvesting and using plants that are already found around the lake. As such, we are requesting permission from Sunset Point to cultivate plants in public parks around the lake for use in the project. We will ensure that we have all necessary environmental approvals for the project.

We will recognize any organizations that are able to assist us by including them in all material that we create for the project, such as signage, and newspaper articles. The grant application is due on Feb 22; to help strengthen our cause, we would love to include Sunset Point as an assisting organization.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing back from you, with any ways that you could assist us with our project. I can be contacted via email at or phone at.

Sincerely,

LILSA