



Meeting Name: Pelican Lake Workshop

Meeting Date: June 27, 2024

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Item Title: Discussion on Removing Cattails and Potential Native Vegetation Implementations

DISCUSSION:

Staff have received several comments about the cattails blocking the view of Pelican Lake as they tend to grow in thickness and raise concern of taking over the lake. Although cattails can be desirable as they provide an important habitat for birds as well as fish, they can spread vigorously. Staff will be providing the following options for cattail removal:

- 1) Hand-pulling is a preventative measure for controlling cattails, however, they are difficult to remove once rooted and is very labor intensive.
- 2) Mechanical removal can be more of a permanent solution for cattail control. The work can be done by a small bulldozer or backhoe with a qualified operator.

Cattail control should be planned in advance, considering the seasonal weather, wildlife uses, and disposal of dredged material.

On the other hand, the Town's Environmental Consultant, Sean Patton, will provide an update on the status of Pelican Lake and if any implementations need to be made.