

NLCC work on Clark Creek History

Regular water level monitoring and monthly kayak trips down the creek have been done by NLCC since June 2024. On occasion small blockages have been removed. Water level at the culvert has remained in an acceptable range of 5-10 inches since June of 2024.

8/7/24: NLCC installed a new gauge to observe water level and referenced it to the bottom of the culvert. Note the other two gauges are not referenced to anything and when they move (due to boats, people or ice) it results in inaccurate data. Like MPPA referenced in the 2/22/24 NLCC meeting, that was later deemed inaccurate.

6/19/24 NLCC meeting, motion was made and approved to shift into a monitor mode on clark creek since the water level has returned to an acceptable level.

6/16/24: 8" of water in culvert

5/18/24: 12" of water in culvert

5/16/24: Trapper Paul DeBow set traps on site which resulted in the removal of one adult male beaver.

5/16/24: Vendor conducted a few hours of work opening up obstructions

5/15/24: NLCC volunteer, Jim Dexter, worked on removing blockages in the creek

5/10/24: NLCC volunteer, Jim Dexter, worked on removing blockages in the creek

5/6/24: NLCC volunteer, Jim Dexter, worked on removing blockages in the creek

5/2/24: 15" of water in culvert

5/2/24: NLCC volunteer, Jim Dexter, worked on removing blockages in the creek

4/24/24: MPPA volunteer, Ethan Simon, conducts 11 hrs of work on the creek over 3 days.

4/13/24: After spring rain and snow melt Culvert water level reached a peak of 26"

4/10/24: Vendor conducted a few hours of work opening up obstructions

3/30/24: Vendor conducted a few hours of work opening up obstructions

4/17/24: NLCC meeting: MPPA did not attend and has not attended any since.

3/22/24: 16" of water in culvert

3/20/24: NLCC meeting: MPPA attended. NLCC reviews that a vendor had been found to perform manual removal of obstruction. The group reviewed what was found on multiple site visits conducted by NLCC members.

3/18/24: Vendor conducted a few hours of work opening up obstructions

2/23/24: MPPA president wrote a letter to the BOS sharing her concern that NLCC was not doing enough to address the issues.

2/22/24: Jim Dexter and John Doyle MPPA meet at Bog Road to review the issue and agree on next steps.

2/22/24: NLCC meeting: MPPA attended and shared data on water level at the Messer Pond exit at Bog road that showed the water level had gone up multiple feet in the last few years. (Summer of 2024, this data was found to be inaccurate by MPPA). NLCC assigned a lead, Jim Dexter, to take point on this project to determine what needs to be done, work with local vendors and communicate with MPPA.

2/19/24: Local service provider was on site and worked for 3 hours to remove blockages in clark creek.

1/17/24: NLCC meeting: MPPA attended and a long discussion was had on the concerns and issues. Chair Brown reviewed that NLCC may not have the budget until July to fully address the concerns raised by MPPA. Chair Brown also reviewed that 3 possible local vendors have been contacted and hopefully one of them will be interested in the project.

12/20/23: NLCC meeting: MPPA attended meeting, reviewed concerns about erosion and high water. Motion made and approved to wait for full report from Stoney Mead Engineering and Paul DeBow, then NLCC would make a plan to address the MPPA concerns

11/15/23: NLCC meeting: Committee reviewed the Paul DeBow assessment. His estimate is it could cost \$2500 to remove the blockages by hand.

10/18/23: NLCC meeting: John Doyle, MPPA, attended and spoke about lake level concerns. A motion was approved to spend \$500 to have Paul DeBow evaluate the wildlife and blockage situation in clark creek.

8/16/23: NLCC meeting: MPPA attended and asked for NLCC support of a grant they were applying for, Support given