



**About the
Town**

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I APPLAUD HARRY Melander of Mahtomedi, our area Met Council Representative, in taking the leadership for lake augmentation.

At some point you have to move off center and take action. They've done their homework. Other lakes have water piped from the Mississippi River. I think we all should give them the encouragement they need.

The money we are spending on litigation could be well put toward a pipeline and a water filtering system.

As lake property values have dropped around White Bear Lake, so have real estate tax revenues which are then spread to everyone.

With the low water affecting shallow areas, there is a lot of growth of cottonwood and willow trees. Some areas make it difficult to even see the lake from roads and bike paths.

It's probably time to revisit some of the past decisions of diverting water from the lake to storm sewers.

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