

Realizing Community Goals For Water Quality

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Submission to Markham Council December 14, 2021

Restoration Attainable But More Work Needed!

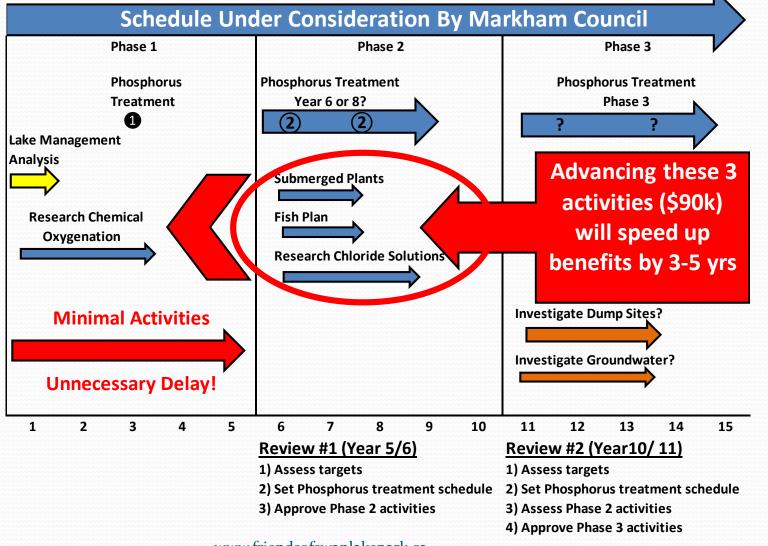
Proposed program an improvement but does not:

- Address Community Objectives
- Provide a Pathway Forward to Restoration
- Move fast enough on three small programs

Our request:

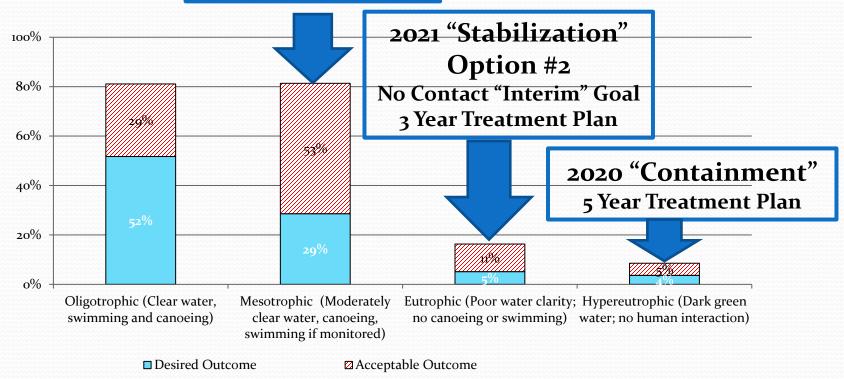
- Endorse staff program, Lake Management review and \$10k for geese and fish management programs
- 2) Amend recommendation to advance three low- cost programs (\$90k) into Phase 1 (initial 5 years)
 - i) Research into chloride solutions ii) planting submerged plants iii) stocking with small fish
- 3) Direct staff to outline actions to achieve and maintain restoration

Advance 3 Essential Activities into Phase 1



Proposed Program Falls Short of Community Objectives Over 82% of Respondents Call For Restoration

"Restoration and Engagement" Long Term Goals



Restoration Challenging but Attainable

- Restoration "almost" attainable by chemical treatment only
 - "If external sources reduced 50% (geese management) and internal sources neutralized then can attain <u>"almost mesotrophic"</u>, low phytoplankton biomass expected in 1st-2nd year AT"

[Scenario analysis, Freshwater Research (pg. 15/735) [Emphasis added]

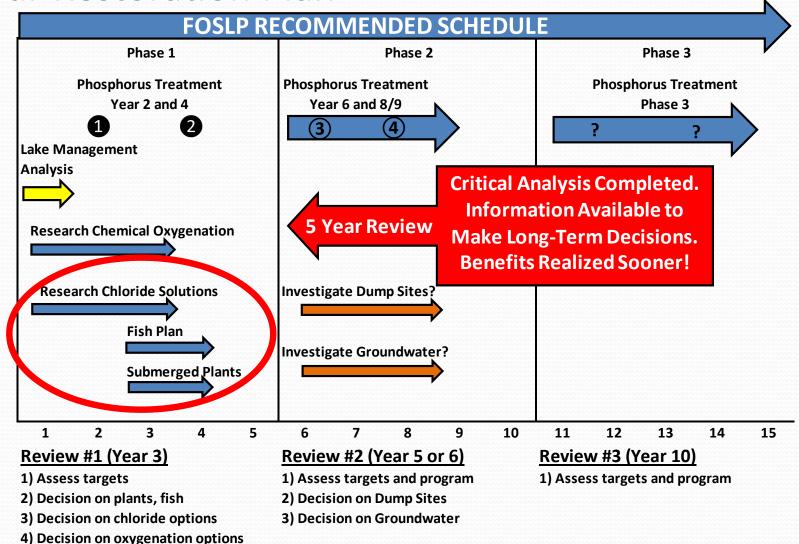
 Chemical treatment only tool for neutralizing existing phosphorus in the lake ("internal sources")

Our Restoration Plan:

- 1) Treatment every 2 years (3-4 treatments then reduce)
- 2) Address oxygen and chloride issues

Ask staff to provide their plan!

Our Restoration Plan





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Thank You!