

Please join us at www.SaveCapitolLake.org

“Save the Lake – Preserve the Past, Improve the Future.”

**Join us,
it’s free.**



Last summer, our community was stunned by an advisory committee’s recommendation to remove the dam which creates Capitol Lake.

This action would cost well over a quarter BILLION dollars and revert Capitol Lake and Budd Inlet back to a **tidal mud flat**.

In response, a group of concerned citizens formed the Capitol Lake Improvement and Protection Association (CLIPA). CLIPA is a grassroots non-profit organization, dedicated to saving Capitol Lake.

CLIPA has proposed a collaborative, cost effective, and environmentally sound solution for the entire Deschutes Watershed. CLIPA’s Lake Management Plan is endorsed by State and National Environmental and Watershed Management Experts.

Capitol Lake is a treasured icon, representing the heart and soul of our community.



CLIPA’s plan for Capitol Lake will:

- Save a treasured gem for future generations.
- Preserve the beautiful watershed of the Deschutes River, Capitol Lake, and Budd Inlet ecosystems for those who live, work, and play here.
- Promote water quality in Capitol Lake and in its urban tributaries.
- Proactively manage Capitol Lake for sediment control, pollutants, and invasive species.
- Preserve Capitol Lake and Heritage Park as community gathering places.



Tidal mud flats extending into Budd Inlet will:

- Clog the waterways with mud and threaten our active boating waterfront. Consider the cost of dredging the *entire* lower Budd Inlet!
- Diminish the beauty of the area.
- End Lakefair – there would be no lake! ... AND endanger other community events such as Harbor Days.
- Erode the Deschutes Parkway and other roadways through tidal action.
- Destroy the Capitol Campus design, one of the most beautiful in the nation.
- Only expand existing mud flats, not magically form an estuary.



Improve and Protect Capitol Lake



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What is CLIPA?

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Find out more at:

www.SaveCapitolLake.org

How can you help?

A decision is going to be made about the future of Capitol Lake.

- Be informed.
- Your voice counts.
- Join CLIPA (it is free) to show strong community support to Save the Lake and improve the Deschutes Watershed.
- Volunteer with information gathering and dissemination. (Ask us what you can do.)
- Make a tax-deductible contribution. Your contribution will help us with our efforts to put in place a scientifically-based and practical plan for Capitol Lake and the Deschutes Watershed.

Join Us!

We invite you to join us as a member of our team. Complete the membership form and mail it today.

- **Save tax dollars.** Initial dredging of Capitol Lake is just under \$5 million. Removing the dam and resulting costs are well over a quarter **Billion** dollar project.

Membership Form

- Yes, I want to be a member and help preserve and protect Our Iconic Landmark, Capitol Lake.
- Yes, I am willing to volunteer.

My Skill / Expertise: _____

Gift Amount: \$25 \$50 \$100

Donations are not required for membership, any donation amount is appreciated. Other Amount: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Yes, you may use my name as a Capitol Lake supporter.

Yes, please contact friends who might like to help improve and protect Capitol Lake.

Friend's name: _____

Friend's contact information: _____

For more information, please contact:

www.SaveCapitolLake.org

Email: Friends@SaveCapitolLake.org

Please make checks payable to:

CLIPA

Capitol Lake Improvement and Protection Association

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CLIPA is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization.
Your contribution is tax-deductible.

CLIPA Advocates

- ✓ **Long-term sustainable improvement** of the freshwater and marine ecosystem, providing recreational and educational opportunities, and preserving the aesthetics of Capitol Lake.
- ✓ **Recognizing the unique amenity** of Capitol Lake and its location within an urban environment.
- ✓ **Proactive lake management** with an immediate investment to dredge the accumulated sediment build-up.
- ✓ **Collaborating with public and private partners** to manage the entire Deschutes Watershed.
- ✓ **Move forward with an innovative plan** that balances ecosystem health with the aesthetics of this urban lake at the heart of our community.

Watershed-ecosystem

- **Protecting and improving** Deschutes Watershed and Capitol Lake makes solid contributions to the health of Budd Inlet and Puget Sound:
 - **Reduces pollutants by using Capitol Lake to trap sediment** ... AND dredging Capitol Lake is the least expensive strategy for sediment removal.
 - **Addresses water quality problems at their source** – don't blame the lake.
 - **The solution to pollution IS NOT dilution into Puget Sound.** Allowing pollutants and sediments to run directly into Budd Inlet by removing the 5th Avenue dam is a bad idea.
- **Frees up millions of dollars** that would be spent to remove the dam, rebuild the bridge, and buttress Deschutes Parkway ... AND protects substantial public investment in parks and waterfront.
- **Cleaning up the Deschutes Watershed** is the least expensive and most productive strategy to improve the health of the Deschutes River, Capitol Lake, Budd Inlet and Puget Sound.

Sense of Community

- **Capitol Lake represents the heart and soul of our area.**
- **Capitol Lake is a treasured icon** and an essential part of our state's Capitol Campus.
- **Capitol Lake is our community** gathering place.
- **Capitol Lake and lower Budd Inlet are a desirable destination**, giving us a thriving downtown and marine community.
- **A tidal mud flat would forever change** the lake from a center of family and recreational activity to a mud flat twice a day, similar to Mud Bay.
- **A tidal mud flat does not solve upstream problems** ... BUT *does* fill in Capitol Lake and the navigable waters of lower Budd Inlet.
- **A tidal mud flat** will not increase harvestable salmon or shell fish.
- There is **no compelling environmental advantage** to sacrificing Capitol Lake.