



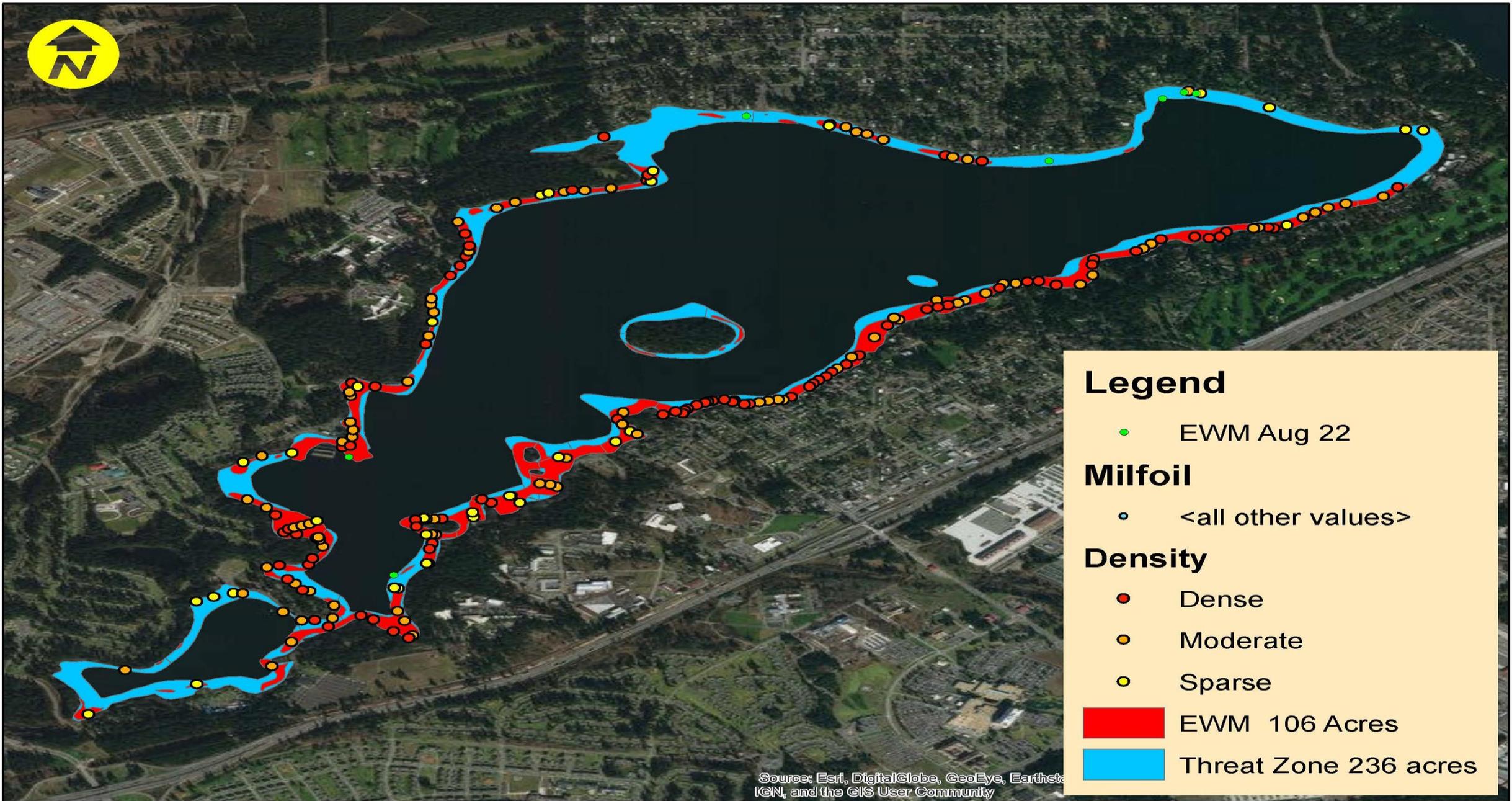
Facilitating the Creation of a Lake Management District

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What are you trying to accomplish?

- Have a clear problem statement
 - Eurasian watermilfoil (milfoil) identified in American Lake in 2016
 - Confirmed by Department of Ecology
 - Had been there for some time
 - Most likely came in on a boat or other watercraft





American Lake Eurasian Milfoil Distribution Summer 2017

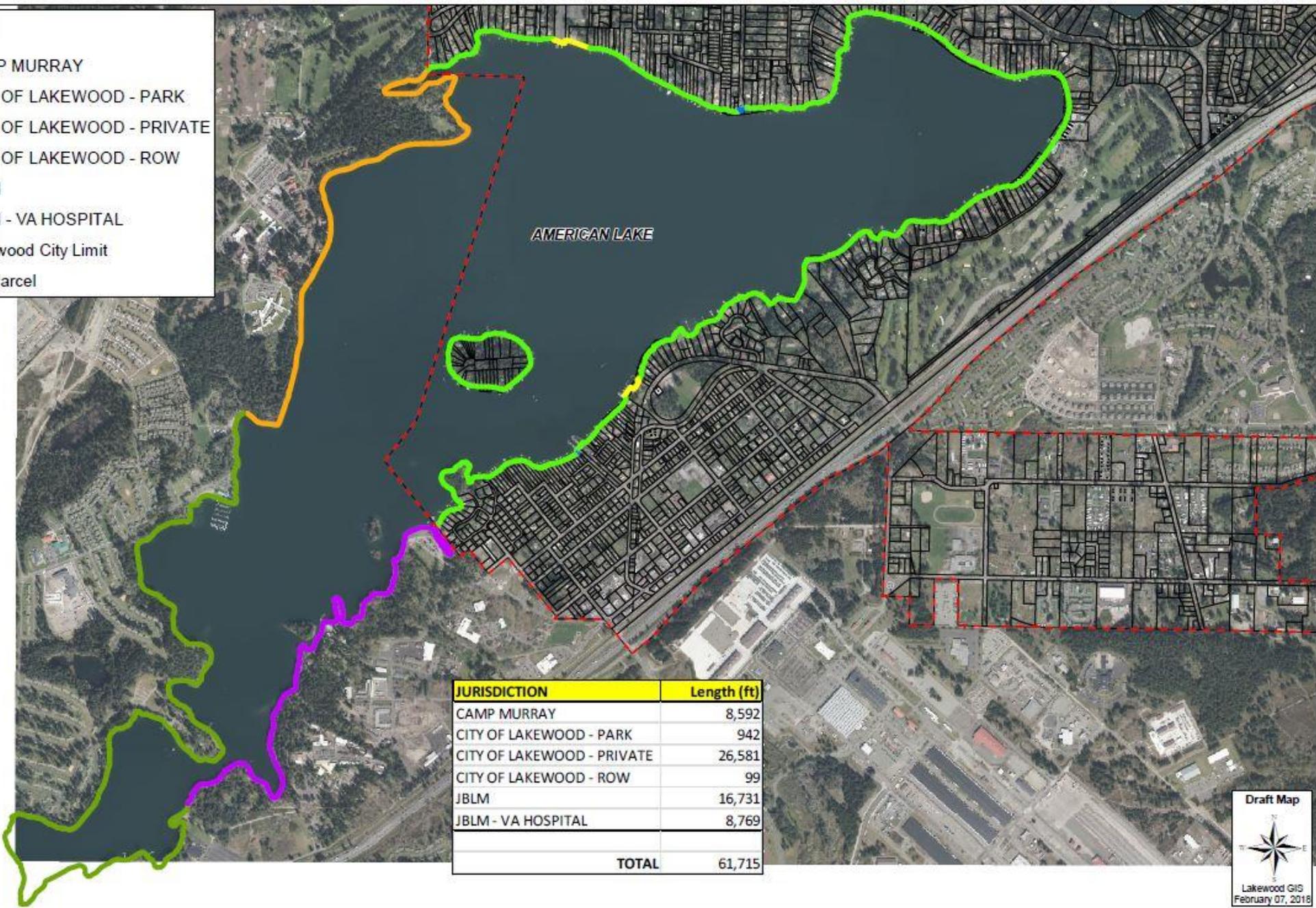
Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan

- City applied for and was awarded a grant from Ecology in 2017 to prepare an IAVMP
- Plan needed to conduct most activities in the lake; eligible for treatment grant funds
- Formed an Advisory Committee
- Hired a consultant to assist with the Plan
- A lake management district was one recommendation for funding work in the lake
- Plan was approved by Ecology in August 2018



Legend

- CAMP MURRAY
- CITY OF LAKEWOOD - PARK
- CITY OF LAKEWOOD - PRIVATE
- CITY OF LAKEWOOD - ROW
- JBLM
- JBLM - VA HOSPITAL
- Lakewood City Limit
- Tax Parcel



JURISDICTION	Length (ft)
CAMP MURRAY	8,592
CITY OF LAKEWOOD - PARK	942
CITY OF LAKEWOOD - PRIVATE	26,581
CITY OF LAKEWOOD - ROW	99
JBLM	16,731
JBLM - VA HOSPITAL	8,769
TOTAL	61,715

Draft Map

Lakewood GIS
February 07, 2018

Private Property Owners

- Met with group of private property owners
- Owner group organized the effort to create a lake management district
- Established an acceptable per foot price
- Gathered signatures to petition the City Council to form a district
- City Council requested that Pierce County Council include WA Military Dept. (Camp Murray) in the district
- JBLM/VA federal properties not obligated to participate in the district and chose not to



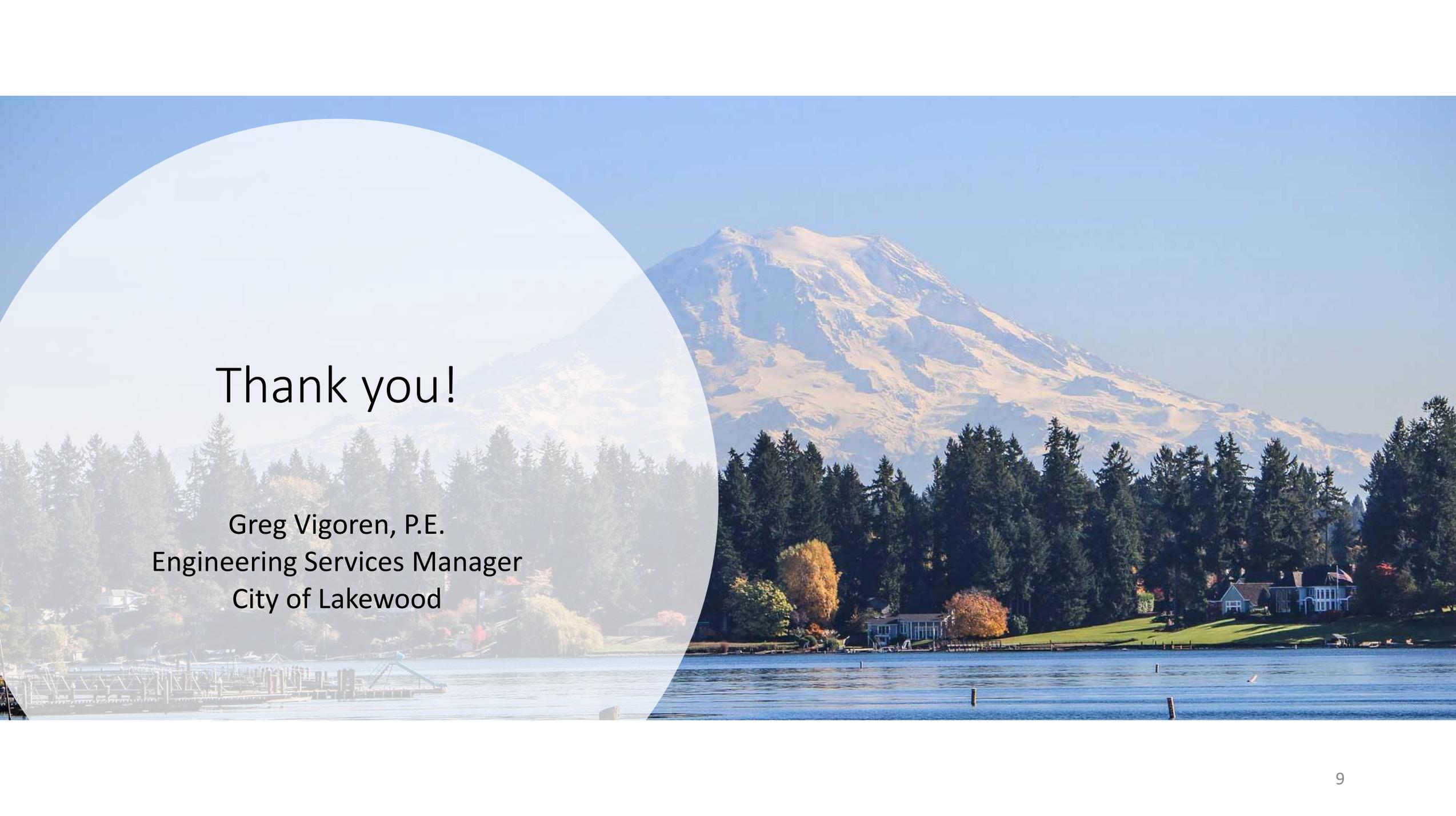
District Formed

- Property owner vote was 95% in favor of forming a district
- City Council confirmed the vote and created American Lake – Lake Management District No. 1
- Herbicide treatment for milfoil was done in August 2019
- Treatment was funded by the district, an Ecology grant, and a pro-rated contribution from JBLM/VA



Takeaways:

- Have a well defined problem statement
- Involve all pertinent parties early on in the process and keep them involved throughout
- Provide clear messaging to the potential district property owners throughout the process
- Follow the steps to create a lake management district
 - The RCW regarding district formation is very prescriptive



Thank you!

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