

City of Lewiston Press Statement April 22, 2022



Mayor Carl L. Sheline today recognized the importance of Earth Day, noting that it is more important than ever to protect our natural resources.

“Earth Day underscores the necessity and our duty to protect our drinking water,” said Mayor Sheline. ***“We must protect Lake Auburn from changes that will impact our water quality. Lake Auburn is an essential resource for both Lewiston and Auburn residents. Today is an important reminder of how critical clean water is to our health, economy, and future.”***

The City of Lewiston’s concerns about recent Lake Auburn watershed changes highlight the importance of this recognition.

“Lake Auburn is just not any lake. It is the water source for the water we drink, the water our children drink,” Mayor Sheline continued. ***“We have long protected Lake Auburn. However, if we compromise our water quality, Lewiston residents will be financially responsible for a filtration system. With household budgets tight and many on fixed incomes, Lewiston families can’t afford a \$40-\$60 million price tag and the annual \$1 million operating costs. The City of Auburn’s recent ordinance changes will negatively impact our lake’s water quality and will significantly increase our water costs.”***

Earth Day is observed by more than a billion people every year ***“as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes.”*** A photo of Lake Auburn taken by Mayor Sheline (4/22/22) is above.

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