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Subject: Management works to be implemented at Oroklini Lake as part of the EU funded project LIFE Oroklini

Dear residents of the Voroklini Community,

As you will probably know by now, the Voroklini Community Council is participating in the EU-funded LIFE project "Restoration and Management of Oroklini Lake" as one of the five project partners. This project offered a great opportunity for us to contribute to the protection of our lake.

With this letter we would like to inform you that some practical and concrete management works will soon be implemented on site as part of this LIFE project.

More specifically, within the next weeks the Game and Fauna Service - which is the leader partner of the project and the competent authority for the Special Protection Area of the lake - will be starting fencing works. The fencing is really important for the effective protection of the site and to control the disturbance to the wetland's wildlife. A fence standing at 1,20m high will be erected on the perimeter of the lake and will only include government land.

Moreover, in October (2013) BirdLife Cyprus - which is a non-governmental organisation working for the protection of birds and also the coordinating partner to the LIFE project - will start water management works on site. These works will ensure suitable levels of water for birds during their breeding season (spring) and will control the water flow in all parts of the lake. The water management works do not aim at raising the water levels of the lake. Finally, some islands - that will remain dry all year round - will be created in order to create secure nesting areas for birds.

All these works will require the presence of some heavy machinery on site and the aim is for all management works to be completed by the end of November (2013).

The three-year LIFE Oroklini project will be completed in December 2014. Voroklini Community Council is responsible for the implementation of four awareness raising actions in total. Other actions, organised by the Voroklini Community Council this year, that might be of interest to you are: **Volunteer Clean-up of Oroklini Lake on 13 October, Photo exhibition event entitled "Oroklini Lake all through the year" on 20 November and Information day about Oroklini Lake and the LIFE Oroklini project on 27 November.**

Please visit the project website www.oroکلiniproject.org to find out more about the project and to see more information about the above events.

For any further questions please contact the Voroklini Community Council on 24 644744 or voroarm1@cytanet.com.cy. We also invite you to come along to the next Information day about the project being held at the Voroklini Community Council theatre hall on 27 November.

Kind regards,

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