



## U.S. Board on Geographic Names

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Reston, VA 20192

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The Honorable Jan Callison, Chair  
Hennepin County Commissioners  
A-2400 Government Center  
300 South 6th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55487

Dear Chair Callison:

This is to inform you that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, at its June 21, 2018 meeting, approved the proposal to change the name of Lake Calhoun in Hennepin County to Bde Maka Ska. This decision was made in agreement with the recommendation of the Minnesota State Geographic Names Authority.

The change has been made in the Geographic Names Information System, the nation's official geographic names repository, which is available and searchable online at <https://geonames.usgs.gov>. The entry reads as follows:

**Bde Maka Ska**: lake; 419 acres; in Bde Maka Ska Park in the City of Minneapolis SW of Lake of the Isles, NNW of Lake Harriet; the name is from the Dakota language for "white banks lake" or "white earth lake"; Secs 5&4, T28N, R24W & Secs 32&33, T29N, R24W, Fourth Principal Meridian Extended; Hennepin County, Minnesota; 44°56'31"N, 93°18'42"W; USGS map – Minneapolis South 1:24,000; Not: Calhoun Lake, Heyate Mde, Lake Calhoun, Lake Mendoza, Mde Maka Ska, Mde Ma-ka-ska, Mde Medoza, Medoza.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer S. Ruayon*  
For Lou Yost

Executive Secretary  
U.S. Board on Geographic Names

