

## 2013 Treatment Report

As last year, the Coon Lake Improvement District (CLID) Board contracted with Lake Restoration, Inc. (LRI) to treat the lake for Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and with Professional Lake and Land Management Corp. (PLM) to treat the lake for Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM). The same two firms were also chosen in 2009 -12. Being both firms were successful with 90% eradication rate, were very fair with their pricing and no major issues of results, it was decided to award this year's contract to the lowest bidder of each specific targeted plant species. One change to save some cost was to enter into a contract with a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement thru the States' Materials Management Division that acquires supplies, commodities, equipment or services thru a competitive bidding process or requests for proposals. This was done for the EWM treatment with PLM as the vendor.

The winter of 2012-13 brought us heavy snow cover, a cold spring and with a late ice-out of April 29 th there were few plants found during the delineations done by the Spotter teams. This accounted for our requested treatment acreage numbers being so low, 35 for CLP and 26 for EWM. Our request to treat the CLP was granted for all 35 acres but fell to 16 for EWM as it seemed to the person inspecting that the plants were not of adequate size or quantity. Hopefully, that person will give more thought to controlling invasive species the same way he or she would care for their lawn with Creeping Charlie! Invasive species left untreated (especially EWM) and our goal to reduce invasive species infestation to less than 5% of Coon Lakes' area will not be attained by allowing these plants to grow and flourish for the remainder of the season as the plants did this year!! There were some disappointed homeowners that had substantial AIS growth patches near their property that many of us think it should have had treatment.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to the individuals that have spent a considerable amount of their time to delineate (inspect and document) the entire lake for these invasive species and it is usually done urgently due to a time/temperature sensitive situation. As I am, if you have the opportunity, please be sure to acknowledge the efforts of Jim Gunderson, Keith and Arlan Mercil, Lowell Efferfield, Carl Czeck, and Leon Mager. If you are able to help out, please call Leon at 763 434 9652 and let him know of your availability.

Please visit <http://www.clidmn.org> for more information or to send an email requesting further information.

Thank you to those of you attending the CLID Annual Meeting where the 2014 Budget of \$192,850 and 2014 fee of \$25 were approved. The CLID Board expects that the annual assessment fee will continue to remain low and the plan for the future, at least short term will be to replace the previous year's expenditures. Arlan Mercil was re-elected for another three year term and Steve Olson and Bob Czeck were elected by vote to serve as CLID Directors. Steve for a three-year period and Bob to finish out the remaining portion of Keith VonDeLinde's term after his resignation. In the business meeting that followed the Annual Meeting it was decided for the following 12 months the slate of directors will remain as the previous year, Steve Olson will serve as Secretary, Bob Czeck will serve as Treasurer, Arlan Mercil will serve as Second Vice Chair, Al Beck will serve as First Vice Chair and Mike Bury as Chair. Thank you all for your service to Coon Lake.

Look for the CLID annual letter early in April informing property owners of the Annual Meeting and how to opt out of herbicide treatments rather than furnish their signature allowing them to occur.

Ongoing efforts by CLIA, CLID, the DNR (when the person responsible acts intelligently) and private professional lake service organizations such as PLM, Lake Restoration and other interested parties will continue to protect the quality of Coon Lake and protect the best interest of the users and property owners of Coon Lake.

Mike Bury  
CLID Chairman

(This information is being submitted to the MN DNR, MN PCA, Anoka County, Cities of Columbus, East Bethel and Ham Lake to comply with MN Statute 103B.571 Subd. 4 as part of the required Annual Report)