

2014 Treatment Report

The Coon Lake Improvement District (CLID) Board contracted with Professional Lake and Land Management Corp. (PLM) to treat the lake for Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). To save time, effort and dollars, the contract was through the States' Materials Management Division and the agreement was referred to as MN Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. That agreement assists government bodies and other organizations to acquire supplies, commodities, equipment or services through a competitive bidding process or requests for proposals.

The winter of 2013-14 was similar to the prior winter that brought us heavy snow cover, a cold winter and spring with a late ice-out so there was few plants found during the delineations done by the Spotter teams. This may have accounted for our requested treatment acreage numbers being very low, 5 for CLP and 10 for EWM. Our request to treat the CLP was not granted although the spotter team had done a diligent job. Communications were slow and the water temperature exceeded the 60* threshold to target the CLP specifically. If treatment would have occurred during the warm water temperature, it may have had a negative effect on some native species. It was interesting to note the acreage that had the most density of CLP was a large area that someone had a skating rink over the past winter. For the EWM treatment there was 10 acres requested and approved that consisted of 6 areas; two that were .5 to 1 acre in the east basin and four in the range of 1 to 5 acres in the west basin.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to the Public Works Department of the City of East Bethel for the summer use of the dumpsters provided for weed disposal. In addition, we would like to thank the individuals that have spent a considerable amount of their time to delineate (inspect and document) the entire lake for invasive species. This process 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, Ron Petricka, Lowell Efterfield, 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 2015 Budget of \$192,850 and 2015 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. Mike Bury and Al Beck were again re-elected for another three-year term as CLID Board Directors. 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. The Lake Vegetation Management Plan is due to be revised this fall as it expires in April of 2015.

Ongoing efforts by CLIA, CLID, the DNR 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)