

## 2016 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 initiated through the Minnesota State Materials Management Division. The agreement is referred to as MN Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. This agreement assists government bodies and other organizations to acquire supplies, commodities, equipment or services through a competitive bidding process or requests for proposals.

After being concerned with the possibility of the 2014-15 winter being one with a lighter snow cover and not being able to adequately delineate for CLP, the CLID Board sought bids for the CLP delineation by others. This is because the entire process is usually done urgently due to a time/temperature sensitive situation for the treatment window. AIS Consulting Services was awarded the project due to the lowest bid of \$525 in 2015 and again in 2016. The CLP treatment of 25.3 acres in seven sites occurred on May 6<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$7584. 13.1 acres in the East basin and 12.2 in the West. Our Spotter Team was out on the lake shortly after for the EWM delineation and found it in abundance that resulted a request to treat 112.5 acres. The DNR representatives approved our request for treatment of 111.07 acres for 11 sites. These were allocated by 42.96 acres in the East and 68.11 in the West. That treatment occurred on June 9<sup>th</sup> as we prefer these treatments take place as early, however, the delineation needs to take place when the plants are mature enough to find and to treat the maximum quantity. The cost of the EWM treatment was \$37,686. A Grant from the State of Minnesota was applied for previous to the treatment season and approved for the 2016 maximum of \$4999. Many thanks go to the State to assist us with this expenditure. The CLID Board as representatives for the entire CLID constituency would like to have better involvement or concern from our local units of government and the County with regards to our request for financial assistance as stated that we are financing public good with private funds.

Again we all owe a debt of gratitude to the City of East Bethel for the summer use of the dumpsters provided for lake weed disposal. Lake residents please remember to use these when you remove your weeds from the lake. They are located at the two East Bethel Fire Stations near Coon Lake, one at the intersection of CR 22 and CR 15 and the other across the street from Smokey's Bar and Grill on Forest Rd in Coon Lake Beach.

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 EWM and a special effort by Jeff Welciek to monitor for zebra mussels. As I am, if you have the opportunity, please be sure to acknowledge the efforts of Jim Gunderson, Keith and Arlan Mercil, 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.

The stated goal of the CLID is to reduce invasive species infestation to less than 5% of the lakes area. Please visit <http://www.clidmn.org> for more information, semi- annual Treasurer reports and monthly meeting minutes or to send an email requesting further information.

Thank you to those of you attending the CLID Annual Meeting where the 2017 Budget of \$142,850 and 2017 fee of \$25 per assessable property 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. Steve Olson and Arlan Mercil each were re-elected for another three-year term as a CLID Board Director. 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 if necessary. 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)