

2022 Coon Lake 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.

The Coon Lake Improvement District completed two delineation surveys this year. Freshwater Scientific Services was awarded the Curly Leaf Pondweed Delineation Project due to the fact our previous vender was reducing the scope of lakes they were surveying. Freshwater Scientific charged \$1,350 for the CLP delineation survey. The CLP treatment of 55.2 acres on Coon Lake was performed by PLM and occurred on May 17 at a cost of \$8,825.56.

Volunteer members of the Coon Lake Improvement District directly performed the Eurasian Water Milfoil Delineation Survey as they have in the past. PLM performed the EWM treatment of 40.3 acres on Coon Lake, which occurred on July 22 at a cost of \$54,299.

We thank Anoka County for the opportunity to apply for and receive a grant for AIS treatment in the amount of \$3000.00. We also thank the Minnesota DNR for an AIS grant of \$5,000. The City of East Bethel has for several years supplied two weed disposal containers allowing lake residents to dispose of lake weeds, an action that has a benefit to water quality. Again, we all owe a debt of gratitude to the City of East Bethel for the summer use of the dumpsters provided for lakeweed disposal. Lake residents please remember to use these when you remove your weeds from the lake.

The CLID Board will continue to seek greater involvement and financial support from our local units of government for on-going control of invasive species. The treatment efforts on Coon Lake are benefitting a very large public good in the usage of the lake but are largely funded through the relatively small number of residents living on the lake.

The stated goal of the CLID is to reduce and maintain invasive species infestation at less than 5% of the lake's surface area. This year we identified and treated a total affected area of 95 acres representing 6% of the lake's surface 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.

In addition, we would like to thank the individuals that have spent a considerable amount of their time delineating (inspecting and documenting) the entire lake for EWM. This year Chris Larson took the helm (with help from Leon Mager) in doing the EWM delineation survey with the help of many other volunteers that live on the lake. If you can help, please call Chris at 612-685-8256 and let him know. Additionally, a shout-out to Jeff Welciek who has been actively monitoring for zebra mussels.

Thank you to those of you attending the CLID Annual Meeting where the 2023 Budget of \$132,900 and 2023 fee of \$75 per assessable property were approved.

Brian Aronson and Jeff Welciek were re-elected for three-year terms 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 be: Brian Aronson will serve as Secretary, Bob Czeck will serve as Treasurer, Jeff Welciek will serve as first

vice Chair, Chris Larson will serve as second vice Chair and Al Beck 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 in the areas near your shoreline, if desired. Ongoing efforts by CLIA, CLID, the DNR and private professional lake service organizations such as PLM, Lake Restoration, Freshwater Scientific Services 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.

Al Beck, 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)