

Stop The Spread - Milfoil Control Program

- Best Practices For Boaters And Property Owners -

Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM, Milfoil) is an invasive, non-native plant that grows very quickly, at a rate much faster than our native aquatic plants, crowding them out.

Milfoil spreads very easily via fragmentation, and small pieces can seed new plants. Large patches of milfoil impair recreational activities, and can constrict water flow.

The LSCA and LSCCF have created a 3-year plan designed to significantly reduce the amount of milfoil in Little Lake. Year 1 will include applying a treatment of ProcellaCOR (LSCA), and employing the mechanical harvester for judicious navigation lane maintenance and floating milfoil collection and skimming (LSCCF). The very important third component of the plan is education and outreach to you, our boaters and property owners, to let you know what you can do to make this project (including milfoil control lake-wide) a success.



Eurasian Watermilfoil

This handout contains steps that you can take to help stop the spread of milfoil in the lake.

On the opposite side of this page, you'll see the full 2021 Milfoil Control map for Lake St. Catherine, which includes the Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) areas.

How You Can Help To Make These Efforts A Success

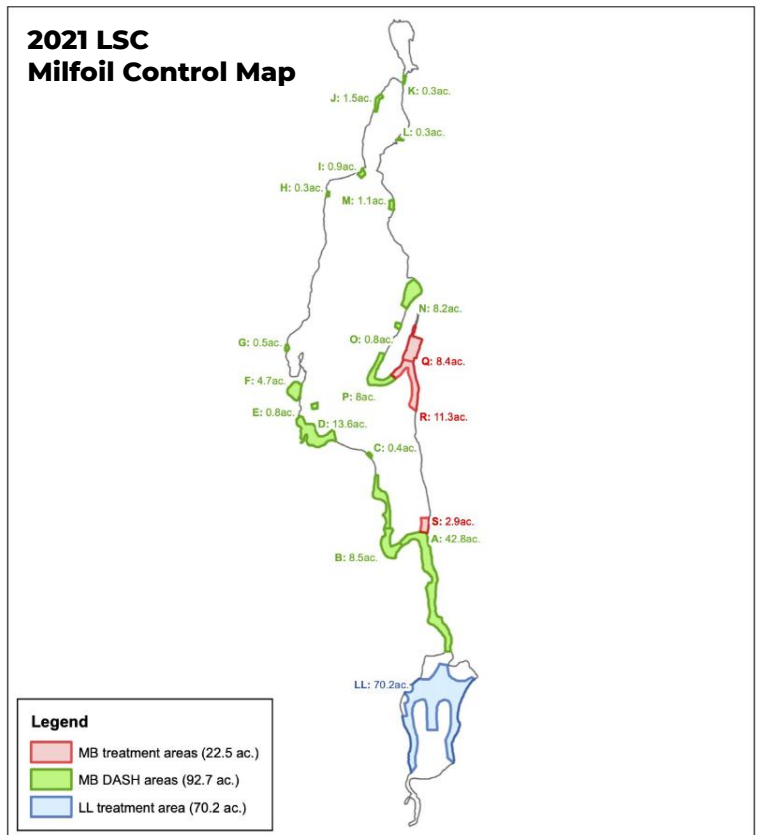
1. As a general rule, get as much milfoil out of the lake as possible. Let it dry out on land and dispose of it as you would yard waste.
2. Don't drive through milfoil patches with your boat which will create fragments.
3. If you have milfoil on your prop, don't just reverse and drive away, please remove it from the lake.
4. If you have milfoil growing in your dock or swimming area, pull it out by the roots and remove it from the lake.
5. If you see milfoil floating anywhere in the lake, near your dock, or along your shoreline, remove it from the lake.
6. Obey boating regulations by travelling at no-wake, 5 MPH speeds within 200' of the shoreline.

Keep in mind that native aquatic plants are important and necessary to sustain a healthy lake ecology. Please focus on removing milfoil plants only.

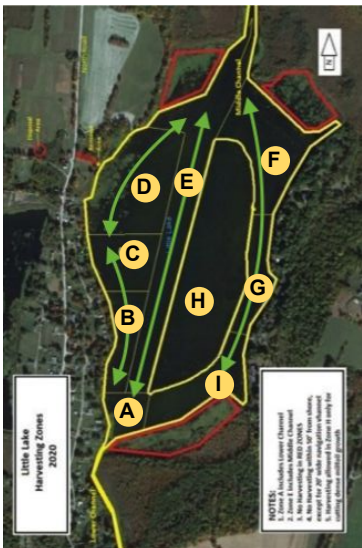
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- The LSCCF has begun harvesting, see the map below.
- The ProcellaCOR treatment will take place on Tuesday, June 22nd (red in the Big Lake, blue in Little Lake). It's *recommended* that there be no use of the lake for recreational or household purposes on this day. Normal lake use can resume the following day and irrigation use can resume one week after the treatment.
- Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) will begin on July 1st, or earlier if permitted (green). Unfortunately, DASH is not feasible in Little Lake.
- Progress will be evaluated weekly.
- A comprehensive survey will be performed in late September with a report available in late November.



Little Lake Specific Tips & Best Practices For 2021



- We ask that you voluntarily avoid boating through the untreated and unharvested area of section H.
- Please use the navigation channels that will be created by the combination of the treatment and harvesting - indicated by the green arrows in the image on the left.
- Throughout the summer, in addition to maintaining the navigational channels, the LSCCF's harvesting crew will also be working diligently from the bridge south to collect floating milfoil.
- Stay up-to-date on the Little Lake's progress by visiting the LSCA's & LSCCF's websites and Facebook pages, and by visiting the project page: <https://lakestcatherine.org/little-lake-milfoil-control>

We will continue to fundraise to support this plan - donations can be made via the link above.