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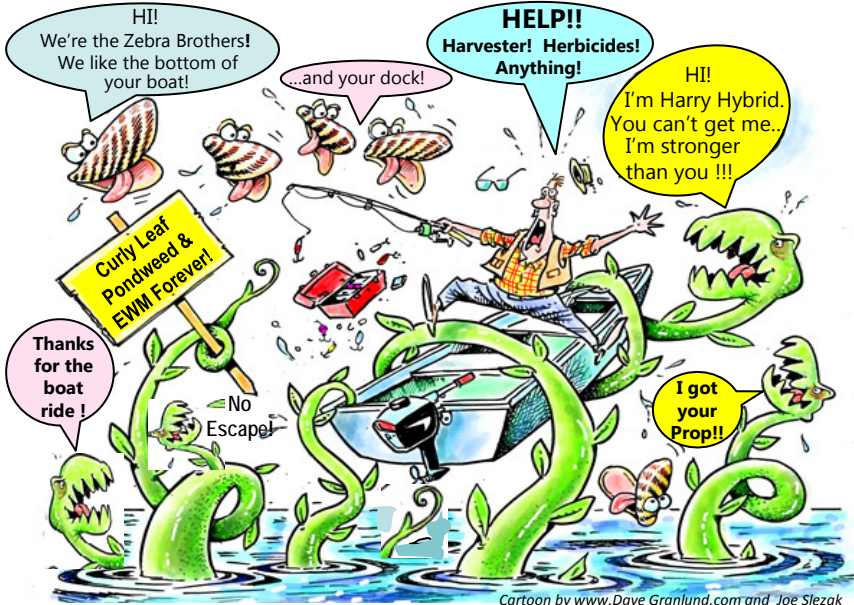
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The Battle Against Aquatic Invasive Species on Morris Lakes

By Rob Adams, MMLMD Commissioner and Lake Management Plan Administrator

We have engaged a 16 year battle against aquatic invasive species in our lakes, specifically against curly leaf pondweed, (CLP), and Eurasian water milfoil, (EWM). The first years of our efforts were devoted to quantifying the breadth of the infestation and best practices for control. We have engaged chemical treatment methods for the last 13 years to control these plants. For the past years we were fortunate to receive Wisconsin DNR financial grants to defer a significant portion of the cost. We are now in "maintenance mode" and no longer qualify for DNR support. So ...

WE ARE ON OUR OWN!



42nd Annual Mt. Morris Lakes District Meeting
Mountain View Community Center,
Saturday, July 21, 2018
DISTRICT BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
ANNUAL MEETING: 9:00 AM

So what have we learned over these 16 years and where do we go from here? We have learned all of the following data:

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda
3. Introductions of Commissioners and District Membership
4. Minutes: July 15, 2017 41st Annual Meeting - Joe Slezak
5. Chairman's Report – Tim Dahlstrand
6. Treasurer's Report – Peggy Thiel
7. Endowment Fund Report – Endowment Committee

OLD BUSINESS

1. Dredging and Lake Drawdown - Tim Dahlstrand
2. Aquatic Invasive Species Update: – Rob Adams
3. Boating Safety: A Personal Perspective- Gary Frank; Rob Adams
4. Operating Boats Near an Active Weed Harvester - Joe Slezak

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation & Discussion of the 2018-2019 Budget
2. Election of Commissioners – Nominee is Rob Adams for a 3 year term; Commissioner nominations can be taken from the floor at any time
3. Open Topics for discussion as brought up from the floor
4. Meeting adjournment

- **Our consultant & scientific advisor, Onterra LLC:**
They have been a valuable resource partner in walking us through the development of a comprehensive lake management plan. An plan update version is due for release in the fall.
- **CLP and EWM are prolific invaders:**
Left untreated, these two invasive species... Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil... would displace all other plants and permanently injure the valuable biodiversity that is in our lakes.
- **Mt. Morris Lakes is an impoundment lake system:**
It takes a higher concentration of the herbicide compared to other basin type lakes to kill the invasives. The herbicide gets diluted from the strong flow and water current in our lakes.
- **Found: Endothall is the right treatment for CLP**
This herbicide has been consistently used on our lakes for years and has proven to effectively control the spread of CLP. It does not eradicate it totally. For example, in the "maintenance year" when the chemical was not applied, CLP returned again to invade the lakes through its fragments and turions (seeds).
- **Found: Navigate is the right treatment for EWM**
But this herbicide only works in low silt basins. It has been less effective on Lake C, which is a high silt basin.

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● **Northern Water Milfoil & EWM- Cross Breed Hybrid**
Northern Water Milfoil is a native species in our lake. It has cross-bred with EWM to form a more resistant hybrid strain that is not controlled by the Navigate herbicide. No effective herbicide has been discovered, so hand-pulling or Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting are the current controls. We conducted a controlled exercise this past June using these methods, and will report the results at the 2018 annual meeting.

● **EWM & the Hybrid Spread by Plant Fragmentation:**
Mechanical harvesting and boats are the cause, and that is why we have CLP/EWM in Emerald Lake, even though water flows out of Emerald into Mt. Morris Lake (D). Our goal is to reduce EWM/Hybrid populations via manual removal.

So what about the other invasives - zebra mussels, silt accumulation, and green slime filamentous algae floating around? We are doing the research on how to fight them., Come to the Annual Meeting to get updated information and a preview of on what we will do, plus answer your questions.



FOMML - FRIENDS OF MT. MORRIS LAKES - CONTINUES GROWTH

In March 2018, another milestone was reached in the development of the Friends of Mount Morris Lakes Endowment Fund as the corpus of the fund is now over \$50,000. Of this amount, over \$45,000 is from gifts to the endowment. We are in this effort for the long haul with the expectation to build the corpus to the fund goal of \$600,000.

Members of the endowment committee will be on hand at the MMLMD annual meeting to encourage continuing support. It is important to remember this wonderful opportunity for giving to help ensure the future of our lakes. While current gifts are encouraged, planned and deferred gifts are also welcome. The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation has many ways and opportunities for people to give.

The current members of the Endowment Committee are: Paul Brinkman, Clem Maslowski, June Schroeder and Tim Dahlstrand.

MT. MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROPOSED 2018 – 2019 BUDGET			
BUDGET ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	APPROVED BUDGET 2017 - 2018	ACTUAL SPEND 2017 - 2018	PROPOSED BUDGET 2018 -2019
AIS CONTROL			
TREATMENT FEES	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,914	\$ 40,150
CONSULTING FEES	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,164	\$ -
WATER TESTING	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ 2,400
PERMITS, NOTICES	\$ 900	\$ -	\$ 1,020
A-P HARVESTING			
CONTRACT LABOR	\$ 18,000	\$ 17,871	\$ 18,000
PARTS/EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,225	\$ 3,778	\$ 1,000
FUEL/OIL	\$ 550	\$ 581	\$ --
STORAGE.LICENSE	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000
INSURANCE	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,243	\$ 2,670
COMMISSIONERS	\$ 1,000	\$ 760	\$ 1,250
ARCHIVES/WEBSITE	\$ 1,500	\$ 823	\$ 1,000
DAM OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$ 11,000	\$ 8,826	\$ 11,000
GEN OPERATING	\$ 2,333	\$ 1,999	\$ 2,428
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 74,408	\$ 46,460	\$ 83,918

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As we have previously explained, we have to change how we finance our MMLMD cost obligations due to the end of our DNR grant support. We must now depend more on the annual assessment to ensure we have sufficient funds for all of our operations. It is our responsibility and continuing challenge as a community to help preserve our lakes through aquatic plant management, dam and flume maintenance, and preservation of water quality. We have to be financially strong to meet and achieve these objectives for every upcoming year.

Our proposed 2018-2019 budget is \$83,918... a 12.8% increase over last year. The increases come from the costs related to aquatic invasive species control and treatment. While we plan to apply for a DNR cost sharing grant this year, there is no guarantee we will be successful. To fund this spending plan, we will use our year-end cash position plus the assessment. For 2018-19, we propose the annual assessment to be \$50,000, a 17.6% increase from last year. Without other funding sources (DNR grants, or endowment) we expect the annual assessment will also continue to increase in the future. Please review the budget above. It itemizes a spending plan for the upcoming year. We plan to discuss the budget in detail at the annual meeting and answer your questions.

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO ATTEND

DISTRICT BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018, 9:00 AM District Meeting
At the Mountain View Community Center, HWY 152 & CTY S

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❖ We can save money for the future, but it's harder to save talent. Annual meeting attendance has been dropping to less than 30 people out of 210. We need to prepare good Board successors to continue the work of the District. Without your attendance, there will be no one to lead the District. Attend the meetings...Voice your opinion....Learn what roles you can take on to help!

❖ Mt. Morris Parade is on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 11:00 am

❖ District Pontoon Boat Parade & Town Park evening picnic, July 28, 2018

❖ Rob Adams is up for re-election as District Commissioner; Nominees can be made from the floor at the annual meeting before the election process.

❖ For harvesting attention, call Joe Slezak at 920-765-0772

❖ Proposed Boating-Skiing Changes: None pending, but can be voted on any time during the meeting...another reason to attend to voice your opinion.

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