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April Lake Committee Report

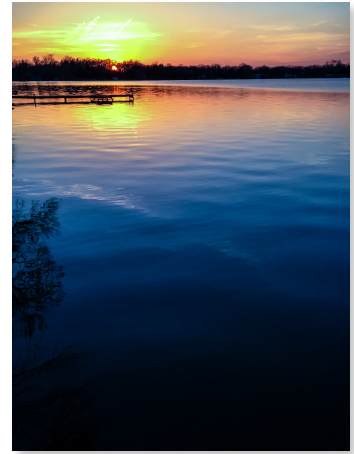
It has been only a little over a month since I took the picture above, that's what I love about living here in the Midwest - the changing of the seasons and what they bring.

I have been in contact with Clarke as recently as the 4/16. They have been out on three local lakes : Gages, Island, and Bangs Lake. They start with these lakes because they have easy public access for him to get their boat on the water. As of last week there was not enough plant growth present to justify a plant survey on the lakes in our area. They feel that the last week of April and the first week of May is when they will be coming to do our lake survey, once again this is dependent upon the weather and things warming up.

The following is what I was told by Clarke in an email: When treating for EWM it is imperative that we have as many milfoil plants present (4-6" high) as possible. The more plants that are present during the time of our application the better control you will have long term. The plants must be tall enough to absorb the product, if they have not bloomed yet or are too small, they will not be effected

“When one tugs
at a single thing
in nature, he
finds it attached
to the rest of the
world.”

— *John Muir*



by the treatment. Clarke estimates that they will start surveys during the last week of April or the first week of May. Even though you may see a few plants or patches of milfoil on Highland Lake, we need there to be as many plants as possible for an effective treatment. It is our goal to protect and avoid the native species during our treatment and we will ensure that your EWM treatment is properly timed to avoid the natives.

After the lake survey is complete we will meet with representatives from Clarke in order to decide where and which plants we wish to “treat”. After that has been decided it will take about 1 week for the treatment to happen after this meeting has taken place.

We have also been accepted into the “tier 2” VLMP program. Teir 2 includes water analysis done at a lab as well as Secchi readings. I applied for this earlier this year due to the fact that the Washington St. project will be in full swing next year. I wanted to see if we could establish some “base” readings before they started with the bulk of the excavating next year. The state has eliminated the “tier 3” program and the “Teir 2” program has had the number of saplings reduced from six to four due to budget cuts. We will also be reaching out to the LCDOT engineers so as to stay informed during the Washington St. project.

Plaese help support the upcoming Carp Fest that Ron and company do such a great job with every spring. Aside from it being the great community event that it is , it also benefits the lake health by removing carp which negatively impact our lake health in numerous ways. Also the proceeds from the fest go towards our fish stocking budget helping us maintain our goal of a healthy fishery, which in turn helps us maintain a healthy lake.

See you on the water,
Mike Kalstrup

