

LAKE NEWS

2012 three lakes to be treated

Second round of treatment follows 77% successful first effort in 2011 in Wilson Lake



Eurasian Water Milfoil

The Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association has received approval on our Wi DNR grant program, which will provide 50% funding toward a herbicide treatment this spring. (See the maps on page 2 NS 3.) Treatment will include 6 acres on Lake Duroy, 18 acres on Long Lake, and 111 acres on Wilson Lake. The treatment is expected in mid to late April, as

the water temperatures are climbing much faster than normal this year.

The Association's commitment is for \$15,172 plus 300 hours, so we have our work cut out for us, both on the volunteer labor side and the fundraising side.

Stantec, Inc. will likely perform the treatment in 2012

with liquid DMA-4 (2,4-D) herbicide will be used to control Eurasian water-milfoil. Warning signs will be posted within 200' of the affected areas and at boat landings at the time of treatment will show this information:

DMA-4 Treatment Areas for

EWM: Lake users are able to use the treated water for any recreation activities (boating, swimming, fishing, etc) without restriction immediately after treatment, but should refrain from agricultural and ornamental irrigation uses for 21 days after treatment, or until an approved assay indicates the 2,4-D concentration is 100 ppb (0.1 ppm) or less.

Last year's test treatment in Wilson Lake was very successful. We had a measured decrease of Eurasian Water Milfoil in the treatment areas of 77%. The lake association paid \$4,000 for the test out of dues and funds we raised.

The DNR grant for treatment in 2012 has been approved. The grant will treat all of Wilson (85% of the EWM is in Wilson.) We will also treat parts of Long and Duroy. Several of us have been very busy arranging the details and raising money. **(See the maps on page 2 and 3 to see the areas we will be treating this year.)**

**Join the Philips Chain O' Lakes
Association and come to the Annual
Meeting, May 19, 9:00 a.m.**

Price County Fair Grounds

Volunteer time is needed for lake weed control

As a condition of the DNR grant to help defray the expense of applying the herbicide to control Eurasian Water Milfoil in Wilson, Duroy and Long Lakes members of the Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association are required to provide 300 hours of volunteer efforts.

Volunteer efforts can take many forms. Included in the DNR Approved list are: Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program. Volunteers in this program will inspect boats at landing and educate boaters PCOLA efforts to limit importing and exporting invasive species of aquatic plant life.

Additional volunteers are needed to provide early detection of pioneer colonies of aquatic invasives. Volunteers are trained by Onterra as to what to be aware of in the Phillips Chain O' Lakes.

Volunteers will also be trained of proper hand removal techniques.

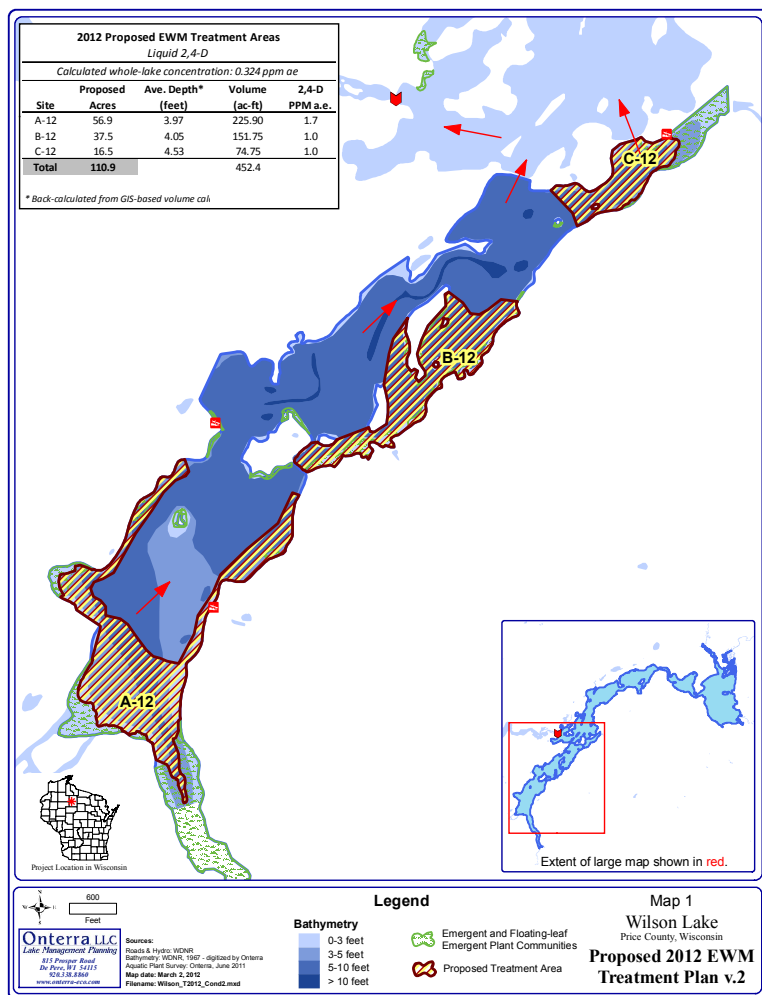
Do you know?

- 48 different species of aquatic plants can be found in the Chain
- The total area of the watershed flowing into the Phillips Chain O' Lakes is over 114,000 acres, Over 55% is forest and over 32% is

- wetland. (rivers, lakes and swamp.
- Presence of another invasive species Purple Loosestrife, on lake Duroy. Part of this year's program includes manual removal of this plant.

<http://www.google.com/search?q=purple+loosestrife&hl=en&prmd=imvns&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=AwuaTrnKYnooQGItqXvDg&sqi=2&ved=0CCsQsAQ&biw=1229&bih=842>

- 1236 total acres on the Chain
- Deepest spot is 54 feet



Wilson Lake Treatment areas in 2012

- 9296 acre-feet of water volume, or a little over 3 Billion gallons of water
- EWM was first discovered in Duroy Lake in the year 2000
- Benefits and general information on shoreline tree drops (preferred over fish cribs these days)

- Effects of excess Phosphorus in the lakes, and sources.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/wnr/mag/2010/08/phos.htm>

A message from our president

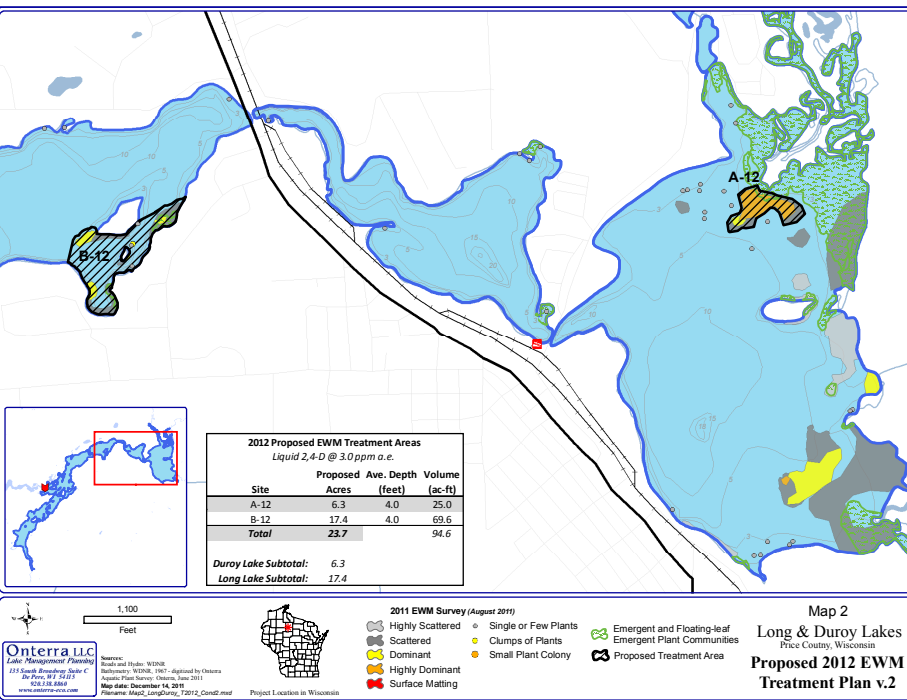
Our association is 17 years old, and the last few years have shown significant growth in membership, fundraising, and overall activity. I would like to personally thank all the people who have donated a great deal of time, money, and energy over the years to keep our Association alive. To sustain the momentum and grow to the next level we need a core group of members to step up and take leadership roles in these areas: Fundraising (Chicken Dinner, raffles, corporate sponsorship, donation jars, etc)

- Marketing (Parade participation, sport show booths, pamphlets, newspaper articles, newsletter, etc.)
- Web Site maintenance and enhancement
- Membership (grow, track, communicate)
- Grant programs & DNR interaction Clean Boats program administrator
- Water Quality Monitoring (Secchi Dish, D.O.)
- Secretary

This year major donations came from local business and organizations including:

- 4 Seasons/Barry-Wehmiller \$1000
- Phillips Plating \$1000
- Cowpie Classic

We are so fortunate to live in the Northwoods, with a



Duroy and Long Lake Treatment areas in 2012

Chain of Lakes to enjoy in so many ways. Let's do everything we can to keep it healthy for generations to come!

This year's newsletter will be sen via e-mail to all members with e-mail addresses. If you know the e-mail address of anyone who would be interested Please send their address to us. We will mail hard copies to those without e-mail

Are you Worried About Lake Weeds?

Join Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association. Help our efforts to eradicate Eurasian Water Milfoil and other invasive weed species from the waters of our lakes.

Second Annual Phillips Chain O' Lakes

Chicken Dinner

To Be Held

Sunday, June 10, 2012

Serving from 1 to 3 p.m. Just \$10 per person

at Birch Island Resort on Wilson Lake

N8221 East Wilson Flowage Road - Call 715-339-3151

Enjoy a beautiful Sunday afternoon with a bountiful Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings. Bring your friends, neighbors and others concerned with the waters of the Phillips Chain.

Enjoy our games and prizes. Try "Ice Fishing in June". Last year the "Ice Fishing" game was a big success, with really great prizes to winners. Be sure to try your luck.

This is a great time to learn about the weed concerns in our lakes (Duroy, Elk, Long and Wilson) and talk about all the issues in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

All proceeds from this dinner will be use to help fund the spring test treatment for Eurasian Water Milfoil in the Phillips Chain O'Lakes.

Annual Meeting May 19

The association's by-laws provide for annual meeting to select officers and bring other business before the membership. Currently the board and officers includes: Bill Downing, Daren Daily, Dennis Socha, Terry Staroba, Rick Paulson; Treasurer- Sue Rand, Vice President-Rich Norton, Secretary- Open, President-Blake Pluemer

Membership in the association is open to any individual, business or family owning or residing within 1 mile of any of the waters in the chain. Residence must be for a period greater than one month. Voting is open to currently paid members. Written proxies may be submitted to the secretary prior to the meeting.

The annual meeting is set for 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Price County fairgrounds. Be sure to be there.

You can further help the efforts to control invasive aquatic weed species and improve the quality of our lakes by making a donation in addition to your dues to the Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association.

Calendar

May 5, 2012

Fishing Season opens: walleye, northern, bass, trout.

May 19, 2012

Phillips Chain O' Lakes Annual Meeting and election.

Fourth of July Celebration

Family fun on the lakes and in the community.

Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association Membership Sign-Up

Return to: Sue Rand
Treasurer, Phillips Chain O'Lakes Assn.
7798 Tuckaway Shores Drive
Franklin, WI 53132

Contacts: Blake Pluemer 715-339-2445
Rich Norton 715-339-4638

Name: _____

Member Type: Family (\$25/yr) _____ Business (\$25/yr) _____ Single (\$15/yr) _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Email Address: _____

Comments & Suggestions: _____

A Donation can make our lakes better for everyone!

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\$25____, \$50____, \$100____, Other _____