

CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT

Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed are a serious problem in the Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes Watershed. Both invasive plants grow in dense mats and can make navigation nearly impossible. These plants spread primarily via boats carrying it from one lake to the next. Eurasian Watermilfoil has been in Green Lake for a number of years and is currently spreading throughout the Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes. Curly-leaf Pondweed grows excessively in the early summer and then dies off in mid-summer leaving dead plant material to decompose in the water causing an increase in phosphorus levels.

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District partners with Lake Associations and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to control Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curly-Leaf Pondweed. In 2018, funding was allocated based on the amount of littoral area within a lake.



Above: Curly-leaf Pondweed

Left: Eurasian Watermilfoil

Partners:

- Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
- Center Lakes Association
- Chisago-Lindstrom Lakes Association
- Green Lake Association
- MN Department of Natural Resources

Lakes Treated:

- Chisago
- Green
- Kroon
- Little Green
- North Center
- South Center
- South Lindstrom

Aquatic Invasive Species Treated:

- Curly-leaf Pondweed
- Eurasian Watermilfoil



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