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UPDATE - May 16, 2017

The previous public notice for Comfort Lake Eurasian watermilfoil treatment has been revised to account for reduced treatment areas, as required by the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Since the initial notice, the DNR has required that the District reduce its treatment areas from 6.4 acres to **3.2 acres**. The DNR indicated that the purpose of this reduction is to protect native aquatic plants such as water lilies. DNR staff performed a site inspection of the proposed treatment areas on Comfort Lake and determined that water lilies were too close to some of the proposed treatment areas, therefore those areas are not allowed to be treated.

A map of the DNR-approved treatment areas is included on the back side of this letter. Treatment is still scheduled to occur in mid to late-May. The exact date of treatment will depend on specific weather conditions. The District will notify the Comfort Lake Association immediately after the exact date is known.

Please direct any questions to:

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Original Notice - May 11, 2017

Wyoming, MN - Notice is hereby given that the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District, in conjunction with the MN Department of Natural Resources, will be conducting an aquatic invasive species herbicide treatment of Eurasian watermilfoil in Comfort Lake. The herbicide that will be used is called [DMA-4 \(active ingredient is 2,4-D\)](#) and will be applied by a licensed applicator company, Clarke Aquatic Services Inc. Treatment of 6.4 acres of Eurasian watermilfoil will occur in mid to late-May, and a map of the treatment areas may be found below.

Signatures for aquatic invasive plant treatments are not required for the Comfort Lake- Forest Lake Watershed District as the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has waived the signature requirement as allowed by state statute. The law requires notification to lakeshore owners on how to opt-out of treatments, therefore the District has mailed notification letters to all landowners owning

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property within 150 feet of any treatment area. In an effort to minimize costs, letters have not been sent to landowners outside of the treatment areas.

According to Minnesota Statutes (103G.615, Sec. 78, Subd 3a,b,c), the District is required to notify landowners of proposed treatments, offering them an opportunity to request that treatment not occur on waters adjacent to their property. (Adjacency is defined as waters within 150 feet of the shore lake-ward between property lines). It is the landowner's right to request treatment not be performed in front of their property.

Landowner's may exercise this right by immediately notifying the District in writing of their wish to "opt-out" of invasive plant treatments for 2017. Please note that the deadline for opting out is Wednesday, May 17. Please refer to treatment map and verify your location in respect to the proposed treatment areas. . However, it should be noted that this project aims to reduce Eurasian watermilfoil, an aquatic invasive species population which interferes with navigation, impairs recreational activities, and may cause harm to native plant populations. Landowners should address communications to "opt out" to:

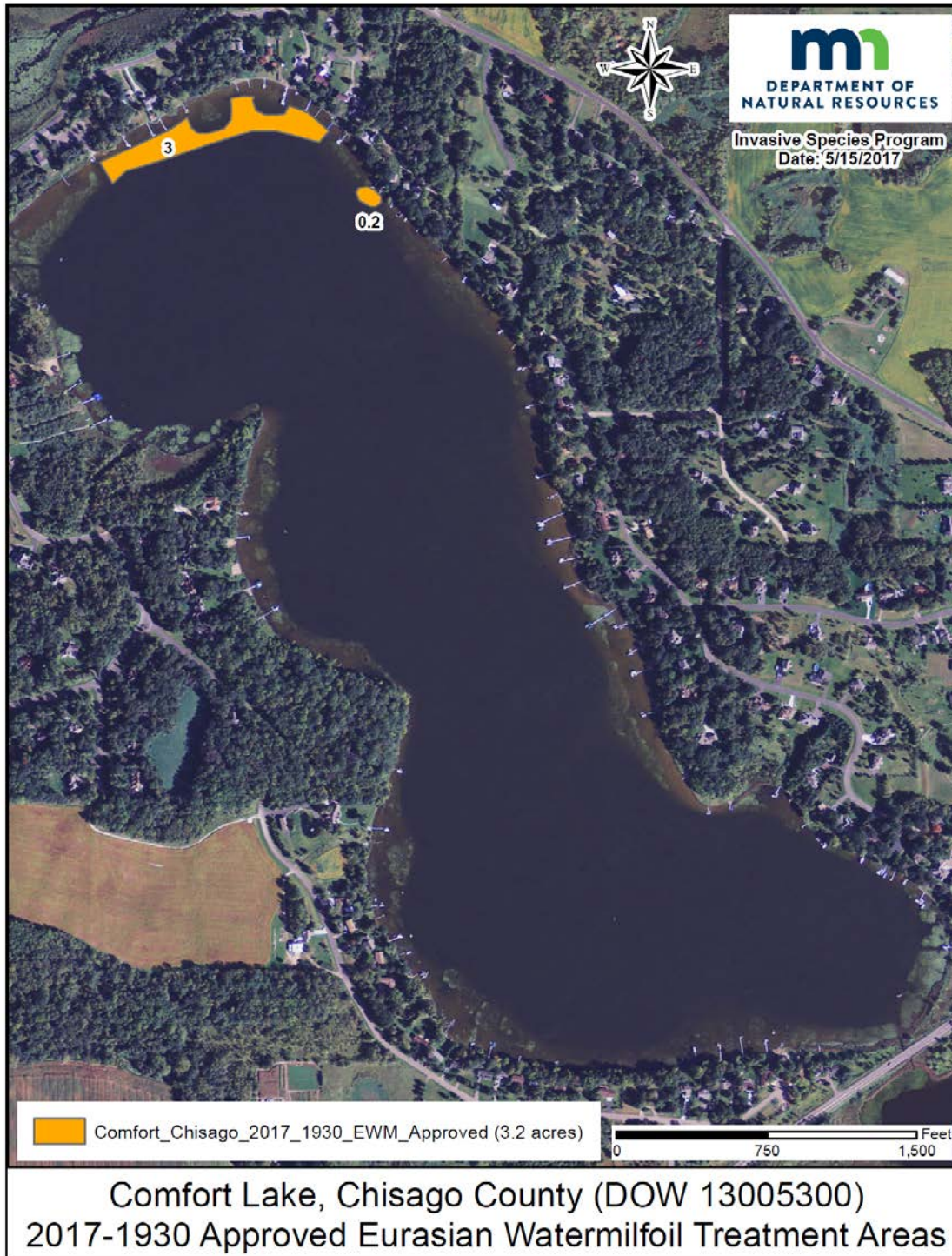
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2017 Comfort Lake Eurasian Watermilfoil DNR-Approved Treatment Areas



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