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PUBLIC NOTICE: Curly-leaf Pondweed Herbicide Treatment on Forest Lake

Forest Lake, MN - Notice is hereby given that the Comfort Lake - Forest Lake Watershed District, in conjunction with the Forest Lake Lake Association, City of Forest Lake, and MN Department of Natural Resources, will be conducting an aquatic invasive species herbicide treatment of curly-leaf pondweed in Forest Lake. An <u>Endothall</u> herbicide will be used and will be applied by a licensed applicator company, Lake Management Inc. Treatment of 169.3 acres of curly-leaf will occur between May 2nd and May 15th. 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. 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 <u>not</u> 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 <u>not</u> 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 5:00 PM on May 1st. Please refer to treatment map and verify your location with respect to the proposed treatment areas. However, it should be noted that this project aims to reduce curly-leaf pondweed, an aquatic invasive species population which interferes with navigation, impairs recreational activities, and causes harm to native plant populations. Landowners should address communications to "opt out" to:

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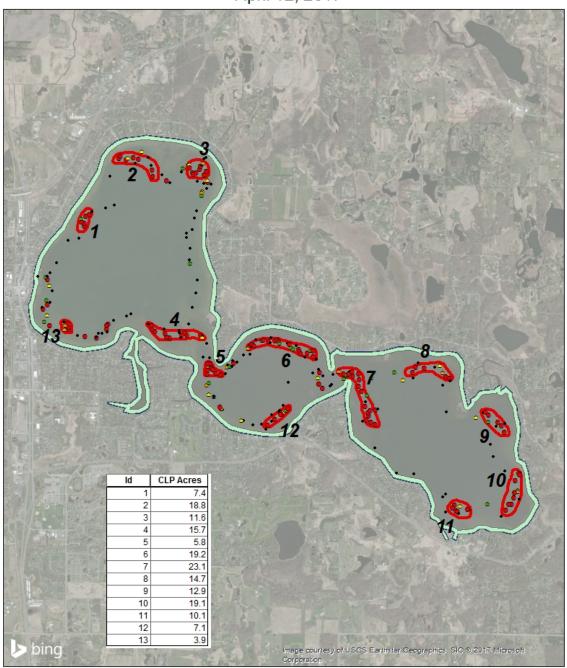
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2017 Forest Lake Curly-leaf Pondweed Treatment Areas

Forest Lake CLP Delineation April 12, 2017



169. 3 Acres Total

Forest Lake, Washington County Inventory Number: 820-159-00 Blue Water Science Steve McComas UTM NAD 1983