



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: August 15, 2024
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Aquatic Invasive Species Update – August 2024



District Wide

Background/Discussion

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on recent aquatic invasive species (AIS) program activities. A full recap of the program is available on the July 25th board meeting webpage. [Direct link to July AIS Update.](#)

Watercraft Inspection Program

- This program continues to operate as usual, with other staff filling in for inspector support and supervisory duties. Weekend coverage at the boat launches continues to be a priority and the District is still on track to meet its goals.

Forest Lake Flowering Rush

- Monday, 7/29: PLM Lake and Land Management performed herbicide treatment.
- Wednesday 7/31 staff performed seedhead clippings. ~ 300 seed heads were gathered – mostly in very shallow shoreline waters (less than a foot).
- August 7 & 8: PLM performed shoreline spot spraying of all three basins.
- Wednesday August 14: Staff again performed seedhead clipping. Staff will continue collecting seedheads every two weeks, or as needed.
- Additional surveys and herbicide applications scheduled for late August and early September (both boat and backpack application).

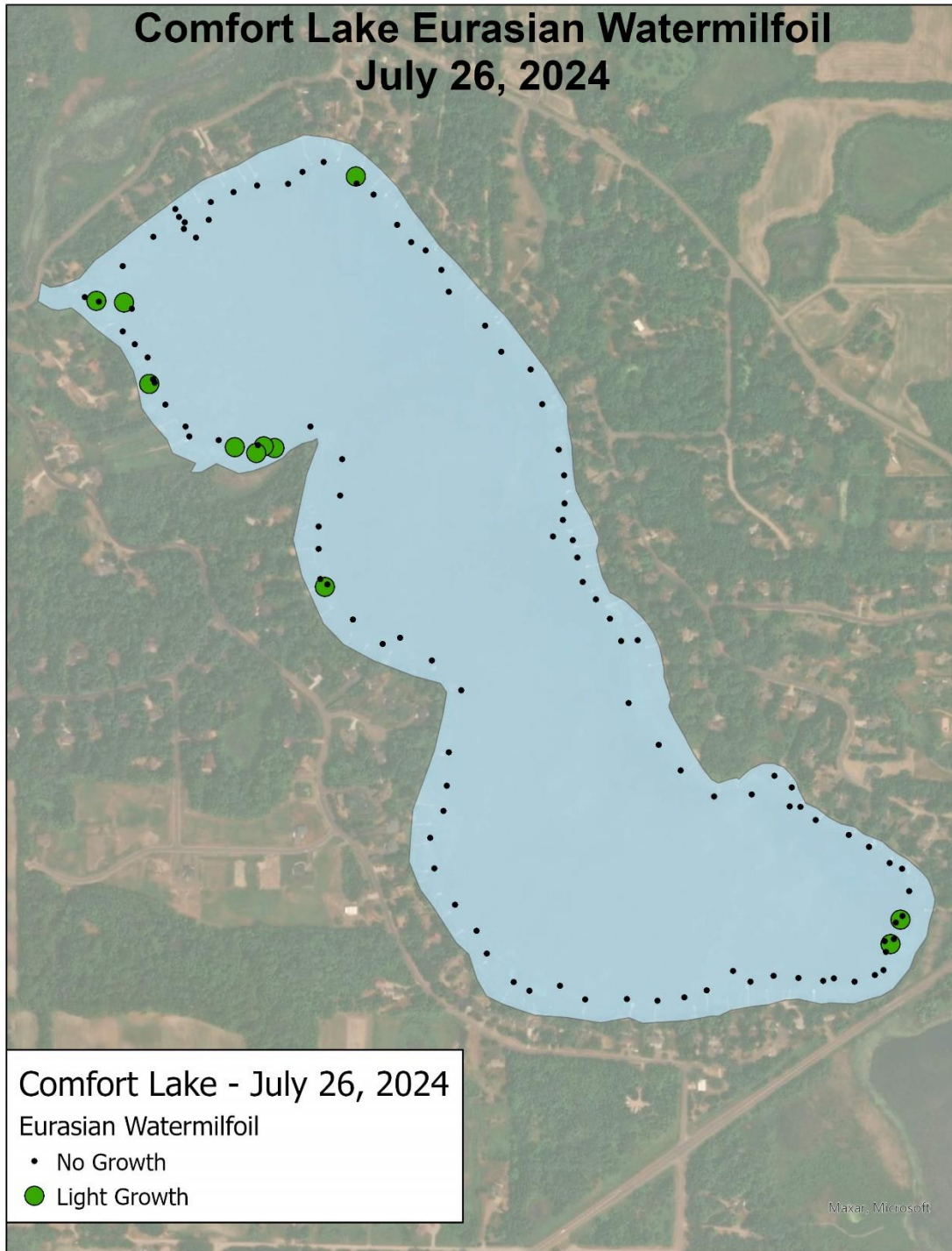
EWM Surveys

- Blue Water Science completed surveys of Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) on Comfort, Bone, and Forest lakes in mid-July. The results (distribution maps) of these surveys became available August 9th and were shared with the corresponding lake association presidents later that day. See attached maps.
- Official reports should be received in the coming weeks.
 - Surveys indicated light EWM growth on both Comfort and Bone lakes.
 - Post-herbicide EWM surveys on Forest Lake indicated complete control of EWM in Middle basin. Some light to moderate growth was noted in Forest Lake's west basin.



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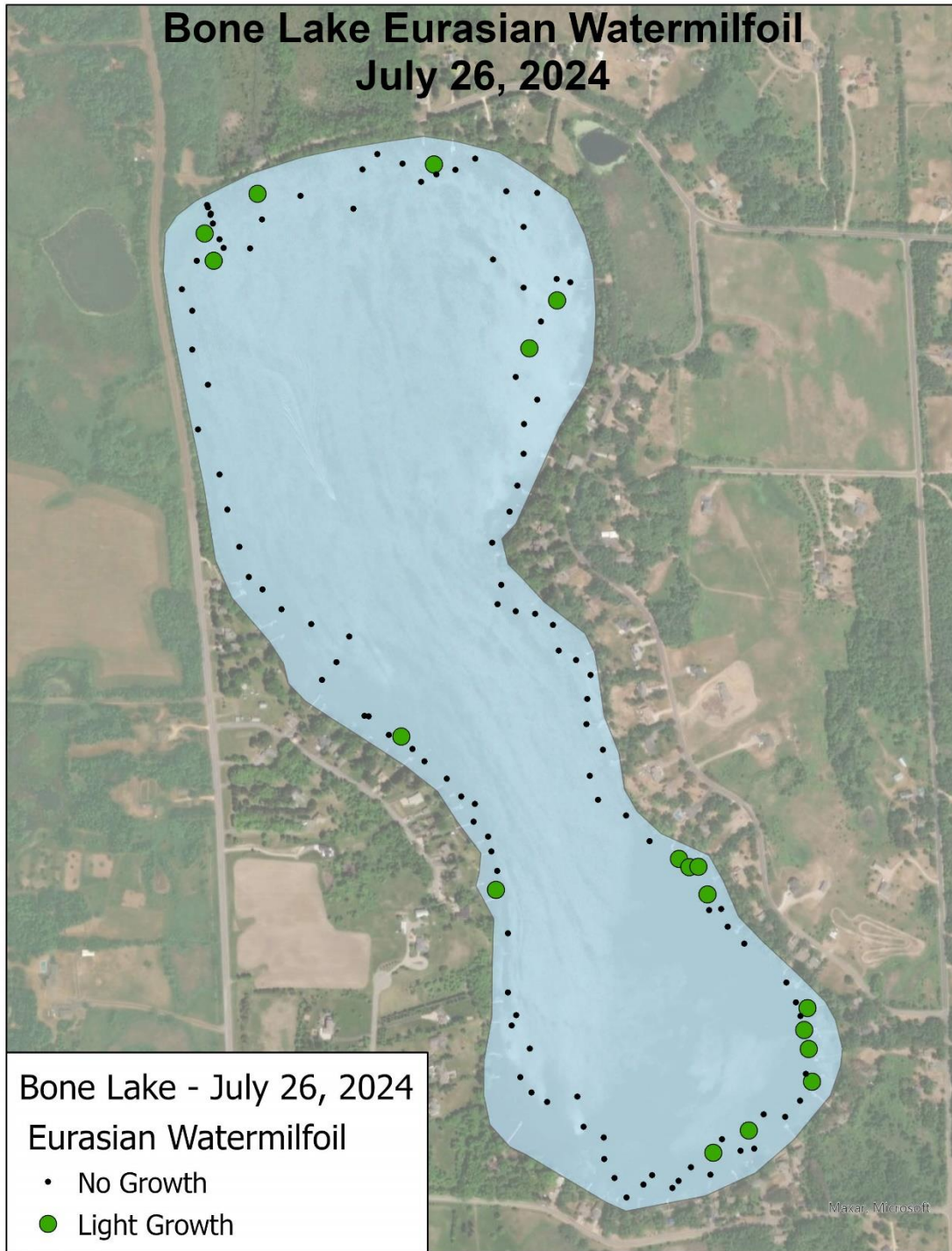
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