



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: November 21, 2024
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Aquatic Invasive Species Update – November 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

- October 20th marked the end of the Watercraft inspection program for the season. Preliminary data shows we completed 3143 hours, about 93% of our goal. Final numbers will be available in the 2024 Watercraft Inspection Yearend Report, which will be brought to the December 19th regular board meeting.

Forest Lake Flowering Rush

- Blue Water Science performed a flowering rush survey on all 3 basins of Forest Lake on 9-16-24. Sporadic patches of flowering rush were identified in each basin in relatively light densities.
- PLM performed an herbicide application of the delineated areas on October 3rd.
- Blue Water Science performed a final post-application survey on October 25th. The survey found very little flowering rush remaining on Forest Lake.

Forest Lake Eurasian Water Milfoil

- Blue Water Science performed an end of the season EWM survey on October 25th. No growth was found on second basin in the areas treated for EWM earlier this year (July 2nd).

Zebra Mussel Sampling plates

- Sampling plates were picked up from volunteers during the last few weeks of October. This winter staff will work to enumerate the mussels on each plate and estimate zebra mussel populations in each lake monitored during this study.