

# AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT

Eurasian Water Milfoil 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 Water Milfoil has been in Green Lake for a number of years and is currently spreading through the Chisago 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 DNR to control Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly-Leaf Pondweed. The density and abundance of these two plants was lower in 2014 than it was in previous years resulting in improved navigation.



Above: Curly-leaf Pondweed

Left: Eurasian Water Milfoil

## Partners:

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

## Lakes Treated:

- North Center
- South Center
- Chisago
- Green
- Little Green

## Aquatic Invasive Species Treated:

- Eurasian Water Milfoil
- Curly-leaf Pondweed



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