

CLP TREATMENT 2018

Fellow Cullen Lakers,

If you are out on the lakes, you are likely seeing areas of curly leaf pondweed (CLP) matting at the surface of the water. CLA was unable to have our contractor, Clarke Aquatic Services, treat areas of dense CLP this spring because the late season snows, very late ice out, and the rapid lake warm up inhibited the CLP's early growth spurt and allowed native vegetation to gain the upper hand. Treating the CLP would have done great harm to native vegetation, so CLA agreed with the DNR that chemical treatment of the CLP would be unwise. Our contractor did its pre treatment survey of CLP on the lakes on May 17 & 18 and found very immature CLP in the areas they found it. On the recommendation of the DNR, CLA authorized Clarke to do a second survey in late June/early July, when the CLP is at its peak growth, to help determine areas to be treated in 2019. Meanwhile, if you have nuisance CLP off your shoreline, you can apply to the DNR for a permit to have it treated in a limited area, you can hire someone such as the Dive Guys to hand harvest it, you can pull it yourself if it is in shallow enough water, or you can put up with it until it dies back in mid summer. CLA expects to be able to have Clarke chemically control dense areas of CLP growth again in 2019.

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