

Sylvan Lake Vegetation Management Notes

The treatment program for 2014 was developed with input from IDNR and LARE (Lake and River Enhancement) biologists, as well as Aquatic Weed Control and the Sylvan Lake Association.

The main goal of the vegetation treatment program is to provide reasonable access for lake users in the most severely impaired areas of Sylvan Lake, while maintaining adequate plant coverage for beneficial habitat for aquatic life.

Areas 10, 11, 15, and 19 on the attached map were treated on 5/13/2014 with Diquat herbicide for the control of both Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed. Using Diquat can also delay the growth of coontail, which has historically been problematic in these areas. These areas were considered severely impaired and were discussed with the IDNR prior to treatment to ensure they fell within the treatment acreage limits they had developed.

The public access bay as well as most of the channels on the lake were then treated on 5/29/2014 with IDNR approval to improve access to the lake.

Areas 10, 11, 15, and 19 have IDNR approval for second treatment in summer of 2014 if needed.

No other areas on Sylvan Lake will receive a permit for treatment in summer of 2014 without prior inspection and approval by the IDNR.

