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April 15, 2025

Dear Ida Lake Property owner,

Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) is a non-native, invasive, submerged aquatic weed present in Minnesota for more than 100 years, and now found in more than 750 lakes. This invasive can produce dense mats at the water's surface, displace native aquatic plants, and interfere with recreational uses. The DNR first identified CLP in Lake Ida in 1996 from a plant fragment attached to a boat. A 2009 DNR survey identified a small amount of CLP in Little Ida. The Ida Lake Association has implemented an active CLP management program using surveys and herbicide treatment since 2018. We seem to be containing CLP in our main hotspot, Little Ida, and we are slowly pushing back on CLP in other areas.

The Lake Association contracts annually with PLM Lake & Land Management, licensed by the DNR, to treat the CLP beds with the contact herbicides. We expect to use Flumioxazin as we did in 2023 and 2024. PLM applies the chemicals in spring when water temperatures are in the 50-to-60-degree range, typically in the last week of May or first week of June. At this time, CLP is starting its annual growth cycle, but desirable native plants have not yet emerged. The herbicides attach to plant leaves, the plants die, then the dead plants shrivel, fragment, and fall to the lake bottom. The herbicides naturally biodegrade within a few days. According to the EPA the chemicals pose no risks to fish or to water users. Applicators post a warning to avoid drinking, swimming, or watering plants for seven days.

The Lake Association plans to survey the lake again in late May or early June 2025 to delineate CLP beds. PLM will treat all accessible areas with CLP, *as permitted by the DNR*. The map shows 2024 treatment areas. We will probably treat the same areas in 2025, depending on survey results.



If any shoreline landowner wishes to NOT have the area adjacent to their property treated, you must notify the Lake Association at P.O. Box 175, Garfield MN. 56332-0175 by May 1, 2025. The shoreline landowner shall include their name, address and a description of the location of the property.

The Ida Lake Board of Directors