

# **LEE LAKE VOLUNTARY INVASIVE WEED TREATMENT PROGRAM FAQ's**

## **What invasive aquatic weeds are treated under the program?**

The Lake Association approved a motion at the October 2017 meeting to treat milfoil through DASH (chemical free) treatment method and to treat hybrid Phragmites through chemical treatment. The voting members approved a 2018 treatment program dedicating 90% of fees collected to treat milfoil and 10% of fees collected to treat hybrid Phragmites.

## **Are there other costs associated with the treatment program?**

Yes. Additional costs are associated with paying for a lake treatment management company independent of those companies that treat lakes. The costs are directly related to a lake management plan. Also we could have legal expenses for any consultation the Lake Association may need to administer the program.

## **How do we know what we need to treat?**

The Lake Association hired Restorative Lake Sciences to survey Lee Lake and to recommend a treatment plan. This requires at least one annual survey and report.

## **How often do we need to treat?**

Treatment of invasive aquatic weeds will occur annually. The treatment program and progress will be monitored, evaluated and approved annually. Based on funding a 3-5 year treatment plan is projected.

The treatment of these two invasive aquatic plants require different times during the year to treat for the most effective results for eliminating these invasive species.

## **If I own multiple properties how many properties do I have to pay for?**

Under the plan you pay one fee at the highest rate you would be responsible for. Example: You own a lake front parcel and a lot across the street from the lake. You pay \$200 annual for the lake front parcel.

### **What are the treatment fees?**

Annual payments are as follows: Lake front lot owners pay \$200. Lake access with lake use pays \$100 and lots across from the lake pay \$50.

### **When does the Lake Association collect treatment fees?**

The Lake Association would like all fees paid no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. This allows for the association to secure treatment contracts to act during the 2018 treatment season.

### **How will I know what fees have been collected?**

The Lake Association Officers and Board of Director agree to total transparency during this process. Each month a statement will be prepared and open for public review. Also, recorded keeping accounts are viewable upon request.

### **Will we have contracts with companies that may treat our invasive aquatic plants?**

Yes. The Lake Association board will require contracts with companies hired to treat Lee Lake. Contracts will include Request for Information (RFI) and Request for Proposal (RFP) performance based for payment. Each contract will require those hired to treat have liability insurance.

### **What if I have any other questions?**

You can contact one of the board members. Please use the contact information on the LLA website @ [www.leelakemi.com](http://www.leelakemi.com)