

# Round Lake Property Owners Association, Inc.

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Dear Round Lake and Little Round Lake Property Owners,

Round & Little Round Lakes are in need of your help. Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) is our problem and could potentially become a very serious one. EWM was initially found near the Marina in 1994 and was chemically treated with herbicides. Subsequent outbreaks were found and treated in Leder Bay in 1999; Little Round Lake in 2000; Schoolhouse and Musky Bays in 2002; and in Hinton and Edgewater Bays in 2007. During 2008 there have been signs of continued EWM presence in these areas. RLPOA has been vigilant and committed in treating these outbreaks to whatever is permitted by The WDNR.

As mentioned in the spring 2008 issue of "Round the Lake" newsletter, a volunteer Aquatic Plant Management (APM) advisory committee had been formed to review a draft APM plan of action to minimize further spreading of this non-native EWM. The committee met three times over the summer and recently approved the plan's Goals and Management Strategies. The document is now available for your viewing on the Round Lake Property Owners Association (RLPOA) website.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP:**

1. Visit the Website ([www.roundthelake.com](http://www.roundthelake.com))
  - View the Goals and Strategies to become familiar with what you can and shouldn't do to minimize further spreading of EWM.
2. Consider the negative consequences of fertilizing and watering your north woods lawns.
  - City/suburban landscaping in the woods puts this fragile ecology at greater risk and compromises the very unspoiled beauty we all want to share/maintain for the future. The run off of these products into Round and Little Round Lake helps EWM grow and spread quickly with the most negative consequence being the lowering of our property values.
3. Contribute to the RLPOA Milfoil Fund – this is most important! Deductions may be tax deductible because RLPOA is 501 (c) (3) Corporation.
  - In the spring 2008 newsletter we suggested that each family contribute \$25.00 to the Milfoil Fund but this will not be enough. This year's herbicide treatments cost \$600 per acre for 11 acres. It's estimated that hand pulling smaller patches of EWM by divers will cost around \$25.00 per hour. We are now asking for a contribution of one dollar per Lake Frontage foot. For example, a 100 foot lot equals a \$100 contribution.

Thank you in advance for your help in preserving our beautiful lakes and your individual property's value. Those of us who are blessed to own lake property know how fortunate we are to share such a God-given place. Each and every one of us must be good stewards and protect it for ourselves, our communities, our visitors and those who will come behind us. Now is our time to step in and help.

Best Regards,

  
Robert J. Strachota  
President

*"To whom much is given, much is expected"*