

Crookneck Lake Improvement District (CLID)

March 2024 Newsletter

Aquatic Invasive Species Update: The CLID Board of Directors has contracted to survey the lake during 2024 for aquatic invasive species. The spring survey usually occurs within a month of ice-out and targets Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP) which has an active growth cycle during the winter months and a secondary growth cycle late-summer. Treatment for CLP is limited to springtime and is dependent on water temperature. The summer survey focuses on Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) which can be treated during the summer and fall. In order to treat within 150 feet of your shoreline, the DNR requires notice be given to property owners and they be afforded the opportunity to opt out. As such, the following notice is provided:

NOTICE

Crookneck Lake Improvement District

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The Crookneck Lake Improvement District has contracted to treat Curly-leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Watermilfoil Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Crookneck Lake during 2024. In addition, it is our intent to potentially treat any new AIS for which we are able to attain a DNR permit to treat.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has granted to the Crookneck Lake Improvement District (CLID) a waiver of the requirement that the CLID obtain the signatures of approval of owners of lakeshore property to treat within 150 feet of their shoreline. Instead, the CLID will notify property owners of the treatment through alternate forms. This notice is one form that the CLID is using to notify property owners. Other forms may include but are not limited to notification through the Crookneck Lake Association website (crooknecklake.com), a newsletter and or a meeting.

With regard to the treatment for this year, 2024:

1. The proposed date for treatment: April 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024.
2. The target species for the treatment: Curly-leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Watermilfoil (to include hybrid watermilfoil)
3. The method of control or product being used: EPA and MDA registered aquatic herbicides, such as but not limited to: Endothall (Aquathol K), Diquat dibromide (Tribune), Triclopyr Granular (Renovate OTF), Florprauxifen-Benzyl (ProcellaCor).
4. How landowners may request that control not occur adjacent to the landowner's property: If you desire that the treatment of Curly-leaf Pondweed or Eurasian Watermilfoil not occur adjacent to your property, please notify the Crookneck Lake Improvement District no later than March 31, 2024, at the address or email address below. Please provide a brief description of your property enabling the treatment applicators a means to locate and identify your property.

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Staying current: Crookneck Lake Improvement District (CLID) updates and information is posted on the CrookneckLake.com website located under “CLID” on the tool bar.

Address updates: The annual tax roll certification address database, provided to the CLID each October by Morrison County, is used to prepare mailing labels. The database is an annual snapshot and may not reflect a current mailing address. I'd greatly appreciate a quick email or letter with address updates. If you have a new neighbor, please pass along their name and address also.

Call for Officers: The CLID Board of Directors is made up of resident (homestead) and non-resident (non-homestead) Crookneck Lake property riparian owners with the majority being resident by statute. **This year we have one Resident and two Non-Resident openings on the board.** If you're interested in being on this year's ballot or have any questions about time commitments or responsibilities, please contact a board member (Don Johnson, John Monahan, JJ Parker, April Powell, or Dan Seanger).

Meeting Dates:

Saturday, May 25, at 9:00 a.m.: The Lake Crookneck Improvement Association (LCIA) Planning Meeting will be held at the Scandia Valley Township Hall. The 4th of July Boat Parade, Kids Fishing Contest, and the Concert on the Lake will be scheduled along with an update from the CLID. Coffee and donut social at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.: The Crookneck Lake Improvement District (CLID) Annual Meeting and LCIA Business Meeting will be held at the Scandia Valley Township Hall. The CLID meeting info will be posted as an official "public notice" in the Morrison County Record and mailed to all riparian owners. Coffee and donut social at 8:30 a.m.

Does Crookneck Lake have Yellow Iris...a plant that is classified as an invasive species if it is introduced within a waterway, yet not illegal to sell, transport, and plant outside of a waterway. **Once the plant is within a waterway the seeds can easily spread.** Over the years, iris plants were planted along a shoreline (not within the lake so the plant would keep its non-invasive status). However, as Crookneck Lake rose to over 2 ½ feet above the ordinary high-water level, the lake flooded into the iris habitat which then delineates it as an invasive species (within the waterway). Fortunately, the water has now receded, and the iris plants may no longer be in the lake. So, at this time we know we have iris plants along the shoreline of Crookneck Lake in various locations. Let's assume some of these plants have yellow flowers and were in the lake. This does not mean they are invasive Yellow Iris. They may be its look-alike Yellow Iris (bearded species), a non-invasive. Close inspection of the flower can differentiate. Further complicating the identity is when the plants are not flowering, they resemble several other non-invasive iris species, most notable Purple Iris which is common around Crookneck Lake. As such the CLID and LCIA Boards have prepared the enclosed brochure for distribution and request property owners to survey their shorelines this summer. In particular, note whether the iris plants are growing within the lake or along the shoreline (would the seeds fall into the water). Removal of seed pods would assist with spreading via the water.

Back by Popular Demand. What The LCIA and CLID Board's Hear from Your Neighbors or put another way "What Your Neighbors Would Like to Tell You"!

1. Jet skis are out of control.
2. Weeds...your neighbors don't like your weeds floating up on their shoreline or floating around the lake...if they come from you, place them on your own shore and dispose of them.
3. Boggs should be returned to the area they came from not pushed out into the lake.
4. Wake management and awareness of the wakes you produce...waves are detrimental to shorelines, stir up the lake, and are a safety concern for our non-motorized and slower watercraft, i.e., canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, kids on rafts, and pontoons.
5. And as promised last year, your CLID and LCIA board's studied the subject...is the use of swimsuits optional on Crookneck Lake...and can report they have made no sightings or heard of any to warrant further review.

Been a snow free winter and the lake level continues to go down!

~ Dan Seanger and the CLID Board
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