

Gideons Bay Spring Milfoil Update–2016

WOW – was that really winter? Only about 80 days of ice which will also translate into quite a growing season for lake weeds given all the light they are receiving.

Our bay has become a poster child for how to manage Milfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed. We have an **“A” rating** for water quality, which home buyers do recognize as a plus. The opposite is true for Carmans Bay, because fundraising stopped 2 years ago, resulting in large mats of milfoil last summer. They are having to start the entire process over again and lost all they had gained in controlling milfoil.

Fundraising continues to be a challenge. The DNR and other agencies currently are not supporting lake associations with grants. Fortunately, the Cities of Excelsior, Shorewood and Tonka Bay are supportive of this project and its participants. There are 165 parcels on our bay, but fewer than 50% of its homeowners currently contribute to the project. The few are paying for the welfare of the many. If you have not stepped up to support this project, please consider doing so. Your tax-deductible contribution will help maintain the progress we have made. As a side note, the project has received contributions ranging from \$50.00 to \$4,000.00.

Remember the Milfoil and Curlyleaf project is a bay wide treatment for Aquatic Invasive Species. Which means when you leave your dock area the entire bay is usable. Many homeowners wishing to treat the native weeds immediately around their dock area, hire a licensed applicator using a DNR permit in the owner’s name.

On June 1st, a decision will be made (based on available funds) on how much Milfoil/Curlyleaf will be treated and which product is affordable. So far, we have been able to afford the most effective/most expensive product available and that is why we have been so successful. **Please make your tax-deductible contribution prior to June 1st.**

Thank you for your support,

Judd Brackett

Bay Captain for the Lake Minnetonka Association

If you have questions, please contact Judd Brackett at 612-310-1002, or judd@LMAssociation.org

Yes, I would like to help by contributing to the Gideons Bay Milfoil Project:

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