

# Memo

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Joe Kohlmann, City Administrator  
**Date:** June 10, 2014  
**Re:** Lake Minnetonka Association

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The Lake Minnetonka Association is requesting \$5,000 for the milfoil program on Gideon's Bay. This is an annual request. There is \$5,000 in the Dock Fund for this.

Judd Brackett, area bay captain, and Josh Leddy will attend the meeting to answer any questions the Council might have on this annual request. A copy of the letter sent to all the lakeshore residents in all three cities is also attached.

**Council Action Requested:**

Consider authorizing \$5,000 for milfoil program on Gideon's Bay.



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# Gideons Bay needs your help.

Each year brings new challenges: weather, short/long winter, high/low water, early/late spring, etc. As project manager, the Lake Minnetonka Association conducts and reviews a plant inventory each fall to scope the level of treatment required for the following year. We contract this service and coordinate with the DNR. The final decision for the spring treatment is made by the DNR after a more detailed delineation, which occurs in May. This means we must plan for the worst-case scenario, and be prepared for all contingencies.

## Some important facts to consider as we move forward:

- The DNR allows a full bay treatment every other year, with "alternating-year" spot treatments to maintain milfoil control. Note: we did not do a full bay treatment last year. This year we can do a full bay treatment in Gideons Bay.
- An alternate, DNR-approved herbicide is now an option that can significantly reduce the cost of a full bay treatment.
- We have a sufficient balance in the Gideons Bay account that can be used to pay for the less expensive herbicide, however, there are pros and cons to consider.
- Some milfoil has formed hybrids (crosses between Eurasian and native milfoils), which may necessitate the use of the more expensive herbicide (Renovate OTF that we used in 2011)
- Our lakes are a public resource and eventually the cost of Aquatic Invasive Species control may well be treated as a public cost rather than private. Until this issue is resolved our best solution is to fund a certain percentage of the treatment ourselves and continue to advocate for more public funding.

We have approximately 150 Gideons Bay lakeshore homes, but only 35% of the residents are participating. We need to improve this percentage. Many of the same residents contribute year after year and it's time for everyone to participate and share the cost load. Let's all contribute. Contributions are tax-deductible.



**2013**  
Treated 16 acres for curlyleaf pondweed. Milfoil did not start to be seen in quantity until August. Surveys showed milfoil being weighted down by Zebra mussels -- a first in the lake.

**2012**  
Spot treatments for milfoil of 55 acres. Poor results using Renovate OTF, resulting in a future credit from applicators performance guarantee.

**2011**  
First full bay treatment for milfoil, covering 130 acres. Excellent results using Renovate OTF.

### ***YOUR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE IS NEEDED – here's what we need to succeed:***

Our goal is to raise \$19,000 this year to insure we are prepared for the "worst-case scenario." The success of this program is in the hands of the Gideons Bay lakeshore homeowners. We all need to help maintain the quality and usability of Gideons Bay! We are asking for \$300 (if you can give more – wonderful – it would be greatly appreciated!).

*If you have questions, please contact Judd Brackett (your Bay Captain), at 612-310-1002, or judd@visi.com. You may also contact Josh Leddy (Bay Project Manager), at 763-458-0568.*

## **Yes, I would like to help by contributing to the (Gideons Bay) Milfoil Project:**

\$200  \$300  \$400  \$500  Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks\* payable to: **Lake Minnetonka Association (LMA)**

\*In the memo line – please indicate "Gideons Bay LVMP" (Lake Vegetation Management Project)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose your contribution along with this form and mail to:**  
The Lake Minnetonka Association, P.O. Box 248, Excelsior, MN 55331

You may also contribute online at:  
[www.LMAssociation.org](http://www.LMAssociation.org)

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