Lake Preservation Committee

Chara bog Management - Final Report - Oct 12th, 2026

LPC Members: Terry Klaves, Tony Mainiero, and David Lester

LPC Members need to make several Lake Preservation Program planning recommendations to the Lake Board, for consideration at their next (Zoom) BOD Meeting, which will be conducted on October 12, 2026.

Shoreline Maintenance Program - Bog Removal Services:

The LPC prepared and submitted a nine (9) page report / reference document to the Lake Board in August, which described multiple service options available to address the removal of heavy Chara bogs that float freely about the lake, then park themselves on downwind shorelines. Many residents are looking to the Association to address their removal.

Solutions to this problem fall within three categories:

1. Residents pay for removal by a local shoreline excavation service provider, who will scoop them up with a backhoe or excavator and transfer them to a truck for disposal
2. Residents pay for removal by an aquatic weed excavation service provider who uses a floating dredge to scoop them up and transfer them to the shore or boat landing, where they are loaded onto a truck for disposal.
3. The POA can modify its Weed Harvesting Program to capture and remove floating Chara bogs before they land on private residents' shorelines.

A one-page summary of all the service options identified by the LPC and Lake Board Members will be finalized and reported to Association members as a "Best Practices" report.

Service provider solutions identified for categories 1 and 2 above might be facilitated by Board or LPC members in 2027. Only private funding will be used for actual work performed. The LPC recommends modifying the schedule for Lake Weed Harvesting Services in 2027 to facilitate the pickup of floating Chara bogs as follows:

Switch from the current three (3) 40/56-hour-duration weed-harvesting campaigns to five (5) 30-hour-duration campaigns. Four of these would be conducted just two weeks apart from each other during the peak floating bog season. [Start Dates: June 28; July 12; July 26; August 9; August 30]

Shoreline Maintenance Program - Bog Removal Services: (continued)

To bear the burden of locating and mapping both Chara bogs and lake weeds in the days before and during active weed harvesting, the LPC members ask Lake Board members to sanction and support the recruitment of 'Conservators' for each major portion of our lake.

LPC Recommendations for Lake Conservators:

Lake Center: Tony Mainiero
Pirate's Cove: Terry Klaves
Oak Leaf Bay: (TBD; T. Klaves has a candidate)
Mint Bay - South: David Lester
Mint Bay - North: Bryan Sowatzke
Butterfly Bay - North: Deb Hoff
Butterfly Bay - South: (TBD)
Breezy Cove: Neil Howell
Dome Bay & Bass Bay: Kevin Streetar & Dave Richter

All other on-call shoreline Chara bog removal falls within the general category of Shoreline Maintenance Services, which are paid for by individual lot owners. A summary of service provider options will be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting and posted to the Association website.

As introduced in 2026, Aquatic Plant Management (APM) will offer its riparian services, as a team of divers who will remove weeds and rake shoreline areas for 4-hour or 8-hour blocks of time. Splitting these time-blocks will no longer be an option. Service reviews from last year were generally positive, and many of APM's customers will be asking for repeat service in 2027.

Our second Shoreline Maintenance Service provider, Silver Mist, did not fare as well. Service reports for this company were generally unfavorable. The Eco-Harvester equipment did not perform as well as advertised for lake weed and muck extraction. Silver Mist has not agreed to offer the same service in 2027.

Respectfully submitted by David Lester
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