



HARRISONS BAY NEWS

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Above Lake Minnetonka

Are You....

- Frustrated with Harrison's Bay weeds?
- Concerned with Harrison's Bay quality?
- Interested in eliminating/controlling carp in Harrison's Bay?
- Wondering what services are available from the various MN agencies?
- Interested in activities that will promote community and fun on the lake?

Those are exactly the reasons that we volunteered with the Lake Minnetonka Association (LMA) to be **Bay Captains** for Harrison's Bay. There are resources available to us as residents and lovers of the bay if we advocate for them. So we are stepping up and recruiting volunteers.

Other bays on Lake Minnetonka have had success controlling Invasive weeds through the Lake Minnetonka Association's (LMA) Bay Treatment Program. The LMA has provided a loan to the Harrison's Bay Association to have surveys done of the bay for curlyleaf pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) this summer. The initial curlyleaf pondweed survey shows we've got a big problem. **Check out** the new Harrison's Bay website to learn more.

<https://harrisonsbay.godaddysites.com>

So, what's the plan?

1. Raise \$30,000 by Spring to treat the Harrison's Bay in 2022 for both CLP and EWM.
2. Recruit volunteers to actively shape the mission and objectives of the Harrison's Bay Association

Let's work to protect our bay together!

Jane Anderson & Sheri Wallace, co-Bay Captains

ENGAGE WITH US

** CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

For bay information,
links to **DONATE**,
SUBSCRIBE,
VOLUNTEER and view
upcoming **EVENTS**



harrisonsbay.godaddysites.com

** JOIN THE HARRISONS BAY FACEBOOK GROUP

Lake Minnetonka Association Annual Members Meeting

The Harrison's Bay Association encourages you to become a Lake Minnetonka Association member.

Go to: LMAssociation.org (or) you can become a member at the Lake Minnetonka Association Annual Members Meeting.

Tuesday, September 21st 4:30-7:30
LORD FLETCHERS

Or, join the Lake Minnetonka Association's Executive Director for an informal discussion after the Annual Meeting (6:00), to learn more about the Lake Minnetonka Association's Bay Treatment Programs.

CONTACT US!

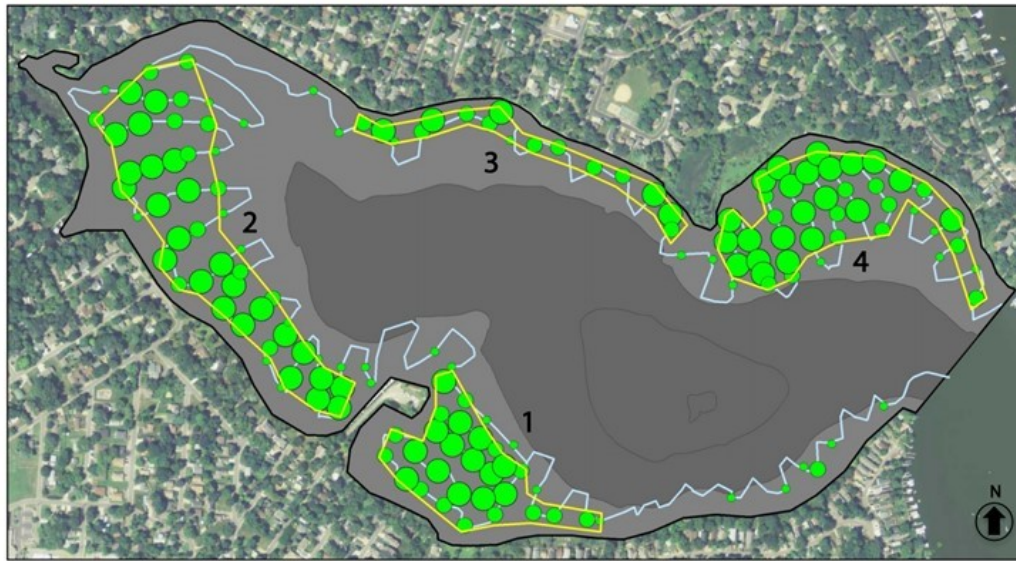
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Harrisons Bay (Lake Minnetonka, #27-0133) Curlyleaf Pondweed Delineation: 2021



Plot	Area (acres)	Avg Depth (ft)	Avg CLP Density (1-3)
1	9.0	4.7	2.5
2	16.9	5.3	2.5
3	4.1	5.8	2.2
4	11.7	5.4	2.6

Total 41.7 acres

DID YOU KNOW?

- Curlyleaf pondweed (CLP) can grow up to 15 feet tall and forms dense mats at the surface that inhibit water recreation.
- CLP overtakes habitat and outcompetes native aquatic plants, potentially lowering diversity.
- CLP provides unsuitable shelter, food, and nesting habitat for native animals.
- The midsummer die-off of CLP will increase the nutrients/phosphates in the lake during the warmest lake temperatures making it a perfect environment for algae blooms and poor water clarity.
- Researchers at the U of MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research center found that repeated large scale treatments of CLP early in the season over several years will reduce the plant seedlings (turions) and plant abundance.
- Developing a Lake Vegetation Management Plan (LVMP) has led to positive results in other bays within Lake Minnetonka.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Without the support of residents and other stewards of Harrisons Bay we do not get the resources to assist with improvement projects on our bay. Please consider being part of the team that shapes the format, mission and objectives of a bay association!

Email your contact information to Sheri.L.Wallace@gmail.com or call 763.234.6016 for more information. You can also sign up on the website

HARRISONS BAY Q&A

Beginning in October, volunteers in your neighborhood will be hosting outdoor meetings and/or Zoom meetings where you will:

- **Meet your lakeshore neighbors**
- **Learn about options for Harrisons Bay improvement**
- **Discuss your lake concerns**
- **Get answers to your questions**

Please watch for your invite to this event.

Harrisons Bay

2022 Eurasian Watermilfoil & Curlyleaf Pondweed Treatment Program

All contributors will receive a yard sign to show support.

Please consider donating what you can—every amount is appreciated and please share with neighbors and dock renters.



Harrisons Bay Association Timeline	
Activity	Timeline
Curlyleaf pondweed survey	Spring 2021 (completed)
Eurasian watermilfoil survey	September 2021
LMA Annual Members Meeting, Lord Fletchers	September 21, 2021 4:30—7:30 pm
Harrisons Bay Q&As	October 2021
MnDNR Cost share grant applied for by the LMA	Late Winter 2022
Fundraising	Fall 2021 - Spring 2022
Spring Bay Treatment	May - July 2022
Develop Mission & Objectives of Harrisons Bay Association	Fall 2021/Winter 2022

THE NUMBERS

HARRISONS STATISTICS	
Lakeshore Owners	176
Deeded Lake Access	19
Total Properties	195
Mound Dock Program—non-abutting	100

Fundraising Goal: \$30,000

Use the QR Code to make your tax-deductible donation or send your donation with this form to:
Lake Minnetonka Association, P.O. Box 248, Excelsior, MN 55331



YES, I would like to help by contributing to the:
Harrisons Bay –
Treatment Program

_____ \$200
_____ \$500
_____ \$1,000
_____ \$_____

Please make checks* payable to: **Lake Minnetonka Association**

*In the memo line – please indicate **"Harrisons Bay - LVMP"**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contributions Are Tax-Deductible. The Lake Minnetonka Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

What's Inside

- ✓ Harrison's Bay curlyleaf pondweed
- ✓ Survey results
- ✓ Opportunities to get involved
- ✓ Harrison Bay Association New Website
- ✓ LMA Meeting—Bay Treatment
- Information Discussion



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