



# RALALA Lake Association

Summer 2019

## 2019 Events

July 27th 9AM  
Annual Meeting  
CLT Town Hall

August 31st 5PM  
Raffle Party at  
Village Inn with  
Drawing at 6PM

September 14th  
Volunteer Apprecia-  
tion Party

## Roosevelt and Lawrence Area Lakes Association

### President's Letter—by Linda Van Straaten

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! RALALA celebrates 25 years! In 1994, a dedicated group of lake neighbors started the lake association. We owe them thanks for taking an idea into the large, successful organization of today that fulfills the mission of protecting the 5 lakes in our family.

In 1995, the first newsletter was sent out and in 1998, hard work by the board enabled RALALA to become a 501(c)(3). Many people have served on the board; they helped with programs to educate our lakeshore owners about shore-

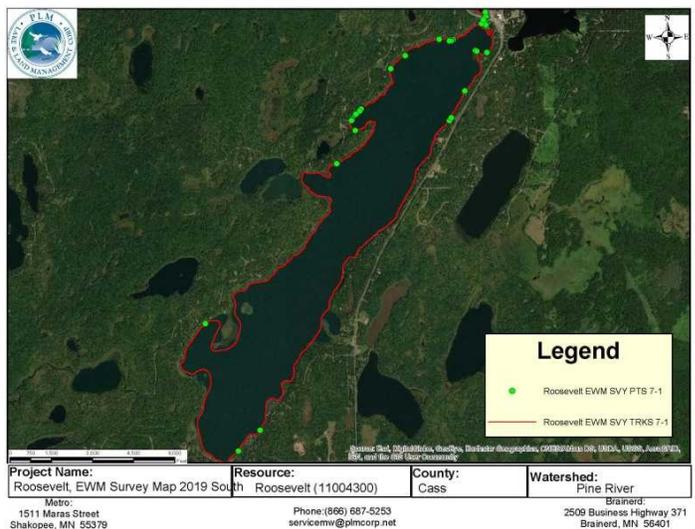
line plantings, eliminating fertilizers, buoy placements, checking on water clarity, lake signage to save nesting birds and fragile plants, etc.

The main focus in recent years has been to survey, monitor and treat any milfoil found in our lakes. Years ago, the board realized the potential spread of the AIS problems and our lack of funding to fight the problem. We started fundraising to create a “war chest” to have the monies to fight the inevitable arrival of such plants. Our members generous contributions have enabled us to fight the minimal milfoil plants that have been

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### Roosevelt Milfoil Report—by Bob Lee

PLM recently completed the survey of Roosevelt Lake that we had commissioned. The survey was delayed until the week after the 4th in order to get enough plant growth in the deeper areas to identify all of the Eurasian Water Milfoil present this year. Our cold and cloudy spring resulted in slow aquatic plant growth which is the reason for the delay. The final results were quite encouraging. The map on this



page shows the survey track (in red) and the individual green dots show the plants that were found. As you can

see there are very few EWM plants in the lake and most of them are concentrated in the area

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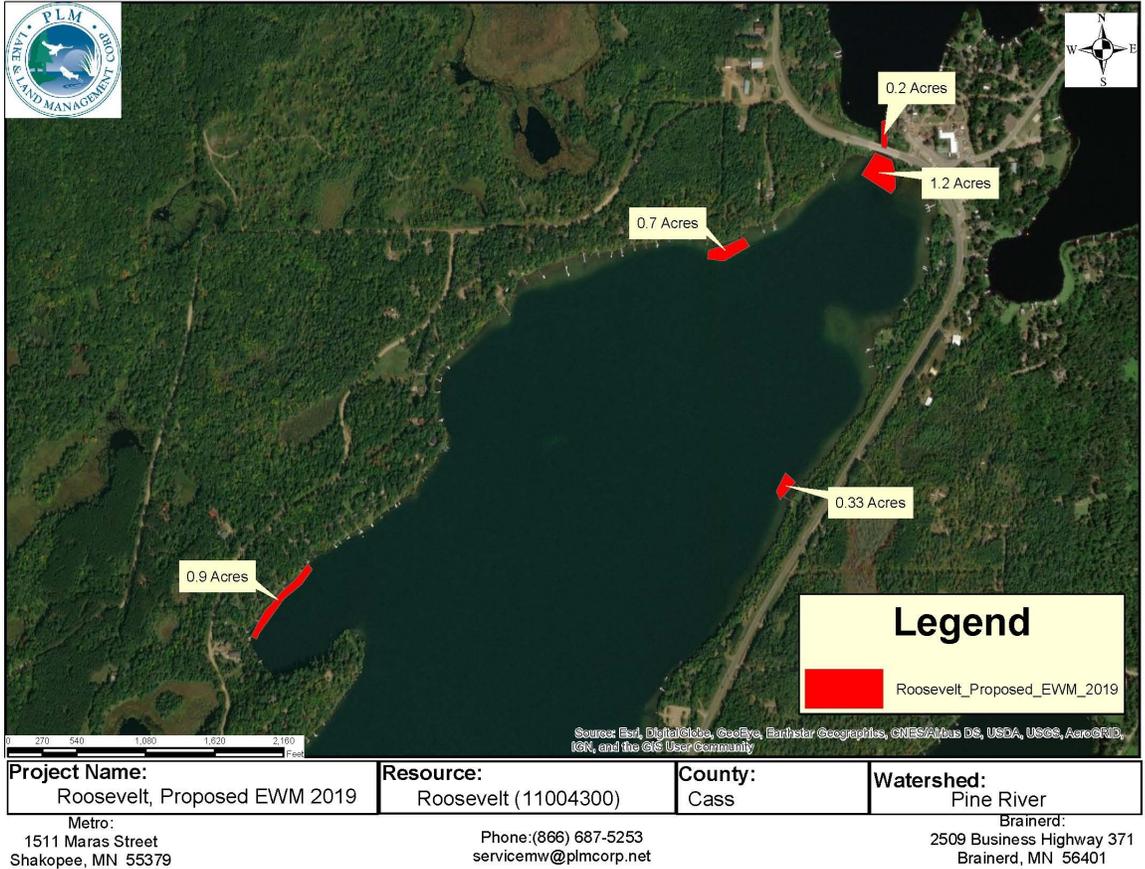
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north and south of the bridge at the narrows. Inasmuch as we have treated this area more than once before, we believe that the stronger currents in this area may be interfering with the length of time the plants are in contact with the chemical and thus reducing its efficacy. We have asked for and received permission from the DNR to treat a little further into North Roosevelt to allow for the drift effect.

Based on the survey data we applied for a permit to treat with triclopyr, the same highly selective herbicide we have been using since 2016. Tryclopyr has a low adverse effect on native vegetation. A permit was issued to RA-



LALA on July 19th. The map on this page shows the areas that were approved for treatment, a total of 3 1/3 acres. PLM will apply the herbicide in accordance with DNR guidelines, and RALALA volunteers will attempt to manually remove the 13 isolated plants

identified, but not covered by these approved treatment areas.

Application for grants from Crooked Lake Township and the City of Emily have been or will be applied for to assist us with the cost of treatment.

## ACCL Summer News—by Mary Kowalski RALALA's representative to ACCL

ACCL is the Association of Cass County Lakes. Its members collaborate around best practices for controlling Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS); share information on local and county resources; and connect with big picture issues. ACCL is all about concerns influencing the health, well being and protecting our lakes.

During the month of June RALALA and CLT (Crooked Lake Township) benefited from ACCL sponsorship

of two people who were trained as AIS detectors by MAISRC (MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center at the university of MN). Detectors serve as a first line of identification and intervention on the local lakes where someone believes they may have spotted AIS on the lake - perhaps on the shoreline closest to them. People are encouraged to be on the lookout for species suspected of being invasive. They

can then contact a detector to examine the finding.

The detector will then forward the information and specimen to the DNR for further analysis. If the specimen is found to be invasive by the DNR experts, the likely next step will be a survey to determine the extent of the invasion. An action plan will be put into action. This plan has been developed as part of a lake man-

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**Know Your Board Members—by Linda Van Straaten**



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Kim David

*To be continued...*

**Moore Hired as Executive Director of Northern Waters Land Trust—by Darril Wegscheid**

The Northern Waters Land Trust (NWLTL), formerly the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation, is a 501(c)(3) that strives to preserve land to protect water in the four-county region of Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin and Hubbard counties. This area includes 4 major watersheds – the Upper Mississippi River, Leech Lake River, Pine River, and the Crow Wing River, and represents 4.2 million acres and 800 lakes. Many of you know them as the organization which took the lead in acquiring the Eggers property and establishing an Aquatic Management Area on Roosevelt Lake.

NWLT has recently hired Kathy Moore as their new Executive Director. She is responsible for project management and oversight of conservation projects and grants, leading the fundraising and development efforts and ensuring that the organization efficiently and effectively executes its mission and goals. This includes continuing to build strong relationships with local, regional and state agencies as well as conservation partners, lake association members and community leaders.

Moore was previously Creative Director for Moore Consulting, a marketing services agency in Lake Shore. She has more than 30 years of marketing communi-

cation and project management experience. Moore has managed staff volunteers and contractors, planned and coordinated budgets, assisted in fundraising efforts, and sought and executed millions of dollars in grants.

NWLTL Board of Director’s Chairman Tim Bremicker said “We are thrilled to have Kathy’s energy and enthusiasm within our growing organization. I’m certain Kathy is the perfect mix of knowledge and skills that we need to finalize our process of becoming an accredited land trust through the Land Trust Alliance.” To learn more about NWLT please visit: [NorthernWatersLandTrust.org](http://NorthernWatersLandTrust.org).

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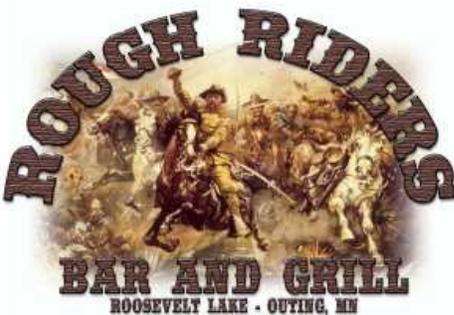
agement plan. RALALA and CLT (Crooked Lake Township) have such a plan.

If you as a property owner or regular visitor to our lakes see a plant or fish you think is suspicious, take the following simple steps and help us protect our waters:

- (1) Take a picture of the specimen and note where you found it (the lake and where on the lake);
- (2) Preserve the specimen (put plants in water and "critters" in rubbing alcohol)
- (3) Call an AIS detector at 651-503-8414.

ACCL, along with many resources designed to help us manage AIS, are available but we must all participate to do the job of AIS control.

If you see something, say something. Thanks for doing your part in protecting the lakes!



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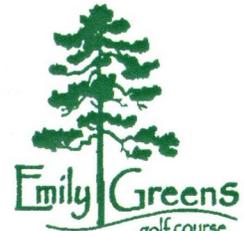


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**Our Watershed—by Darril Wegscheid**

Have you ever wondered where the water in our area flows?

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It is part of the counties of Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin and a slight slice of Hubbard. It is outlined on the map at right. The little inset map shows its location in Minnesota.



**Crooked Lake Township Aquatic Invasive Species (CLT AIS) Committee—by Gary Langer**

The CLT AIS Committee consists of members of Lake Washburn Association (LWA), Roosevelt and Lawrence Area Lakes Association (RALALA), Crooked Lake Township Board (CLT), and area residents.

The CLT AIS Committee with solid support from the CLT Board experienced a very productive year in 2018.

In July of last year the CLT AIS Committee helped support RALALA with a donation of \$4,400 to cover some of the cost for the survey and treatment of Eurasian Water-milfoil, an invasive species, in Lake Roosevelt. This donation helped RALALA afford to survey Lakes Leavitt, Lawrence, and Smokey Hollow which proved to be free of Eurasian Water-milfoil, a great success.

Strong communication with Cass County regarding Boat Landing Inspectors on Lake Washburn, Roosevelt and Lawrence along with our Decontamination Station at CLT was solid from the Fish

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In addition, to educate the public about AIS, beverage coasters were designed, printed and distributed to the Clearwater Lodge, Village Inn, Granny's and Outing Station. (see sample above right)



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found. As the treatment process is very expensive, we thank you for your contributions. Members have volunteered to be trained in AIS identification, manual removal of milfoil, and assisting us to interact with the Minnesota DNR and our AIS contractor.

**CALENDAR ALERT:** the RALALA Annual Meeting is on July 27th, at 9am at the Crooked Lake

Township town Hall (Outing town hall). We will have election of officers and a presentation by Ron Meyer, director of the Pine River Watershed Alliance. Ron will explain how important we are in the watershed and how our region gives the cities south of us clean water. Come and join your neighbors and meet new ones!!

As we think about the history of the organization, I want to let you

know that on Tuesday afternoon, August 6th, there will be an event at Luscher Park commemorating the Outing tornado of 1969. Watch for notification of the events planned for this remembrance by the Outing Chamber of Commerce.

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