

Action Plan for the Dunkirk Dam Lake District APMP

Based on the recommendations of the Aquatic Plant Management Plan, the Dunkirk Dam Lake District is planning the following actions:

- Aquatic Plant Management Guidelines
 - "Weed scout" training
 - Interested members will be sponsored for training as "weed scouts," and will conduct a survey each May to assess extant populations of the priority control species.
 - Aquatic weed harvesting
 - There is currently no access to the Yahara River within the DDLD that will accommodate a weed harvester and shore conveyor/trailer.
 - The DDLD will work to collaborate with the City of Stoughton to advocate for at least one launch that will be adequate to accommodate a weed harvester and conveyor/trailer. The input to the Yahara River at the end of 8th St. is a potential site for harvester launch and elevator location.
 - Opportunities for funding of weed harvesting will be explored and considered. Examples may include "Healthy Lakes and Rivers Grants" on behalf of a collective of DDLD property owners, and "Management Plan Implementation Grant" as follow-on to the recommendations in the DDLD Aquatic Plant Management Plan
 - Once harvester access is established, a location for disposal of harvested plant debris will be identified, and necessary permits will be pursued. Once obtained, a permit for weed harvesting is valid for five years.
- Education and Information
 - A newly formed DDLD Stewardship Committee will oversee educational opportunities for DDLD residents to understand and participate in aquatic plant management.
 - planting native species
 - stabilizing shorelines for erosion control
 - avoiding chemical applications that promote aquatic plant overgrowth
 - The DDLD has several existing forums for constituent education
 - Quarterly meetings with DDLD members
 - Dunkirkdam.com website
 - Dunkirk Dam Quarterly Newsletter
- Boat launch activities
 - The Stewardship Committee will work with the Town of Dunkirk, Dane County DNR, and Wisconsin DNR to identify grant funding opportunities to install accessible launch and takeout locations for kayaks and canoes above and below the dam.
 - Residents will be encouraged to help remove debris from near-shore and shorelines
 - Signage will be posted at the current access point for boat launch at 8th Street in Stoughton, notifying users to clean off their boats prior to removal/placement in the water.
- Plan Reassessment
 - This implementation of this Action Plan will be evaluated in the Spring of 2025.