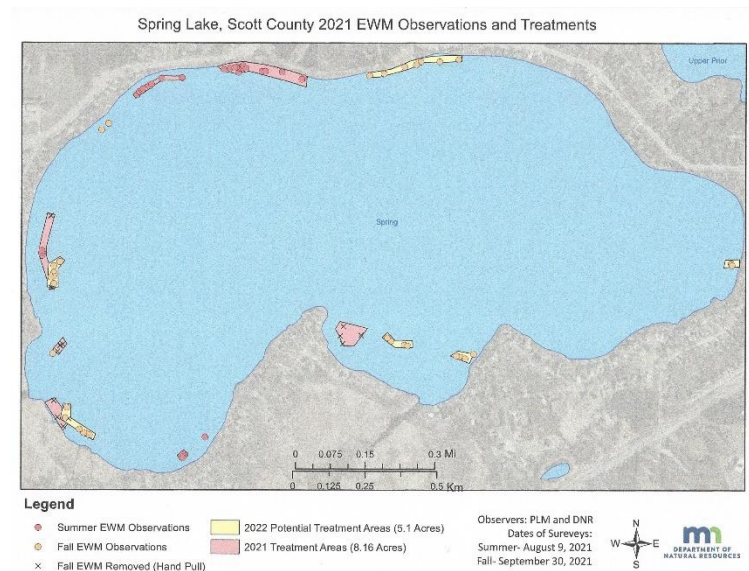


October 27, 2021

Spring Lake Association Members and Lakeshore Owners



Earlier this summer, Blue Water Science was hired by the Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District (PLSLWD) to conduct a survey of plant life. The results of that survey showed Eurasian Milfoil (EWM) was identified in a number of locations on the lake. After reviewing options, it was decided by the PLSLWD to hand pull EWM from the identified areas. During the hand pulling, the infestation was greater than first believed and some areas were not hand pulled due to the amount found. These results were shared with the SLA and after discussions with the PLSLWD, the DNR and Blue Water Science, it was decided by the SLA to take a more aggressive approach and fund an herbicide treatment of the hand pulled and non-hand pulled areas. This was based on the idea that if EWM is caught earlier enough it will be easier to control going forward and develop additional future mitigation plans. The cost to treat by PLM Lake and Management eCorp, was \$4800 for the 8.1 acres. The treatment was completed by on September 15, 2021.

DNR and SLA representatives conducted a full lake survey on September 30 to determine the effects of the treatment. The attached survey map shows the areas that were first identified, the treated area and the new observations from September 30. The treated areas showed little if any EWM present but there were additional areas outside of the treated area where EWM was present. No further action is planned at this time, however Blue Water Science has agreed to survey the lake next May / June, 2022 at no cost, to assist in determining if additional mitigation and/or control steps should be taken.

If you have additional questions, please email us at board.sla@gmail.com

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