# Spring Lake Association Eurasian Watermilfoil Update June 15, 2022

Spring Lake Eurasian Watermilfoil Growth June 8, 2022

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#### **Photo of Eurasian Watermilfoil**



Blue Water Science was on Spring Lake on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 conducting a follow up survey post treatment for Curly Leaf Pondweed and a pre-assessment survey for Eurasian WaterMilfoil (EWM).

The good news is that treated areas from last fall for EWM successful.

The bad news is there is a heavy infestation of EWM in the bay adjacent to Raymond Park and a light infestation near the boat landing. The right photo above shows a cluster of EWM which is distinguished by the reddish tint at the top of the plant. The map on the left shows the proposed treatment areas which are circled in Black.

In discussions with Steve McCommas, the circled area(1) is considered a bed(multiple patches together or heavy) and was the reason for treating. We included the area beyond the boat launch (2) due to the possibility of prop action and EWM spreading by fragmentation. A single green dot is considered a patch. The other patches will be monitored for treatment later this summer.

### Treatment Date | Friday, June 17, 2022

- Area 1 | Total of 12.28 acres
- Area 2 | Total of 1.77 acres
- Total | 14.05 Acres
- Cost | Treatment is estimated to be \$17,000. The costs for the treatment will be covered by the DNR grant.

We will follow this up with a Point Intercept Survey in July and then a possible second treatment later this summer.

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