

WHAT IS OUR ACTION PLAN?

After the preliminary survey from the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network discussed at our June Annual Members Meeting, we hired Restorative Lake Sciences, LLC to do a comprehensive survey to show the amount and exact location of the invasive milfoil in our lake. Based on that survey and recommendations from Restorative Lake Sciences we intend to seek bids for herbicide treatment of the invasive milfoil in the spring or early summer of 2018. The use of herbicides was determined appropriate after careful consideration of the characteristics of our lake and evaluation of other treatment methods. Restorative Lake Sciences does not believe that the use of herbicides in the amounts necessary for treatment of invasive milfoil on our lake will be harmful to other plants, animals or people. The cost in 2018 of treatment and ongoing evaluation of the effectiveness of the treatment and consideration of necessary future actions will be approximately \$9,500 to \$10,500. We will be exploring and considering various possible sources of funding for these activities, including grants from governmental and private entities, fundraising activities, contributions from property owners and businesses along our lake and use of existing cash reserves. We will provide further information as are plans are more fully developed.

Invasive milfoil, like other invasive plants, are primarily introduced into lakes through movement of boats, including pontoons, fishing boats, canoes and kayaks, from one lake to another without draining and washing those boats. We will be putting into place signage and conducting educational activities about this and will also consider installing washing facilities at some point in the future.