

## **EURASIAN AQUATIC MILFOIL: WHY IS LPLA FIGHTING IT?**

Eurasian Aquatic Milfoil is an invasive species that has entered many lakes in Michigan and caused severe problems. Little Platte Lake currently has about 6 acres of this plant. What are the potential problems this can cause as it grows in our lake?

- Because we have a shallow lake, invasive milfoil can spread across a much wider area than in deeper lakes.
- We currently have a very diverse native population of aquatic plants, but widely spread milfoil could cause us to lose many of these native species.
- Invasive milfoil can grow so thick that it becomes almost impossible to swim, boat or engage in other activities in the water where it is growing.
- Little Platte Lake is known as an excellent fishing lake. Widely spread invasive milfoil will reduce the fish populations, as well as limiting the places in which fishing can be done.
- We cannot reduce our milfoil through pulling or chopping it out, as this will cause further spreading of the plant.
- The extensive expansion of invasive milfoil in our lake will have a significant negative effect on the value of our lakefront properties.