

# LAKE JOSEPHINE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION 2016 ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS' MEETING

November 22, 2016

## Welcome!

- Introduction of Board Members
  - Maribelle Cushman
  - Dick Hanson
  - Mark Maher
  - Pam Newcome
  - R.J. Newcome
  - Brett Schreiber
  - Jamie Schreiber
  - Catherine Robinson
  - Jill Shwiff

#### **Treatment**

- Heading into 2016, bumper crop of EWM anticipated
  - Major infestation in 2015
  - Drove creation of Lake Vegetation Management Plan
  - 24 acres treated in 2015
- In 2016, Board worked with DNR to gain approval for new full-lake, dual herbicide treatment
  - Used successfully elsewhere in U.S. but very expensive
- "All systems go" but negligible EWM detected in spring 2016, despite multiple attempts by DNR, RCWD and us
- Result: DNR allowed 2016 spot treatment of <5 acres</li>

#### Treatment, cont'd.

- Weeds are unpredictable & reason our EWM subsided so drastically is unknown
- Based on input from homeowners, the 2016 season was one of the lake's best!
- We saw spots of increased weeds in the Fall
  - DNR identified most of those native, reclaiming the space EWM took from them
  - Their presence indicates a healthy lake
  - Unfortunately, limited treatment allowed by DNR
- We also saw isolated algae blooms
  - Treatable, but too late in season to make an impact

#### **Fundraising**

- Homeowners recognized the need to build a fund to cover treatment AND to protect against a future catastrophic event (e.g., Zebra Mussels)
- Thank you all for stepping up--79% of homeowners contributed and average of \$443 per property!
- We currently have ~ \$30K in funds
- We appreciate your generosity & continued support

#### **Social**

- Winter Blast—warmer setting this year!
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Flotilla—most successful yet!

#### **Collaboration with Others**

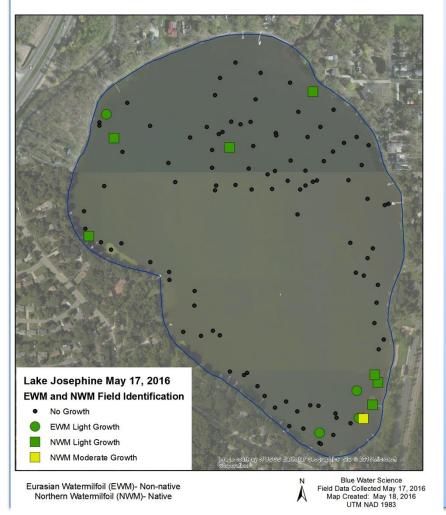
- DNR—strong partnership
- RCWD—assisting with delineations & reconnaissance
- Ramsey Cty Conservation District—state legislative funds, pavement striping
- Other NE metro lake associations

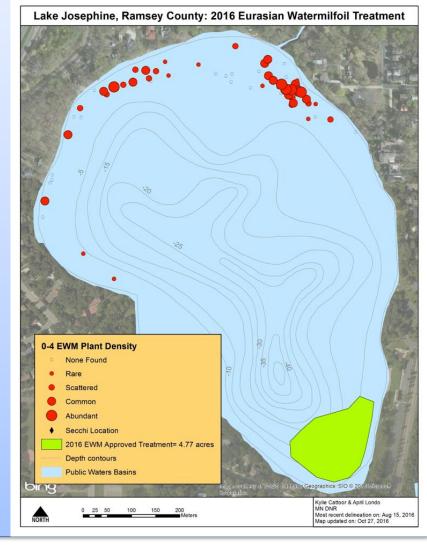
#### 501(c)3 Status

- Mark Maher spearheading effort to make donations tax deductible
- More info coming soon

### Current Health of the Lake—EWM Prevalence

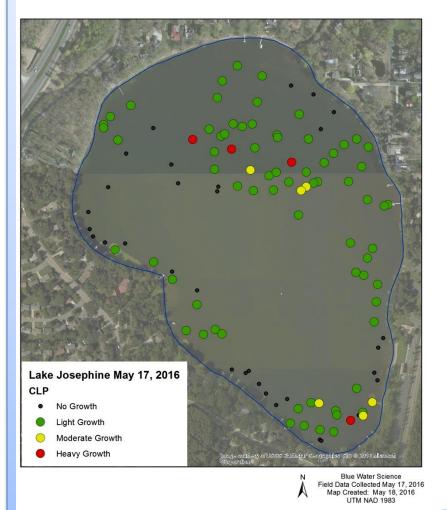
Lake Josephine Eurasian Watermilfoil and Northern Watermilfoil Field Identification

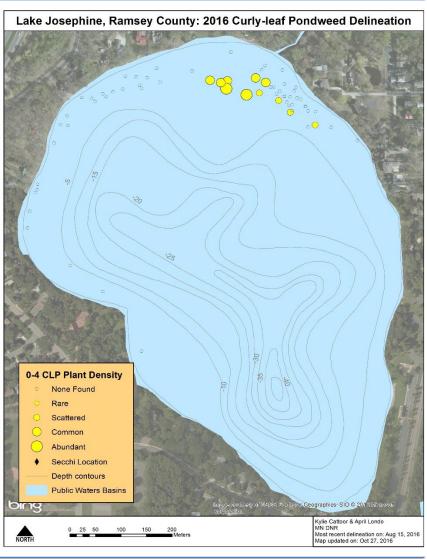




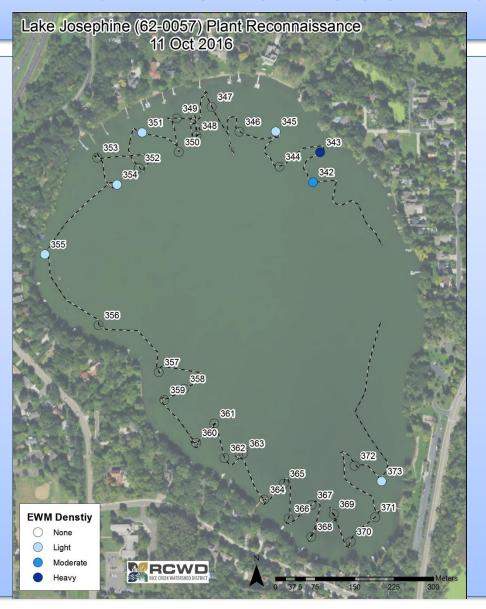
### Current Health of the Lake—CLP Prevalence

Lake Josephine Curlyleaf Pondweed May 17, 2016





## Fall 2016 Reconnaissance



Completed by RCWD and Brett Schreiber

## **Tentative 2017 Treatment Plans**

#### **Three Options**

(Dependent upon amount of weeds found in spring 2017 delineation)

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## Full-Lake Treatment with Fluridone

- Offered by DNR as preferred option (if EWM infestation justifies)
- Successfully treated EWM and CLP on Crooked Lake in Anoka Cty
- Used elsewhere in U.S.
- Works at a low dosage & does less harm to native weeds than other herbicides
- Would treat once in spring, followed by additional "bumps" to maintain a specific saturation level in lake
- Effect builds over time, meaning impact might not be seen until mid- or late-summer but the result should be sustained in future years, thereby requiring less treatment
- Crooked Lake homeowners very pleased with results—no signs of EWM detected at end of season
- Currently what Board is preparing for



# LAKE JOSEPHINE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT
CONTRIBUTION HISTORY & FUTURE NEED

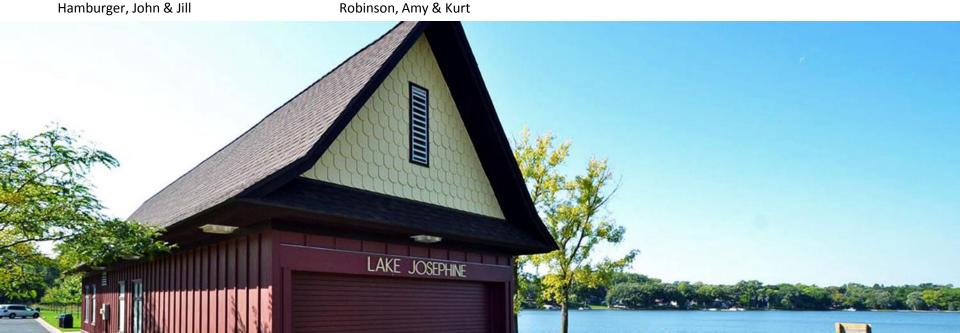
### Thank You 2016 Season Contributors

Anderson, Lowell & Welte, Kathleen Arsenault, Paul & Jeanne Aune, Eleanor Bertini, Michael & Botelho, Kristine Brodt, Jack & Marlene Boeck, Rob & Cathleen Coblentz, Eddie & Airika Collins, Jim & Ann Marie **Cummings, Scott & Tracy** Cushman, Maribelle Dahl, Steve & Janelle Dougherty, Tom & Mona Erickson, David & Iren Estey, Ryan & Marti Forsythe, David & Carol Fryd, Dave & Dee Gray, Gary & Jill

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#### A year in review...

# 2016 Contribution Campaign Offshore Treatment

#### 2016 Goals

- Raise enough money to prepare for the 2016 treatment season
- Seeking 100% participation of lakeshore properties
- Begin to build a contingency fund

#### Why?

- Future revenue sources are not expected to keep pace with expenses for ongoing treatments.
- Prepare for potential catastrophic issue(s)

#### What'd we ask?

- Ideal 2016 Treatment Estimates:
  - \$15,600-\$23,040 = **\$350-\$500/property\***
  - <\$1-\$1.40/day
- We committed to treating the best we can with funds collected!

#### How'd we do?

- \$23,967.47 was collected in 2016
- \$443 = Avg. contribution/property
- 79.4% of Lake Shore Properties
   Contributed.
   Donate Now

\*Assumes ~70% participation



# Contribution History

In late 2012, Lake Josephine was diagnosed with Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).

For the first time in Fall of 2013, the Board sought a voluntary contribution from lake homeowners to cover 2014 offshore EWM treatment.

#### 2014 Season

- 20.4 acres EWM Offshore Treatment= \$6,426 Total Cost
- Monies Raised
  - \$5,625 Donations + \$1000 DNR Grant = \$6.525
- \$127 = avg. contribution/property
- 63% lakeshore properties contributed

#### 2015 Season

- 24.1 acres EWM Offshore Treatment = \$8.194 Total Cost
- Monies Raised
  - \$11,300 Donations + \$2,300 DNR Grant = \$13,600
- \$208 = avg. contribution/property
- 79% lakeshore properties contributed

#### 2016 Season

- 4.77 acres EWM Offshore Treatment
   \$1,875 Total Cost
- Monies Raised
  - \$23,967 Donations + \$1,687 DNR Grant = \$25,654
- \$443 = avg. contribution/property
- 79% lakeshore properties contributed

In the fall of 2014, the board began to discuss a more pro-active approach & the need to build a fund in-advance of the spring season.



## Financial Reports

#### 2014 Summary

Year Beginning Balance: \$7,758.63 Expenses \$6,426.00

Income \$7,625.00

End of Year Balance \$8,957.63

#### 2015 Summary

Year Beginning Balance: \$8,957.63 Expenses \$8,194.00

Income \$20,500.00

End of Year Balance \$21,263.63

#### 2016 Summary (thru 11/15/16)

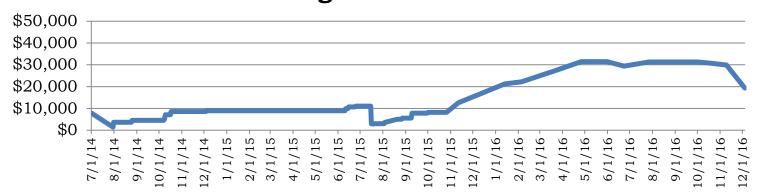
Year Beginning Balance: \$21,263.63

Expenses \$3,729.61 Income \$12,404.45

Today's Balance \$29,938.47

End of Year Balances represent our Contingency fund

#### **Checking Account Balance**





# 2017 Management Options & Associated Costs

# Option 1 'Business As Usual'

- 'Business As Usual' Spot-Treating EWM, like years past.
- Acreage would depend on amount of EWM detected in a spring delineation.
- Cost Estimates = \$12,000 + \$3,120 = 15K
  - Triclopyr herbicide is \$400/acre (up to 30 acres) + CLP treatment is \$260/acre (up to 12 acres)
- To treat CLP beyond the littoral limit, we need a variance & additional cost

# Option 2 Full-Lake Dual Herbicide

- Treat with both 2,4-D & Endothal
- Estimated cost = **\$48K-\$60K**
- Only allowed by the DNR should we have significant EWM infestation
- In 2016, UPI had offered to aid in funding which is not guaranteed for 2017.

# Option 3 Full-Lake Treatment

- This full-lake treatment with Fluridone was suggested by the DNR as a NEW option
- Viable option for both EWM & CLP if the spring delineations are similar to our fall reconnaissance
- Early spring treatment, effect slowly builds over time
- Estimated cost = **\$25K-\$30K**

The board has voted to build our fundraising targets around Option 3, in order to be prepared to best treat the upcoming 2017 season.



## Importance of a Contingency Fund

Eurasian water milfoil is an infestation that CANNOT be eradicated, it can only be controlled.

#### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

- Annual DNR Permit & Variance Approval (CLP only)
- Plant Survey + Lake Vegetation Management Plan \$1,000-3,000 - Approximate Annual Cost
- DNR grants we've relied on in the past are nearly dried-up
- We have only treated EWM in the past, but we have other bothersome weeds that we could be addressing IF we had funds:
  - Curley Leaf Pondweed leaves thick stalks in the water even after it is killed.
  - Filamentous Algae creates an oily slick that floats on the surface of the water.
  - Stony Starwort
- Treatment costs may continue to grow IF our infestations grow and/or we need to change up herbicides, as weeds become resistant.
- We need to prepare to protect against a catastrophic event such as Zebra Mussel infestation.





# 2017 & Beyond Management Options & Associated Costs

- Lake Vegetation Management Plan = \$1,000 (board negotiated) Spring 2016
- Plant Survey = \$3,000 (board negotiated) Spring 2016
- Genetic Weed Analysis = ~495
- Lake Delineation = \$1K
- Treatment Permit Charge
- Option 3 Full Lake Treatment = \$25K-\$30K
- Assume NO DNR grant = \$0
- Agent Image Website Hosting = \$495 annual fee
- GoDaddy domain charge = \$10 fee for 2-year term, due next year

#### **2017 TREATMENT NEED: \$27K-\$32K**

#### **Additional Considerations:**

- Algae Treatment: \$244/acre x 5 acres = \$1,220
- Need to build a future contingency fund
  - Early Treatment Required for Zebra Mussels = \$500/acre x 10 acres = \$5,000

**TOTAL TREATMENT ESTIMATE: \$23,220-\$34,220** 



# 2017 Contribution Campaign Offshore Treatment

#### Who?

- Seeking 100% participation of lakeshore properties
- Seeking offshore & access neighborhood participation too

#### When?

• NOW... To best prepare for the 2017 summer season, we need to continue to ensure sufficient funding for preferred treatment option & the additional considerations

#### Why?

- Future revenue sources are not expected to keep pace with expenses for ongoing treatments.
- Need to build a contingency fund

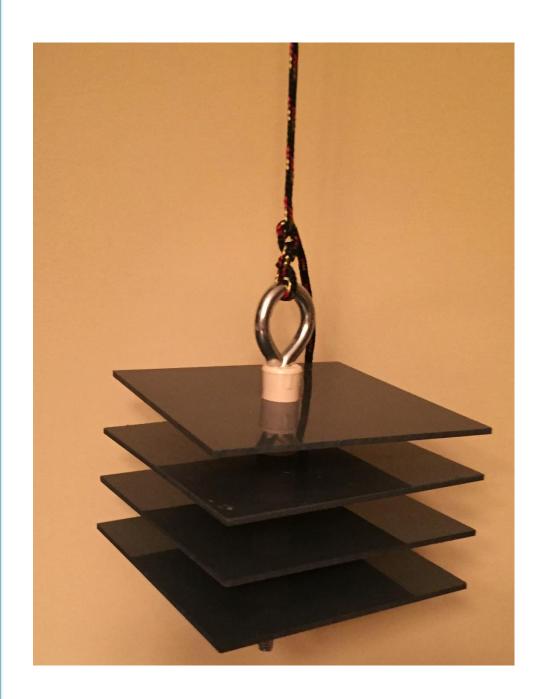
#### How much?

- As much as you can...we commit to treating the best we can with funds collected!
- Ideal 2017 Treatment Estimates:
  - \$23,220-\$34,220
  - \$350-\$500/property
  - <\$1-\$1.40/day
- Every little bit helps!





Don't forget
to pick up
your Zebra
Mussel
Sampler Kit!



# Thank You for Your Engagement!

#### Also Before You Leave

- If you're prepared to submit your 2017 contribution, please do so!
- Please double-check your contact info at entry desk
- Complete the survey at your table—we welcome your input!

#### **After Meeting**

- Share recap with neighbors who may have missed meeting
- Visit our new website: <a href="http://lakejosephineimprovementassociation.com/">http://lakejosephineimprovementassociation.com/</a>
- Mark your calendars—WINTER BLAST set for SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>th.</sup>
   More to come soon!



