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## Lake Management Report

Our July 20<sup>th</sup> sixth annual community “Take back our Lake” day was just as successful as years past. This year we made the event one week later than in the past as we had many residents still recovering from the tornado that damaged many homes on the south side of the lake. We had seven boat teams participate this year , for the West Basin, representing a total of about 40 people.

As last year there was no pontoon boat team available for the East basin to work for the July 20<sup>th</sup> event, but a boat team from the West basin volunteered to transport their boat to the East basin and harvested weeds on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thanks to all who participated and a special thanks to “Team Cuttita” who volunteered their boat and labor to assist the East basin.

Every year around Labor Day I survey the Eurasian Water Milfoil weed beds as the flowers are coming to the surface at that time, which makes it easier to tell what affect our efforts have made. This is the first year that I have seen an (apparent) and significant, reduction in weed bed density. I am hopeful this trend continues and that native weeds might return to these beds and help “crowd out” the Milfoil.

Assistance from “Mother Nature” aside, this hand harvesting method continues to be an annual maintenance practice that will have to continue until our community is able to afford a more effective alternative.

We will be contacting the DEC this winter to see if we can obtain a permit to introduce Sterile Grass Carp into the lake as an additional measure to reduce lake weeds. While some lakes have reported varying degrees of success, the States restrictions of the use of this biological control are formidable, and we may not

have the conditions to be able to obtain this permit, but every effort will be made to secure one.

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