

Lake Weed Harvesting  
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The proposal we received from Professional Lake Management called for only harvesting the south lake, and only select areas. The reasons for only cutting the south lake are:

The large floating mats of Eelgrass have in past years been primarily a problem of the south lake. Residents have had to rake them several times a day and they collect at the dam which could lead to blockage. This year's harvesting is a trial to learn for weed control in future years.

The two lakes have different needs and should not be treated equally. Last year algae was a tough problem only on the north lake and we responded to resident's concerns by having additional, unscheduled, treatments. We are prepared to again do this if needed.

Some weeds are best treated with chemicals but the Eelgrass is not. The two lakes differ in the type of weeds and in the amount present. The north lake has generally responded well to chemical treatments.

In addition to following the recommendation of our contractor members of the Lake Control Committee surveyed the lakes and the sites noted for cutting (and where not to cut) were very similar.

The Board is entrusted with making decisions for the benefit of the lake community and while not all will agree with the rationale on this issue I hope it will be seen as a sincere effort to manage the lake weeds.

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