



# The Black Lake Invasive Weed Committee

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## **THE BLACK LAKE INVASIVE WEED COMMITTEE**

No doubt you have noticed the Eurasian Milfoil choking the channels and creating problems for boating, swimming and fishing on Black Lake.

Before Black Lake is permanently damaged, this committee was formed by concerned Black Lake businesses and landowners to preserve its beauty for future generations to enjoy.

The first requirement was to hire a consultant firm to study the lake and create a lake management plan. The plan must then be submitted to and approved by the DEC. Thanks to your generous response to our fund raising letter, the management plan should be ready for submission to the DEC by June 2008.

After we have the management plan approved, we will be able to write for grants and work with concerned local and state politicians to help direct some of the state conservation dollars to Black Lake so the management plan can begin to be implemented.

## **What You Can Do?**

### **Boaters or tourists:**

- Simple things you can do include inspecting boats, motors, and trailers at the boat ramp before launching and again after hauling them out.
- Prevent plant material from getting into bait buckets and live wells, and from getting tangled up in anchor ropes or fishing gear.
- Plants cleaned from boats and gear should be disposed of in a trash receptacle or away from water on dry land.

### **Landowners:**

- Try to keep weeds from piling up at the water's edge. The stagnant water breeds mosquitoes and other insects and takes away from the beauty of the shoreline.
- When you remove the milfoil, place it well away from your shoreline in a compost pile. You want to prevent it from going back into the water and reseeding itself.

## Eurasian Milfoil

Eurasian milfoil is a highly aggressive aquatic plant that is taking over lakes throughout the country. It forms dense canopies that often shade and crowd out native vegetation. Thick growth can impair Black Lake's recreational uses including boating, swimming, and fishing. The dense growth of Eurasian milfoil can alter and degrade the habitat of native fish and other wildlife. Stagnant water created by Eurasian milfoil mats not only smells but provides good breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Eurasian milfoil leads to deteriorating water quality on infested lakes. It is readily spread by plant fragments that are carried downstream by water currents or deposited by boaters. Milfoil is readily dispersed by boats, motors, trailers, bilges, live wells or bait buckets, and can stay alive for weeks if kept moist. Once established, Eurasian Milfoil is extremely difficult to eradicate. Control experiments on other New York lakes have been attempted with water level manipulations, mechanical control and herbicides.



## Fund Raising

Our letter campaign has generated enough to cover the necessary consulting fees, but the management plan will be costly. While we are working hard to secure grants and state conservation dollars, we need to show them that residents and tourists truly care about Black Lake and are willing to help support our efforts to control the Eurasian Milfoil.

It is our hope that people who use the lake, both tourists and landowners, will want to help us in our quest to control these weeds and restore our lake's beauty and reputation as being a "fisherman's paradise."

### How Can You Help?

Please send a generous tax deductible donation made payable to:

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**Thank You!**

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