



Cranberry Lake / Flowage Association

**UPDATE ON EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL IN CRANBERRY LAKE
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Cranberry Lake is in the Town of Wascott, Douglas County, Wisconsin.

Eurasian Water Milfoil was found in Cranberry Lake in 2006.

In 2006 the property owners of Cranberry Lake joined together to form "THE CRANBERRY LAKE / FLOWAGE ASSOCIATION". The task the Association took on, was to eliminate and control the existing aquatic invasive species, Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and to do whatever they could to stop the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil.

In our search to find a consultant we found Steve Scheiffers of Harmony Environmental. Steve Scheiffers did an aquatic plant survey in August of 2007.

From the survey we found that the EWM multiplied by several times.

June of 2008 several Lake Association members came together to hand pull EWM at the mouth of the Flowage. After 3.5 hours of scuba diving and hand pulling by 10 Association members it became clear that hand pulling this particular EWM patch wasn't going to work. In July the Association acquired a chemical treatment permit from the Wisconsin DNR to reduce the foliage at the surface. In reducing the surface foliage the chance of spreading plant fragments from boats driving through the EWM patch was greatly reduced.

The Cranberry Lake / Flowage Associations next steps are to map the existing EWM beds. Continue hand pulling whenever that procedure is feasible, and when needed to treat EWM beds with chemicals.

The Cranberry Lake / Flowage Association understands this is going to be an ongoing battle. In this battle, The Cranberry Lake / Flowage Association will continue to look at any and all means to fight the spread of EWM. The Cranberry Lake / Flowage Association is also open to working with any and all interested parties to help eliminate and prevent the spread of AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.

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