

**NOTICE OF HERBICIDE TREATMENT FOR WEBSTER LAKE
TO BE APPLIED NEXT WEEK BETWEEN WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
(APRIL 24-26)
AS WEATHER PERMITS**

The map below shows the areas of Webster Lake which will receive treatment for Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) between April 24 and 26, weather permitting. These areas combined contain approximately 50 acres of CLP.

If you are currently irrigating your lawn or garden using lake water, you will want to turn your system off in advance of and for 3 to 5 days after this treatment.

The following water usage restrictions apply in the designated areas:

- **Fishing and swimming: 0-day restriction**
- **Drinking water: 2-day restriction**
- **Domestic Animals/Pets/Livestock consumption: 1-day restriction**
- **Irrigation to turf and landscape ornamentals: 3-day restriction**
- **Irrigation to food crops and production ornamentals: 5-day restriction**

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued a permit to Webster Lake Conservation Association (WLCA) to treat up to 50 acres of invasive CLP and 100 acres of invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).

WLCA applied for and has been awarded a grant from the Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) Program that will reimburse 80% of the cost for the treatment of “invasive” weeds up to a limit of \$25,000 in 2024. This differs from last year in that the cost to treat 50 acres of CLP will be covered under the grant in addition to the 100 acres of EWM. The grant will also cover 80% of the cost to prepare and maintain the required Annual Vegetation Management Plan up to \$4,000.

LARE Grant funding applies only to the treatment of the invasive weed species found in Webster Lake, Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curley Leaf Pondweed. The cost for shoreline and channel treatments of “native” and “invasive” weeds is not covered by the grant and is fully paid for from WLCA member contributions to the Weed Fund and member dues payments. Money from dues payments and member contributions to the Weed Fund are also used to cover the remaining twenty percent of “invasive” weed treatment costs not covered by the grant.

- **This early-season treatment of CLP is the first of several weed treatments that will be applied this season and is expected to cost \$11,583. (LARE share = \$9,266.40; WLCA share = \$2,316.60)**
- **The cost to treat 100 acres of EWM is estimated to be \$38,225. (LARE funds remaining = \$15,733.60; WLCA share = \$22,491.40)**
- **The cost to treat 56.6 acres of shoreline and channel is estimated at \$18,395 = WLCA’s cost.**

- Total gross weed treatment cost = \$68,203. WLCA's net cost after LARE funding = \$43,203
- The cost to prepare and maintain the required Annual Vegetation Plan is \$4,480 with LARE paying \$3,584 and WLCA paying \$896.
- Total Estimated Program Cost (Net) to WLCA Members for 2024 = \$44,099

The CLP also exists in other areas of Webster Lake. Most of these areas will be treated as part of the annual shoreline and channel herbicide treatments which are applied separately from the invasive weed treatments.

Exact dates for invasive weed, shoreline and channel treatments are yet to be determined. Additional Mail Chimp notices advising of the treatment dates will be sent in advance of future treatments.

Please help prevent weed chop by avoiding boating through these areas until the weeds have been treated and have become submerged below propeller depth. When weed chop appears at your shoreline area, please consider removing it from the water and letting it dry, after which it can be bagged as trash and hauled away.

Thank you for your investment in Webster Lake through the payment of your dues and extra contributions to the Weed and Fireworks funds.

