



There are 83 acres of Curlyleaf Pondweed in Webster Lake this spring. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued a permit to Webster Lake Conservation Association (WLCA) to treat up to 50 acres of this invasive weed species under the 2022 LARE grant program which will cover 80% of the cost. WLCA is responsible for the balance of the cost. The first treatment will be applied on Wednesday or Thursday, May 4 or 5, weather permitting.

Most of the remaining Curlyleaf will be treated as a part of the annual shoreline and channel treatment with the cost of that treatment being entirely paid by WLCA member dues and

contributions to the Weed Fund. Exact dates for those treatments are yet to be determined. Additional MailChimp notices advising of the treatment dates will be sent in advance of future treatments.

Below are two maps. The first map shows the location of all 83 acres containing Curlyleaf. The acres containing Curlyleaf are shown on the map in highlighted areas and grouped in accord with the population density of Curlyleaf. The highlighted areas are numbered 1 through 9 with Area 1 having the highest concentration (density) of Curlyleaf and Area 9 having the least concentration (density) of Curlyleaf.

The second map shows the areas to be treated this week, being Areas 1 through 4 containing 50 acres. As stated above, Areas 5 through 9 will be treated in the annual shoreline/and channel treatment applications.

Please help prevent weed chop by minimizing or 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 on shore after which it may be bagged as trash or hauled away.

Thank you for your support, your investment in Webster Lake, and your cooperation in minimizing weed chop.



