

Topic: Starry stonewort in Chippewa Lake (Update)

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Last month I wrote a paper explaining that we did find Starry stonewort in Chippewa Lake. The Advisory Board, Township and PLM acted immediately and we treated the area where it was found and also surrounding areas.

I am pleased to announce that the PLM survey conducted on 9/16 revealed that the Starry stonewort infestation has been killed off and only dead Starry was found. The survey also revealed that the Eurasian Milfoil is also under control.

That doesn't mean we don't have any lake weeds. Chippewa Lake enjoys a healthy variety of lake plants which are native to the region. Some like the Wild Celery the plants with the curly stem reaching the surface can be a nuisance depending if you are a fisherman or not. However, unless a native gets really out of control the Advisory Board concentrates efforts and financial resources on invasive weeds like Starry stonewort and Eurasian Milfoil which can change the dynamics of the lake dramatically.

While this is excellent news, we are aware that with Starry stonewort in nearby lakes it will be a continuous battle. As a result, your Lake Weed Advisory Board and PLM will keep monitoring the lake and if found again will act immediately which is the best way of preventing large infestations.