



Hamilton Lake Association

# Hamilton Lake Happenings

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## Points of Importance:

For the 2015 lake season, HLA is offering a 12"x18" flag available for \$10. This flag (see above) is exclusive to members who make a weed spray contribution in 2015. - "Fly the flag proudly on your boat or dock to show your support for the Hamilton Lake Association and Hamilton Lake."

Please note we are asking for an increase from \$2.00 per foot to \$2.35 per foot. This increase is necessary to keep pace with the ever increasing cost of treatment and care for our great Lake Hamilton. Thank you for your support, The Hamilton Lake Association Board of Directors

## Inside this issue:

## HLA Annual Report for 2014

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# Conservancy Update

Pat Morello/Dennis Germann

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Despite our best efforts gathering over 330 signed petitions, attending repeated meetings, and conducting informative discussions with the HL Conservancy board, they voted unanimously to **not change the purpose of the conservancy district**. While extremely disappointing, this is not surprising. The reasoning behind our goal to have the conservancy district repurposed was simple. We felt it was the most economical way for all the Town to create a sustainable income source for the funding of weed spray. We also believe it fit well with their mission, and despite our best efforts, they felt otherwise. They wanted to stay true to their purpose of being a sewer business. While we will conclude this portion of our task, we will continue to seek alternate ways to create a more evenly distributed and sustainable income source. The facts remain:

- 1) Less than 50% of lake front owners voluntarily pay for weed spray.
- 2) Less than 20% of the businesses contribute to the weed spray, despite having nearly 100% of their business revenue tied to the lake.
- 3) Others who reside in the town who benefit from the Town of Hamilton and hence the lake, pay nearly nothing for the weed spray.
- 4) Lastly, we are very reliant on the state for the LARE grants, without which, we would not be able to fund the weed spray.

**The lake is our #1 asset and we must all be diligent in keeping it in great shape, including fighting off the invasive species of weeds.**

## 2014 Weed Control Summary/2015 Weed Control Outlook

ClintNester/Dennis Germann

For the 2014 Season the HLA received cost-share assist treatment. The whole lake treatment treats the entire (2011-2013) we have taken a spot treatment approach much more effective, but also comes with a much 1 treatment used Sonar One granular fluridone. "Bump granular were applied as needed in order to establish ppb and hold a concentration of 2 ppb for at least 90 d performed on May 22 with bumps performed on June 1 of both Eurasian watermilfoil and curlyleaf pondweed v results lasting through the end of the 2014 season.

For 2015, HLA expects Eurasian watermilfoil populat absence, Hamilton Lake may see a rise in Curlyleaf p applying for LARE funding to treat 10 acres of Eurasi priority weed to control. Depending on curlyleaf por utilize its own funding to spot treat areas as needed.

**With the cost of this treatment being the re... pertinent that HLA has a successful year of fundraising and weed spray contributions from all who benefit.**

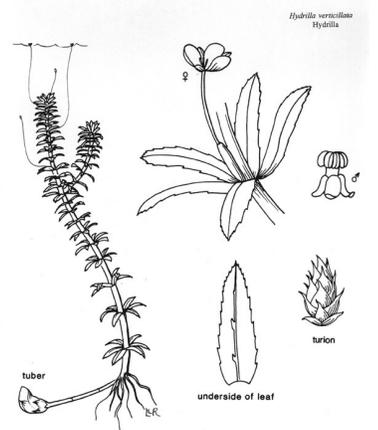


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