

## YOUR FUNDING OPTIONS

Detailed information may be found on our website [www.quietlakes.org](http://www.quietlakes.org)

### 1. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Initiate or renew your QLIA membership now for 2024. Your dues of \$50 are tax deductible. We accept checks or Venmo. Members will be posted on our website.

### 2. TIER DONATION PROGRAM

We are asking you to declare yourself as a dedicated lake supporter. This is an annual tiered donation program where you may elect to change your fund level annually. Donations will be published on our website unless you want to donate anonymously.

BECOME A:	DONATION
LAKE BOOSTER	\$ 250
LAKE PROTECTOR/GUARDIAN	\$ 500
LAKE ADVOCATE/PROMOTER	\$ 1000
LAKE ACTIVIST/BENEFACTOR	\$ 1500
LAKE CHAMPION/PHILANTHROPIST	\$ 2000
RIPARIAN STEWARD	\$ 5000

### 3. IRA DONATIONS

You may use your IRA to donate if you are older than 70½. You may donate all or part of your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) to the QLIA up to \$100,000. Contact Jesse Ver Velde, TLW Wealth Management to make an IRA donation to the QLIA at 402-630-1433 or email: [jesse@tlw.money](mailto:jesse@tlw.money)

### 4. STOCK DONATIONS

Gifts of stocks or mutual funds are a great way to give to our lake association. You may be eligible for an income tax deduction and pay no capital gains tax. Contact Jesse Ver Velde, TLW Wealth Management to make a stock donation to the QLIA at 402-630-1433 or email: [jesse@tlw.money](mailto:jesse@tlw.money). Stock transfers can be made to Teal Lost Land and Ghost Lakes Improvement Association Inc.

### 5. MEMORIAL DONATIONS

A gift that honors a life. Your memorial gift is in recognition of years of family enjoyment in your peaceful Quiet Lakes haven filled with special memories. Your memorial gift will be a meaningful and lasting tribute to your loved one. A plaque and website recognition will commemorate your memorial donation.

Please see our website at [quietlakes.org](http://quietlakes.org)

## The Quiet Lakes

THE TEAL, LOST LAND, AND GHOST LAKES  
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (QLIA)

### OUR OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### The Healthy Shore List

**PLANT A BUFFER ZONE OF NATIVE VEGETATION CLOSE TO SHORE.** A tangle of roots filters impure runoff from your cabin and slows erosion of the soil.

**DON'T USE PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES.** They end up in the water and are bad for aquatic life.

**"SOFTEN" HARD WALKWAYS AND DRIVES.** Unlike asphalt, pea gravel or wood chips soak up runoff.

**PRESERVE YOUR PROPERTY'S MATURE TREES.** Their deep roots stabilize the slope down to the water.

**FORGO FERTILIZERS/UPGRADE YOUR LEAKY SEPTIC SYSTEM.** Both send phosphorus into the lake, fueling algae growth and depleting oxygen.

**LEAVE FALLEN TREES AND BRANCHES IN THE SHALLOWS.** Wood nourishes all sorts of underwater critters and provides cover for fish.

**KEEP OIL AND GAS WELL AWAY FROM WATERS EDGE.**

**USE UNTREATED WOOD FOR SHORELINE STRUCTURES LIKE DOCKS.** Treated wood leaches harmful chemicals. Use preservative-free material such as cedar.

**KICK THE CABIN LAWN HABIT.** Turf lets up to 55% of rainfall wash away causing shoreline erosion.

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### UPDATE: 2024 CHEMICAL TREATMENT COMPLETED ON LOST LAND AND TEAL LAKES; GRANT MONEY SECURED FOR 2024 AND 2025

The Quiet Lakes Improvement Association, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and our lake consultant, Megan Sorensen, have obtained grants, secured permits, and completed chemical treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in Lost Land and Teal Lakes for 2024 on June 7th, 2024 by our aquatic services partner Schmidt Aquatics.

This Spring, we received word that our grant request for \$150,000 for lake treatment was approved for \$99,430 for the years 2024 and 2025, falling short of our initial grant request. The DNR team indicated that this reduction is due to increased competition for grant money and overall budget cuts. Despite this, generous contributions from 98 residents raised an additional \$71,000, enabling us to fund the 2024 treatment. Our grant funding with the DNR is 75% State grant funding and 25% QLIA funding for the grant period through 2025. For 2024 treatment, total expenses were \$86,300 total for Lost Land and Teal Lakes and we are using \$49,715 grant money + \$36,585 QLIA funds = \$86,300

Although we are uncertain what the plans will be for chemical treatment in 2025, we believe that budgeting for the same plan for 2025 is prudent until post survey analysis has been conducted by our scientists and reviewed by all to see how the chemicals have impacted our lakes.

While we expect some DNR funding after the 2025 grant funding has been used, state grant funding can vary annually and is subject to DNR budget limitations and competition from other grant seekers. As a result, continued financial support from our residents is critical to maintain a proactive and robust treatment plan. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring the health and sustainability of Lost Land, Teal and Ghost Lakes and hope you'll take the time to review the details on the next few pages.

# UNDERSTANDING THE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES THREAT ON OUR LAKES

## THE CURRENT AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES THREAT ON THE QUIET LAKES

In 2022, the Quiet Lakes Improvement Association (QLIA) obtained a State Surface Water Grant to assess the status of Lost Land and Teal Lakes. The report from lake consultants highlighted the prevalence of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). This survey indicated there are 21 Eurasian Water Milfoil beds covering 263 acres in Lost Land Lake, and Teal Lake has 35 Eurasian Water Milfoil beds covering 44 acres.

If left uncontrolled, EWM can significantly harm the lakes' overall viability and short and long-term health. This aquatic invasive plant obstructs boating and fishing, disrupts the ecosystem and biodiversity of our lakes, and reduces property values.

In Fall 2023, our Lake Association applied for several grants and were recently awarded funds to start the treatment of the EWM on both Lost Land and Teal Lakes which occurred on June 7th, 2024. Follow up studies on the effectiveness of these treatments will occur later this Summer and provide direction to our consultants, the DNR and our Board on additional treatments in 2025.

2024	2025
<b>2024 Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Execute Aquatic Plant Mgmt Plan using grant funding and QLIA funds</li><li>- Utilize grant funds and QLIA cash for plan implementation on LL &amp; Teal</li><li>- Monitor plan results and report to WDNR</li><li>- Determine next steps for 2025 based on 2024 results</li></ul>	<b>2025 Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Execute Aquatic Plant Mgmt Plan using grant funding and QLIA funds</li><li>- Utilize grant funds and QLIA cash for plan implementation on LL &amp; Teal</li><li>- Monitor plan results and report to WDNR</li><li>- Determine next steps for further remediation with our lake consultant and DNR.</li></ul>

## 2024 TREATMENT PLAN OVERVIEW

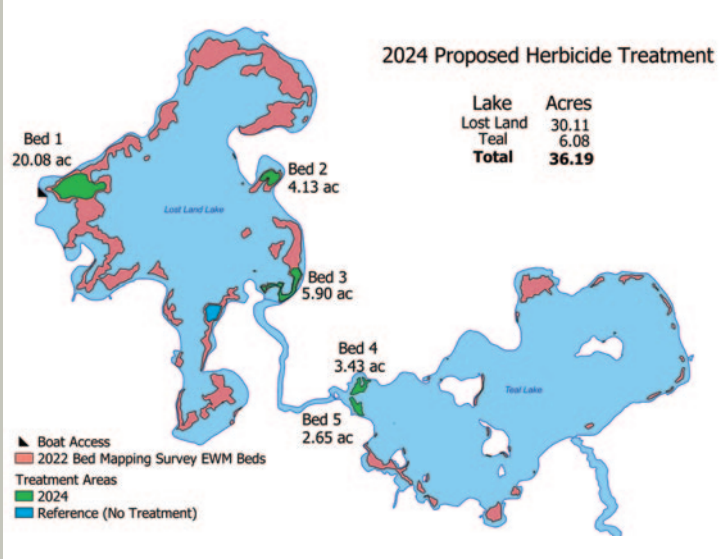
We have finalized the treatment plans for 2024 and received permits to start the chemical treatment of EWM on both Lost Land and Teal lakes in early June. In collaboration with DNR scientists and our lake consultants, our plan involves targeted ProcellaCOR treatments on targeted areas in both lakes:

- Lost Land Lake: Treatment of 30 acres
- Teal Lake: Treatment of 6 acres

The ProcellaCOR herbicide was applied at carefully calculated concentrations to maximize effectiveness while minimizing environmental impact. Our certified ProcellaCOR applicator, with nearly 40 years of experience, oversaw the treatments during early June 2024. The plan also included mapping surveys to document the current EWM beds in each lake before and after treatments to monitor effectiveness and to measure how the herbicide spreads throughout the lakes after treatment occurs.

- June 7, 2024: Treatment by Schmidt's Aquatic. This timing was proposed by the DNR out of an abundance of caution during the musky and walleye spawning periods.
- Summer 2024: Hand pulling and installation of Decontamination Station signage at LLL boat landing.
- Late Summer/Fall 2024: Post-treatment plant survey to monitor effectiveness of treatment.
- Winter 2024/25 – Assess plant survey data, conversations with DNR, planning for spring 2025 treatment.

We will need volunteers this summer! Our grants from the DNR include receiving money for volunteer hours for invasive species training and hand-pulling activities by volunteers from our lake community.



- It's crucial to recognize that managing Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) will be an ongoing process requiring sustained funding immediately and for many years to come to effectively control its growth and spread in Lost Land and Teal lakes.
- The estimated cost of treating EWM ranges from \$400,000 to \$600,000 over multiple years.
  - State grants may cover up to 75% of the costs, but the QLIA will need to raise significant funds to fight EWM on our lakes.
  - Several lakes in the area have been treated for more than 15 years and no longer qualify for State grant money.
  - Annual dues alone are insufficient to support these initiatives as they are capped at \$50 per individual by State Law.
  - We are asking for annual contributions to our Tier Program to PRESERVE AND PROTECT our lakes. The funds will be used to control and manage the EWM population, ensuring the long-term preservation and enjoyment of the lakes.