

# THE LAKER

North Lake Protection Association

August 2011

**NLPA Annual Meeting for 2011 is at Inverness Country Club on Sep 26, 2011 at 7:30 PM.**

**Agenda:**

- 1) Review 2010 minutes of annual NLPA meeting.
- 2) Treasury report
- 3) Old Business:
  - a) Lake Management project information.
  - b) Update on lake level management.
- 4) New Business
- 5) Election of officers

The financial balance of NLPA is as follows:

12/31/01	\$9,170.63
12/31/02	\$16,231.63
12/31/03	\$16,231.63
12/31/04	\$18,054
12/31/05	\$9,523
9/14/06	\$4,411
5/5/08	\$4,491.28
8/31/09	\$3,989.96
7/31/10	≈\$6,300.00
7/11/11	\$12,665

**The mission of NLPA is to promote good water quality and equitable use of our lake for recreation, wildlife and beauty.**

## 2011 North Lake Weed Treatment Report

See attached report from Dave Pruess and Paul Lammers.

NLPA is asking for \$10 in dues for 2011 which is used to cover the cost of subscriptions, mailings and continued water quality analysis, and other misc fees.

### Lake level information:

North Lake has a new 18" diameter drainage culvert under Hadley road.

The NLPA continues to work with the Washtenaw County Road Commission to modify the opening of the culvert to adjust the lake level to historic spring time level.

Washtenaw County is in the process of obtaining the required permits to add the culvert extension that would provide the proper method of lake height control. The NLPA does not have a schedule from the county as to the completion of this project.

### Useful WEB sites:

[www.boat-ed.com](http://www.boat-ed.com)

Use this site for boater safety on-line certificate and access to [The Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities](#).

Safe boating on any inland lake is important. Many North Lake residents have observed unsafe practices.

[www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

Useful information from the Department of Natural Resources.

## Milfoil Treatment - History

Since 1989, North Lake has been treated for milfoil. Below is a breakdown of the number of acres treated each year. (North Lake is 250 acres.)

- 1989 - 36 acres
- 1990 - 32 acres + harvesting
- 1991 - 28 acres
- 1992 - 0 acres
- 1993 - 47 acres
- 1994 - 45 acres
- 1995 - 38 acres
- 1996 - 25 acres
- 1997 - 35 acres
- 1998 - 41 acres
- 1999 - 49 acres
- 2000 - 52 acres
- 2001 - 32 acres
- 2002 - 35 acres
- 2003 - 37 acres
- 2004 - 37 acres
- 2005 - 43 acres 2,4-D at a cost of \$15,225 plus \$8,000 for the weevils.
- 2006 - 44 acres chemical at cost of \$13,916 and \$12,800 for weevils.
- 2007 - 54 acres chemical at cost of \$19,821
- 2008 - 50+ acres for initial June application.
- 2009 - 55 acres in June, 34.9 in Aug.
- 2010 - 76 acres on June 10.
- 2011 - three treatments were applied to the lake covering over 70 acres.

**How Can I Help?**

You can prevent pollution in North Lake by following guidelines supplied by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (details are available by requesting the free DEQ publication "Protecting Inland Lakes"). The entire watershed affects lake quality. After heavy rains, water runs off roads, ditches, and yards directly to North Lake. This means YOUR YARD drains into the lake.

- **Don't burn leaves or waste on the lake watershed.** If you must burn, remove ashes to a landfill. Ashes are very high in nutrients that cause plant growth. Neighborhood composting areas are a good project for individual landing associations to organize.
- **Keep organic material out of the lake.** Leaves, lawn clippings, animal droppings, etc. should be composted far away from the lake.
- **Keep shrubs, trees, and plants growing within a 15 foot belt along the lakeshore.** Plants form a barrier to runoff and use up excess nutrients much better than grass.
- **Conserve wetlands.** Swampy areas trap sediment and increase nutrients. They are important to fish and wildlife.

**Camp Burt Shurly**

As many of you are aware, the camp operates for 8 weeks during the summer. What you may not know is that it is home to approximately ninety children (per week) from Detroit Public School system. These are students who are

eligible for Title 1 funds and are academically performing below expected grade levels in reading and mathematics. Each of the campers may only come for one week during the summer. Some of the counselors and counselors-in-training participated in the camp when they were students.

**Camp Burt Shurly**

The NLPA would like to have one of our lake residents volunteer as a chair person to help create a committee that would organize, collect and distribute various donations for the camp facility and children.

Please contact Dan Kruse if you are interested.

[jkruse@peoplepc.com](mailto:jkruse@peoplepc.com)

**NLPA Landing Representatives**

East End – Steve & Anne Koch

Eisenbeiser Drive - Kent Thiel

Gilbert Drive – TBD

Glen Oaks - Dan Kruse

Hadley Road - Sheryl Ulin,  
(Secretary & Treasurer)

North Lake Farms – Rod Payne

Noah's Landing – Joe Holowicki

Parklawn - Eric Batsdorfer

Sauer Drive – Sheridan Springer  
(special support) Carol Bingel

Stonehedge Valley - Carol  
Heydlauff

Watt Road - Paul Lammers, Scott  
Gerweck

Webb's Landing - Dave Pruess and  
Dave Gravelyn

Secchi Disk readings recorded by  
Dave Pruess & Charlie Taylor.