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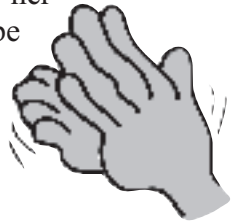
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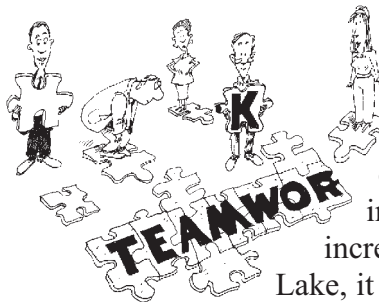
Dear Green Lake Property Owners,

As the incoming president of the GLPOA, I would first like to thank Jill Nelson as the outgoing president for her hard and dedicated work this past year. Jill will be a very hard act to follow. I would also like to thank outgoing board members Dick Baken, Gary Broman and Bruce Halgren for their great work over the past six years, you will be missed.



Also, a big thank you goes out to the incoming board members Sandi Unger, Ron Minke and Dick Gunderson for your willingness to serve on the GLPOA Board of Directors. I think you will find the position challenging and very rewarding as we work to keep Green Lake a great place to live and enjoy with great pleasure.

As the new year for the Board of Directors begins, we find a number of challenges ahead. If you were at the annual meeting, you would have heard that we are faced with keeping the water clean and free of aquatic weeds and increasing the walleye population. With the increasing number of people using Green Lake, it will continue to be a challenge to keep aquatic weeds, such as Eurasian Water Milfoil, under control. We need the support of all lake residents to make sure the invasion of this terrible weed is kept under control.

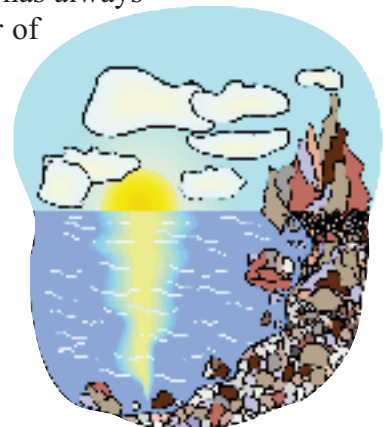


I know that the Board of Directors will do a great job of keeping Green Lake the best lake in Minnesota. We hope that you as residents of Green Lake will be available, if called upon, to help in keeping our lake a premier lake, as it has always been. We look forward to a great year of serving all of you.

Sincerely

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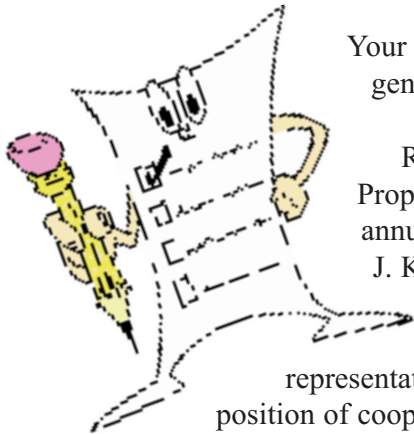
Ralph Jansen, President



# BOARD TAKES ACTION AGAINST MILFOIL

The Board of Directors, at their regular scheduled June meeting, have completed plans for eradicating/controlling Eurasian Water Milfoil

Please see another article within THE BREEZE as to the locations of milfoil, which we know about, in Green Lake. If you find a patch of milfoil, please contact one of the Board members or Bruce Gilbertson of the DNR office in Spicer.



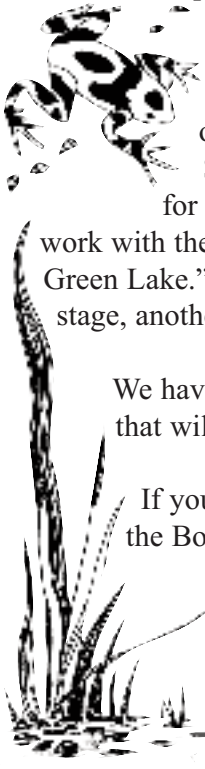
Your Board has placed into action two plans, i.e. (1) short term emergency plan along with (2) long range plan for Green Lake.

R. Jansen and T. Frazee presented information to the Green Lake Property Owners Board about meetings which they have had since the annual meeting. T. Frazee informed the Board of a meeting with J. Kiocker regarding the partnership which they might play with

Green Lake. J. Kiocker, recommends that the GLPOA request the following from the District at their July 10th meeting: (1) a representative on the committee, (2) that the District agree to take the position of cooperator on the Green Lake Eurasian Water Milfoil containment project and as the primary cooperator as required by the DNR, (3) the district is included as an on the permit application for chemical treatment, (4) authority to train volunteers to survey - especially for long term containment plans.



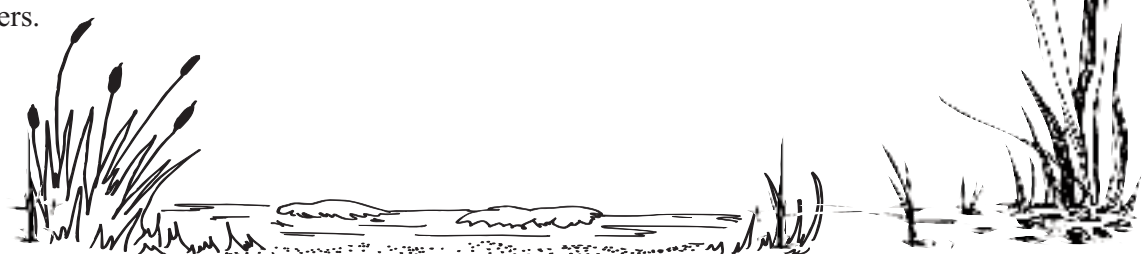
On Thursday, June 21, 2007, R. Jansen and T. Frazee met with B. Gilbertson of the local DNR office. By conference telephone call, the three talked with Chip Welling, Director of Exotic Species for the State of Minnesota. He was asked that the DNR approve a permit within 21 days for the Green Lake Property Owners to hire outside chemical companies to treat for Eurasian Water Milfoil as found on the search of October 5, 2006. It was also agreed that additional areas may be found which would/could be added to this listing. A total of 16 sites were identified by the DNR Tour of October 5, 2005 which is about 52 acres. The DNR said they would approve of this plan. The cost will be near the \$400.00 per acre as found within the lake, or near the \$21,000.00 mark.



The long range plan for Green Lake requires an inventory/survey of the lake. This was last completed in April of 2003 by Steve McComas and Dick Osgood. This would be the responsibility of the Green Lake Property Owners Association to pay for. The cost would be between \$4,000.00 and \$6,000.00 for this survey/inventory. The second step would be for a lake vegetation management plan for Green Lake. This cost would be near \$9,000.00. C. Welling stated "the DNR is happy to work with the GLPOA and other interested parties on development of a lake vegetation management plan for Green Lake." There would be no cost to the association for this second stage. After completing this second stage, another permit would be required to use chemical treatment.

We have Eurasian Water Milfoil within Green Lake, of which there is not a "magic" pill (treatment) that will eradicate it. We are attempting to control the spread of milfoil.

If you have any questions about either the short term or the long range plan please notify one of the Board members.



# HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF MILFOIL

To all Green Lake residents and lake users:

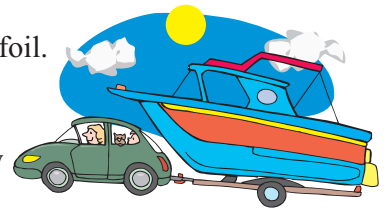
*Please **HELP** prevent in-lake spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil in Green Lake.*

**Pieces of E. Milfoil cut by motors, fishing tackle and anchors easily spread and root in new areas of the lake — E. Milfoil fragments grow roots at each leaflet *intersect*.**



The map shows only a few known Eurasian Water Milfoil stands in Green Lake: examples — Off Indian Beach Road from Spicer Castle to Indian Beach Harbor Lagoon entrance and North Shore from County Park 5 to Lone Tree in 5 to 15 feet of water and at a distance off shore commonly used by pleasure boaters for fishing, skiing and tubing. Stands also visible at Hultgren's Bar, vicinity of Rush Brown Access and City of Spicer.

- \* **BE AWARE** of existing stands, **AVOID** driving through them. Stay in deeper water when boating parallel to shore.
- \* Help **IDENTIFY** new stands —Fishermen, if you snag E. Milfoil with tackle or anchor, **REPORT IT!** If you see a new stand, **REPORT IT!** Try to describe/mark the location. If your depth finder screen suddenly becomes 'fuzzy' you are probably over E. Milfoil. **If you have a GPS please enter the coordinates of the stand.** Jet Skiers — if you drive over a stand, **REPORT IT.**
- \* **CHECK MOTORS** if you drive through a stand and boat the pieces, don't throw it back in the lake. Check motors and live wells when back on the lift.
- \* **WATCH** for pieces, tangled masses washed up on your lake frontage and **REPORT IT.**
- \* **WATCH** for E. Milfoil plants near your shore and for stands in areas of the lake that you frequent. Remember - **BE AWARE - AVOID - REPORT**

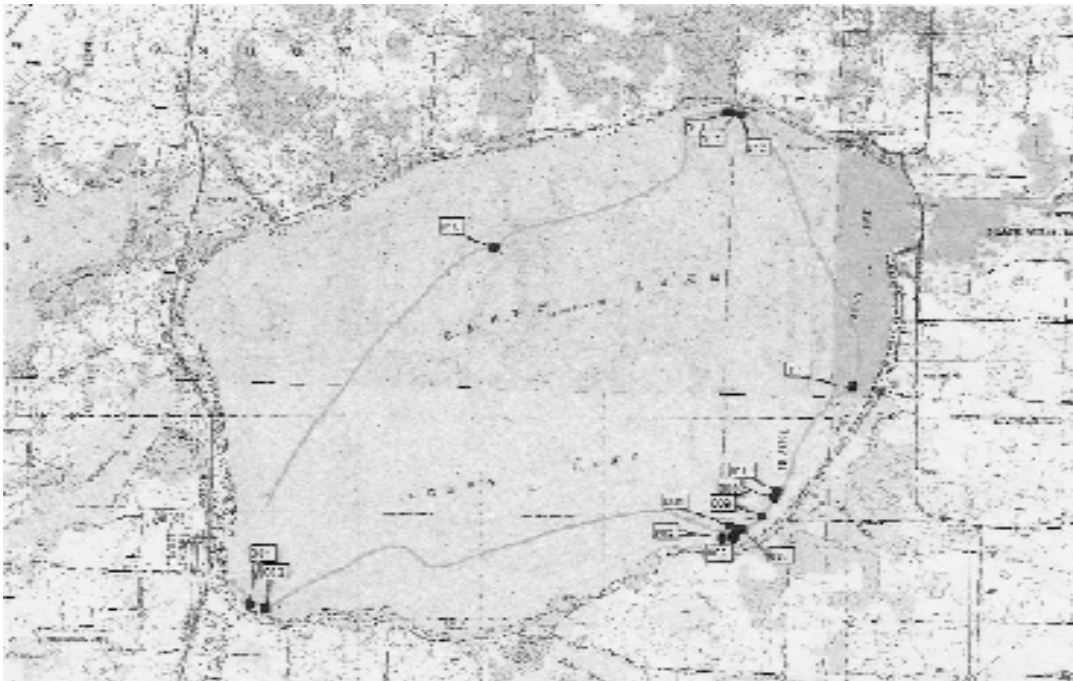


**WE can all HELP prevent in-lake spread of E. Milfoil  
by learning locations of stands and not driving boats through it.**

GLPOA is presently working to establish an inventory/survey of the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil in Green Lake and *your help is important.*

**REPORT IT! Call or e-mail**

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Line is the track of the boat Numbers enclosed in boxes pointing to points are waypoints

# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



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June 15, 2007

Dear GLPOA members,

The following are some Green Lake items that DNR has been working on:

Spicer Area Fisheries completed the fall 2006 fingerling stocking quota of 4,108 pounds using walleye yearlings in spring 2007. Due to the large size of carry-over walleye available, we exceeded the poundage of walleye yearlings to complete the 2006 quota for Green Lake for a total of 4,870 pounds and 51,291 walleye stocked by April 23, 2007. The numbers stocked were similar or above those for a normal 0.5 -1 lb/ LA /yr rate used on other fingerling stocked walleye lakes. I expect better survival of the large yearling walleye since over winter mortality is no longer a factor. Fall 2006 electrofishing indicated that there is some natural or fry stocked recruitment that will also contribute to the 2006 year class. Spicer Area Fisheries plans to stock fingerling walleye in the 15 to 30 fish/pound range if available for stocking in fall 2007. This will make it easier to reach both the recommended number and poundage goal in fall 2007.

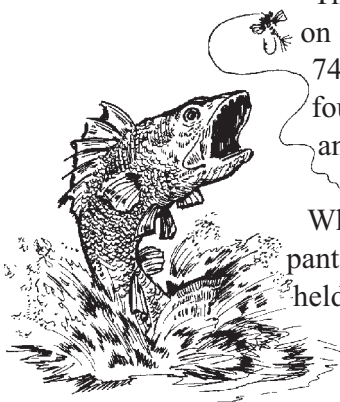
Fisheries stocked OTC (an antibiotic) marked walleye fry this spring as 10% return on walleye eggs taken during spring spawn take. We will monitor walleye abundance in test netting, and recruitment of young walleye through fall night electrofishing. We will follow the core lake stocking strategy beginning in 2007, although we will stock at two times the recommended rate. We plan to use 20 fingerlings/hour of electrofishing as a trigger for determining whether or not to stock walleye fingerlings each fall. There are indications that conditions for walleye are improving in Green Lake. The walleye gillnet catch was 9.58 fish/gillnet in 2006, and the fall 2006 electrofishing catch was 9.0 fingerlings/hr. The goal range for walleye in Green Lake is 9.5 to 13.5 walleye/gillnet. We will continue to monitor Green Lake annually. The next netting is scheduled for the first week of August 2007.

This summer, a creel survey will be conducted on Green Lake. A DNR summer worker will count anglers, and interview some to determine fishing pressure on the lake, fish caught, fish harvested and other information. This will help us in managing Green Lake. His verbal reports are that angling on Green Lake is fair to good.

Recently, members of the St. Cloud and Alexandria chapters of Muskies Inc, which include some local residents, contacted me about possible stocking of muskie in area lakes. They suggested Green Lake for consideration. Several years ago, muskie enthusiasts requested the DNR to identify lakes that may be suitable for muskie introductions. The DNR developed a process to follow to determine if a body of water would be appropriate for muskie. While Green Lake and Nest Lakes met the criteria, no action was taken in formulating a management proposal for either lake. A resolution opposing muskie stocking from the GLPOA was received by DNR this spring. Your resolution will be noted as being in opposition. Be assured, if muskie management in any of your area waters is being considered, you will be notified and have ample time to comment.

There were some concerns about the mortality of walleye in the Little Crow Anglers tournament on Green Lake (June 2-3, 2007). There were 209 walleye that were weighed in over two days by 74 tournament anglers, 122 of them died. When I spoke with Little Crow Angler members I found that several factors contributed to the loss. Fish were caught early, some from deep water, and were in live wells a long time. The club did not have the normal oxygenated holding tank for weighed fish to recover in.

While I can appreciate concern about the loss of walleye that the tournament sponsors and participants would have preferred to release, there are some perspectives to consider. The tournament is held by a local club and many local anglers fish it. They are licensed anglers who would legally be allowed to harvest their limit of walleye each day if they were fishing on their own. DNR rules allow them to harvest 3 walleye/angler/day for two-day tournaments. They actually kept an





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average of 1.4 walleye/angler/day, less than one half of what they were allowed by DNR. The 122 dead of 209 walleyes weighed-in is 58% mortality. If this were a required “kill” tournament, the 87 walleyes released would not have been returned to Green Lake. There were probably more walleye harvested by non-tournament anglers on Green Lake over that weekend than killed by tournament anglers.

Little Crow Anglers have conducted the walleye tournament on Green Lake for 28 years. Money that they raise is used for kid fishing clinics, walleye rearing pond lease support, paying for security lights at several lakes in the county, and other projects to support local fishing resources. They, too, are disappointed about the loss of walleye they intended to release. They and DNR plan to make changes for next year to reduce mortality of walleye from their tournament.

Bills and funding related to intensive control of Eurasian Water Milfoil on Green Lake did not pass in the legislature. I have spoken with Senator Joe Gimse about exploring options for control.

We will be discussing options with GLPOA and the MFCR Watershed District. One element DNR can provide is to do delineation of EWM stands on Green Lake. We would be looking for participation from the association and watershed district, but details need to be worked out.



Sincerely,

Bruce Gilbertson, Area Fisheries Supervisor

## MINNESOTA'S DOCK STANDARDS

Oversized docks and platforms along with docks used for reasons other than gaining lake access have been a growing concern among the public and the Department of Natural Resources within the last couple of years. This is an issue that goes hand in hand with unprecedented lakeshore development and the manufacture of more versatile and lightweight docking systems. The current trend of bigger and more extensive dock systems being installed along our lakeshores can result in overcrowding of the near shore area. This is especially a concern because near shore areas, both landward and waterward of the shoreline are the most ecologically productive areas of a lake. Over-development of these ecologically sensitive zones can have a serious impact on the abundance and diversity of fish and wildlife, damage the natural character of the shore, degrade water quality and result in decreased property values.

It is important to note that docks have been regulated in Minnesota for decades.

~ Docks are defined in the rules as narrow platforms or structures extending waterward from the shoreline intended for ingress and egress for moored watercraft ... or to provide access to deeper water for swimming, fishing, or other water-oriented recreational activities. — MN Rules, Part 6115.0170, Subp. 7.

~ The goals of the Public Waters Rules regarding structures are to limit offshore structures to: preserve the natural character of public waters and shorelands, provide balance between protection and utilization of public waters and encourage the removal of existing structures which do not serve the public interest.

— MN Rules Part 6115.0210, Subp. 1.

~ Public Waters Rules were changed in 2002 to remove the distinction between temporary and permanent docks and to allow up to 8 feet width without a permit.

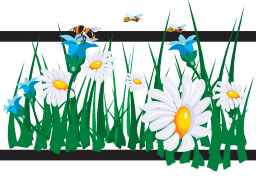
In general a dock can be installed without a permit if it:

- ~ Is not more than 8 feet wide.
- ~ Doesn't obstruct navigation or create a safety hazard.
- ~ Allows free flow of water beneath it.
- ~ Is no longer than needed to reach a navigable depth.
- ~ Is consistent with local governmental controls.
- ~ Is not used as a marina.



More information on docks can be found at the DNR web site

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/index.html>. Additionally, Kandiyohi County shoreland regulations allow one dock per residential shoreland lot with up to 4 mooring spaces. Balancing the right to access the lake while leaving a small footprint benefits us all.



# NATURE NEWS



The Japanese lilac trees and catalpa trees are in full bloom. It won't be long before the linden/basswood trees are fragrantly blossoming. Primroses and feverfew and rosa rugosa and other shrub roses decorate the gardens. Downtown Spicer is adorned with hanging baskets of wave petunias. June "busted out all over" with scrumptious peonies—the heavy winds were a bit hard on them though.

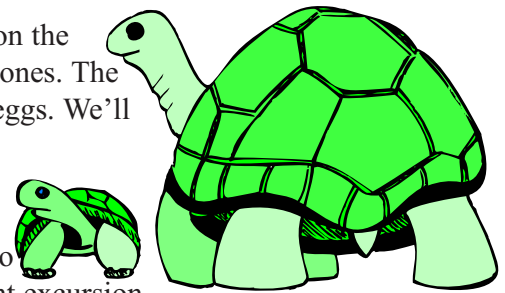
This time we have some "real live" nature stories for you. A young man, visiting nearby, was in his bass boat, fishing for bass—of course, though I suppose one can fish for other fish with such boats, too. As he was casting, a loon began pursuing the lure. No matter where he cast it, the loon was right there, becoming more and more frustrated. After half an hour, the loon came right up to the boat and attacked the trolling motor attached to the front end of the boat. He actually had the propeller (it wasn't running) in its mouth when the fisherman gave up and moved his boat to another location. Undaunted, the loon swam off and went after another boat.



I know the following will sound like a fish story, (well, it really IS) but I heard of a similar occurrence on another lake shortly after hearing this one. My neighbor was fishing for walleye when he had one, about 12", on the line. Reaching down for his net while holding the rod in his left hand, he suddenly felt a strong pull and almost lost the rod. Looking down he saw a northern, longer than the 36" measure fastened to the edge of his boat, had grabbed the walleye. All he reeled in was its head. Checking with the DNR, he learned there could be a northern that weighs about 45 pounds in Green Lake. I'd probably scream if I caught one like that.

Another account I heard on the radio told of a fisherman's reeling in a walleye that was being chased by a northern. It was so scared it jumped INTO the boat. At least it was safe for awhile. And I thought they had to change the design of the license plate because walleye don't jump. Oh, well...

A couple weeks ago turtles of all sizes were laying their eggs in the sand down on the bay. Some of the turtles were 12"-15" across; some had thick necks, some skinny ones. The property owner nearby tried to keep the raccoons from digging up and eating the eggs. We'll see who won out when the little ones work their way down to the water.



A week ago a resident on the south-east side of Green Lake told me of five families of Canada geese with their goslings—35 in all—that swam by the end of their dock each morning. Today four of the families swam by mine, headed back to that south-east side again. One of the families must have decided to take a different excursion this lovely Sunday afternoon. Usually one of the parents swims at the head of the line; the other brings up the rear. What fascinated me about this flotilla was that the last two of the adults were parallel with one gosling between them. Guess they wanted to make sure the little one kept up with the rest. There is nothing like having two "sweeps" on a run.

The birds sing, chirp and whistle their songs, beginning in early morning. The house and purple finches flock to the sunflower/safflower feeders; the goldfinches to the thistle feeders. Red-winged blackbirds have taken a fancy to grape jelly and oranges, but occasionally orioles get their share. A different bird spotted lately is an America star (oriole), orange and black but almost as small as a wren.

The Star Tribune recently ran a story "What happened to these birds in Minnesota?" Among them are the red-headed woodpecker—down 89%, purple martins—down 78%, Western meadowlarks—down 95%, indigo buntings—down 62% and Northern pintail ducks—down 77% (that's in the continental United States). The others are down in the state. One neighbor has seen an indigo bunting in his yard this year. Any sightings you may have of these birds, let me know. We used to have purple martins galore around here, and I remember vividly and have missed the sweet song of the meadowlark.



One item of nature we don't want to encourage—we'd eradicate it if possible. In the report of the Property Owners' annual meeting, you'll read about the increasing presence of Eurasian Milfoil (very, very bad) and how to distinguish it from



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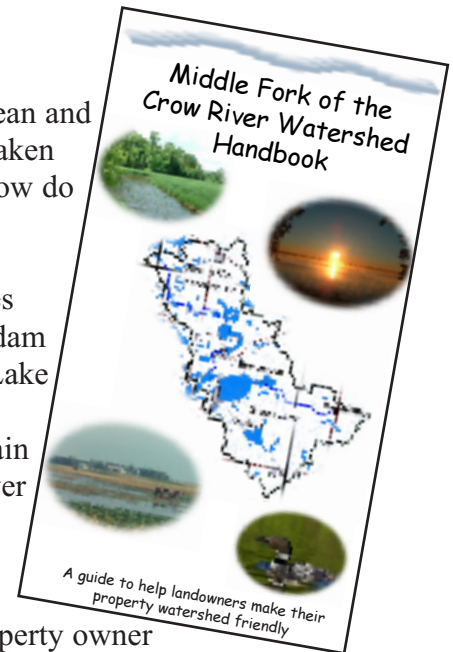
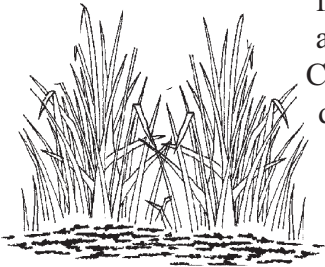
# Middle Fork Crow River Watershed Handbook

## MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED HANDBOOK

A Guide to Help Owners Make Their Property Watershed Friendly

Living on Green Lake, it is easy for us to appreciate the lake being clear, clean and great to swim, boat, and/or fish in. However, there are many actions being taken daily that could have an adverse impact on the Green Lake water quality. How do we know what is good and what is not so good?

The water flowing over the dam at Old Mill Inn comes from about 100,000 acres of watershed between the dam and the Belgrade area. In addition, Green Lake and Lake Calhoun add another 10,000 acres of watershed that drains into them. Green Lake is at the end of this chain of river and lakes and whatever comes down the river will either end up in Green Lake or flow through Green Lake.



Keeping a watershed in great shape is not a Lone Ranger project. Every property owner in the watershed and all the people that use the watershed must take personal responsibility for their actions. Or in other words, 'if you don't take care of the watershed, who will?'

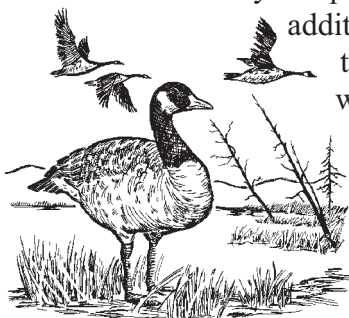
A couple of years ago the Middle Fork Watershed Partnership (a loose affiliation of the 7 townships, 7 lake associations and 2 cities) formed a technical committee to try to better understand the issues involved and what should be done to be proactive in addressing the issues. This committee included all the county, state and federal agencies involved and a few property owners.

Education is a key component to ensuring the watershed property owners are aware of the criticality of maintaining due diligence in all of their actions that effect the quality of water. And yet, most property owners don't have the time to carefully study all the issues.

It was decided that a handbook might be the best way to provide a useful guide to help landowners make their property watershed friendly. At the time we studied the handbook prepared by the Vermillion River Watershed Handbook (Dakota County). A new outline was prepared, writing assignments were made, and a landscape architect was selected to coordinate and publish the new handbook. Kari Haug was retained as the landscape architect.

A 122 page handbook was just recently produced and is available for property owners to obtain for \$10 per copy from Terry Frazee, 796-2502. This handbook will either answer all of your questions or advise you who to contact for

additional information. If you can't buy one, the handbook can be found on the GLPOA website at [www.greenlakespicer.com](http://www.greenlakespicer.com).



*Gary Broman*



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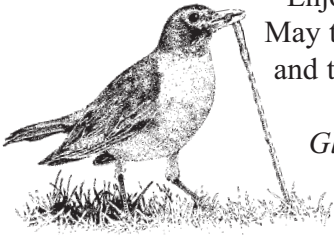
American Milfoil (okay). If the little fronds hang down and clump when removed from the water, it's the Eurasian one. The others stay straight out from the stem.

We are encouraged to have vegetation protecting the high water mark of the lake—in several cases that may be several feet from the current water line. I insist on letting the milkweed grow along the edge of the grass but in the sand—one plant is even coming up between the planks of my dock. They are the principal food for the Monarch butterfly caterpillars. One fat green caterpillar feasted all yesterday on the one in the dock. In August, when you see dark caterpillars enjoying your parsley, leave them alone. Some people plant one for themselves and one for the potential yellow swallowtail butterflies. I inadvertently wiped out several of the feasters two years ago, and I saw hardly one of those butterflies last year. They used to make such lovely photographs when perched on the lavender phlox.

Help take care of our treasure—Green Lake. If tempted to violate one of the regulations, thinking it won't matter and no one else will know, just ask yourself, "What if everybody did?" That puts it in perspective. We love this place—whether we've lived on it for 75 years or more or one year; whether we have a 50' lot and a cottage, an apartment or home, or a very big lot and very big house.

Enjoy the wonders of nature and have a safe, sane 4th of July.  
May the sun shine brightly by day, the rains fall gently at night,  
and the breezes blow gently on us all.

*Gloria Benson*



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