

PROBLEMS AFFECTING WEST LAKE IN GUILFORD AS WELL AS OTHER LAKES IN CT. PRESENTED BY CHERYL BUCKLEY

HERBICIDE PROBLEMS.

PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF NATIVE AND NON- NATIVE INVASIVE VEGETATIVE MATERIAL DISPLACED AFTER HERBICIDE TREATMENT. WHEN THE DEAD ROOT MASSES DISLodge AND FLOAT TO THE SURFACE THE ELIMINATION OF THE WEED PROBLEM NOW BECOMES SOMEONE ELSE'S AND THE RESULTING DEBRIS WILL FLOAT AND LAND ON SHALLOW WATER, THUS CAUSING NEW LAND MASSES TO BE FORMED AROUND THE LAKE.

HERBICIDE NOTIFICATION

WHEN YOU LIVE ON A LAKE, HERBICIDE APPLICATION REALLY AFFECTS ALL RESIDENTS ON THE LAKE, INCLUDING PREGNANT WOMEN, CHILDREN AND PETS. TINY NOTICES OF APPLICATION FOUND IN NEWSPAPER ARE NO LONGER AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION IN 2021. NOTICES SHOULD BE POSTED AROUND THE LAKE PERHAPS IN A SIMILAR MANNER TO NOTICES REQUIRED TO BE PLACED ON TREES BEFORE REMOVAL. NO HERBICIDE PERMITS SHOULD BE GRANTED UNLESS THERE IS A REQUIREMENT IN THE CONTRACT FOR **DEBRIS REMOVAL**.

ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR REMOVAL VEGETATIVE MATERIAL WOULD BE TO UTILIZE NEW TECHNIQUES OF ECO HARVESTING, WHICH PULL UP THE WEEDS AND THEIR ROOTS, WHICH ARE THEN HARVESTED AND THEN REMOVED FROM THE LAKE.

STATE OWNED LAKES AND PONDS

LAKE ON STATE OWNED PROPERTY FOR INSTANCE, (MESSERSCHMIDT POND AND SCHREEDER POND AT CHATFIELD HOLLOW STATE PARK) ARE SUFFERING FROM SUCCESSION. I.E. BEING FILLED IN WITH VEGETATIVE MATTER, BOTH NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE. CERTAINLY OTHER OR ALL LAKES IN CONNECTICUT ARE EXPERIENCING THE SAME TYPES OF ISSUES. RECREATIONAL AREAS ARE BEING DRAMATICALLY DECREASED I FORMED A GROUP CALLED FRIENDS OF CHATFIELD HOLLOW 5 YEARS AGO TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM. WE PHYSICALLY REMOVED ENCROACHING VEGETATION IN THE SWIMMING AREA. I FULLY REALIZE THAT THIS IS INSUFFICIENT FOR THE AMOUNT OF ENCROACHING VEGETATION IN THE REST OF THE BUT IT HAS KEPT THE SWIMMING AREA RELATIVELY CLEAR. THE STATE ADDRESSED THE PROBLEM SUCCESSFULLY IN THE SMALL TROUT POND , WHICH IS NOW ALMOST CLEAR OF EXCESS VEGETATION.

IN CONCLUSION OUR LAKES NEED YOUR HELP!!!

WE HAVE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF LAKES AND WE CAN NOT AFFORD TO PARTICALLY OR COMPLETELY LOSE THEM DUE TO SUCCESSION. THE PEOPLE OF CONNECTICUT ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT THEIR PARKS AND LAKES, ESPECIALLY NOW, DURING THE PANDEMIC.

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