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What We've Been Up To! Tioughnioga Lake Preservation Foundation Support the Effort

Many Thanks to All of You who have Contributed so Generously to the 2015 funding cycle already.

Forgive the push. There are more details here about the Foundation's work than space allowed in a recent mailed piece.

If you haven't written a check yet, please do. This is the Year-End Campaign. Tax write-off time. Help out as you can. We need to be ready for whatever shows up next summer and deal

with the issues we know. The lake is eye candy. The invasives aren't.



Doing, Done and Working on It

Here's What's Happening Now

Four Goals!

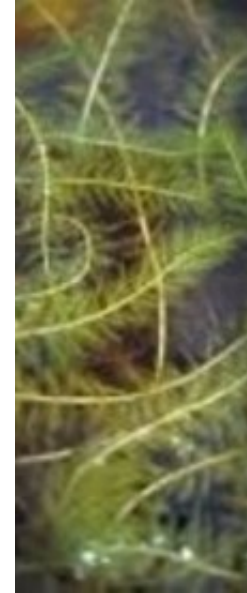
Contributions from individuals, corporations, community businesses, trust funds, local governments and the Tioughnioga Lake Association enable the Tioughnioga Lake Preservation Foundation to meet short and long-term goals while in pursuit of its mission:

To preserve, protect and enhance the environmental integrity of DeRuyter Lake and its watershed.

Goal #1 – Curb the Weed Problem: Control Eurasian Watermilfoil

No chemicals! Just fish, bugs, Mother Nature and voila - far fewer weeds!

After three years of stocking walleyes, the Eurasian Watermilfoil is far less dense in most places than it was. It has disappeared altogether in some areas. The 100,000+/- walleye fingerlings stocked between 2013, 2014 and this fall are doing their job. Annual stocking of walleyes will continue for three more years. Foundation funds from donors, local governments and the lake association support this effort. The expectation is the milfoil situation will become manageable in three more years, but periodic or regular stocking will be required long term to enable control. [See Paul Lord's 2014 report.](#)



Six-year projected cost \$225,000

Goal #2 – Annual Harvest of Curly-Leaf Pond Weed

Spring Mess in the South Bay



The cost of harvesting of curly-leaf pond weed for the past two years has been covered by the foundation and supported in part by the TLA. Tens of tons of [curly-leaf pond weed](#) have been harvested and trucked away to Cross Creek Farm as mulch for the animals. The harvesting estimate does not preclude the arrival of other invasive species like [water chestnuts](#) or [hydrilla](#). If circumstances change, this estimate could multiply several fold. Shoreline patches of Phragmites are also becoming a problem in the south bay. Land and/or shore treatment of this invasive will likely be necessary soon.

Annual expense - \$3000 - \$6000

Six-year projected cost \$18,000 - \$36,000



Goal #3 – Watershed Management Study and Remediation Plan

This two-year study will examine environmental impacts on the lake: runoff from roads, farms and hills; sewage treatment, creek pollution, silt build up at inlet; land use zoning; remedial construction study and work; and dam safety issues. When the watershed management plan is completed, the foundation will work with membership of the Tioughnioga Lake Association, towns, counties and state agencies and others to review recommendations, engage engineering studies and move on to implementation of plan recommendations.

Six-year projected cost: \$220,000++

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Goal # 4 – Promote Environmental Preservation Education

The foundation will build on the success of it's first educational expo, initiate weed search and identification programs, build interest in watercraft inspection stewardship and encourage student water-watcher apprentice programs.

Six-year projected cost: \$30,000

Four Goals - Total \$500,000

Matching Fund Opportunity

An anonymous donor provided a \$5000 gift to the foundation to be used to match [contributions from new donors](#) and former donors who missed the 2014 funding cycle. Donations will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5000 in commitments. [See September 2015 Newsletter.](#)



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Thank You. Thank You. All Early 2015 Donors

If you've already made a 2015 contribution, thank you. It is Foundation Friends like you who help bring all of the first pieces of our lake puzzle together. The foundation will update you regularly. Keep an eye out for our **FYI** releases and newsletters.



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