

West Twin EWM Management

2020 has been a year of challenges for each of us. But fortunately, our ongoing management of the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) invasive species in West Twin Lake was not significantly affected this past season. PLM Lake & Land Management, our TLPOA selected contractor, was able to treat several isolated EWM locations with herbicides fully approved per a permit issued by the Michigan Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) department. PLM performed three treatments in June, July, and September this summer resulting in continued control of our EWM infestation with minimal to no impact to the overall health of the lake.

In addition to our EWM herbicide treatments, PLM conducted lake surveys on both East and West Twin in September to identify any invasive plant species that may be present. **Good news** resulted from this survey in that no invasive species were identified in East Twin and only the EWM invasive species we have been treating for several years now on West Twin was identified. Note that once EWM becomes present in a lake, it can rarely be eliminated; only managed to prevent over-growth.

Total EWM management costs this past season were \$9,450 out of a 2020 budget of \$15,000. Thanks to your past generous support to our EWM restricted fund, our current EWM fund balance of just over \$100K should easily support planned EWM management for 2021. So as a result, we are not soliciting any further donations to the EWM restricted fund for 2021.

Continued vigilance in fighting the spread of invasive species by washing boats being transported between lakes and not throwing known invasive plants from anchors back into the water are the most important things we can do as responsible lake stewards. If you suspect any new invasive species on either East or West Twin Lake or any new EWM locations on West Twin, feel free to contact Tom Conquest at 'boiler15@att.net'.