

A sunset over a lake with a bird in flight. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, with the sun on the right side. The water is dark and reflects the light. A bird is flying in the lower left corner.

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

SSPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION

2023 SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP AGENDA

- 2022 Overview & Highlights
- Spring Lake Boat Launch Status
- Aquatic Invasive Species
- 2023 Goals and Initiatives
- Spring Lake Park Overview
- 2023 Social Schedule



2022 FISH STOCKING

June 2022 | Bluegills Stocked In Spring Lake carp spawning areas. Part of the PLSLWD Carp Management plan. Will do again in 2023!



Fall 2022 DNR Stocked fingerlings

This Fish Stocking Should Greatly Enhance The Fishing Population. Walleye stocking every other year.



Fall 2023 DNR To Stock Walleye Fingerlings

2022 SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS

**Spring Lake Boat
Landing | SLA**
Volunteer Team Planted
Native flowers Provided
by the DNR City of Prior
Lake Provided Water
Truck to water flowers



2022 Spring Lake Association Overview & Highlights

2022 SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS

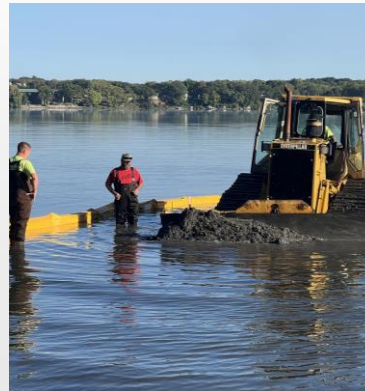
Clean Water Clean-Up Day | SLA Volunteers Worked with the PLSLWD with storm drain stenciling!



2022 Spring Lake Association Overview & Highlights

SPRING LAKE BOAT RAMP STATUS

- Low water levels, ramp damage from boat power loading, made accessibility of boat ramp difficult
- SLA worked with Spring Lake Township and City of Prior Lake for funding to make temporary repairs.
- Now working with PLA and State Senator Pratt on Bonding bill SF2540 currently in committee



2022 EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL (EWM)

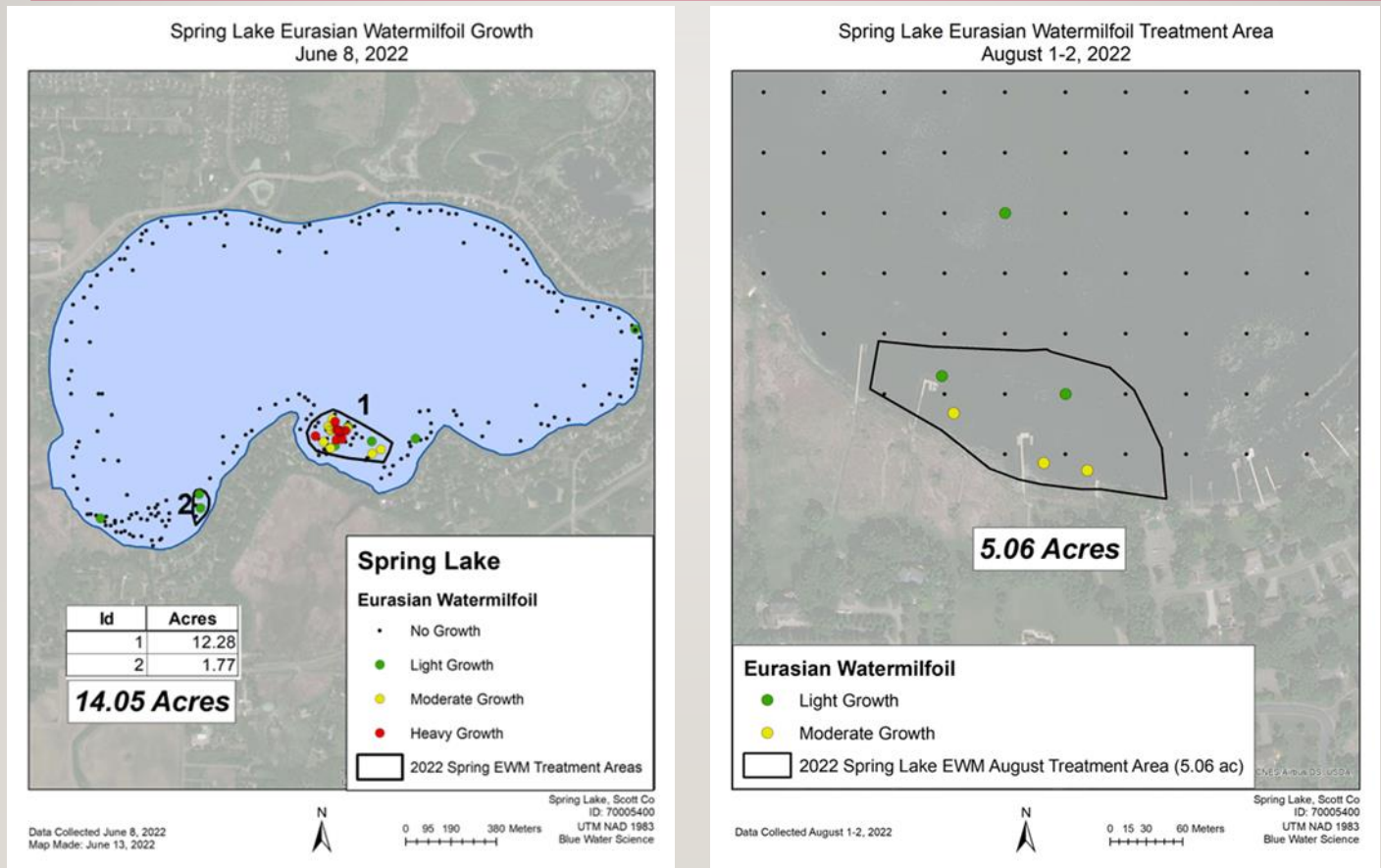
SLA, DNR, PLSLWD, BWS, PLM coordinated efforts

- Late April for Curly Leaf Pondweed and EWM
- Mid June Post CLP / EWM Survey Decision to treat 2 sites - 14 Acres
- Post Intercept Survey conducted in August 2
Treated 14 acres no EWM present
- Additional 5 acres was light in June now moderate.
Treated August 10.

2022 SLA DNR GRANT

- \$50,000 DNR Grant awarded to Spring Lake Association to be used for 2022 and 2023
- Two Surveys and Treatments completed at a cost of \$27,000. Additional surveys and treatments (if needed) in 2023. Funds to complement fund raising efforts through donations.

2022 SLA DNR GRANT



EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL UPDATE

- 2023 Additional survey to be conducted early June
- Assess treatment effectiveness from 2021 and 2022
- DNR Funds are available for additional treatment if needed



KEEP IT CLEAN CAMPAIGN

- Started by Lake of the Woods
- Focused on removal and disposal of garbage and human waste left on ice
- Campaign to provide consistent messaging for ice fisherman
- Buckingham Companies helped to sponsor

LET'S TALK TRASH!

PLEASE REMOVE **ALL OF YOUR GARBAGE AND WASTE FROM THE ICE** AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF IT! THANK YOU!



GARBAGE/RECYCLE BINS AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO DISPOSE YOUR GARBAGE AND WASTE AT:

- ★ SPRING LAKE BOAT LANDING
- ★ SPRING LAKE WINTER ACCESS

HELP KEEP SPRING LAKE CLEAN AND HEALTHY!

Make a Plan Before you Arrive to dispose of your trash and human waste. If your access site doesn't provide trash and waste service, take it home and properly dispose of it.

Use Colored Garbage Bags they are easier to see in snowy conditions making it less likely trash and waste will be accidentally left behind.

Keep your Garbage and Human Waste Off the Ice store it in your fish house, vehicle or trailer. Make sure it's secure before traveling so that it doesn't blow out of ruck beds or off trailers and sleds.

Upon Departure, Check for Trash to make sure you haven't left anything behind.

Allow Time and Bring the Tools You Need to move or remove your fish house. Take all support blocks, insulation, landscaping fabric, wood and other materials with you and properly dispose of them.



GARBAGE/RECYCLE BINS SPONSORED BY **THE BUCKINGHAM COMPANIES**

- AVAILABLE AT WINTER ACCESS UNTIL MARCH 31
- AVAILABLE AT BOAT LANDING YEAR ROUND

2023 GOALS AND INITIATIVES

- Provide on-going communication on Spring Lake Park Development
- Work with our Lake partners on Lake Improvements and Quality
- Increase Member engagement through Communication, Education, and Social Activities.
- Increase Sponsor Involvement & Engagement

SLA LAKE IMPROVEMENT AND QUALITY

Partner with Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District & DNR

- Carp Management
 - \$500 Donation for Bluegill stocking
- Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)
 - Utilize funds from DNR Grant if needed
- Evaluate with PLSLWD on Curly Leaf Pondweed management
- Spring Lake Boat ramp if required
 - Floating silt barrier available

2023 SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATIONS

Relevant & Timely Communication

- Communicate via Website, Email and Facebook, Instagram?
- Two Newsletters
Spring / Fall in 2023
- House / Senate Bills

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Time: 4:00 pm Registration and Social Hour
5:00 pm Annual Meeting
6:30 pm Meeting Ends
Members and non-members invited to attend.
Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

2023 SLA Events Calendar

We hope you will add our events to your calendar, save the dates & plan to join us!

Apr 23 | Annual Meeting
May 13 | NEW - Fishing Opener Contest
May 29 | Pick Your Paddle
Jul 4 | NEW - 4th of July Boat Parade
July 22 | Summer Concert
July 22 | Summer Concert After Party
July 26 | Spring Lake Educational Seminar
Aug 1 | NEW - National Night Out
Sep 4 | Pick Your Paddle
Oct 7 | Bonfire & Smores
Nov 23 | NEW - 5k Turkey Trot

Visit us at SpringLakeAssociation.org
For updated details on our events.

2022 GOLD SPONSORS

2022 SILVER SPONSORS

Presidents Message From Wesley Steffan

The 2023 SLA Objectives are:

1. Improve Lake Quality using the DNR Grant & member donations.
2. Increase Sponsor Involvement & Engagement.
3. Increase member engagement through education, social activities & communication.



Lake Quality | This will be the second year of the \$50,000 DNR grant that the SLA was awarded in 2022 to manage and control the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil.

- In 2022, \$27,000 was used to treat 20 acres
- In 2023, we will conduct a survey in late April and early June to assess the success of the treatment and to determine the next steps treatments in 2023.

Sponsors | Our Sponsors play a critical role in providing a good portion of our funding. Gold and Silver sponsors are listed to the left and Gold Sponsor Ads are sprinkled through out the newsletter. We hope that you will support our sponsors when you need their services.

Member Engagement | Education efforts this year will focus on creating awareness around Safety and Boating Etiquette. Sheriff Hennen has provided an article which discusses the impact that waves have on our shores and lake environment, but we shouldn't downplay the role that all types of lake users have in creating a safe and enjoyable boating experience. Based on the well-attended Aquatic Seminar that was held last year, plans are to have a another one hosted by Steve McCommas from Blue Water Science in July.

Our Social Committee has created an event schedule that brings back the community favorites and introduces some new events that we hope our community will enjoy!

Below is a list of bills that are making their way through the MN House and Senate. We will keep you updated once more information is available.

- HF949/SF553 deal with requiring anyone born after 1987 to have completed a Boat Certification course.
- HF2745 and SF 2789 deal with trash and debris left on the ice after fish house removal.
- SF2540 which the Board is currently working with the Prior Lake Association, the DNR and Senator Erik Pratt on a project to provide bonding to improve access to boat launches on all lakes in Scott County.

Lastly we are excited that work on the Spring Lake Park on the north side of the Lake will begin this year. Patricia Freeman provided an update on the project in this newsletter.

Here's to a great, enjoyable and safe 2023!

MAJOR HOUSE/SENATE BILLS WHICH MAY IMPACT SPRING LAKE

- HF949/SF553 deal with requiring anyone born after 1987 to have completed a Boat Certification course.
- HF2745 and SF 2789 deal with trash and debris left on the ice after fish house removal. “Keep it Clean”
- SF2540 Sponsored by Senator Pratt
 - Bonding Bill to provide funding to improve boat ramps
 - Lakes within Scott County
 - Board working with Prior Lake Association and DNR
- Communication on these as information becomes available

SPRING LAKE EDUCATION GOAL

- Boating Safety / Boating Etiquette
 - Encourage everyone to get Boat Certified
 - Boating Etiquette
 - PWC
 - Fishing
 - Wake Boats
 - Pontoons
 - Kayak, Canoes, Paddle Boards



SPRING LAKE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

- Second Aquatic Seminar July 26, 2023
 - Partnership with PLSLWD
 - Steve McComas, Blue Water Science will present
 - Aquatic Plants both Native(Good) AIS(Bad)
 - Survey and Management results





2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Fishing Opener Contest **May 13, 2023**
- Pick Your Paddle (Memorial Day) - **Monday, May 29**
- Fourth of July Parade - **Saturday, July 4**
- Aquatic Plant 101 – **Wednesday, July 26**
- Summer Concert & 70th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday @ Raymond Park July 23

Rain Event Boathouse Brewery

- Pick Your Paddle (Labor Day) - **Monday, September 4**
- Bonfire & Smores - **Saturday, October 7**
- Turkey Trot – **November 23**



THANK YOU



Become a Member