

MILFOIL PROJECT GETS BOOST

Good News for Control Efforts

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Chateaugay Lake milfoil control will get a big boost this summer with help from the Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) at Paul Smith's College. AWI will be deploying a milfoil removal crew for ten weeks of hand harvesting in the Chateaugay Narrows, according to AWI Executive Director Dan Kelting.

In recent years, the Chateaugay Lake Foundation (CLF) has hired contractors for 2-3 weeks of milfoil removal services each season. This year, the AWI has obtained a grant from the EPA for an expanded effort at no cost to the CLF or local shore owners. Over ten weeks, the five-person crew should be able to hand harvest much of the Narrows. This will be a major milestone for achieving milfoil control.

The work the AWI is doing means the CLF can put the funds we would otherwise have spent for milfoil control at the Boat Launch and Sand Bar toward other needs. The main focus is raising funds to expand milfoil control from the Narrows to other parts of the Lake.

Through CLF's Designated Donations program, funds are being raised to launch three-year treatment plans for each lake segment. So far about \$40,000 has been raised, split among the different parts of the lake. This is a good start, thanks to the shore owners who are our major donors. But more is needed before we can launch the plans.

Once again, we expect an active summer of fundraising, including a summer raffle with a drawing at our dinner at the American Legion in Lyon Mountain on Saturday, August 15th. Hope to see you around the Lake this summer!