

History of milfoil 2005-2007 addendum

The following list describes the activities the ELPOI has undertaken since it published the document “History of milfoil late 70’s to 2005”.

It was prepared by Rolf Tiedemann as part of the 2007 Invasive Species Eradication Grant (ISEG) application to help document the volunteer efforts made by the members of the ELPOI and both towns toward the control of Eurasian Water milfoil on Eagle Lake.

- Late Summer 2005 completed 30 hours of paid diver services and over 80 hours of volunteer effort hand harvesting milfoil – results; 3 small pickup trucks of milfoil removed with the main patch still remaining.
- Fall 2005 Glenn Sullivan performs rake toss sample collection at Eagle Lake in anticipation of future herbicide permit application preparation.
- December 2005 organized and facilitated a Key Players meeting to explore future options for the use of an herbicide to supplement the hand harvesting and future milfoil matting efforts of the ELPOI – it was agreed that milfoil in Eagle lake was an issue and that continued dialog on this subject was warranted.
- Multiple communications sent to membership regarding future lake management decisions.
- January 2006 sent and received responses to ELPOI Pledge Letter requesting labor and funding support for the 2006 NYS DEC ISEG.
- Completed application for 2006 NYS DEC ISEG.
- Provided input and received participation recognition in the final report of Governor Pataki’s NYS Invasives Species Task Force.
- Received \$605 in Grant funding from International Paper, Inc. for ELPOI website maintenance, water testing and communications expenses.
- Spring 2006 received donation of ~\$3,000 worth of mill felt and mill wire from International Paper, Inc. for use as future milfoil matting material
- Spring of 2006 renewed Adopt-A-Natural Resource (ANR) agreement with DEC for control and maintenance of out flow dam.
- Received rejection notification for 2006 NYS DEC ISEG since *“Members of the grant Evaluation Team were adamant in their consensus that the applicant would not be successful in obtaining the permits necessary for the herbicide portion of the project. They felt that if an herbicide permit could not be obtained, the success of the rest of the proposed project was jeopardized...”*.
- June 2006 Town of Ticonderoga Supervisor and Board send letter of concern about ISEG denial to DEC.
- July 2006 convened a meeting between Senator Little, NYS DEC and the Director of the Adirondack Council to discuss directions for future milfoil control after NYS DEC ISEG rejection – meeting outcome; recommended completing 2 different but supportive application submissions for 2007 and encouraged to start permit application process for use of Renovate. Future ELPOI action was later amended to modify 2007’s Grant application to just one application that contained wording for both a primary and a secondary supplemental approach to milfoil control in Eagle Lake.

- Summer of 2006 maintained water level within +/- 2 inches of zero mark as prescribed in ANR and ELPOI guidelines.
- Fall 2006 completed water-testing program through CSLAP and ELPOI's supplemental testing.
- October 2006 Glenn Sullivan again performs rake toss sample collection at Eagle Lake in anticipation of herbicide permit application preparation.
- Fall 2006 contracted services with Allied Biological for completing the necessary applications and permits for the use of the herbicide Renovate to control Eurasian Water milfoil in Eagle Lake and any other such requirements that may be necessary to gain herbicide use approval.
- Winter 2006 mutual communications with the Adirondack Council for supporting documentation on their evaluation of the herbicide Renovate.
- 2007 ELPOI made plans to - ***Celebrate 100 years of Responsible Lake Stewardship.***
- Spring 2007 secured a \$10,000 Senate Initiative Grant through Senator Little's office to offset the costs associated with obtaining the permits and other such necessary items for the use of the herbicide Renovate.
- May 2007 sent ELPOI Newsletter including a Pledge Letter requesting labor and funding support for the 2007 NYS DEC ISEG.
- Spring 2007 contacted Bob Johnson for feedback on Renovates potential for impact on herbivores. We are awaiting feedback on this item.
- Spring 2007 received and reviewed draft copies of anticipated NYSDEC herbicide use permit documents prepared by Allied Biological.
- Spring 2007 submitted an International Paper Grant application for additional ELPOI funding support for on going water testing and lake management projects.