

Lake Management Report for April 2020 LLVCC Board Meeting

Braden O'Neil and his team from AquaTechnex performed a survey of the lake and channel on Tuesday, April 7, identifying the areas where invasive weed growth has developed. There is extensive growth of brown curly pond weed already in the lake and to a lesser degree, growth of large leaf pond weed. Braden plans to return the week of April 20 to conduct the necessary treatment to control the identified invasive weed growth. This treatment should result in the degradation of the invasive weeds similar to what was accomplished last year with treatment for the same problem. Treatment for water lily growth will be scheduled in the summer, once the water lily growth is evident.

Working with LLVCC lake shore homeowner, we have secured a one-stop website resource to keep shoreline residents informed regarding how they can help preserve the health of our lake. We have added the resource to our LLVCC website, under the heading "Anderson Lake Website." I have drafted a letter to mail to lake shore residents to officially introduce them to this valuable resource and to encourage them to share it with any contractor they schedule to do any construction, grading, shoreline project or tree removal within 100 feet of the lake.

The fish plant was completed on Friday, April 3, as scheduled. Within a week I received a request from a shoreline resident asking that we trap the family of otters that were seen in the lake feeding on fish. I discovered this issue came up about three years ago and a trapper was contracted to catch the otters, however he was unable to capture them. I spoke with him last week and he informed me that trapping was shut down as a result of the Governor's current Stay Home, Stay Safe order. He also stated that during his unsuccessful trapping experience three years ago he noticed that the otters then were feeding primarily on bass and crappie fish in the lake. His opinion was that the trout are a faster fish, more capable of escaping the otter's pursuit. I followed up with the resident and informed her of what I learned. I will bring this matter up at this month's Board meeting, but would prefer we not get into the trapping business, unless absolutely essential.

The lake will re-open for fishing on April 17. I have monitored the lake daily and have seen no problem at the docks or boat launch area in terms of social distancing requirements.

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