

"We have just received NEAR's recommendations for summer treatment of our three lakes and the verbal results of their surveys of Pond 3 and Wee Wah.

Wee Wah

The sparse distribution of EWM in Wee Wah and the spread of coontail (a native aquatic plant) is excellent news. We recommend the removal of all EWM plants in Wee Wah as soon as possible.

Pond 3

We don't understand why a herbicide is being recommended to treat EWM in Pond 3. How do the results of the survey justify this? How will the use of herbicides in Pond 3 affect the Coontail population in Wee Wah? The position of our committee is that herbicides should only be used in our lake system as a last resort i.e. when all other remedies are ineffective. Do we know that the herbicide treatment will be less expensive than DASH treatment? Why use what is bound to be a controversial treatment when an alternative is available?

Tuxedo Lake

The EWM in Tuxedo Lake was not treated last year and it has spread and become denser, as evidenced by a survey last Fall. We recommend an aggressive DASH effort in Tuxedo Lake targeting dense patches as well as the highly used areas recommended by NEAR.

What happens to the money budgeted for lake treatment in this year's budget that has not been spent?"