

Town Lakes Activities Approved by the Town Board for 2016

The Town Lakes Committee has been charged to *Protect the Lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species* by addressing three goals: *I. Preventing AIS Infestations, II. Managing AIS Infestations, and III. Administering Efficiently and Effectively.*

I. Preventing AIS Infestations

On addressing the first goal, the TLC's plans for 2016 include focusing on education, watercraft inspection, lake monitoring, and public relations/communication.

More specifically, the TLC intends to sponsor or co-sponsor workshops on the spiny waterflea, the role of bats in the lake environment, and swimmers itch. The TLC will also be on call to conduct other workshops as may be requested, such as how to inspect watercraft, how to monitor a lake, how to control purple loosestrife infestations, and how to establish a lake association.

In addition to emphasizing education, the TLC will establish action teams to focus on watercraft inspection, lake monitoring, and public relations/communication.

II. Manage AIS Infestations

On addressing the second goal, the TLC will establish an action team to continue raising beetles for distribution among local infestations. The action team will try to raise approximately 200,000 beetles (2000 beetles per potted plant) for dispersal.

III. Administer Efficiently and Effectively

On addressing the third goal, the TLC will continue its history of focusing on maintaining and developing positive relationships and collaborations with other agencies. Also, the TLC will continue to learn about topics and issues that could relate or are already related to the spread of aquatic invasive species, such lake zoning, ATVs, and the role of bats and frogs as indicators of lake health.