Lake Minnetonka Access Site Survey for Starry Stonewort- 2023



ASSOCIATION

Summary of the surveys and results

Background

The Lake Minnetonka
Association (LMA) has been
actively managing Aquatic
Invasive Species (AIS) in Lake
Minnetonka located in Hennepin
county, Minnesota. Recently,
Starry Stonewort was discovered
in nearby Medicine Lake roughly
four miles northeast of Lake
Minnetonka. As part of these
efforts, the LMA has contracted
PLM Lake & Land Management
Corp. to survey the most heavily
used access sites for Starry
Stonewort.

Method

In Late Summer and Fall, PLM conducted surveys of all the sites identified. At each landing, visual inspections as well as rake tosses were used to determine the presence of Starry Stonewort, as well as other species present. In addition to the access sites and as part of PLM's services, over <u>1700</u> other sites were surveyed in 2023.

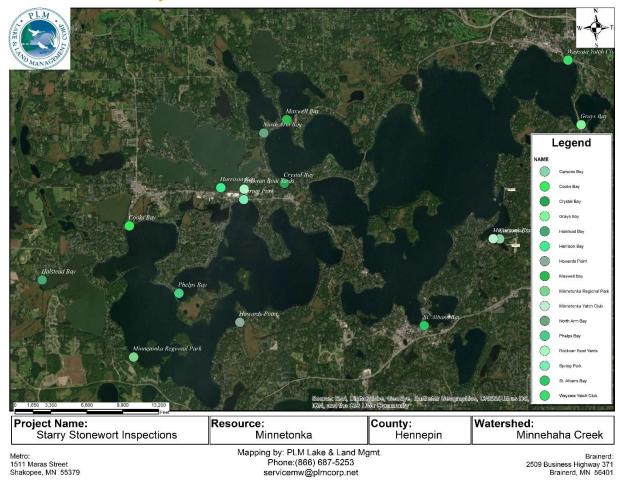




Figure 1 location of Medicine lake proximity to Lake Minnetonka

Access Sites Surveyed

Cooks Bay



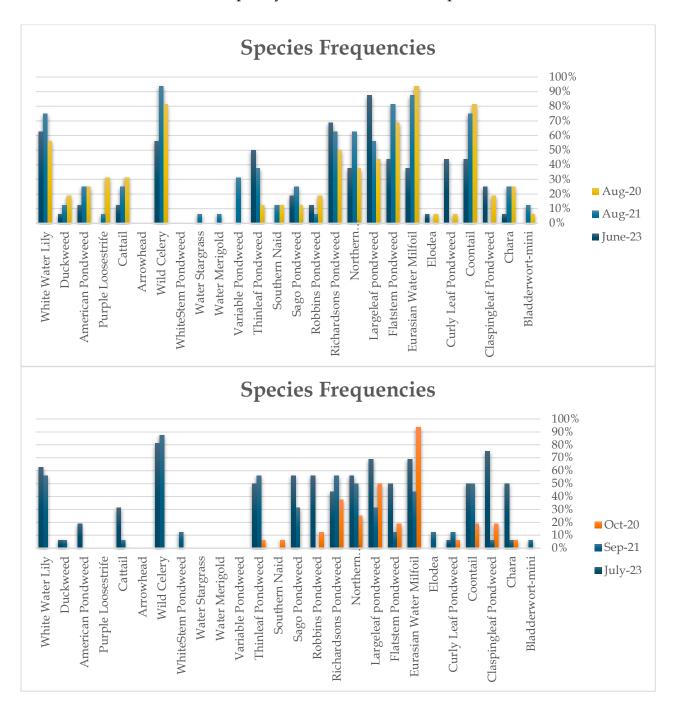
In total 16 Access sites were selected to be surveyed. There were 7 public access sites, 4 working access sites and 5 private access sites.

Pubic Access sites	Working Access Sites	Private Access Sites
Grays Bay	Halstead Bay	Howards Point Marina
Carsons Bay	Phelps Bay	Rockvan Boat Yards
North Arm Bay	Crystal Bay	St. Albans Bay
Maxwell Bay	Harrisons Bay	Minnetonka Yacht Club
Spring Park Bay		Wayzata Yacht Club
Minnetonka Regional		
Park		

Results

Starry Stonewort was not found in either of the surveys conducted in 2023. *Summer Surveys*

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