

Emily Lakes and Rivers Association 2025 Annual Meeting

Welcome

Meeting starts at 9:00

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Agenda

- ✓ *Guest Speaker*
- ✓ *Reports to Membership*
- ✓ *Old Business*
- ✓ *New Business*
- ✓ *Election of Board Members*



WATER CONNECTS US ALL

Save the Date: August 16th, 10AM

Location: Emily City Hall Gymnasium

Speaker: Jeff Forester, MLR Executive Director

Please join us for a compelling presentation by one of Minnesota's most passionate water and lake advocates. Jeff will speak on the state of MN water, recent legislative activity that impacts lakes and lakeshore property owners and MLR's partnerships and projects aimed at preserving thriving waters essential to our identity, economy and way of life.

Hosted by Ruth Lake Improvement District

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- *Maddi Nistler*
- *Education and Outreach Manager*
- *National Loon Center*

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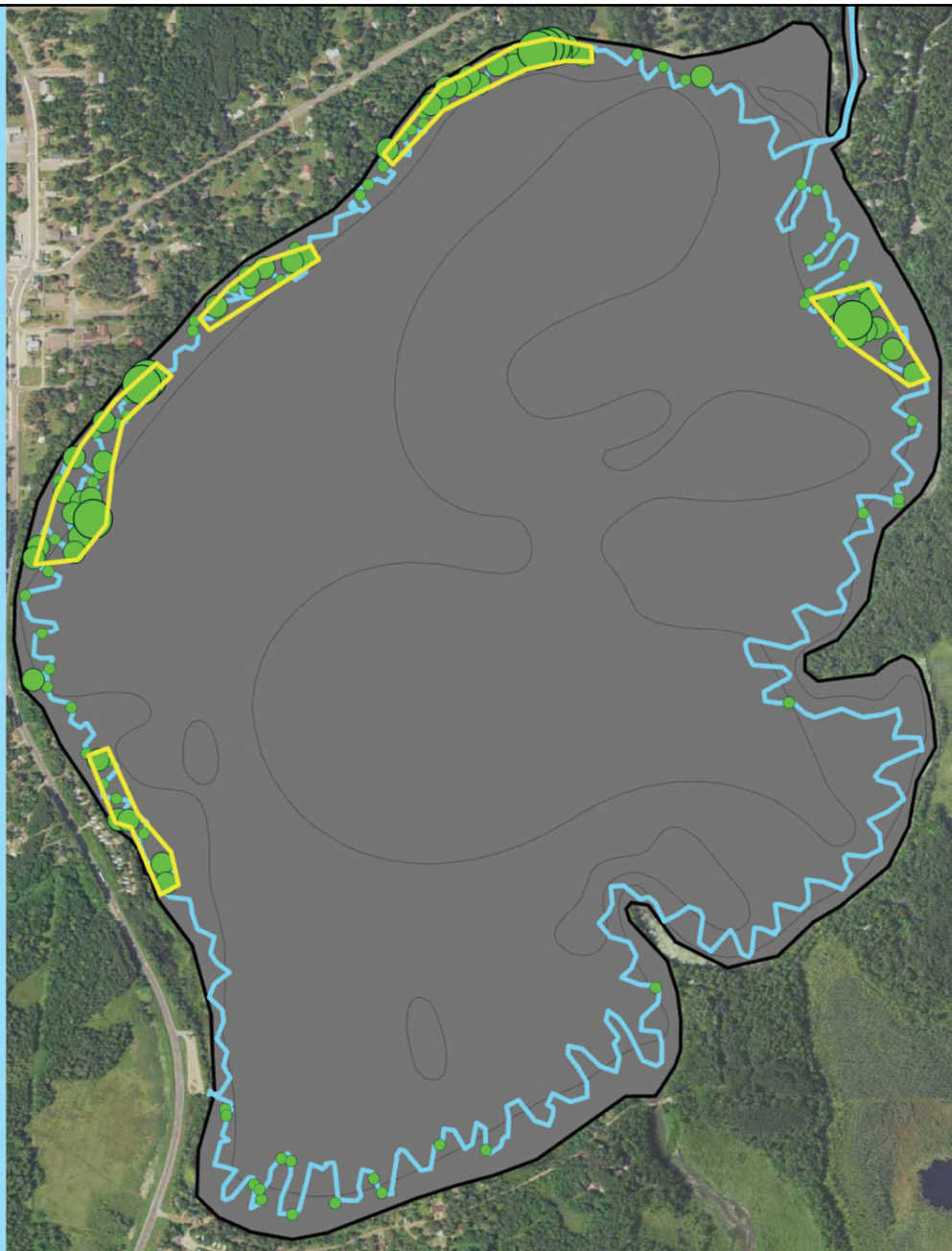
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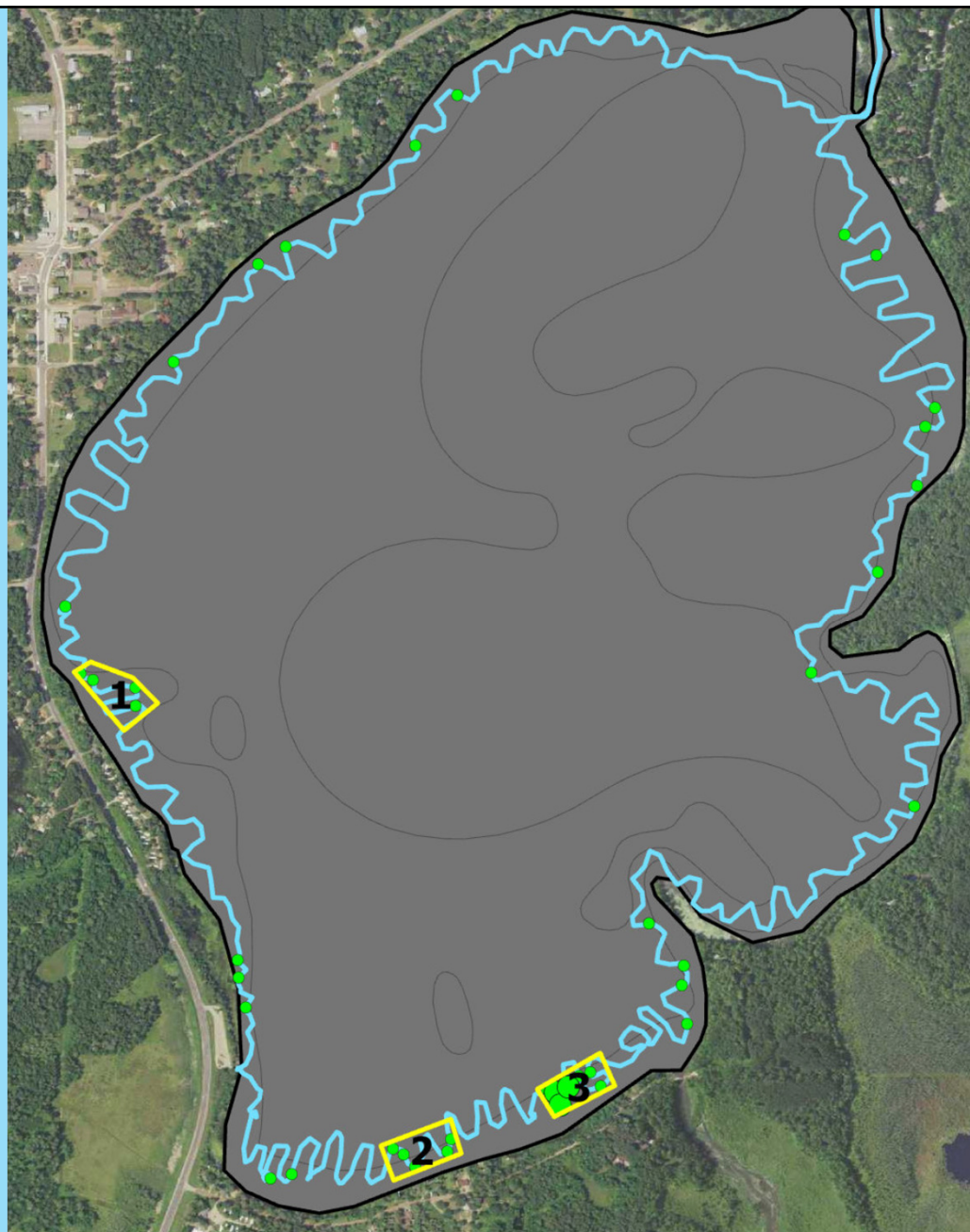
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AIS – Lake Emily Survey Results 2024



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AIS – Lake Mary Survey Results 2024



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AIS - Eurasian Watermilfoil Acres Treated

	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	'25
Lake Emily (2014)	0	8.0	33.6	1.4	None	16.1	11.3	0*	0*	0*	22.7	7.2
Lake Mary (2017)				4.3	8.8	5.8	4.3	0*	0*	0*	1.2	0*
Little Pine River				None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	0*

AIS – Treatment Costs

	2024	
Emily Lake Survey	1,550.00	
Mary Lake Survey	1,350.00	
Total Lake Surveys		2,900.00
Emily Treatments	33,684.00	
Mary Treatments	2,184.00	
Total Treatments		35,868.00
Total EWM Expenses	38,768.00	
PLM Discount	2,989.00	
Grant from DNR	1,500.00	
Grant from CWC	1,000.00	
Grant from City of Emily	5,738.00	
Total Grants & Discount		11,227.00
Remaining EWM Expenses	27,541.00	
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	2025	
1,670.00		
1,450.00		
		3,120.00
10,648.00		
0.00		
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13,768.00		
0.00		
0.00		
3,500.00		
6,952.00		
		10,452.00
3,316.00		

AIS – Veliger Testing

- ELRA does veliger tests every year.
- All test results have been negative.
- ELRA is waiting for 2025 test results.
- **Early detection is important...
Check your equipment each fall.**

AIS – Purple Loosestrife



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Fish Stocking

- **ELRA stocks Lake Mary**
 - 2023 ELRA stocked about 140 lbs. of walleye fingerlings in late October.
 - 2024 Fish stocking was canceled.
 - 2025 ELRA has \$2,100 budgeted for stocking, plus any donations directed to fish stocking.
- **DNR stocks Lake Emily**
 - 2024 stocked over 664,000 walleye fry.
 - 2024 stocked about 1,465 (586 lbs) of walleye yearlings. Yearling is 1 year old and 6-12 inches in length.

Be Visible...



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WHO WE ARE
BROCHURES



WELCOME
PACKETS

Be Visible... Spring Fling





**Be Visible...
Boat Parade**



Be Visible... Emily Day

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Q & A – Buoys

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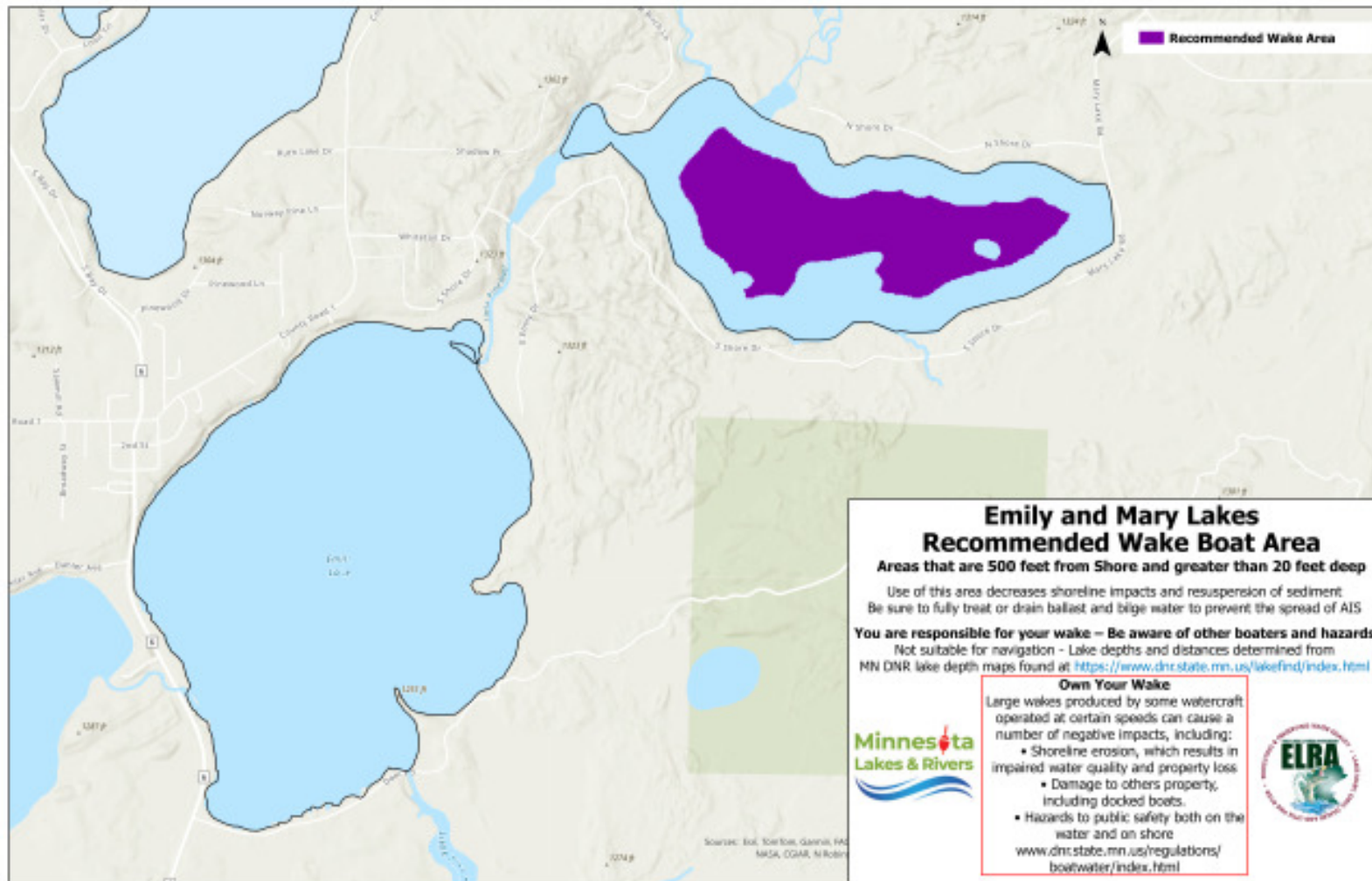
- Yes. A new buoy was installed near the Pug Hole this spring.
- Previously buoys were installed/removed by Lovell Baker, Milt Beyer and Rodney Chuba. ELRA assumed responsibility last fall.
- Replaced – one badly damaged buoy.
- New buoys were donated by members.
- Three remaining buoys are in bad shape and will need to be replaced soon. Cost is about \$260 each.

Q & A – Loon Nesting Platforms

Proposed that ELRA build and maintain loon nesting platforms.

- Discovered our timing was off.
- We learned this is a process that needed approvals and coordination.
- Our plan is to have the necessary approvals and platforms built so we are ready to deploy platforms once the ice is out next spring.

Q & A – Wake Boat Concerns



Q & A – EWM Chemicals

At our meeting last year, we were asked about the safety of the chemical used to treat EWM.

- It is a "reduced risk pesticide" as designated by the EPA due to its environmental safety compared with other herbicides.
- Usage rates are significantly lower as compared with 2,4-D or triclopyr (40 to 100 times less active ingredient) than the traditional products used in lake management.
- Significantly less product is put in the water due to its high efficiency at binding with Eurasian watermilfoil.
- It is a highly selective herbicide that does not harm native plants if used at label recommended rates.
- Independently evaluated by the EPA, Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency, and numerous states and deemed safe for use in aquatic systems.
- Studied by third parties and universities like UW Madison and shown to be safe for fish.

Q & A – Wild Rice

Concerns about wild rice in the channel and on the north side of Lake Mary.

- Need a permit from Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Coordinator.
- Destruction of wild rice plants by cutting, pulling, or removing is unlawful except when cut above the waterline and used for shooting or observation blinds.

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Q & A – Lake Water Levels

What determines the lake levels? Going from Mary to Emily is very sketchy as the channel on Emily is tough.

- Emily Latest Reading = 1249.28ft (6/19/2025)
- Lowest Recorded
 - Lake Emily = 1247.45 ft (9/28/1939)
 - Lake Mary = 1248.20 ft (10/23/1956)
- Highest Recorded
 - Lake Emily = 1251.28 ft (6/24/2012)
 - Lake Mary = 1251.78 ft (6/24/2012)
- Ordinary Highwater Level: 1249.9 ft

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Thank you for participating