



President's Note

Another season on the water is rapidly coming to an end. I see many docks and lifts sitting on shore and boats on the roads heading to their winter resting spots. As I work the list of fall chores, it raises the perpetual question - How did the summer go so quickly?

ELRA was busy this year. Our usual activities; monitoring water quality, managing the Eurasian watermilfoil, coordinating fish stocking, veliger testing, buoys and keeping an eye out for new invasive species; kept us busy. Plus, the Board wanted to be more visible in the community this year. We tried some things and over the winter we will reflect on how successful we were. One goal was to increase our membership and we can say the membership numbers were up. Close to our all time high. We are grateful for more members but want to do better. As the saying goes - There is always next year.

In this edition of the newsletter, you will find reports on the following topics. You may notice that we already have our first 2026 board meeting on the calendar.

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From me and all the other board members, thanks for being a member and putting your trust in us. We appreciate all the support and feedback we get from you. Take care and enjoy.

Russ Boverhuis, President

Eurasian Watermilfoil Treatment

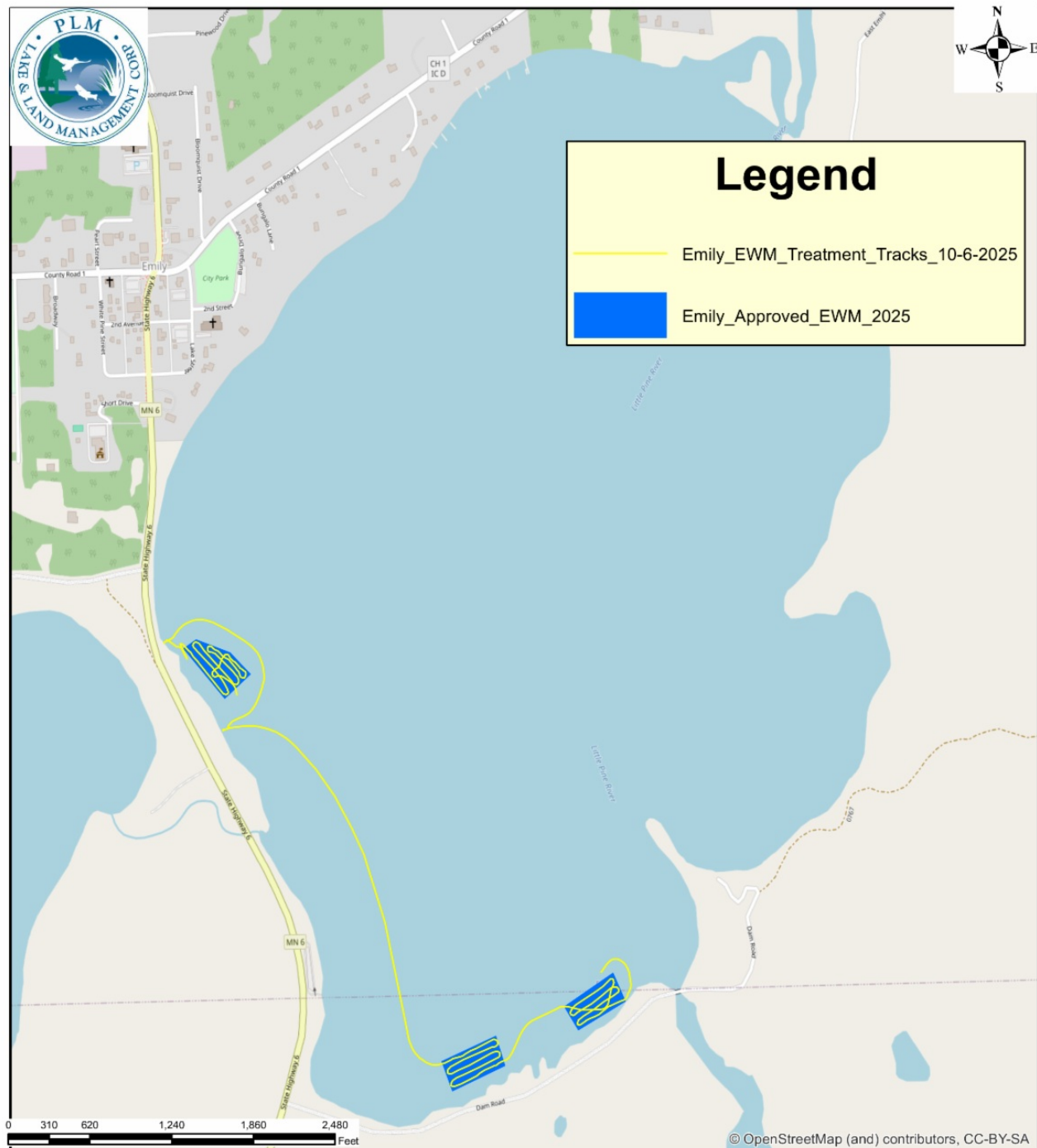
PLM treated the concentrated areas of Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) found in Lake Emily on October 6. Anyone near the treatment areas probably saw signs on the lakeshore alerting people that the treatment was being done. A map of the areas treated is below.

The good news is we had fewer and smaller areas to treat this year. That meant we had enough funds (our own money plus a few grants) without having to do a special fundraising drive. Hopefully, we have even less EWM next year.

Here are links to the lake survey result showing where EWM was found.

[Lake Emily Survey Results](#)

[Lake Mary Survey Results](#)



Project Name: Emily EWM Treatment 10-6-2025	Resource: Emily (18020300)
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Fish Stocking

Fish stocking of walleye fingerlings is resuming this year. ELRA contracted with Bosek Fisheries to stock walleye fingerlings in Lake Mary. We expect the stocking to happen sometime after October 25. Our efforts should put over 2,000 fingerlings in the lake.

Our fish stocking budget is normally \$2,100. This year we have \$3,100 available due to additional contributions from our members directed to fish stocking. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this cause. Once the fish stocking is done, we will post that information on our Facebook page.

Buoys

The NO WAKE ZONE buoys were removed from the lakes and river on October 4. It was a clear and sunny day for pulling the buoys and getting them stored on shore for the winter. No wet and cold fingers this year.

As we pulled the buoys we examined them for damage. We reaffirmed that three of them need to be replaced. They are not sitting high enough out of the water to show the message text and there is significant damage to them from being hit by boats. Sorry to say, even one of our newest buoys had some damage.

Cost for this type of buoys is around \$250 each. At the annual meeting we displayed one of the old buoys so members could see the poor condition. We raised \$175 in donations that day for new buoys.

ELRA Calendar of Events

Boat Parade

July 2026

Annual Membership Meeting

August 2026

Board Meetings

Saturday, January 17 at September 18 at 1:00 pm

Contact the Board at elra@emilylakes.org.

ELRA Board Members

President - Russ Boverhuis, Lake Emily

Vice President - Tori Ell, Lake Mary

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Director - Jean McLeod, Lake Mary (term ends 12/31/2025)

Director - Ray Wagman, Lake Mary

Director - Mary Thesing, Lake Mary (term starts 1/1/2025)

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Be Water Wise... *key actions that protect our waters.*

Clean to remove plants, small animals and debris.

Drain all water. Remove drain plugs and keep plugs out during transport.

Dry shoreline equipment for 21 days before moving to another body of water.

Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

Never Release bait, aquarium pets or aquatic plants.

To get the locations of all decontamination stations in Crow Wing County

**Call (218) 824-1055
or
Text CWCDECON
to 1-833-258-7509**

This newsletter is sent to all property owners on Dahler, Emily, Mary, and the Little Pine River. The more members we have, the more we can do for the lakes and river. Thank you for your support.

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