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Hi Act 57 Study Committee, Attached is a summary report of SLPAs experience ProcellaCOR treatment this past summer.

The Salem Lakes Preservation Association treated Big Salem lake with ProcellaCOR this past summer (2023). The treatment was very effective and native plants are healthy.

The process to apply and get a ProcellaCOR permit was long and complicated.

ProcellaCOR treatment was much more effective than other EWM mitigation methods experienced by SLPA.

ProcellaCOR treatment by a factor of 3-4 x was much less expensive than other EWM mitigation methods.

Attached is an initial summary report (PDF) including pre and post ProcellaCOR treatment maps that took place at Big Salem Lake.

Thanks for your attention,

(SLPA EWM committee chair)

Salem Lakes Preservation Association (SLPA) 2023 EWM Mitigation Summary Report

# Effectiveness of ProcellaCOR

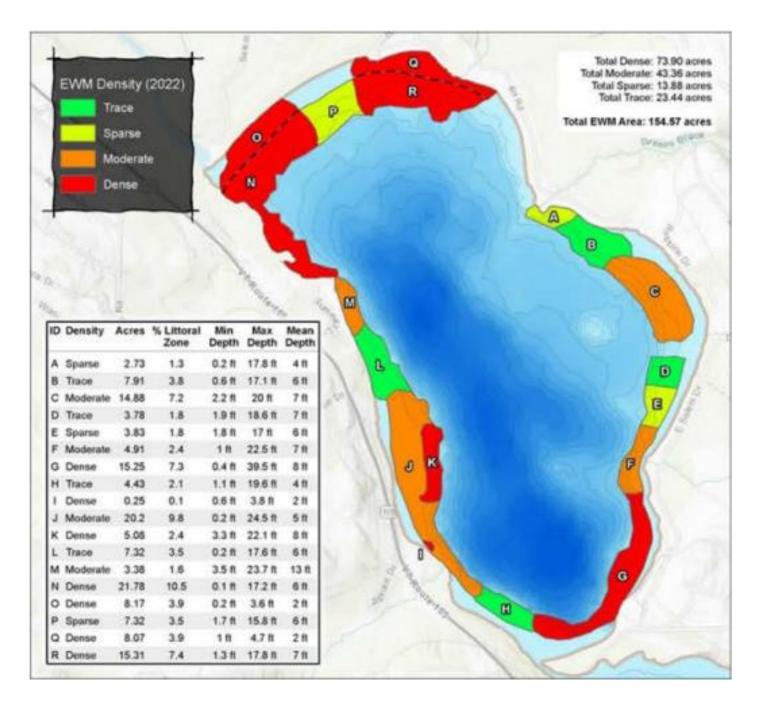
- The ProcellaCOR treatment of Big Salem Lake was very effective in Mitigating the widespread infestation of Eurasian Water Milfoil
  - Post treatment observations show native aquatic plants are all healthy

## **EWM** Mitigation

- SLPA completed all requirements to get a State permit for ProcellaCOR treatment including an extensive long term EWM Mitigation Plan
  - The process to get a ProcellCOR permit for the lake was long and complicated
    - The lake was treated with ProcellaCOR on 8/17/2023
- ProcellaCOR has proven to be far more efficacious than all other mitigation methods used to date

(hand pulling, bottom barriers, and DASH – Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting)

Pre-ProcellaCOR Treatment EWM Infestation Areas



# ProcellaCOR Treatment Areas

(~78 Acres)



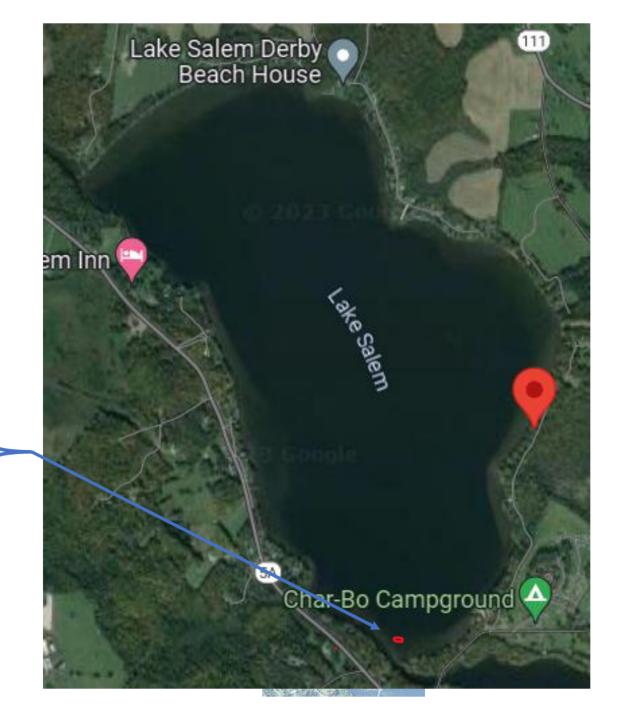
Post Treatment Infestation Map

Plant Survey and Volunteer Searches show one remaining EWM Patch

Size 0.06 Acres

Sparce

Volunteer Hand Harvesting to Manage Fragmentation

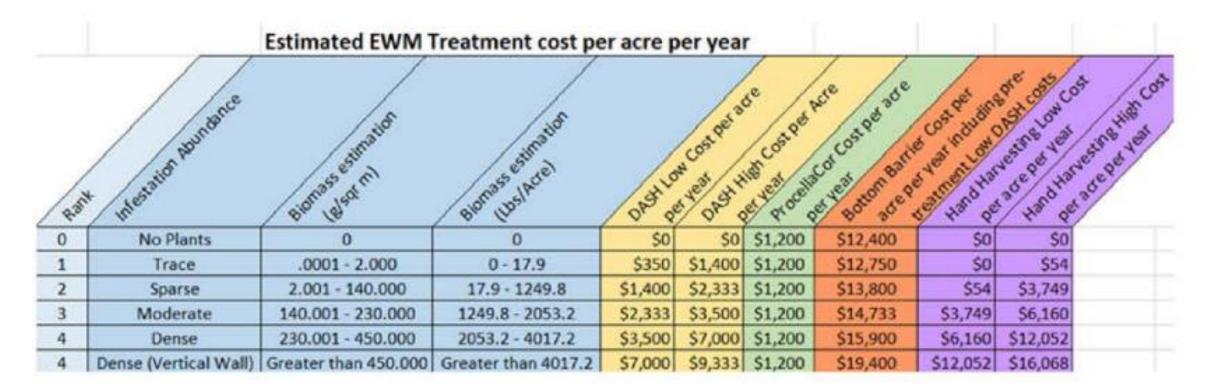


# Post treatment Initial Observations

- With no opposition from the public, ProcellaCOR treatment took place on August 17<sup>th</sup> 2023
- Mandated 48 hour post treatment water sample results: ProcellaCOR was undetectable
- Since treatment Initial observations from volunteer inspectors and property owners around the lake are good
- After 3-4 weeks dead and decaying EWM plants could be seen on the bottom of the lake

### SLPA Experience with EWM Mitigation Costs

ProcellaCOR 3-4 x less expensive in moderate & dense abundance than all other methods



ProcellaCOR treatment has demonstrated to be very effective, safe, and cost effective compared to other mitigation methods