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Hello,

I'm writing to offer some thoughts on the use of herbicides to combat Eurasian water milfoil. We own a home on Burr Pond in Sudbury, so this is a question we take very seriously. Obviously, nobody wants to be pouring harmful chemicals in our waterways unnecessarily, but sometimes they are necessary. Invasive plants can and do do more harm, especially something like milfoil. It's not native to the lake. It doesn't belong there. It's a nightmare to eradicate, as my neighbors and I who have spent many hours and many dollars removing it by hand can attest. Ultimately, it does more harm to the local eco system than the targeted

application of products specially formulated to curtail its spread.

I don't pretend to be an expert on this subject, so I turned to people who know more than I, including a friend who's a marine biologist. What she said is that left alone, milfoil will take over, choking the water body so completely that native species, including plants, fish, amphibians, birds, etc. can no longer survive there. I've seen this happen elsewhere, and I shudder to imagine it here.

It comes down to a question of working smarter. My neighbors and I live on the water, some of us even draw our tap water from it, so obviously, we have a vested interest in keeping it as clean as possible. Combatting invasive milfoil is part of that effort. I've heard rumbles of objection from other places. As an environmentalist at heart, I might be inclined to agree with them if I hadn't done any homework. However, seldom in the history of anything has a one-size-fits-all remedy been the universally correct answer. Please allow the Burr Pond Association, and groups like our to apply targeted milfoil treatments as necessary to save our lakes.

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