



2025 Clear Lake Newsletter

Thank you to all our membership support in 2025! If you are new to the lake, welcome!

- CLPO, Inc. removed nearly 400,000 lbs. of Curly-leaf pondweed and 800,000 lbs. of Eurasian water-milfoil via our paid contract workers using our Eco-Harvester this year. This is the most ever removed in one open water season and correlates to the additional removal of over 2 million, 400,000 lbs. of algae we would have had blooming in Clear Lake if all this weed growth was allowed to die off normally in the lake and decompose to feed algae growth.
- The cost of our AIS removal operation this year is in the ballpark of \$27,000-\$30,000. This is more than we have spent in CLPO, Inc. reserves in most years plus the grant funding we were lucky enough to receive from DNR and Meeker County.
- The North tributary coming into Clear Lake across 375th Street is set to have the iron-sand enhanced filter (ISEF) installed by local contractor Geislinger & Sons, in coordination with the Clearwater River Watershed District this fall. *The pre-pay amount for the 5-year tax assessment for the new ISEF is \$1,073 paid by November 1, 2025, directly to the Clearwater River Watershed District at mailing address: 3235 Fernbrook Lane N., Minneapolis, MN 55447.* This amount avoids taxes and fees from Meeker County for the annual property tax recovery and saves Clear Lake property owners about \$100 or more over the 5-year assessment period. The ISEF water quality system is designed to remove a significant amount of additional phosphate and nitrate nutrients (up to 850 lbs./yr.) out of the incoming lake water that would normally only result in much more algae growth in Clear Lake. Between the new ISEF and increased AIS removal we hope to make a significant difference in the water quality and lessen the high number of summer algae blooms that limits our use and enjoyment of Clear Lake in coming years.

Any questions, please feel free to reach out!

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