

Town of Caroga

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LETTER of NOTIFICATION

Date: December 12, 2023

Re: Proposed Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Program – East & West Caroga Lakes

The Town of Caroga is applying to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to use an aquatic herbicide in the spring of 2024 to control the invasive plant Eurasian Watermilfoil in 1 area of West Caroga Lake, and up to 3 areas of East Caroga Lake, as shown on the map below.



The herbicide, ProcellaCOR EC, will control invasive Eurasian watermilfoil for multiple seasons in the treatment areas, but can have minimal impact on native plants. ProcellaCOR EC will be applied at less than 10 parts per billion (ppb), a rate which is significantly lower than most other aquatic herbicides.

The Program will be conducted by a licensed applicator and Certified Lake Manager with the lake management firm Ready Scout, NYSDEC Pesticide Business Registration No.18575. NYSDEC and APA permit applications are being submitted for approval for the treatment.

It is anticipated that the treatment will take place on **one day between May 15 and June 30**, pending permit approvals and the appropriate stage of target plant growth. Notification of the actual date of the treatment will be submitted to the Town, APA and NYSDEC at least 7 days prior to application. The road access points along the lakeshore will be posted at the time of the treatment indicating applicable water use restrictions. Following application, livestock watering and irrigation (except for turf) will be restricted until the concentration of the herbicide measures < 1 ppb.

ProcellaCOR EC was registered by the EPA in 2018 and in NY in 2019. Dozens of ProcellaCOR EC applications have been conducted throughout the state from Chautauqua Lake to Saratoga Lake, and in Minerva Lake and Lake Luzerne in the Adirondack Park. ProcellaCOR EC applications to control in-lake invasive plants have no impact on public health, and there are **no restrictions on swimming, fishing or drinking/domestic water use**.

Water samples will be collected to determine the concentration of herbicide in the water and identify when the livestock watering and non-turf irrigation restrictions can be removed. This is anticipated to take 8-12 days.

The product label is available for review on NYSDEC's NYSPAD website dec.ny.gov/nyspad/products?0. In the event that you as a riparian owner/user have any questions or objections to the proposed aquatic plant management program or water use restrictions, please contact the following agency within 21 days of receipt of this notice. Your objection must be in writing. Lack of comment will be considered consent to the treatment and water use restrictions.

Brian Primeau

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If you wish further information about the proposed management program or need a printed or emailed copy of the product label, please contact Walter Hogan the Town of Caroga Director of Invasive Species at 607-544-4037 or by email wjhogan@outlook.com or Glenn Sullivan of Ready Scout at GPS@ready-scout.com or 908-310-8775 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Mon - Fri.