

# Invasive Species Report to the Town of Caroga

**August 13, 2025**

1. ProcellaCOR Grant reimbursement.

Due to a death in the family of my DEC contact, I was assigned a new contact. I was provided some changes which were then changed again when my original contact returned. Resubmitted and waiting to hear back.

2. Harvester removal of Milfoil from East Caroga Lake has been minimal and as of now considered Milfoil free. Several very small patches were found along Garlock Road, South Shore Rd, the ECLPA and West Shore of Kirchen's Grove. There is one small bay approximately ½ the way down the Outlet channel to the dam that was found 2 years ago, was not treated and is full of Milfoil. Divers have been there 3 times so far this season and will go back again next week. It's about the size of a volleyball court. Difficulty is a very shallow depth that gets murky because of the sediment disruption as the Milfoil is pulled and stepped on by the divers. With no visibility, cannot see remaining Milfoil. Would like to treat with ProcellaCOR so looking at how complicated it will be to get the permits.
3. West Caroga Lake is Milfoil free in the Pilot area off Vrooman Road. East North and South Shore Roads have isolated areas that the divers have cleared. Will be making another look at these areas next week.
4. Early Detection Phase using the new Sonar was delayed with issues with the bilge pump on the Lake Management Boat. Will begin Friday.
5. New dock was installed and can now get on and off the harvester with ease and more securely moored.
6. Divers have concerns over job security as we go forward. While the DASH program should not be discontinued, I cannot guarantee them a full summer job next year. Difficult for all of us.
7. In communications with Pecks Lake, they thought I was proposing to help them use ProcellaCOR. Not sure why as I had informed them it would have no effect since it is not Eurasian Milfoil. It then sounded like they may be interested but have had no follow up call.

Respectfully Submitted

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