

Addendum to Page 31

(Per White River Flowage Lake Management District)

Lake Management Plan Page: 31 **Objective 3.2.** Evaluate the aquatic plant community in the White River Flowage.

Harvester Operation

The District has had an ongoing harvesting operation since 2003 to maintain the main channel and provide access to the main channel for all the riparian property owners within the District. The District has a five-year cutting permit from the DNR at a cost of \$300 (expires in 2019) which will be renewed in 2020. The District Chairman must make a report annually to Ted Johnson of the DNR as to the number of hours worked, the number of loads of aquatic plants removed, and where the removed plants are dumped. All removed weeds are transported to a nearby farm field on Chicago Rd. owned by Dave Favel who in turn uses his tractor to mix the discarded weeds with the soil. This field had previously been used as part of a Christmas tree farm which had made the soil too acidic and unusable for other crops. The addition of the harvested aquatic weeds has helped restore the chemical balance.

2016 – Twenty-five (25) loads were removed from the Flowage (approx. 125,000 lbs.), 82 hours of volunteer manpower.

2017 – Fifteen (15) loads were removed from the Flowage (approx. 75,000 lbs.), 47 hours of volunteer manpower.

2018 – Thirty-five (35) loads were removed from the Flowage (approx. 175,000 lbs.), 200 hours of volunteer manpower.

2019 – Twelve and a half (12½) loads were removed from the Flowage (approx. 62,500 lbs.), 113 hours of volunteer manpower.

2020 – One hundred twelve (112) loads were removed from the Flowage (approx. 784,000 lbs.), 256 hours of volunteer manpower. Two new dedicated volunteers have accounted for the increase in loads and hours.

2021 – Thirty-nine (39) loads of aquatic plants were removed from the Flowage (approx. 273,000 lbs.) by volunteers donating 196 hours of service.

2022 – Twenty-eight (28) loads of aquatic plants were removed from the Flowage (approx. 196,000 lbs.) by four District volunteers donating 94 hours of service.