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Healthy Lakes Need Aquatic Plants

Benefits of Aquatic Plants

- Provide Habitat and Food for Fish and Wildlife
- Improve Water Clarity and Quality
- Protect Shorelines and Lake Bottoms
- Visually Attractive



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Bramfeld Cottage: A Love Story

"I cannot talk about the history of this house without mentioning the most recent owner, Bud Bramfeld. He loved this house and this place with a passion. He couldn't wait to get back in the spring. He loved it when we had parties and he loved it when we didn't. We have lots of pictures of him around and are reminded of him every day, many times. Thank you, Bud, for this house." ~ *Agnes Bramfeld*



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Successful <u>Learn the Lake</u> Series

3 Mondays in July saw area youth learning about Lake Maxinkuckee.

Week 1 - Sources of pollution. STEM activity included best method for cleaning up an "oil spill".

Week 2 - Benthic Macroinvertebrates and what they tell us about water

DNR Survey

The 100 point vegetative survey was completed on August 4th. Unfortunately a new invasive plant has shown up - <u>Starry Stonewort</u>.

It has been making it's way east from New York through the Great Lakes Basin. While not unexpected, it was disappointing to find.

Right now we do not know how widespread the problem is. LMEF is working on funding for an Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan to be conducted in 2021. quality.

Week 3 - Chemical analysis and comparison of water samples from the Wilson Wetland and the lake.

LMEF will be offering more educational opportunities for youth and adults. Check our website for more information.



We are working with DNR to determine the next step in preventing this invasive plant from becoming a problem in Lake Maxinkuckee.

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