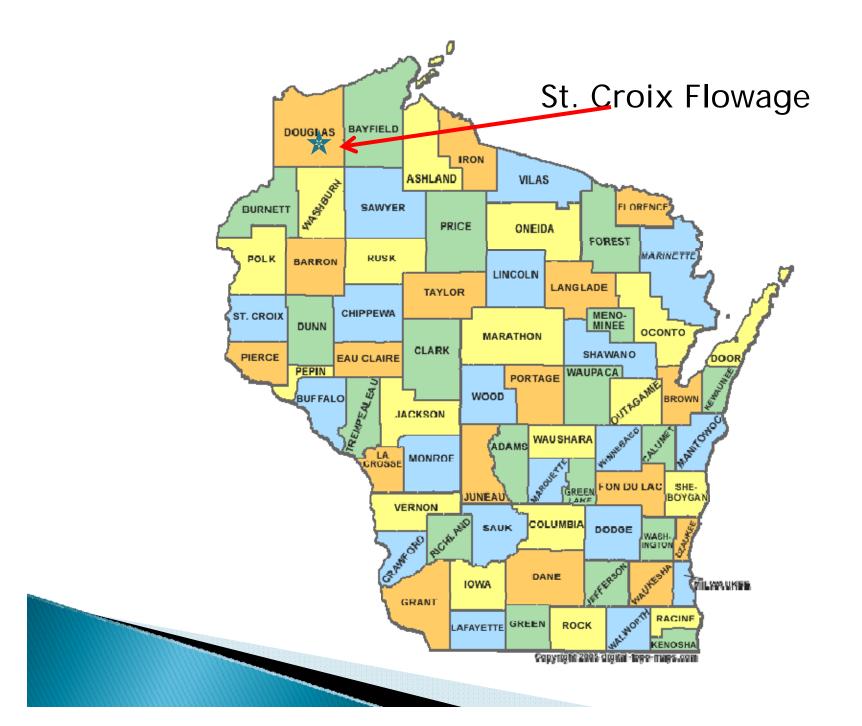
# Rapid Response is NOT just the name of a grant

Our Experience at the St. Croix Flowage



**Detection by CBCW Monitor** 



- 2nd Week- July 2007
- Suspicious looking plant at dock
- Sample to CBCW Coordinator
- Identified as EWM by CBCW Coordinator

Frank Koshere, Pamela Toshner, and Mark Sundeen, of the WDNR confirmed EWM

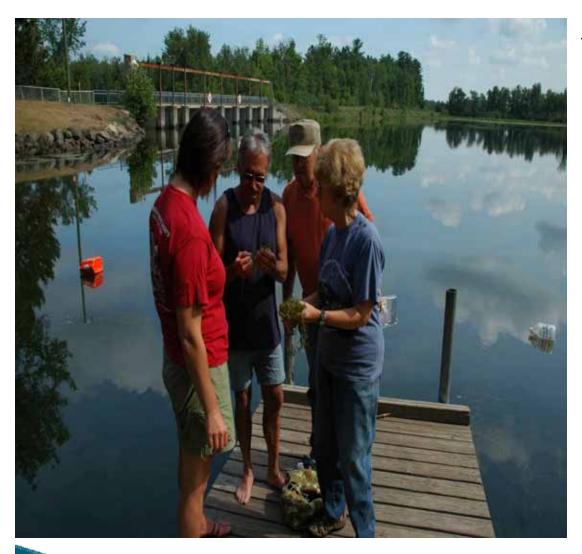
Spooner WDNR Lakes Team pressed samples and sent to state herbarium

WDNR Lab must confirm EWM before action can be taken

Flowage Association placed markers around dock/boat launch area

July 18th





# July 23rd

Initiation of planning process between Flowage Association and WDNR

National Park Service and Corps of Engineers contacted

WDNR suggested Early Detection Rapid Response Grant

Douglas County Forestry notified

#### July 24th

#### Official contact with Douglas County

Letter requesting County to be sponsor for EDRR Grant from WDNR

Placed on next Douglas County Forestry Department agenda

#### July 30th

Douglas County agreed to sponsor EDRR Grant

Douglas County Land Conservationist named authorized representative of EDRR grant

## Discussion of treatment strategies with WDNR, Corps of Engineers, and National Park Service



July 26th

Proximity to dam

Proximity to boat landing

Time of year

Water temperature

Up stream from St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

Previously scheduled APS of entire Flowage

# July 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup> Treatment plan finalized by DNR, Corps of Engineers and NPS



Hand pulling and two herbicide treatments

United Phosphorus Limited donated Aquathol Super - K

Douglas County submitted competed EDRR grant application to WDNR

Hand pulling of plants below the dam by volunteers

Lorna and Roger Wilson designated project contact persons for EDRR Grant

#### August 16th

Initial survey of area of infestation

Hand removal of 300+ EWM plants



#### August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 28th

- Douglas County verbally approved permit for chemical treatment of EWM
- Chemical control / treatment plan confirmed
- WDNR issued permit for chemical plant control using Aquathol Super K and "Navigate" (2-4D)

#### August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>



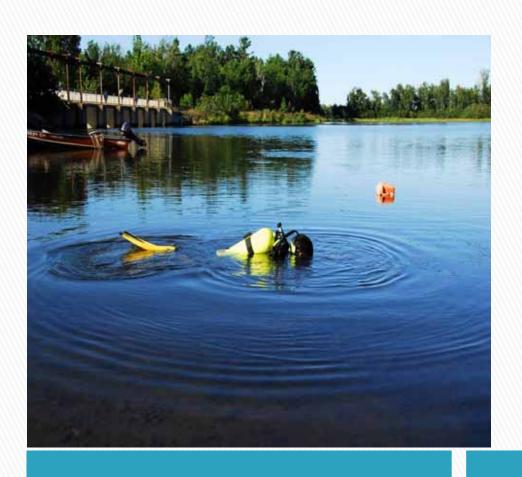
•Four treatments of Aquathol Super – K over 24 hours

Boat Landing closed temporarily

## September 6th

Formal Resolution from Douglas County Board of Supervisors authorizing County sponsorship of Early Detection/Rapid Response Grant

#### September 30th



- Boat Landing closed temporarily
- Second diver inspection and removal of 11 plants
- Second chemical treatment with "Navigate" (2-4D)

### October 9th

Official approval of Early Detection/Rapid Response Grant by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

#### November 11th

Follow-up Meeting with Flowage Association, WDNR, Douglas County Forestry Department, and Douglas County Land Conservation



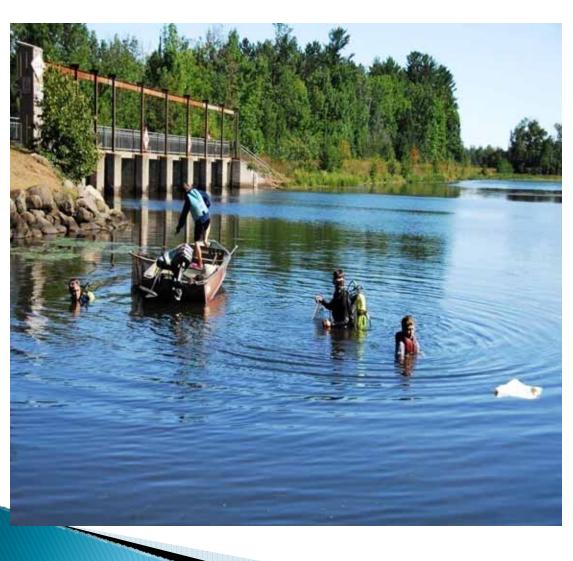
- Evaluated process
- Reviewed problems/ how to correct
- How to improve inter-agency communication
- •Planned County response to future situations

# Eleven weeks from detection to completion of treatment plan

- July 14<sup>th</sup> EWM found
- July 18<sup>th</sup> DNR confirmed EWM
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> All agencies involved
- July 24<sup>th</sup> Douglas County involved
- July 26<sup>th</sup> Started planning for treatment strategies
- July 30<sup>th</sup> Douglas County agreed to be sponsor for RR Grant
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> Treatment Plan finalized
- Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> County signed grant/named Lorna and Roger Wilson as Project Contact persons
- Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Initial survey; diver removal of 300+ EWM plants
- Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> County approval for chemical treatment
- Aug 24<sup>th</sup> EWM chemical control plan finalized
- Aug 28<sup>th</sup> WDNR Permit for chemical control plan
- Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> First chemical treatment

- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> County formal resolution to sponsor Grant
- ▶ Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Second diver inspection and chemical treatment
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Official approval of Grant request by WDNR

#### Future Action - 2008



-Spring 2008 – Diver Inspection of treated area

Possible use of "curtain"

Continue CBCW program with enhancements

Determine future needs and approaches (APM)

#### Recommendations

- Conduct an Aquatic Plant Survey prior to detection
- Use GPS to mark infested area
- Have action plan in place prior to detection (Lake group, town/county government, and WDNR)
- Initiate action immediately; don't wait for paperwork