

Members of Crescent Lake Association,

After our spring brunch meeting, two Association members approached members of our board with questions about the use of our funds. It became apparent after talking with them that there may be some confusion over the changes that were made in responsibilities when the Crescent Lake District was created in 2022.

The Crescent Lake Association had been fighting the growing problem of invasive Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) for several years. It was very expensive, costing us over \$250,000.00, more than was available from our collection of member dues and donations. Grants from the state of Wisconsin were available at that time, but were not guaranteed, as an increasing number of lakes were making bids for the same grant money. We did not want to give up the enjoyment of our lake to the increasing spread of EWM.

The Crescent Lake District was created in 2022 as a local taxing district to make funds available to control EWM in the lake. The purpose of the Crescent Lake District is to preserve, protect, and enhance the shoreline and waters of Crescent Lake for current and future generations, specifically the fight against EWM. The District now collects the portion of our property taxes allotted to it and uses it for control of EWM and organizing of boat inspections at the landing. The District has its own Board of Commissioners and holds a meeting of all property owners annually. This spring it paid for another ProcettaCor herbicide treatment of the lake. For more information on the District, see their website at www.crescentlakedistrict.com.

Since the creation of the District, the Association no longer pays for the treatment of EWM or performs boat inspections. The Association has now returned to what it originally was before EWM became its main issue - a social and informational association to promote and improve the lake for residents and owners of property around Crescent Lake. We are now free to increase our involvement in other lake issues. These include meeting our neighbors and inviting speakers to inform us about issues like erosion, lakeside plantings to protect the lake, fish populations and regulations, boating issues, damage caused by salt and fertilizer, and septic system maintenance, to name a few.

We hope this letter helps clear up confusion about the two entities which have similar names but very different responsibilities for the lake.

Board of Directors of the Crescent Lake Association