

September 29, 2026

Dear Fellow Crescent Lake Property Owners,

The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Crescent Lake District was held on Saturday September 6th at the Crescent Town Hall. We continue scheduling on Saturday morning of Labor Day weekend to allow as many to join in as possible. Approximately 30 residents attended. During our public comment session, everyone who wished to express their feelings or concerns about Crescent Lake had the opportunity to do so and many expressed their overall satisfaction with the efforts of the Crescent Lake District.

Our primary objectives for the meeting (required by State Statue) were:

1. Provide an update on the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) spread and our control efforts.
2. Review 2026 financials and approve the 2027 budget and tax levy.
3. Election of one two commissioners to fill expiring terms.

EWM Update

Terry Goldbach, our invasive species response team leader, shared the latest lake survey information provided by White Water Associates from their August 2026 lake survey. Their meander survey indicated only two areas of our lake exhibiting sparse to moderate densities of EWM. These two areas are 1) the north end of the lake (near the boat landing) and 2) the south end of the lake known as Radtke Bay. You may recall these areas have been problematic in the past. The maps also indicated small pockets of sparse EWM present in several other areas of the lake which will be closely monitored going forward. I have marked all of these areas on the attached map.

Our 2027 plan will be to once again request a ProcellaCOR treatment permit from the DNR for these moderately dense areas. However, this permit is often declined by the DNR as they determine whether the density and area EWM is “bad enough yet” to chemically treat. Our experience shows EWM will likely expand in these areas in 2027 if not treated, creating a larger treatment area in 2028. It is a vicious cycle and we will do our best to get that 2027 permit approved. Also in 2027 we will seek approval to hire scuba divers to hand harvest EWM using GPS technology from the survey maps. This technique of using scuba divers to hand pull EWM is most effective in areas of sparse EWM. The cost for divers is approximately \$2,800 per day.

We continue to believe from an overall perspective we are staying ahead of widespread EWM expansion and find ourselves in far better shape than many other Wisconsin lakes.

2027 Budget and Tax Levy

Our proposed 2027 budget was unanimously approved. The plan includes a \$35,000 total tax levy, up \$9,300 from 2026, but down significantly from the 2023-2025 years. This cost of \$35,000 roughly matches our annual operating expenses, less any chemical treatments which we have reserves for. Depending upon the final valuation, this year's increase will amount to approximately \$3.00 for every \$100,000 dollars of Crescent Lake property valuation. As the Lake District we continue to hold a decent reserve balance for future EWM ProcellaCOR treatment when needed.

Election of New Commissioners

An annual commissioner election was held and Jim Solinsky and Dennis Southworth were both re-elected to another 3-year term as commissioners.

The slate of CLD commissioners for 2027 are:

Tim Kilgore – Chairman

Jim Solinsky – Treasurer

Dave Schwanz – at large

Dennis Southworth – at large

Suzanne Mooney – at large

Maria Rudesill – Secretary (Crescent Town appointee)

Robb Jensen – (Oneida County Supervisor appointee)

You are always welcome at our Crescent Lake District meetings. You can find the full meeting agendas and minutes, plus future meeting dates at our website www.crescentlakedistrict.com. You may also contact any commissioner with your questions. Our contact info is listed on the website.

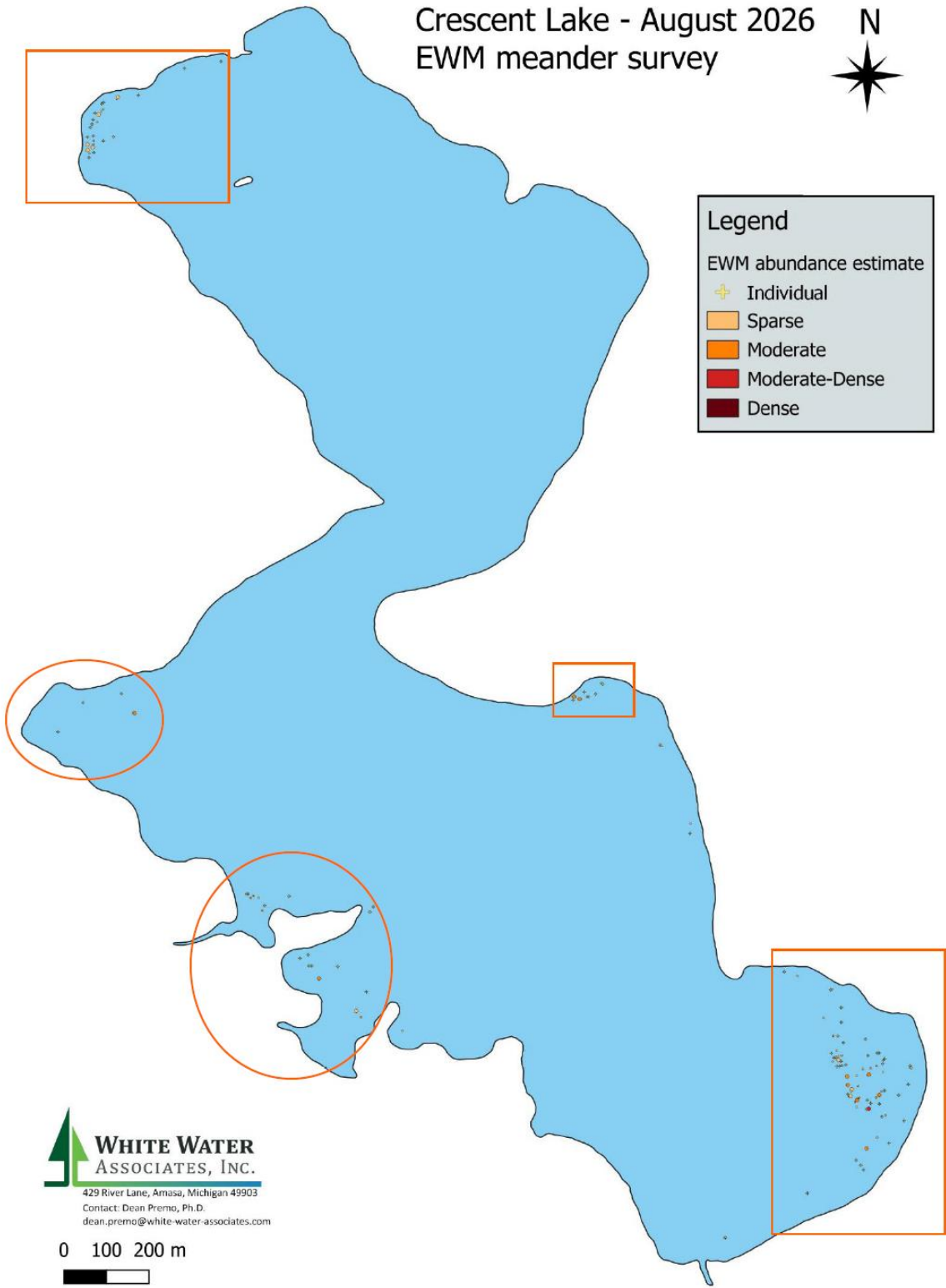
Enjoy the remainder of the fall season.

Sincerely,

Tim Kilgore – Chairman

Attachement: August EWM meander survey map, Crescent Lake

Crescent Lake - August 2026
EWM meander survey



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