

2014 Hydrilla Treatment Sites Released

In the past few weeks, Lake Gaston has undoubtedly woken from her quiet and lazy days of winter and early spring. As many of you scramble to get ready for the warm and busy weather of “Lake Season,” it is also time for the 2014 hydrilla treatment season.

Funding will only allow the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council to treat approximately 1067 acres of Lake Gaston in 2014. This number has declined in 2014 due to the budget constraints of some counties.

The 2014 treatment schedule will continue to follow the revised long term management plan, treating certain areas (designated as Long Term Treatment Areas, or LTTA) for another year. Other areas, known as Annual Priority Treatment Areas (APTAs) will be treated as well based on the 2013 aquatic plant survey. This year’s treatment sites per county are as follows:

Northampton – Jimmie’s Creek (LTTA)

Halifax – Pretty Creek (LTTA), Sledge Creek (LTTA), Woodland Hurst (LTTA)

Warren – Big Stonehouse (LTTA), Hubquarter Creek (APTA)

Brunswick – Poplar Creek (LTTA - East/ Above 903), Stillhouse Branch (APTA)

Mecklenburg – Poplar Creek (LTTA - West/ Above 903), Beechwood Flats (APTA), Great Creek (APTA)

The scheduling of the first week of treatments will likely occur in the last week of May through the first week of June. Docks in treated areas will be posted within the next two weeks with exact dates for treatment. To view the maps of those areas to be treated, visit www.lgwcc.org and select “Treatment Areas/ Surveys”.

To learn more about the revised Lake Gaston Long Term Management Plan, select “Treatment Areas/ Survey” and select “Lake Gaston Long Term Plan” from the list.

If you have questions about weed treatment funding from your county, contact your county’s Board of Commissioners/Supervisors.

If you have questions about treatment site selection or the aquatic weed treatment process, please contact Dr. Brett M. Hartis at (919)-515-5648 or email to bmhartis@ncsu.edu.