

# Cottage Lake update . . .

Spring is finally here (I hope), so it is time to ...

## Milfoil Update:

Last year, we worked with King County to treat Eurasian Milfoil, a highly invasive aquatic weed that was recently discovered in Cottage Lake. The treatment involved using Triclopyr and we should have information about the success once weeds start emerge. It is expect that further treatment will be necessary and King County has secured funding for another year.



Please come to our community meeting on April 2nd at 7pm (at the Woodinville Library) to hear more about milfoil (and other projects)

In addition to the milfoil, we are continuing our plans to deal with the invasive water lilies which have a similar impact on lake health. We hope to co-ordinate the treatment of the water lilies with the milfoil and are working with King County on the treatment plans for the coming year.

## Other Projects:

The Cottage Lake Park shoreline restoration project is part of our ongoing work to improve the water quality by reducing phosphorus and controlling other run-off that enters the lake. We made great progress on this last year, but will still need volunteers to help us finish the planting, control the weeds, and create informative signs for the park. Our first work party will be in the morning on May 17th—please put this on your calendar and look for more information coming soon.

Over the past few years, we have continued to see more severe algae blooms during warm weather. These algae blooms impact the beauty, water quality and the long-term usability of a lake. FOCL is working to reduce phosphorus levels because excess phosphorus is the key contributor to the **blooms. Please look for “no-phosphorus” fertilizer when buying lawn and garden care products this spring—using a “no-phosphorus” fertilizer will still give you a beautiful green lawn, but helps ensure we don’t have an ugly, green lake. We will also be hosting a workshop on septic care later this year as part of this project.**

Your membership dues, donations, and volunteer efforts are crucial to our ability to continue these projects (donations and dues are tax deductible). Please see our website for more information on how you can help: [www.friendsofcottagelake.org](http://www.friendsofcottagelake.org)

Thanks in advance for your support,

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Native Plant Sale Fundraiser  
for Friends of Cottage Lake  
**Sat, April 12th from 1pm to 3pm**  
at  
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