

EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL 2019 UPDATE

AQUATIC PLANT LAKE MONITORING

MUNICIPALITIES OF GORE AND MILLE-ISLES: 22 lakes have been surveyed by a biologist from the CRE Laurentides with lake volunteers - 7 lakes have been visited twice.

*(Barron, Hughes, Solar, Caroline, Evans, Kenny, Echo, Frederick, Chevreuil, Clark, Clair, Grace, Anne, Sir John, Beattie)
Dainava, David, des Becs-Scie, George, Ivan, Paul, Tamaracouta)*

MRC ARGENTEUIL: a total of 48 lakes have been checked.

EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL HAS NOT BEEN DETECTED IN ANY OF THE LAKES SURVEYED IN GORE OR MILLE-ISLES OR IN ANY LAKE SURVEYED IN THE MRC ARGENTEUIL.

**HOWEVER, EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN THE OTTAWA RIVER IN SEVERAL PLACES
IN THE FOLLOWING MRC ARGENTEUIL MUNICIPALITIES:**

*(Grenville-sur-la-rouge, Grenville, Brownsburg-Chatham and Saint-André-d'Argenteuil).
The Baie de Carrillon has several species of invasive aquatic plants.*

Every MRC in the Laurentians (except Argenteuil) has confirmed cases of Eurasian Water-Milfoil in their lakes. About 40 lakes in all, mostly in the MRCs Antoine-Labelle and Laurentides, and a few lakes in the MRCs Pays d'en-Haut and Rivière-du-Nord.

SOME OTHER PLACES where we may travel and encounter Eurasian Water-Milfoil and probably other invasive species:

- Eastern Townships: Lac Brompton, Lac Magog, Lac Massawippi, Lac Memphremagog, Lac Orford, Lac Champlain *(In 2019, it is estimated that 42% of lakes are affected in the Eastern Townships.)*
- St Lawrence River, Lac St-Louis, Lac St-Francois, Lac des Deux-Montagnes, Olympic Basin, Thousand Islands
- Great Lakes, Georgian Bay *(72 sites have been confirmed)*
- BC Okanogan *(rotatiller machines are being used to remove it)*

Continually checking our lakes by the trained volunteers is of utmost importance. Early detection of Eurasian Water-Milfoil can lead to control measures. With Government permits, some lakes are hiring divers to pull out the plants by the roots and gather them in nets. This is a very costly procedure and must be repeated.



The CRE Laurentides provides information, training workshops, leadership and support with the aquatic plant lake monitoring program.