

Dear Cayuga Lakeshore municipalities:

Back in the “before times” of early 2020, we wrote to say that the invasive aquatic plant hydrilla is spreading, and we must do a better job of keeping the 19 lakeshore municipalities around Cayuga Lake better informed about it. This really bad aquatic invasive plant is not just a south end problem any longer, and is now found at several places along the shore - at least as far north as Aurora.

In 2020, we sent you all a couple of hydrilla information reports, but did not want to fill your inboxes when you had the pandemic to deal with.

Our request to you a year later is that we are hoping you might have a few people who might be willing to look for hydrilla regularly along your town/village shoreline. We have a much better chance of effective removal if hydrilla can be found early, rather than after it is well-established.

Starting in 2021, we are partnering with the Finger Lakes PRISM in Geneva to collect hydrilla reports from around Cayuga Lake.

Below is information about their fun, not too onerous volunteer science program.

Could you share this information with your community?

Participation by even a few local residents would help centralize reports about hydrilla, and ensure quick response.

Thanks!

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