

# STOP Invasive Species

In Grindstone Lake

# Aquatic and Wetland Invasives

- *Curly Leaf Pondweed* (The LEAF – O – NATER)

- Probably came here as an aquarium plant
- Grows up to 6' long
- Problem because:
  - Creates mats that make boating and swimming challenging.
  - Super-grower and mobs other plants.
  - Dies off mid-summer, releasing nutrients that lead to algal blooms.

Look for it in early spring – dies off by Mid-July.



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- *Eurasian Water Milfoil*

- Came through the aquarium trade
- 6 to 9' long
- Competes with other aquatic plants by blocking sunlight and crowding them out.
- Creates a mess in boat motors.
- Washes up on beaches making a mess.
- Reproduces from small fragments.





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- *Purple Loosestrife*
  - Came in ship's ballast and also as a medicinal herb.
  - Produces up to 2 million seeds annually.
  - Crowds out native plants, creating a mono-culture.



# Terrestrial Invasives

- Garlic Mustard
  - Displaces woodland flowers
  - Many seeds per plant
  - Spreads into high quality forest areas.
  - Cutting at ground level effective.





# If you see these invasives:

- Alert a board member.
- Remove the invasive, if possible.

