

Ohio Department of Natural Resources 2045 Morse Rd Columbus, OH 43229

Dear Ohio Department of Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the significant weed growth on Indian Lake, Ohio, and the associated safety risks and economic implications it presents to the community. The unchecked proliferation of weeds not only threatens the safety of recreational boaters, children tubing or water skiing, and jet ski enthusiasts but also has the potential to cause a decline in property values around the lake and negatively impact local businesses.

As a seasonal resident to Indian Lake, I have witnessed firsthand the detrimental effects of the excessive weed growth on the lake's ecosystem and recreational activities. The current approach of harvesting the weeds a foot and a half below the waterline is not only cost-prohibitive but also ineffective, as the weeds quickly regrow, exacerbating the problem.

I urge the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to explore alternative solutions to address the weed situation at Indian Lake, with a particular emphasis on the feasibility of lake spraying. This method has been successfully implemented in other regions and has proven to be both safe for fish, animal life, and humans and effective in controlling weed growth.

I understand that there may be concerns about the environmental impact of spraying, but it is essential to consider the broader implications of inaction. A decline in recreational opportunities and property values could have far-reaching consequences for the community's economic vitality and quality of life.

I respectfully request that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources conduct a test trial of lake spraying on Indian Lake this summer to assess its effectiveness in mitigating weed growth. By proactively addressing this issue now, we can ensure that Indian Lake remains a vibrant and thriving destination for recreation and tourism for years to come.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your prompt action and collaboration in finding a sustainable solution to the weed situation at Indian Lake.

Sincerely,

Your Name: