

**COWDEN LAKE  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD  
MEETING**

**October 8, 2025**

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A meeting of the Cowden Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Todd M at 4:11 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Todd McClelland – Chairperson/Maple Valley Township Representative  
Jerry Wright – Abutting Property Owner’s Representative  
Victor Matulis – Maple Valley Township Representative  
Todd Sattler – Treasurer/Drain Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Pat Carr – Board of Commissioner’s Representative

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** Luke Aaron – Progressive  
Anne Gaylord – MCDC  
See attached

A motion was made by Todd S and seconded by Victor to approve the agenda.  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd S and seconded by Jerry to approve the minutes from May 19, 2025, as amended. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

No public comment

**Treatment Update**

Luke provided a treatment update to the board, see attached journal. Luke advised that he took a sample of the Milfoil and sent it off for genetic testing. This is a new strain call the “Townline Strand” and is resistant to sonar treatments and has shown resistance to diquat. For the last treatment, Steve sprayed it with an algicide first and then sprayed it with diquat and it did show some results. The lake looked great during early September, but the temperature stayed high with little precipitation which allowed for late season growth. PLM suggested copper and diquat to try to cut back the wild celery. Luke would like to try triclopyr for the milfoil next season. Steve suggested treating the milfoil in the fall to try to get systemic results in the spring. Victor asked if they can start treating it in the fall next year.

**Financial Update**

Todd S provided a financial update to the Board including a current balance of \$41,870.37. He noted that they earned \$897.25 in interest in 2025.

### Assessment Roll Review

Todd advised that there were no changes to the assessment roll for 2025 and there are still 109 parcels in the assessment district. The Board would like to assess the same \$25,000 with lakefront parcels at a rate of \$231.48.

### Other Business

The Drain Commission has received a petition to establish a legal lake level. The process was started years ago and a legal level was established, but no assessment district was ever created. This petition will help to complete the process. The level is over six feet low from normal levels and requires augmentation wells to restore and maintain the lake level. Todd is planning to attend the BOC meeting on 10/27 or 11/10 and would like a good faith deposit from the residents and residential support at the meeting. He is also planning to have legal representative present. Todd advised that the good faith deposit would be refunded once the assessment district is created and the first assessment is collected. He doesn't believe there will be an issue in obtaining BOC approval based on the already established level, the good faith deposit and the positive residential support, Todd M has concerns about the ecological effects of having a static level but agrees that something needs to be done. Anne will reach out to the legal representative to check availability for BOC meeting attendance and advise the Board members.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Todd S and seconded by Jerry to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried.

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Todd Sattler, Secretary  
Cowden Lake, Lake Board

State of Michigan      }  
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County of Montcalm    }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Cowden Lake, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on October 8, 2025, and that said minutes are on file in the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner and posted on the county website at [montcalm.org](http://montcalm.org) and are available to the public.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was posted at least 18 hours before the meeting at the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner, which is the principal office of the Cowden Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

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Todd Sattler  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

**COWDEN LAKE  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD  
MEETING**

October 8, 2025  
4:00 P.M.

**MONTCALM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION**

211 W. Main Street  
Stanton, Michigan

**Agenda**

- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
  - May 19, 2025
- Public Comment
- Treatment Update
- Financial Update
- Assessment Roll Review
- Other Business
  - Lake Level
- Adjourn

If you cannot attend, please call the office at 989-831-7322 at least two days prior to the meeting.

**Board Members**

Todd McClland, Maple Valley Township Representative/Chairperson  
Jerry Wright, Abutting Property Owner's Representative  
Victor Matulis, Maple Valley Township Representative  
Pat Carr, Board of Commissioner's Representative  
Todd Sattler, Secretary/Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

**Project Work Journal**
**Cowden Lake**
**Beginning Balance: \$16,000.00**

<b>Survey Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Results</b>				
5/19/2025	Survey					
<b>Treatment Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Target Species</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Dose Rate</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>
5/28/2025	Flumioxazin and contacts	Curly-leaf Pondweed	15.00 acre(s)	100.00 ppb	\$7,209.90	\$7,790.10
5/28/2025	Diquat dibromide @ 1 gal/acre	Eurasian Milfoil				
		Curly-leaf Pondweed	1.25 acre(s)		\$243.75	\$7,546.35
<b>Invoice 1442 Total</b>					<b>\$7,453.65</b>	<b>\$7,546.35</b>
<b>Survey Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Results</b>				
6/17/2025	Survey					
<b>Treatment Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Target Species</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Dose Rate</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>
6/24/2025	Chelated copper complex liquid	Wild Celery	5.00 acre(s)		\$2,236.85	\$5,309.50
6/24/2025	Flumioxazin and contacts	Eurasian Milfoil	1.50 acre(s)	100.00 ppb	\$720.99	\$4,588.51
<b>Invoice 1489 Total</b>					<b>\$2,957.84</b>	<b>\$4,588.51</b>

**2025**

## Project Work Journal

### Cowden Lake

**Beginning Balance: \$16,000.00**

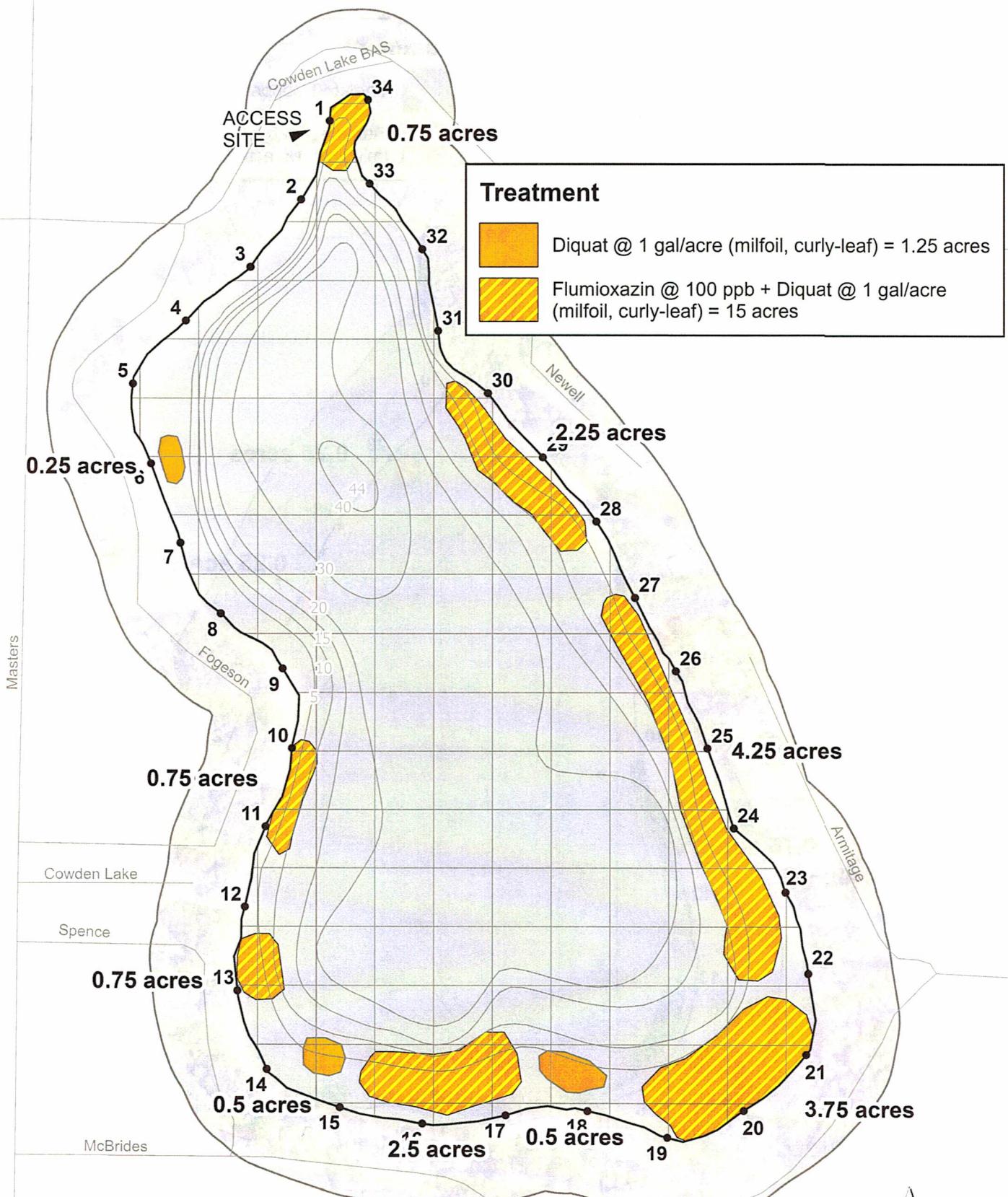
Survey Date	Type	Results				
7/29/2025	Survey	Survey by: LJA, GMK. Water temperature: 86 degrees at surface. Notes: Found considerable wild celery growth and milfoil re-growth. Foregoing celery treatment due to budget constraints.				
Treatment Date	Type	Target Species	Quantity	Dose Rate	Cost	Remaining Balance
8/5/2025	Algae control (filamentous and planktonic)	Filamentous or Planktonic Algae	16.50 acre(s)		\$660.00	\$3,928.51
8/5/2025	Diquat dibromide @ 1 gall/acre	Eurasian Milfoil	16.50 acre(s)		\$3,217.50	\$711.01
<b>Invoice 1524 Total</b>						<b>\$3,877.50</b>

Survey Date	Type	Results
9/4/2025	Survey	Survey by: LJA. Water temp: 63 degrees at surface. Notes: Milfoil treatment worked great. Only a few milfoil plants remain. Wild celery dense throughout lake. No further treatments this season.

Total Invoiced: \$15,288.99  
**Remaining Balance: \$711.01**

**COWDEN LAKE  
MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
TREATMENT MAP  
SURVEY DATE: MAY 19, 2025**

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Feet



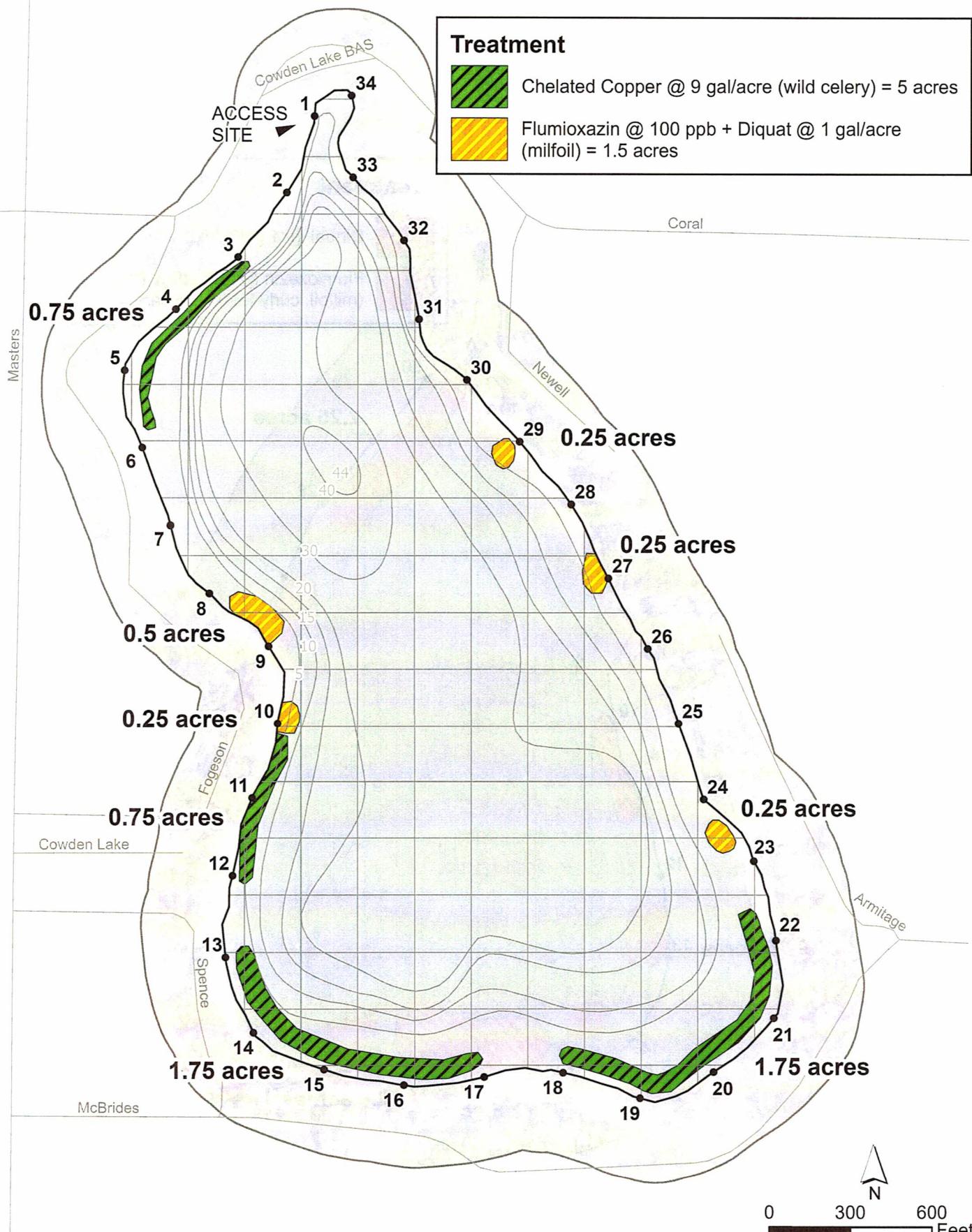
LAKE AREA = 110 ACRES

The applicator shall make adjustments, if needed, to comply with EGLE permit requirements.

 PROGRESSIVE  
COMPANIES

**COWDEN LAKE  
MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
TREATMENT MAP  
SURVEY DATE: JUNE 17, 2025**

 = 1 ACRE

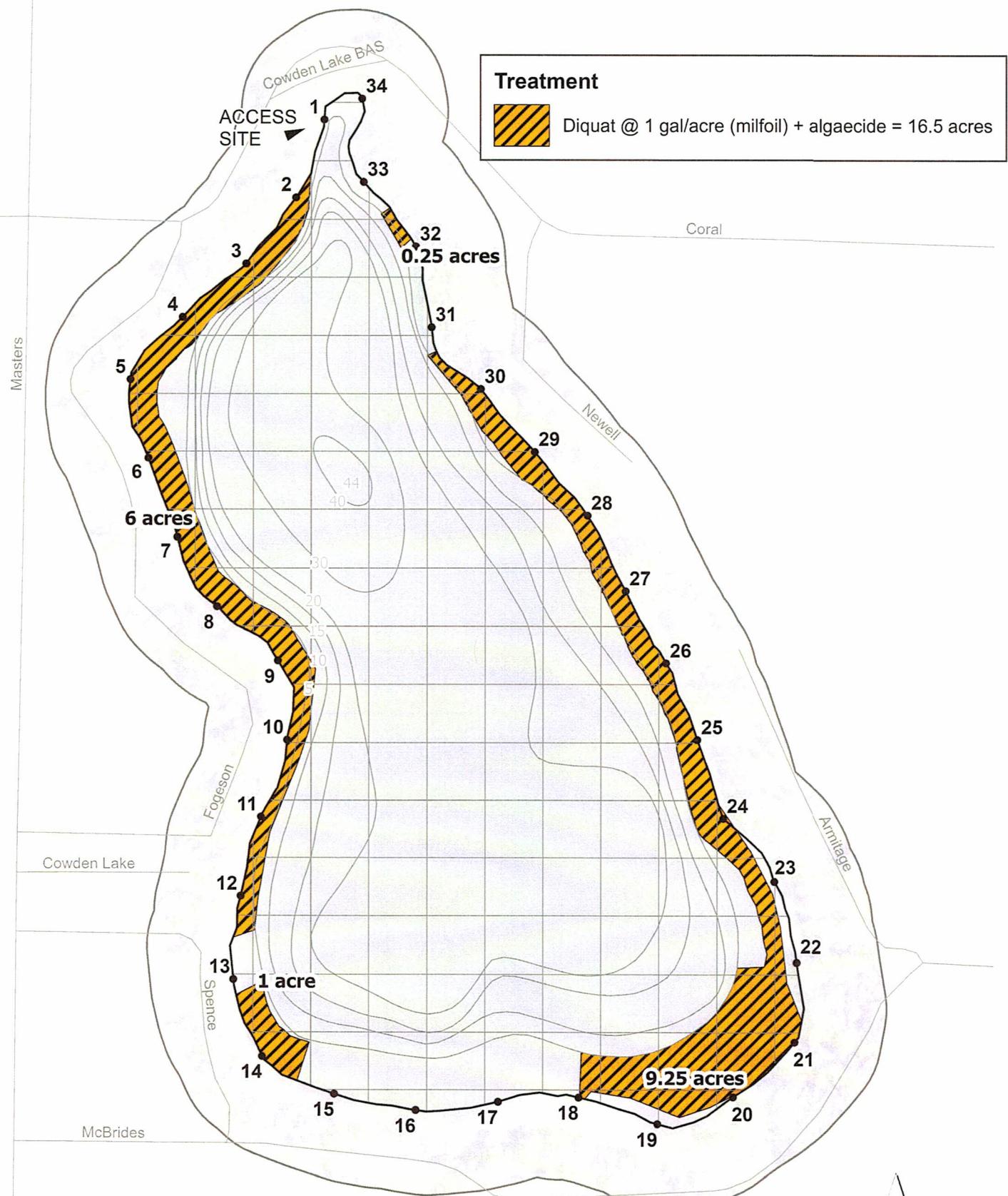


LAKE AREA = 110 ACRES

The applicator shall make adjustments, if needed, to comply with EGLE permit requirements.

COWDEN LAKE  
MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
TREATMENT MAP  
SURVEY DATE: JULY 29, 2025

= 1 ACRE



LAKE AREA = 110 ACRES

The applicator shall make adjustments, if needed, to comply with EGLE permit requirements.

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COMPANIES

Cowden Lake Finance Sheet 2024 - 2028 (84003)

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Cowden Lake Finance Sheet 2024 - 2028 (84003)						
Wednesday, October 8, 2025						
Date	Vendor	Description	Check #	Expenses	Revenue	Balance
10/1/2023		Beginning Balance				\$ 36,711.72
10/19/2023	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	4th Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	177051	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 34,836.72
10/31/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 112.48	\$ 34,949.20
11/30/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 107.79	\$ 35,056.99
12/31/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 111.87	\$ 35,168.86
1/18/2024	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	1st Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	178927	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 33,293.86
1/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 108.55	\$ 33,402.41
2/29/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 100.09	\$ 33,502.50
3/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 114.22	\$ 33,616.72
4/11/2024	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	2nd Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	180780	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 31,741.72
4/18/2024	Michigan Lakefront Solutions (26682)	2024 EGLE Permit Fee	180850	\$ 875.00		\$ 30,866.72
5/2/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 102.66	\$ 30,969.38
5/13/2024	Montcalm County	2023 Collected Settlement			\$ 24,045.00	\$ 55,014.38
5/13/2024	Montcalm County	2023 Delinquent Settlement			\$ 687.00	\$ 55,701.38
5/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 174.73	\$ 55,876.11
6/30/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 208.92	\$ 56,085.03
7/11/2024	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	3rd Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	182912	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 54,210.03
7/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 189.98	\$ 54,400.01
8/22/2024	Michigan Lakefront Solutions (26682)	06/04/2024 Weed Treatment	183576	\$ 8,264.20		\$ 46,135.81
8/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 157.78	\$ 46,293.59
9/30/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 143.51	\$ 46,437.10
10/10/2024	Michigan Lakefront Solutions (26682)	09/11/2024 Weed Treatment	184536	\$ 3,262.50		\$ 43,174.60
10/10/2024	Michigan Lakefront Solutions (26682)	07/11/2024 Weed Treatment	184536	\$ 4,716.13		\$ 38,458.47
10/10/2024	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	4th Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	184550	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 36,583.47
10/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 109.03	\$ 36,692.50
11/30/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 98.53	\$ 36,791.03
12/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 96.08	\$ 36,887.11
1/16/2025	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	2025 1st Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	186816	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 35,012.11
1/31/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 91.05	\$ 35,103.16
2/28/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 79.15	\$ 35,182.31
3/20/2025	Michigan Lakefront Solutions (26682)	2025 EGLE Permit Fee	188043	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 34,182.31
3/31/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 85.99	\$ 34,268.30
4/3/2025	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	2025 2nd Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	188327	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 32,393.30
4/30/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 81.74	\$ 32,475.04
5/31/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 83.14	\$ 32,558.18
6/3/2025	Montcalm County	2024 Collected Settlement			\$ 23,611.12	\$ 56,169.30
6/3/2025	Montcalm County	2024 Delinquent Settlement			\$ 1,388.88	\$ 57,558.18
6/26/2025	Michigan Lakefront Solutions (26682)	05/28/2025 Weed Treatment	190234	\$ 7,453.65		\$ 50,104.53
6/30/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 128.58	\$ 50,233.11
7/10/2025	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	2025 3rd Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	190325	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 48,358.11
7/31/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 131.78	\$ 48,489.89
8/7/2025	Michigan Lakefront Solutions (26682)	06/26/2025 Weed Treatment	191102	\$ 2,957.84		\$ 45,532.05
8/31/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 115.51	\$ 45,647.56
9/11/2025	Michigan Lakefront Solutions (26682)	08/05/2025 Weed & Algae Treatment	191955	\$ 3,877.50		\$ 41,770.06
9/30/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 100.31	\$ 41,870.37
		Remaining Balance				\$ 41,870.37

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**LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**October 8, 2025**

4:00 P.M.

**Montcalm County Drain Commission**  
**211 W. Main**  
**Stanton MI 48888**

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Name

1. Todd Sattler
2. Luke Aaron
3. Steve Zulinski
4. Todd M.
5. Jerry Wright
6. Victor M.
7. Anne Gaylord
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9. Cowden Lake Asc.
10. President Names ? Mike Osburn
11. Treasurer Names ? Dave Polmanteer
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