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TLA Board Meeting

December 16, 2025

Photo taken Sunday, December 14
by Lyn Conklin on West Twin

Agenda

- Welcome
- TLA Account Balances
- Projected 2026 Budget
- Grant Status and Fund Raising
- Lake Management Update
- West Twin Tape Grass Control
- Communication Survey Results

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The TLA enters 2026 in a strong financial position

- Bank balances as of Dec 15, 2025, are as follows:

Checking:	$ 386,057
Earmarked*:	$ 124,566
CD's:	$ 65,956

- The TLA received $27,768 from CT DEEP for their 1/3 share of Q2 expenses on Nov 7 (included above). We will receive $47,232 in the first half of 2026 representing1/3 share of Q3 and Q4 expenses for hydrilla control
- The TLA expects to receive a check from Salisbury for ~$25K-$35K from the town's lake management budget after deducting for the cost of monitors. Meeting with Curtis and Joe Cleveland scheduled for January 6

*West Twin Weed Harvesting ($95,675)
Legal ($3,891) Bates ($25,000)

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Over 90% of the 2025 Projected TLA expenses have been paid

- Expenses for the full year are projected to be ~$435K as shown below:

• Herbicide Applications and Testing:	$185,000
• Aquatic Plant Surveys and WQ Testing:	$115,000
• Watershed Study	$ 55,000
• Monitors*	$ 40,000
• West Twin Harvesting Labor**	$ 20,000
• Administration	$ 20,000
• **Total**	**$435,000**

*Monitors are paid by the Town of Salisbury as part of the TLA allocation of $75K per year.
** Paid from West Twin Earmarked Account

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Projected 2026 TLA Budget is Similar to 2025

Estimated TLA Budget for 2026

- TLA Projected Expenses
  - Solitude: $ 170,000
  - NEAR: $ 115,000
  - Admin/Other: $ 20,000
  - Monitors*: $ 40,000
  - Watershed Study: $ 35,000
  - WT Harvesting**: $ 50,000
  - Reserve: $ 20,000
  - **Total: $ 450,000**
- Projected Income:
  - Dues & Donations: $ 275,000
  - Town of Salisbury: $ 75,000
  - Grants: $. 100,000
  - **Total: $ 450,000**

*Paid from town budget allocation for Twin Lakes

**Paid from WT Earmarked Account

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Grant funding continues to be productive

Grant Status Update

- **Since 2023, the TLA has received $236,000 in grant funding.** Recent updates include:
  - The CT DEEP grant application for 2026 was submitted on December 9. The State confirmed receipt, and we should hear in January/February
  - The Bates Foundation awarded the TLA another $25K for the watershed study for a total of $75K over three years
  - The Millbrook Garden Club donated $3000 for the second year in a row
  - The TLA received a $5000 grant from the Jack Langerman Community Foundation on Monday. These funds are not yet reflected in the account balances discussed on slide 3.

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TLA YTD Fund Raising Snapshot

By The Year (#/$)

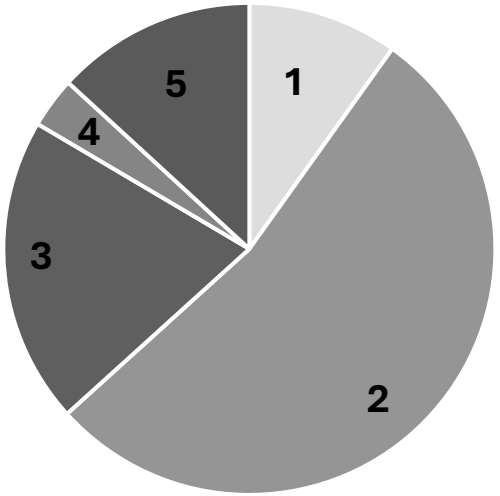
	2023	2024	2025
Gifts	160 / $80,003	538 / $300,864.22	301 / $454,143.85

2025 Donors	Donors	Total Raised
First-time Donors	74	$139,419.45
Retained Donors	139	$306,144.40
Recaptured Donors	12	$8,580
Total	**225**	**$454,143.85**

Yearly Giving Trend

Years of Giving	Current Donors	Percentage of Total
1 year	333	55.7%
2 years	178	29.8%
3 years	55	9.2%
4 years	12	2%
5 years	20	3.3%
6+ years	0	

Dollars Raised Appeal Method



1 LGL Membership Form
2 LGL Support Twin Lakes
3 Paper Donation Form
4 Paper Membeship Form
5 Fall Mailing

2025 Spot-Treatment of Curley-Leaf Pondweed with Tribune

Contact herbicide kills standing crop before turions are set

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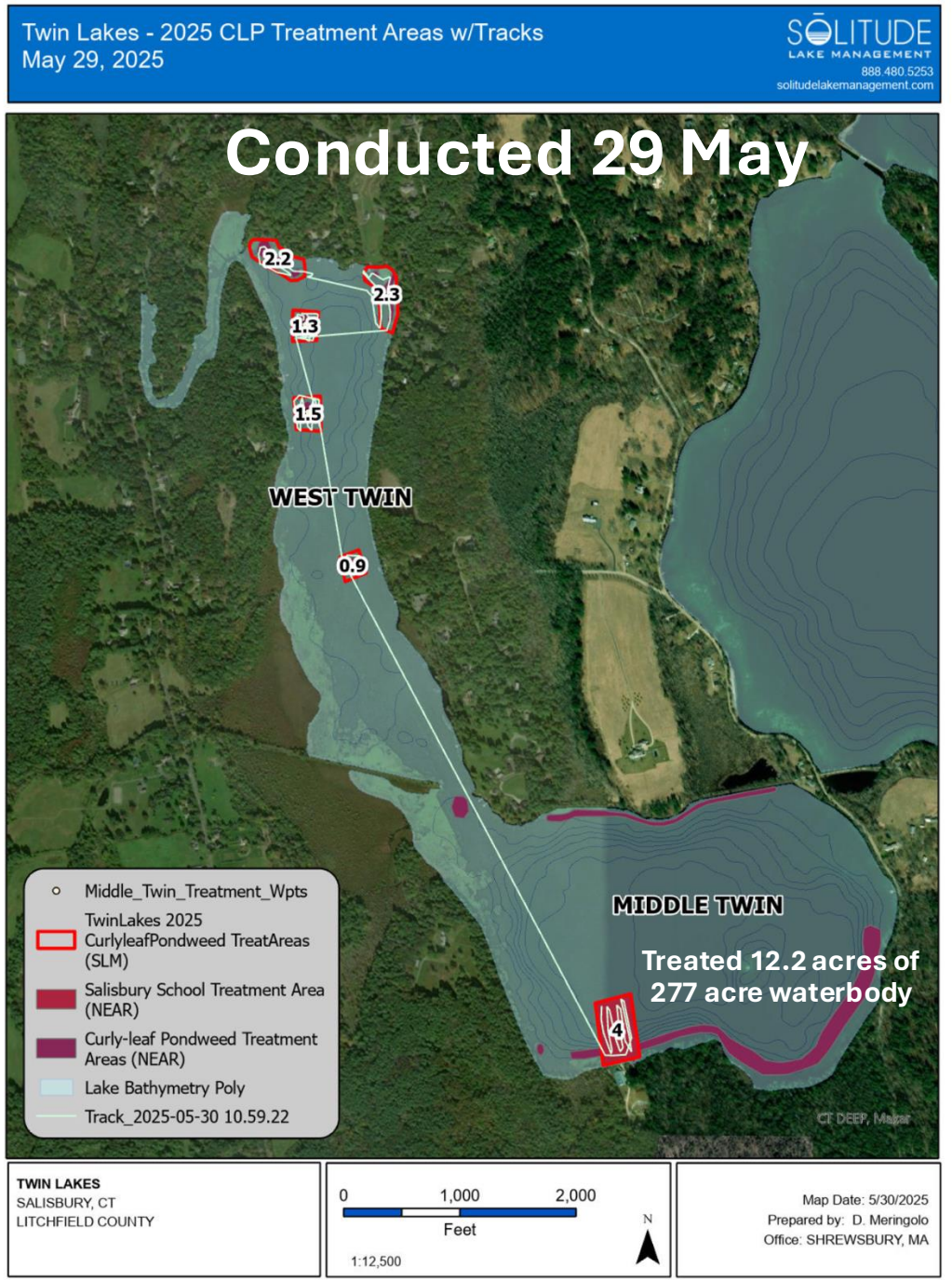
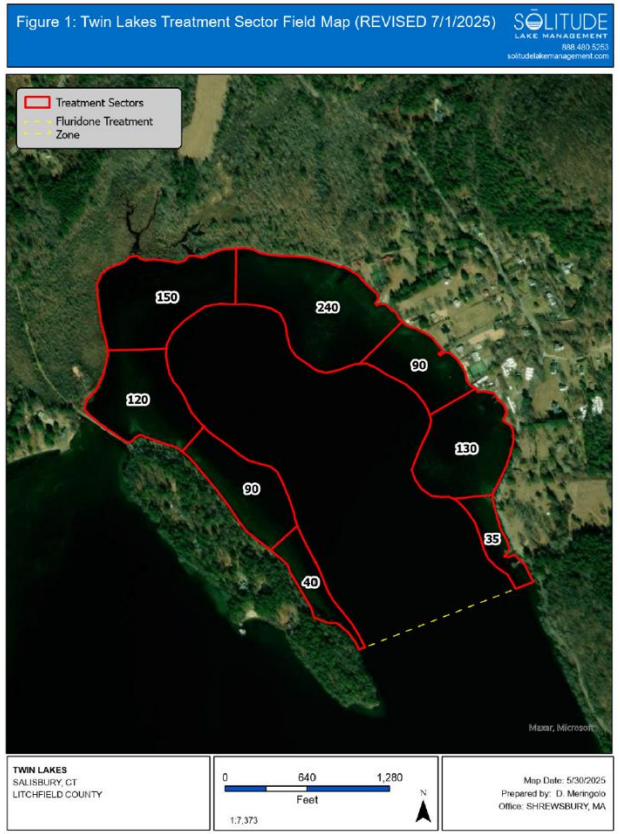


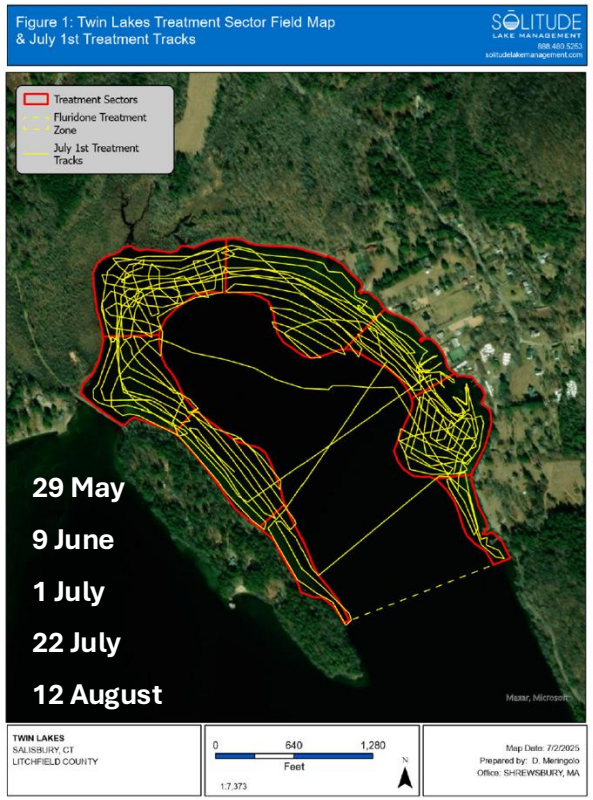
2025 Low Concentration/Long Contact Treatment of CT River Hydrilla with SONAR

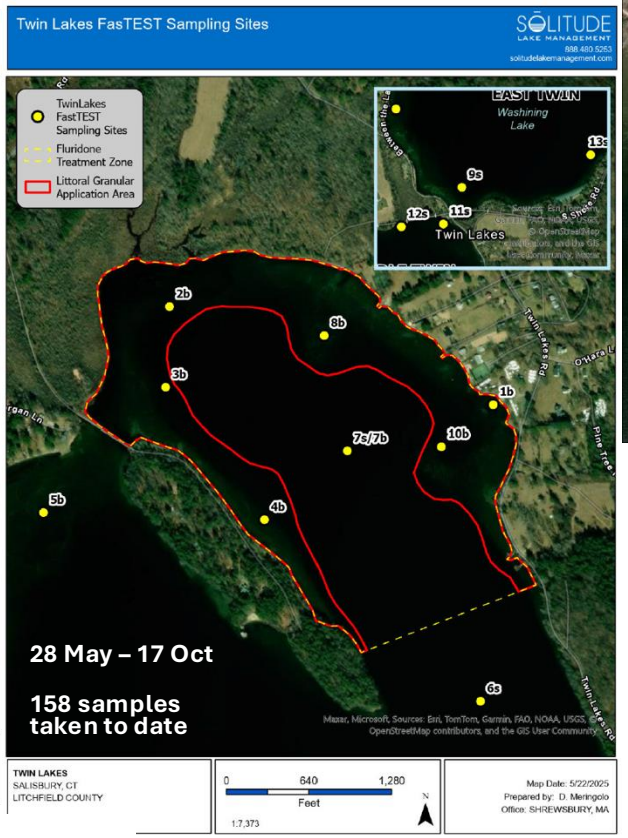
- Total herbicide weight is calculated for epilimnion volume of treatment area
- Sector Map portions herbicide into each subsector

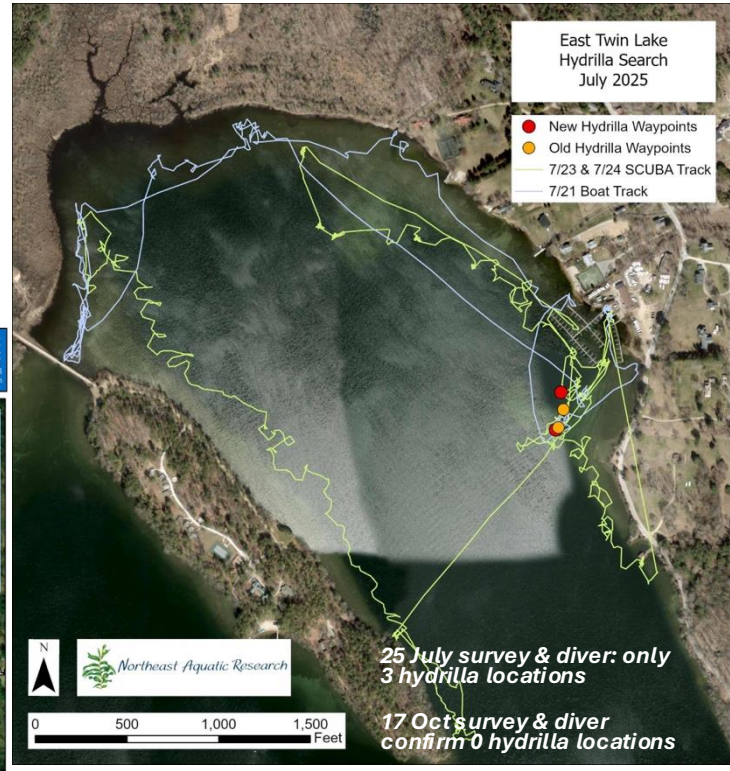
- 5 Treatments applied (occur on 3-week cycle)
- Field Map confirms boat tracks over each sector

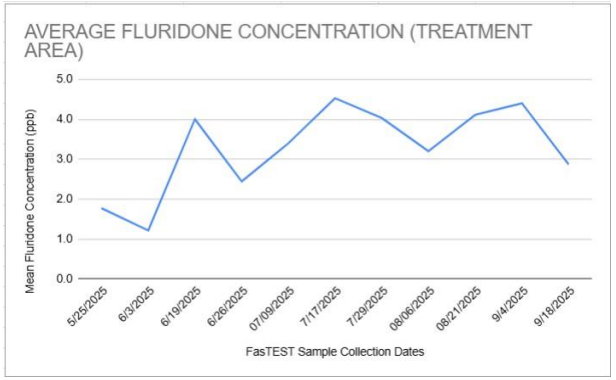
- FastTEST samples taken weekly between treatments to confirm herbicide concentration levels











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The Rest of 2025

- Comprehensive Plant Surveys in all basins guide management of native and invasive plants
  - No milfoil treatment required: surveys indicate no treatable mass in 2025
  - Invasives report to support 2026 permit **is being submitted by Dec 19, 2025**
  - Native plants and water quality report scheduled first quarter 2026
- MOTORS UP: Zebra Mussels are again peaking in the lakes:
  - East Twin shows large growing population
  - Warmer waters in Middle and West Twin retard large growth
  - Excellent water clarity in East Twin
- Algae blooms along the western shore of East Twin flowed into Middle Twin in August
  - Western shore algae bloom is a continuing issue
- Extensive coverage *Vallisneris americana* (Tape Grass) in Middle and West Twin in late summer of 2025
  - *Vallisneris* coverage is increasing year to year in entire lake system
  - 113 trailer loads biomass removed with harvester in West Twin/Rowing lane from 15 August -19 September
- Surveys and watershed studies show nutrient inflows into lake system 2025
  - Algae blooms in West Twin: Septic systems at 4 residences at north end are being replaced
  - Stream inflows in East Twin showing *E coli* is present

Looking Ahead to 2026

- NEAR to continue monthly water quality testing and extensive aquatic plant surveys
- SOLitude to continue entire basin treatment approach for CT Hydrilla in East Twin and spot treat CLPW and Milfoil in all basins as necessary
- Digest the initial findings of the watershed study. We expect there to be numerous issues which will require remediation in the coming years
- Begin scoring/consolidating nutrient loading work:
  - Stream inflow
  - Shoreline NPS loading
  - In-lake internal loading from sediment
  - In-lake increased growing season
- Implement more robust plan for harvesting tape grass in Middle and West Twin; **Significant progress made in developing comprehensive solution**

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Bolded sections are new since 10.29 board meeting

West Twin Tape Grass Control Program

To address the growing impact of Tape Grass in the WT rowing lane, the following approach is unfolding:

- A West Twin resident has purchased and donated a new harvester and associated equipment to the Salisbury School along with seed funding for maintenance and storage
- The TLA received a $50,000 contribution for payment of the operating costs of this new West Twin harvester (reflected in earmarked fund balance on slide 3)
- The TLA and Salisbury School have agreed upon a MOU (sent separately) which describes the roles and responsibilities of the TLA (secure permits, coordinate treatments and pay for the cost of harvesting) and The Salisbury School (provide labor, maintain and store the equipment)
- The TLA exec board recommends transferring the titles of the skimmer and trailer to Salisbury School
- The TLA will continue to utilize the town harvester as it has historically

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Causeway Easement

In addition to donating the harvesting equipment to The Salisbury School, this West Twin resident also:

- Donated the causeway to The Salisbury School with stipulations including:
  - Providing the TLA with a permanent easement to use the causeway for educational purposes and lake management activities (eg. removal of harvesting biomass)

Motion needed for Board Vote and Approval:

- Approve MOU with Salisbury School
- Approve transfer of skimmer and trailer titles to Salisbury School
- Approve TLA acceptance of causeway easement

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Other business

Communications Survey Results

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Have a wonderful Holiday!

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