

Appendix E

Notable Quotes

Assemblyman Thomas DiNapoli said, "Invasive species come in many forms--plants, animals, pathogens--but they all pose a common threat to New York's environment and economy. The new task force will allow New York to develop comprehensive strategies to protect our vital ecosystems and our valuable natural resources."

Henry Tepper, Director of the New York State Office of The Nature Conservancy said, "Invasive species, introduced into New York from across the globe, are one of the largest threats to New York's ecosystems and native plants and wildlife. Combating this critical threat to the health of New York's environment will require a coordinated approach from state government, landowners, and private organizations like The Nature Conservancy."

Adirondack Council Executive Director Brian L. Houseal said, "With 2,800 lakes and ponds, close to 30,000 miles of rivers, brooks and streams, nearly six million acres of forest and nine million visitors a year, the Adirondack Park is particularly vulnerable to invasion by non-native species that can cause harm to natural ecosystems. We have already seen infestations of Eurasian milfoil, purple loosestrife, zebra mussels and other species that present us with challenges on both land and water. That can lead to the temptation to employ local quick-fixes, such as a reliance on chemical pesticides, that don't address the broader, regional problems."

Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program Coordinator Hilary Oles said, "I look forward to working with the Upper Saranac Lake Foundation to facilitate broader educational awareness of the impact of Eurasian Milfoil on Adirondack Lakes. Property owners and recreational lake users can be part of the solution to prevent the spread of the aggressive invasive aquatic plant."

Adirondack Council Executive Director Brian L. Houseal said, "The Upper Saranac Lake Community has demonstrated environmental leadership in its approach to controlling Eurasian Milfoil. Hand Harvesting and Benthic Matting is a proven and successful method to attack this problem. The effort being undertaken will serve as a private sector model for other lakes in the Adirondacks."

Residents' Committee to Protect the Adirondacks Executive Director Peter Bauer said, "Hats off to the Upper Saranac Lake Foundation. This is one of the most ambitious efforts to remove Eurasian Watermilfoil in the Adirondacks utilizing non-chemical means. Its success will be a model for the Adirondack Park."