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Lake George Park Commission's program outputs for Eurasian Watermilfoil management reached an all time high level of success in 2009. The Commission devoted significant in-kind staff services and approximately \$113,583.66 in New York State Environmental Protection Fund appropriations to clear 157 milfoil sites, lay 1.8 acres (about 78,000 square feet) of benthic barrier and removed 5.2 acres of steel weights and benthic barrier (225,000 ± square feet).

Although eight new sites were added this year, 164 of the 177 locations where milfoil has ever been recorded were cleared in 2009, a 92.7% rate, the highest rate recorded in the twenty-four year history of the program. There was a reduction in the number of un-managed milfoil beds from 16 to 9, also the best annual achievement recorded. The 15 remaining beds and moderate areas are smaller in area and compare to a high of 41 in 1999. Several huge persistent milfoil beds, the subject of intense management effort for years, were pronounced cleared for the first time in 2009.

The Commission's prime contractor Lycott Environmental, Inc. has prepared a report of commission activities that also incorporates the results of a parallel project started in 2009 by the Fund for Lake George, Inc. The Fund for Lake George and the Commission coordinated their efforts. Fund for Lake George contractor, AIM, harvested 252,155 plants helping to clear seven dense sites.

"We are at a critical point in beating this thing thanks to State funding and community support," said Commission Chair, Bruce E. Young. "We intend to sustain these gains and finally suppress milfoil to a point where it can be controlled with a modest annual program of monitoring and hand harvesting.

A detailed report is viewable at the following link:  
<http://www.lgpc.state.ny.us/PDF/LG09FinalReport.pdf>