

## WHAT CAN HOMEOWNERS DO ABOUT WEED GROWTH?

We have received questions from residents regarding what they can do about weed growth along their shorelines and around their docks. We contacted Heidi Bonk, Lakes Biologist with the DNR, to get their official stance on this situation.

**Pellet Use** - Heidi has informed us that pellet use requires an NR 107 permit which only allows the homeowner to apply to a maximum of 0.25 acres themselves. Applying pellets to more than 0.25 acres requires a certified applicator with the DATCP certification. In addition, the NR 107 permit application requires the homeowner to be able to identify the plants, which also ensures the correct product will be purchased and applied.

**Weed Removal Companies** - We asked Heidi if weed removal companies could be contracted by homeowners to remove the weeds. Heidi stated that if the weed removal companies use **ONLY** manual means (no motorized help at all) **AND** are not located in a sensitive area (see map), a maximum of 30 feet along the shoreline and a maximum of 100 feet from shore may be hand removed without a permit.

