



Colton Watermilfoil group meets

Are you concerned about Watermilfoil in the Raquette River? A group is forming to address the serious and growing problem of invasive plants in the Raquette River corridor and especially Higley Flow and the surrounding reservoirs. Left unchecked, Watermilfoil can form a dense mat that will impact fishing, boating, swimming and native plant species. Parts of Higley Flow already contain such mats, and parts have newly formed patches; the species is Variable Leaf Watermilfoil. A meeting was held on November 7 at Colton-Pierrepoint School, with several stake-holder groups and waterfront residents represented. Some options were discussed and will be implemented over the upcoming summer and fall in an effort to at least stop the spread of Watermilfoil, which has increased tremendously over the last two summers.

What can you do? Milfoil can be pulled, but should not be released into the water; it spreads at an alarming rate, one plant sent downriver can start thousands of new plants. Pulled milfoil can be bagged or composted, as long as it is placed away from water.

If you see plants, please report them; mapping of patches is crucial and ongoing.

If you would like to attend our meetings or help out at group pulls, please send a note to: coltonmilfoil@gmail.com or call 265-2255; your email address can be added to our list. We welcome residents from other reservoirs in our area to attend, we will need to work together to be successful!!