

Public meeting on Hydrilla Management at Lake Tillery

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: Center Rural Volunteer Fire Department Station 1

Address: 116 S. Main St., Norwood, N.C. 28128

Agenda:

6:00	Greetings, introductions, orientation – Rob Emens (NCDEQ)
6:05	Hydrilla biology and common management options in NC – Dr. Rob Richardson (NCSU)
6:20	Hydrilla management at Lake Tillery, past and present – Drew Gay (NCDEQ)
6:35	Aquatic Plant Reporting Tool – Eryn Molloy (Duke Energy)
6:50 – 8:00	Q&A session and open forum

Speaker Biographies:

Rob Richardson

Rob is a Professor and Extension Specialist with responsibilities for Aquatic and Non-cropland Weed Science. Since 2005, he has directed the Aquatic Plant Management project at NCSU. Rob is a Past President of the Aquatic Plant Management Society, the North Carolina Vegetation Management Association, the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Society, and the Weed Science Society of North Carolina. He currently serves as an Aquatic Plant Management subject matter expert to the US Environmental Protection Agency Office of Pesticide Programs.

Drew Gay

Drew is an Environmental Specialist with the NC Aquatic Weed Control Program (AWCP). He has been a team member of the AWCP since 2014. The AWCP is a State-funded grant program that assists local governments, public utilities, and other entities with invasive aquatic vegetation management. Drew earned a B.S. in Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology from NC State University. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, kayaking, and fishing. He is active in numerous professional and conservation societies including the NC Aquatic Weed Control Council and serves on the board of the NC Invasive Plant Council.

Eryn Molloy

Eryn Molloy is an environmental scientist for Duke Energy's Water Resources team. Her current responsibilities in the Aquatic Plant Management Program include addressing threats posed by invasive aquatic plant species to Duke Energy project reservoirs and generation assets, developing collaborative management plans, and implementing effective management strategies.

Eryn is a NCSU alumna and earned her B.S. in Environmental Technology & Management with minors in Environmental Toxicology and Biological Sciences. She also holds a dual master's degree in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology, and Crop & Soil Science from NCSU.

Eryn is a member of the Aquatic Plant Management Society (national organization) and the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Society.

Eryn is a native of North Carolina, growing up near Fort Bragg. She enjoys spending her free time in the outdoors exploring the natural beauty of the Southeast.