



**Adirondack  
Park Agency**

# **Mountain View Association P2025-52**

Agency Meeting Presentation

May 22, 2025

# Presentation Overview

- Jurisdiction
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- Project Location
- Management in Mountain View Lake
- Proposed Treatment
- Public Comment & Review by Others
- Staff Recommendation
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# Jurisdiction

## 9 NYCRR Section 578.3(n)(2)(i)

- Regulated Wetland Activity
  - Application of Herbicides in Wetlands

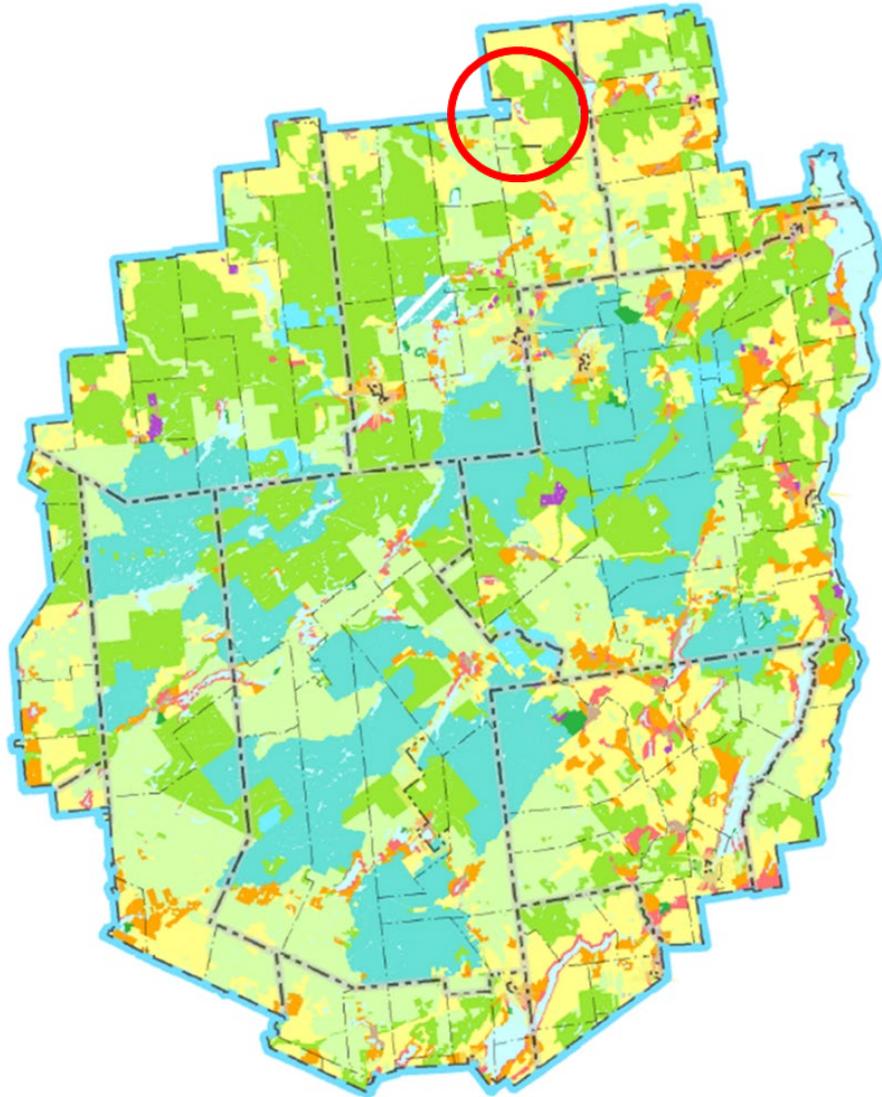
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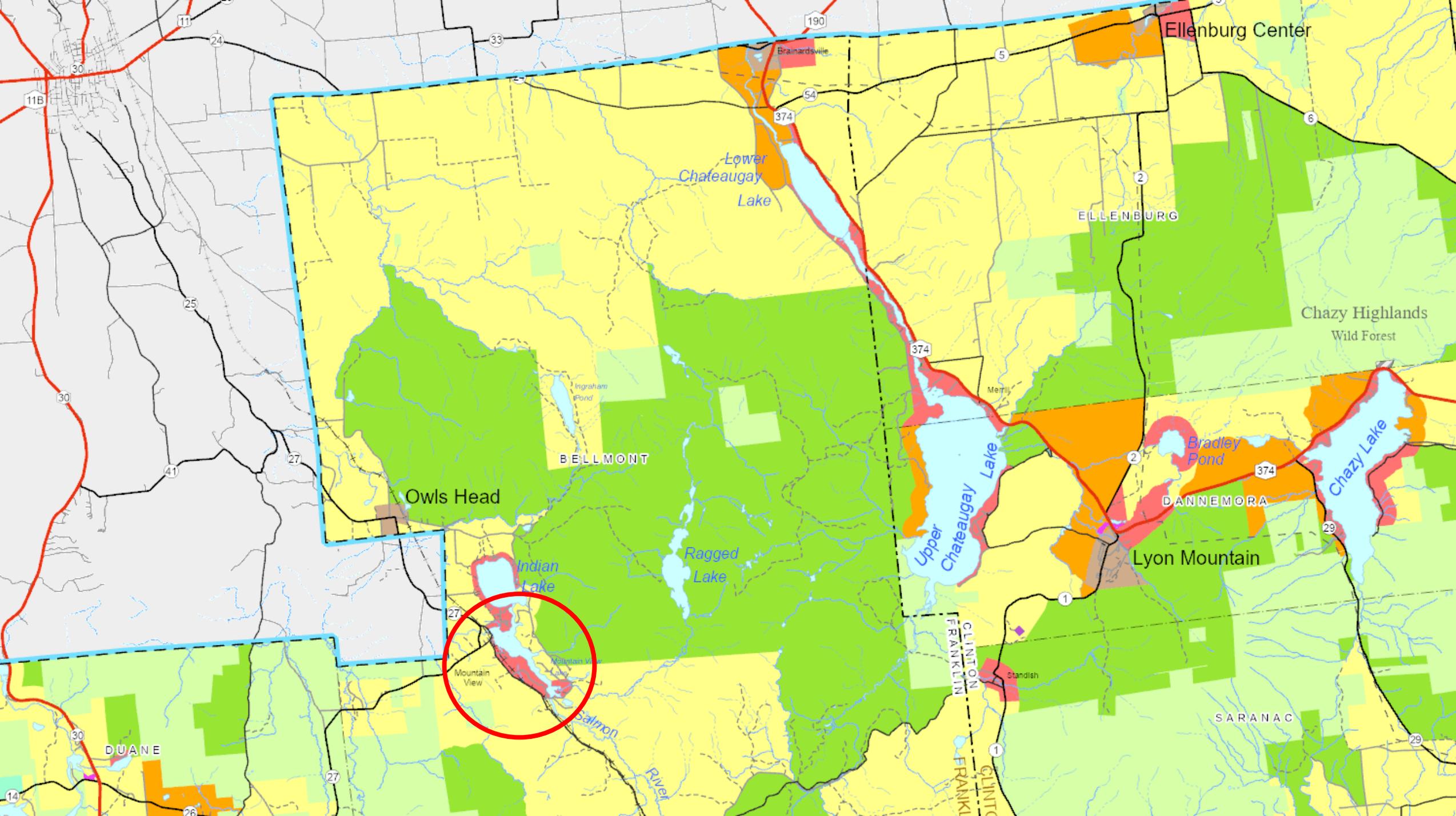


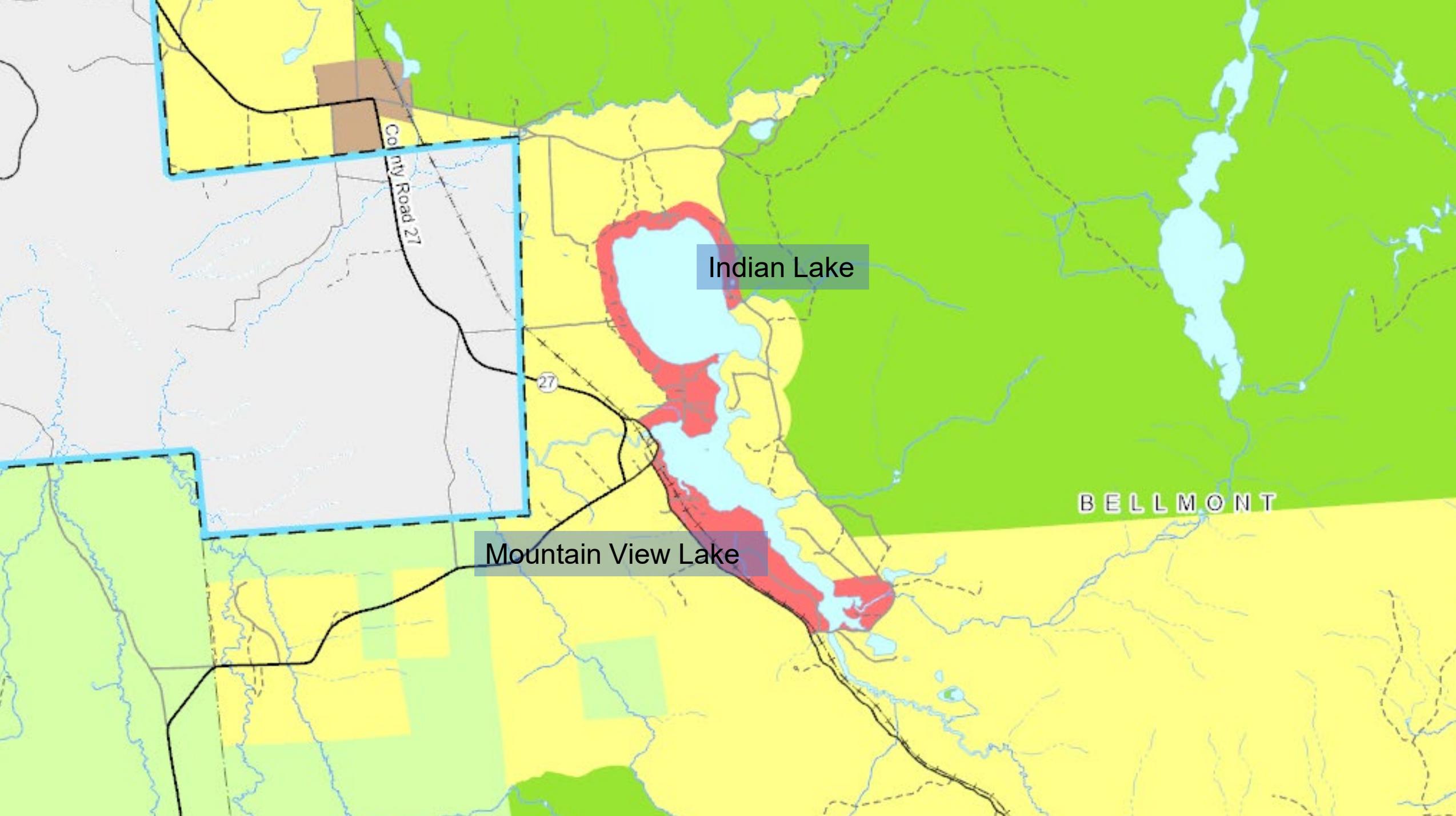
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Town of Bellmont,  
Franklin County





Indian Lake

Mountain View Lake

BELLMONT

Colony Road 27

27



# Watershed

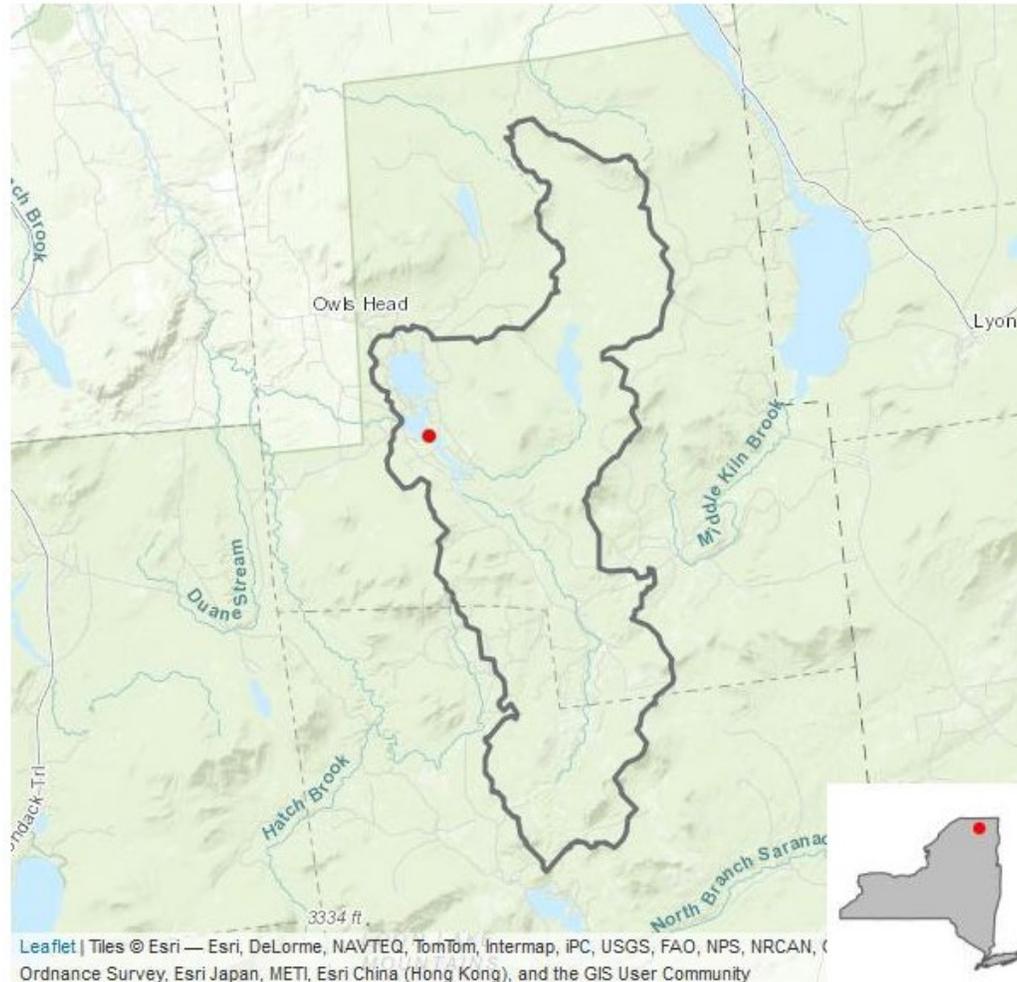
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## Mountain View Lake

Town(s) of Belmont

Franklin County

St. Lawrence River  
Basin



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### LAKE CHARACTERISTICS

Lake Classification	B(T)
Dam Classification	Not available
Public Water Supply	No
Lake Size (AC)	Not available
Maximum Depth (m)	Not available

### WATERSHED CHARACTERISTICS

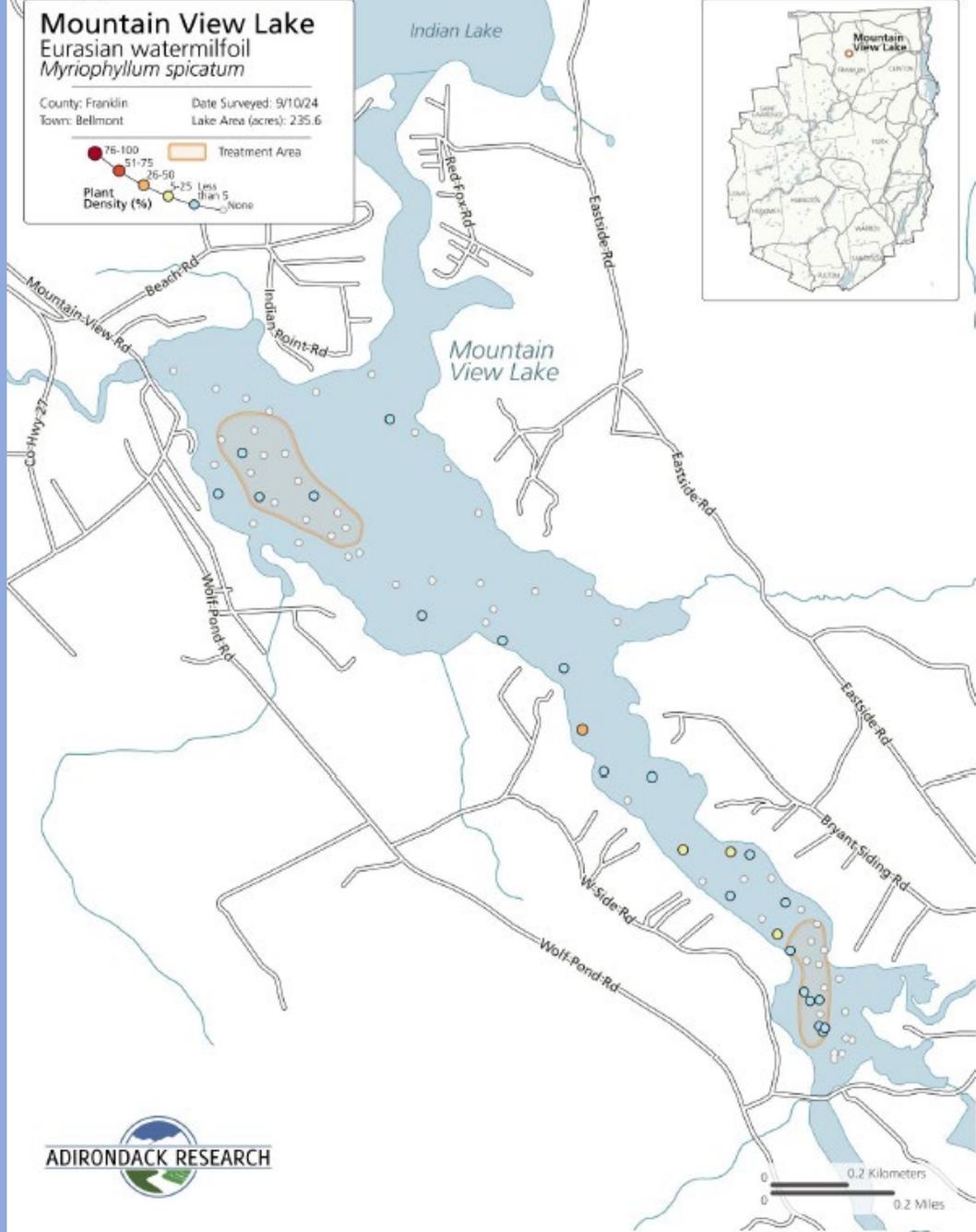
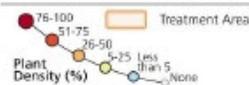
Watershed Area (AC)	28840
Watershed to Lake Ratio	Not available
Wetlands %	11
Barren Land %	0
Shrub Scrub %	1
Grassland Herbaceous %	2
Forest %	79
Developed %	2
Agriculture %	0
CSLAP Participation	
Years in CSLAP	1991-1995

# Mountain View Lake

## Eurasian watermilfoil

### *Myriophyllum spicatum*

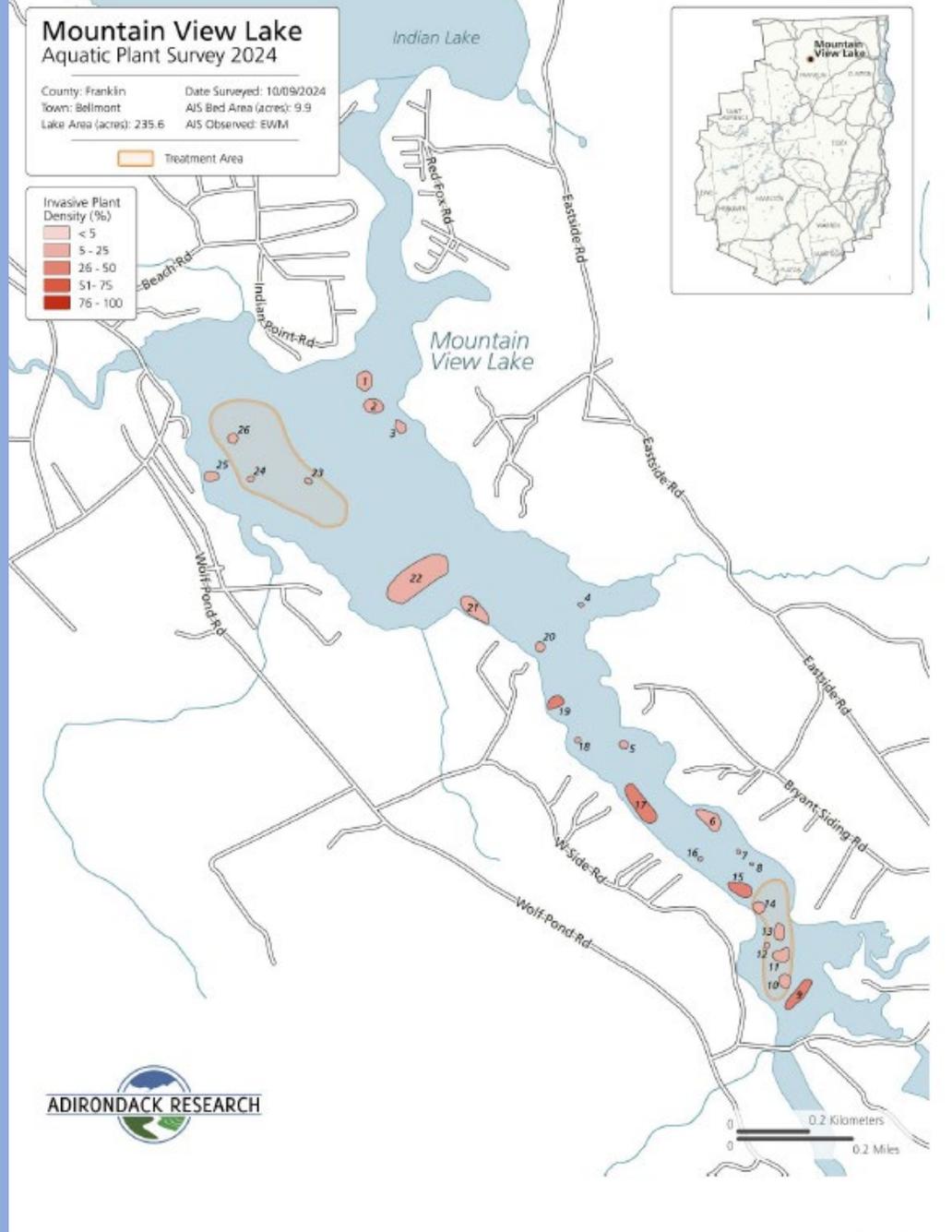
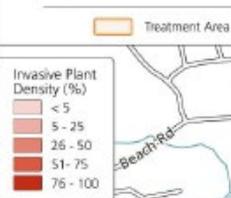
County: Franklin Date Surveyed: 9/10/24  
 Town: Bellmont Lake Area (acres): 235.6



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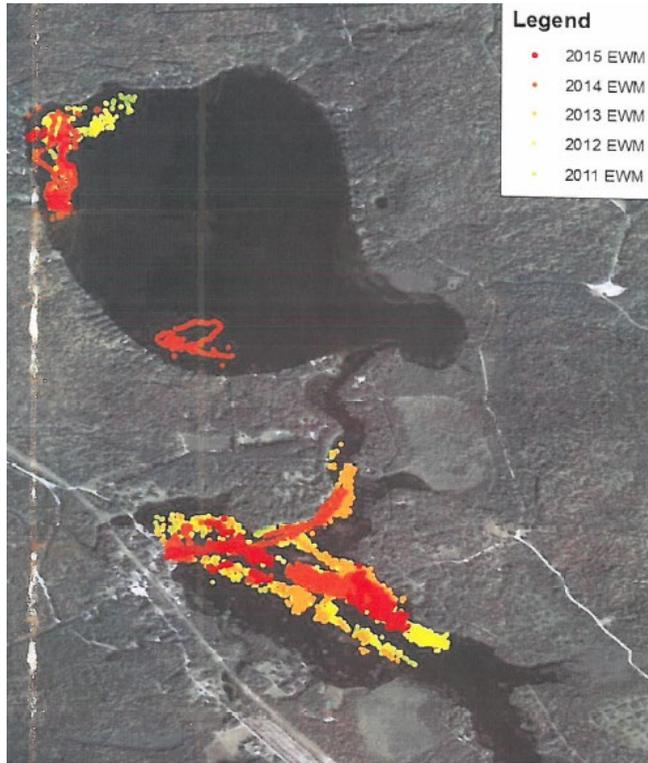
## Aquatic Plant Survey 2024

County: Franklin Date Surveyed: 10/09/2024  
 Town: Bellmont AIS Bed Area (acres): 9.9  
 Lake Area (acres): 235.6 AIS Observed: EWM

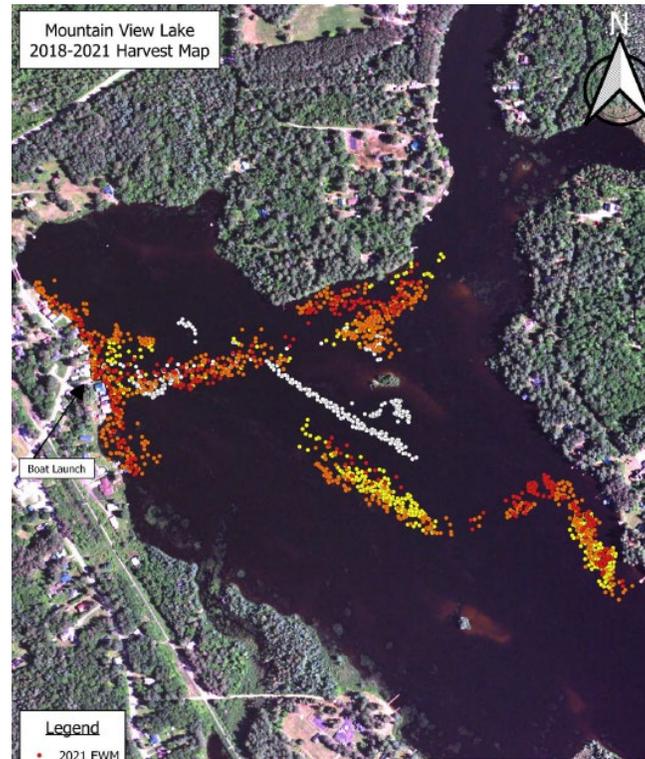


# **Management in Mountain View Lake**

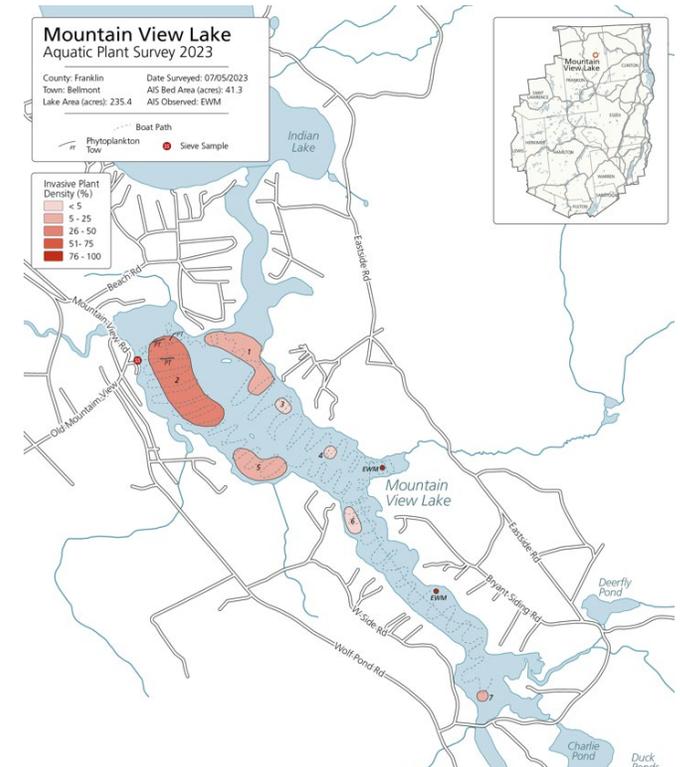
# History



2011 – 2015 Harvesting



2018 – 2021 Harvesting



2023 EWM Beds

First identified in 1980's

Agency Permits since mid-1990's

- Benthic Barriers
- Hand Harvesting

Current Hand Harvesting Program under General Permit

# Community Involvement

2009



2014



2015



# Management Goals – MVA AIS Management Plan

“The [MVA] seeks to prevent and/or manage invasive plants and animals from damaging our aquatic environment.

Of primary concern at present is controlling the growth and spread of Eurasian watermilfoil.

The purpose of this document is to articulate how to best achieve these goals and to foster creative, open minded thinking as newer methods of control become available.”

# Management Goals – Herbicide Proposal

“...provide a leg up on the control of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Mountain View Lake...”

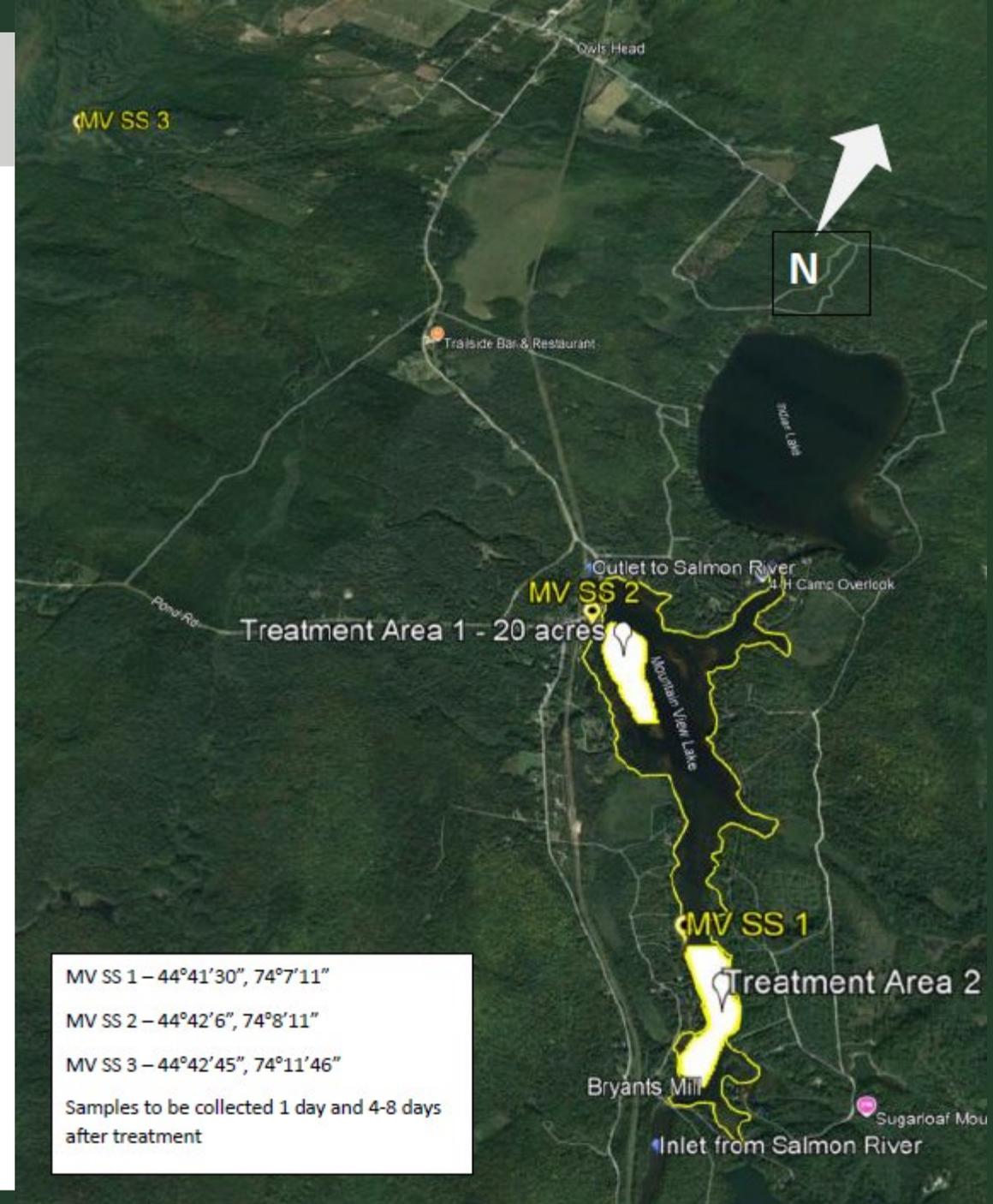
“...utilize [hand harvesting] divers in other areas of Mountain View Lake, the Channel, and Indian Lake that are now becoming harder to manage.”

“Divers will also focus on the upstream end of the lake where the treatment is subject to the greatest dilution from the Salmon River inlet.”

# Proposed Treatment

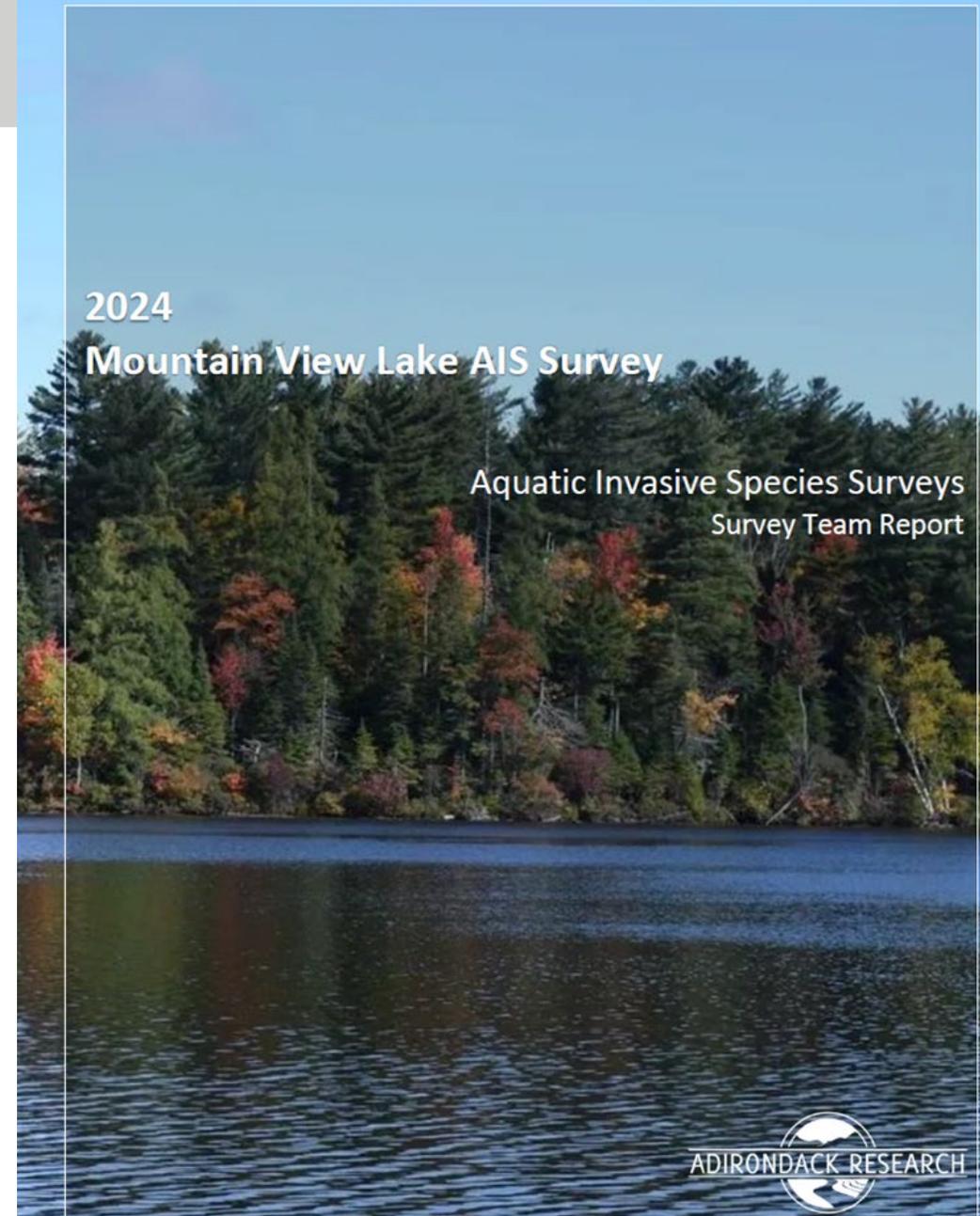
# Treatment

- Treat 40 acres within two treatment areas in Mountain View Lake with ProcellaCor EC.
- Post Treatment Samples collected until herbicide concentration is below 1 ppb in all samples.
- 1 day after treatment
- 4 – 8 days after treatment



# Post Treatment

- Qualitative survey about 6 weeks post-treatment
- Quantitative Plant Survey (August/September)
- Post Treatment Status Report (Due Dec. 1)
  - Survey Results
  - Residual Concentration Monitoring
  - Narrative assessment of lake health and discussion of effects on plant communities
- Record treatment in iMap invasives database



# Susceptibility: Non-Target Species

<b>Plant Species</b>	<b>Susceptibility</b>
<b>Coontail</b>	<b>Low- Moderate</b>
<b>White waterlily</b>	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>Watershield</b>	<b>Moderate - High</b>
<b>Yellow waterlily</b>	<b>Low – Moderate</b>
<b>All others (N= 14)</b>	<b>Low</b>

# **Public Comment and Review by Others**

# Public Comment

- Public Notice
  - Shoreline owners notified when application was received, also when application was completed (256 letters x 2 = 512)
  - Environmental Notice Bulletin: Period Ended April 24, 2025
  - 21 comment letters received (25 people)
  - Concerns → 1 Letter (1 Person)
  - Supportive → 20 Letters (24 People)

# Public Comment

## Concerns (1 Letter)

- Uncomfortable with limited treatment data
- Natural causes of decline – Nature can heal itself

## Supportive (20 Letters)

- Recreational uses impaired
- Product is effective and safe
- Harvesting is expensive
- Efforts have been ineffective

# Review by Others

- NYS DEC
  - Bureau of Pesticides Application Submitted February 2025

# Staff Recommendation

## Approve with Conditions

- Undertake project as proposed
- Adherence to Clean Drain Dry Standards for all equipment used
- Post-treatment concentration monitoring report
- Post treatment aquatic plant survey
- Submit treatment map to iMap Invasives Network

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