# LakeTech



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### Aquatic pest management

like all land management requires vigilance, patience and persistence.



### IF YOU SEE THIS AD, "DON'T BUY IT"

Is this even the same lake in the photos?!

### Eutrophication: eu·troph·i·ca·tion

*Eutrophication,* which comes from the Greek *eutrophos,* "well-nourished"

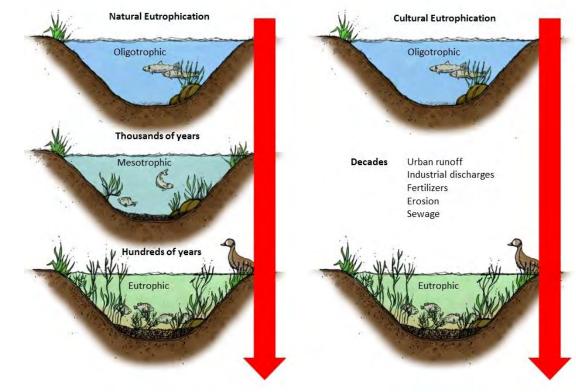
#### Natural vs. Human-Induced Eutrophication

The process of eutrophication is natural. For many lakes, as they age over centuries, there is a buildup of nutrients, sediment, and plant material, which slowly fill the lake basin. Eventually, the process ends and the basin becomes colonized by terrestrial vegetation. The timing of natural eutrophication is highly variable and depends on the characteristics of the basin, watershed, and climate. However, humans, by altering nutrient inputs, have greatly increased the pace at which eutrophication can occur.

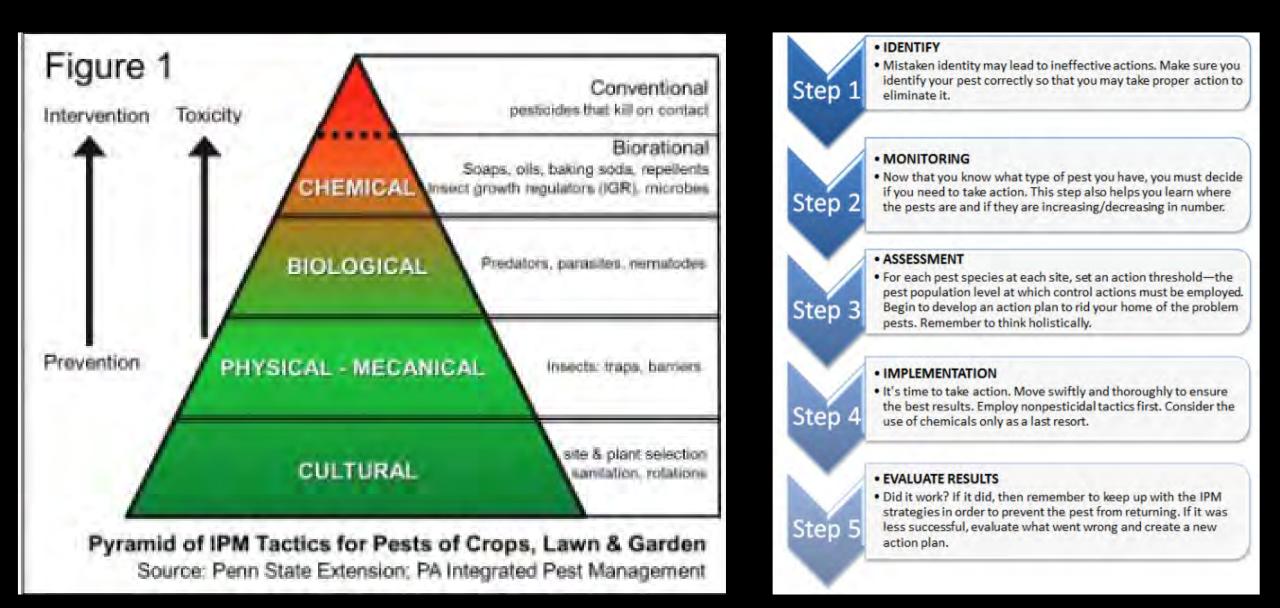
- Driven by excess nutrients which
- Fuel algae and plant growth beyond what can be consumed by zooplankton.
- Resulting in accumulation of organic matter and decomposition, which
- Increases Dissolved Oxygen (DO) demand
- DO depletion (hypoxia/anoxia) results in the release of nutrients from the sediment (Internal loading), which intern further drive more algae and plant growth

"positive feedback loop"

http://www.lakescientist.com/eutrophication/

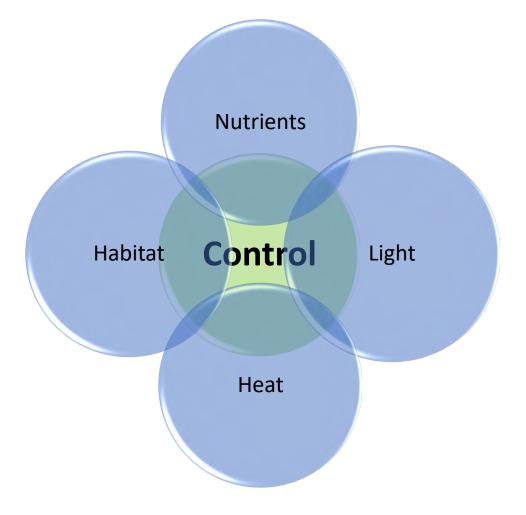


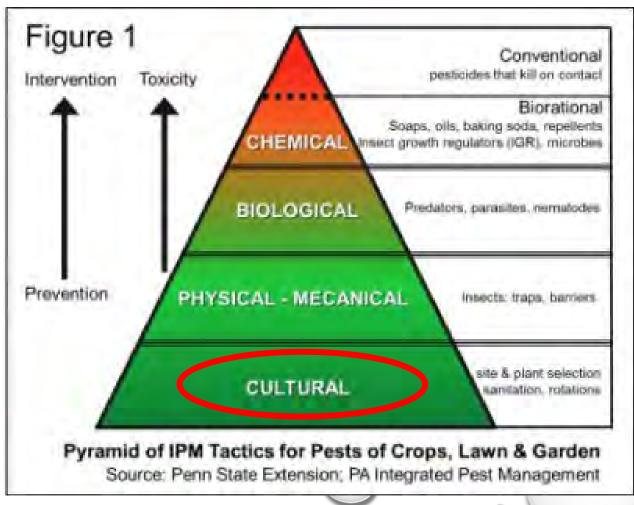
### What is Integrated Pest management?



### SO, WHAT DO WE DO?

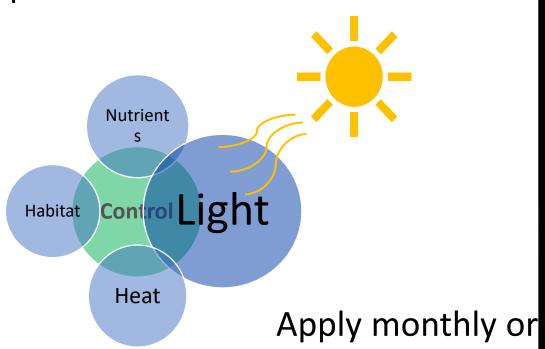
## PM Tactic #1: Cultural controls - practices that reduce pest establishment, reproduction, dispersal, and survival.

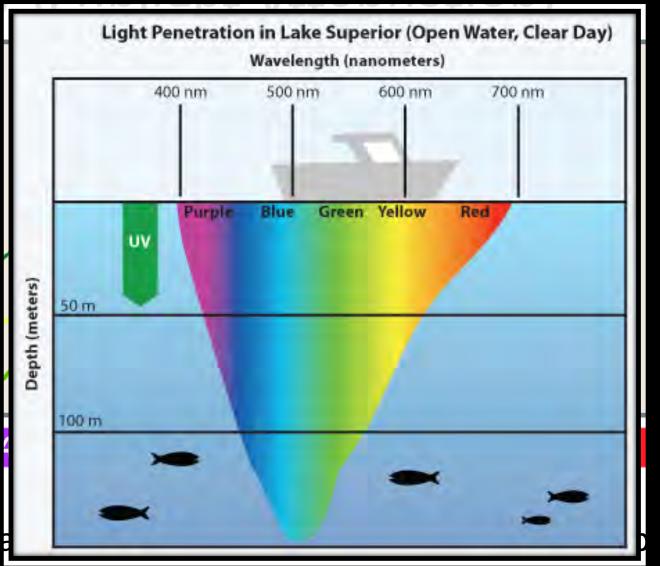




# Pond Dye (Sunlight Attenuation)

Reducing sunlight slows the speed of growth of algae and plants.





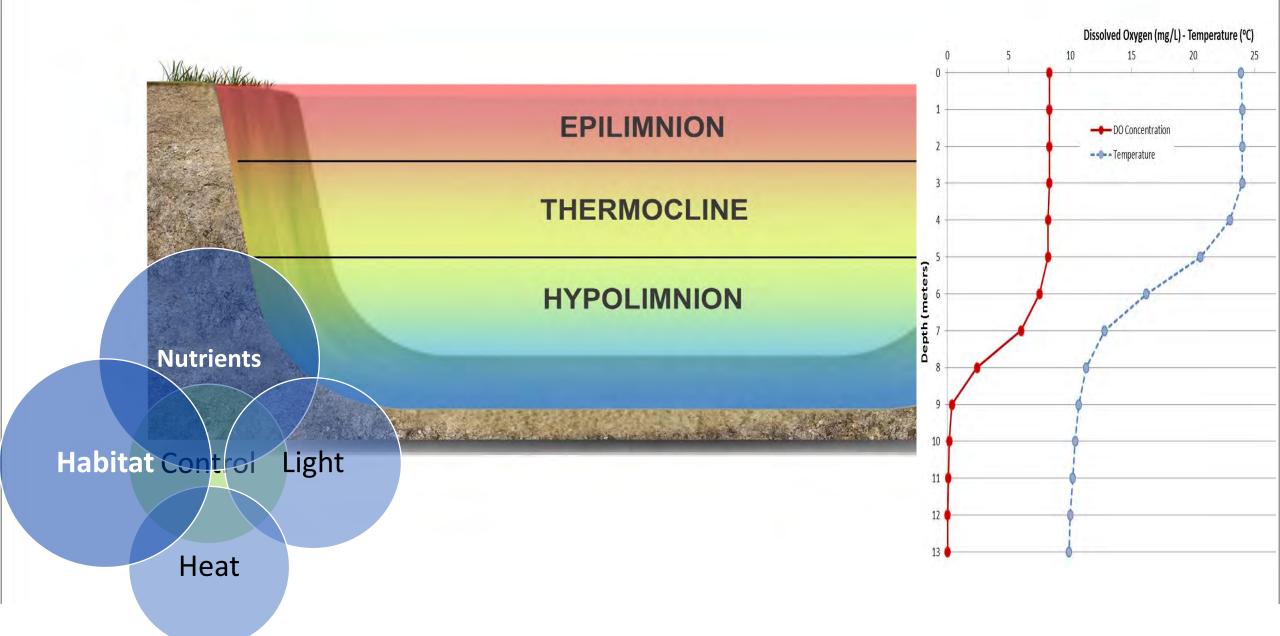




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Labor intensive, typically small scale, installed early in the season and removed after a month or two.

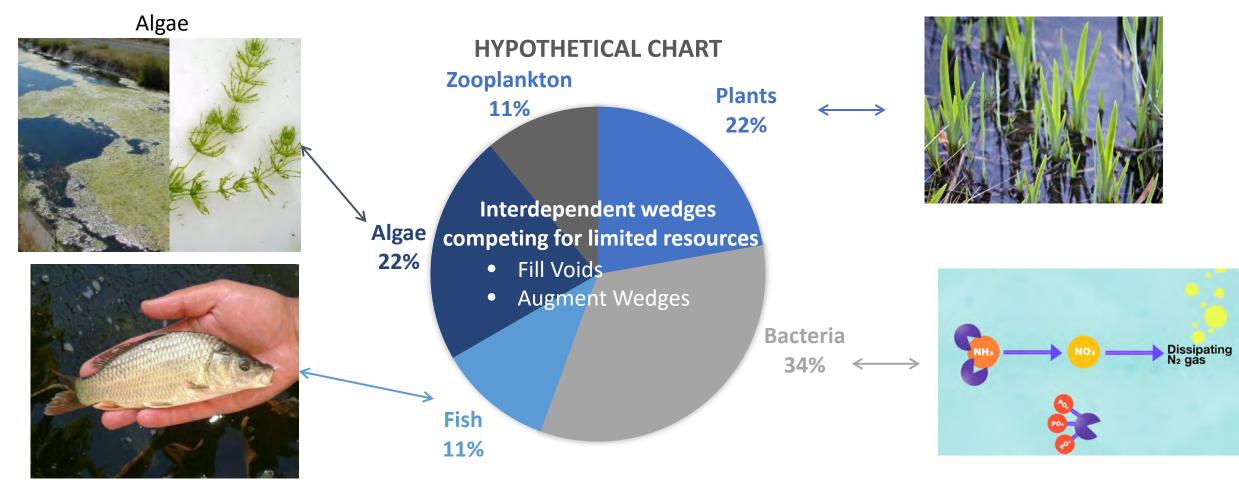
### **THERMAL STRATIFICATION**



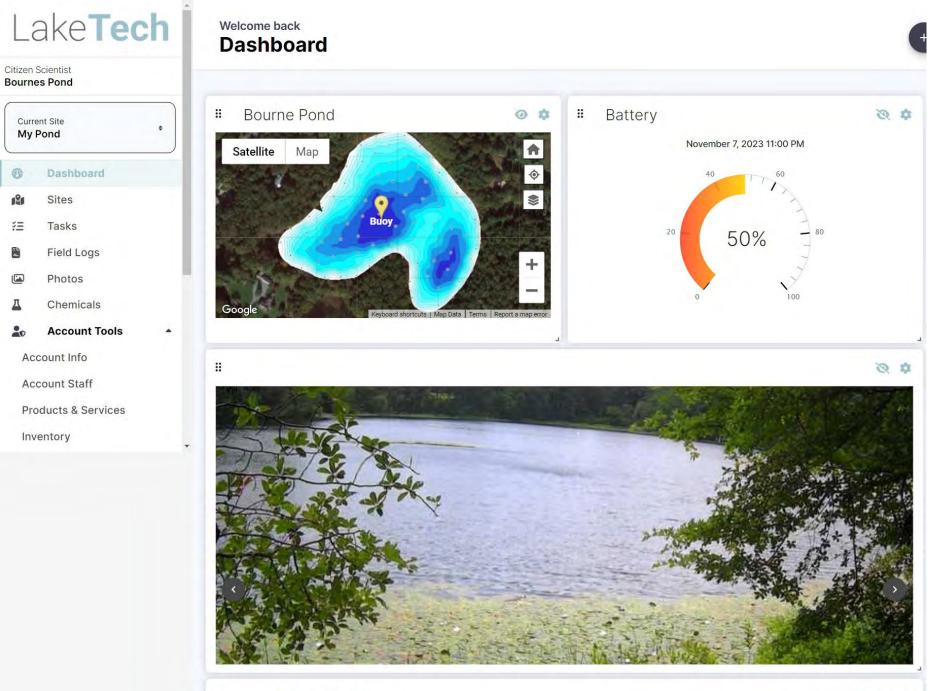
### **Biological "Control"**



Biological control is the use of *natural enemies*—predators, parasites, pathogens, and <u>competitors</u>



Herbivores, insect control, scavengers, other benefits.





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Compressor with 12 hose lines

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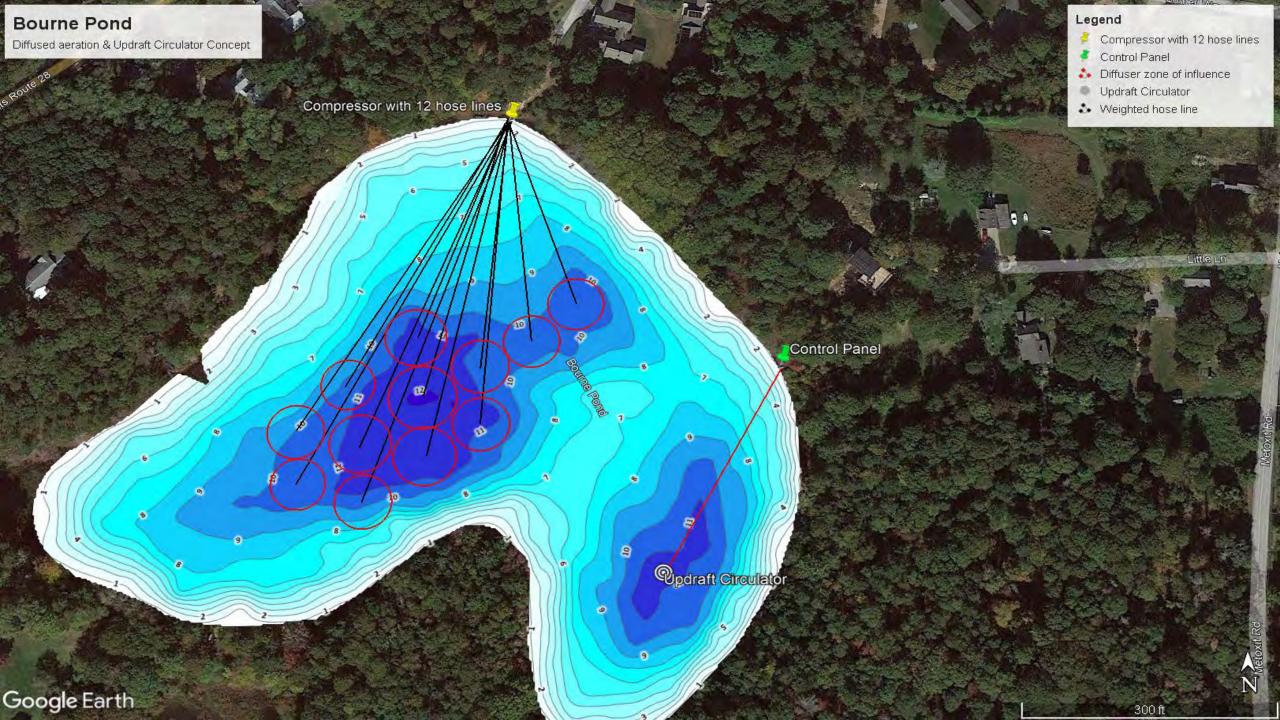
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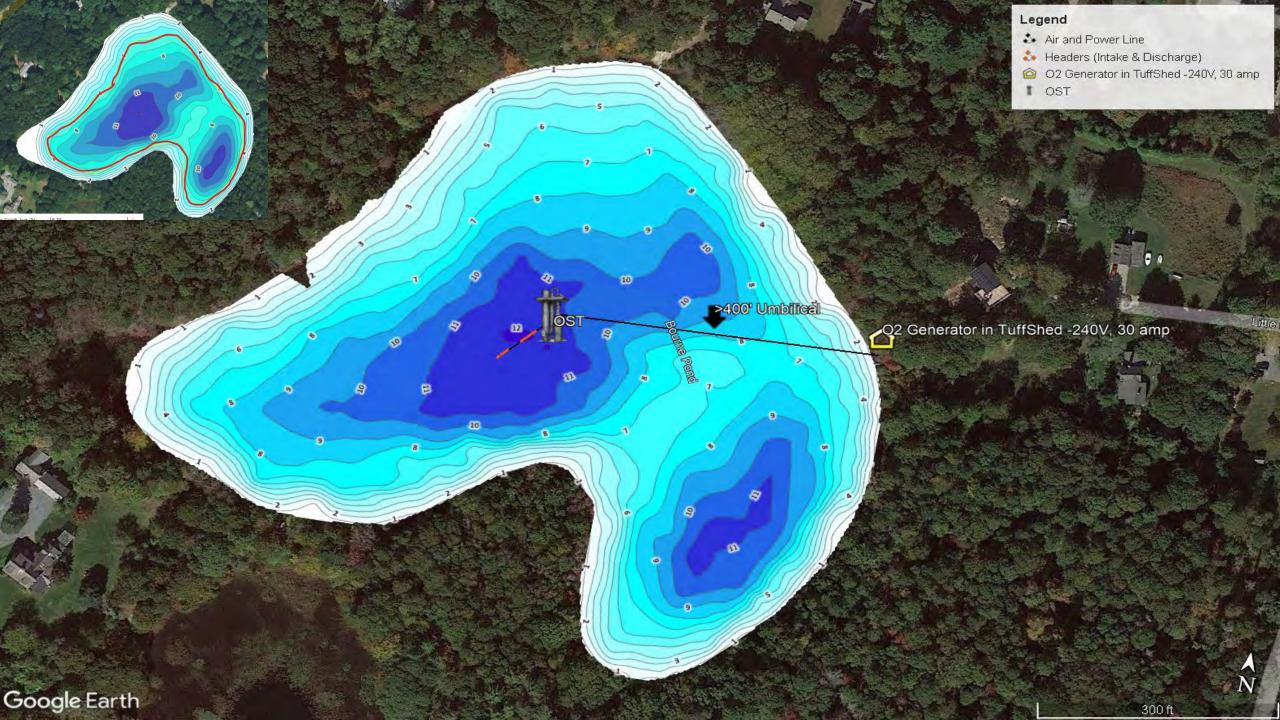
Diffuser zone of influence
Weighted hose line

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300 ft

Compressor with 6 hose lines





### **OBJECTIVES OF HYPOLIMNETIC AERATION/OXYGENATION**

- Raise dissolved oxygen levels without destratification
- Provide additional habitat for cold water fish
- Reduce internal phosphorus loading
- Increase decomposition of OM

#### Sizing of Hypolimnetic Aeration Systems is Complicated

- Determine oxygen deficit rate (mg/m<sub>2</sub>/day)
- Estimate stratification period
- Calculate volume of hypolimnion
- Calculate oxygen requirement
- Oxygen requirements easy to underestimate
  - Increased circulation, respiration and decomposition rates
    - These factors can increase oxygen demand by 3-4 times the calculated requirement

