Proposed Lake Mitchell Management Improvement Item	Estimated 2016 Cost	Estimated 2017 Cost	Estimated 2018- 2019 Cost ⁵
Herbicides (2,4-D/Triclopyr) for Hybrid Watermilfoil³ (plus MDEQ permit fee)	\$98,000	\$98,000	\$98,000
Weed Pickup	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Professional Limnologist Services (limnologist surveys, contractor oversight, education) ²	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
Attorney Fees	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Assessment Appeals	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Purple Loosestrife Control	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Website Newsletter	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Newsletter Preparation	\$800	\$800	\$800
Audit, Bond, Insurance	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
Professional Membership	\$100	\$100	\$100
Mailings, Publication	\$800	\$800	\$800
Contingency (15%) ³ TOTAL ANNUAL ESTIMATED COST	\$20,400 \$157,500	\$20,400 \$157,500	\$20,400 \$157,500
APPROX. ANNUAL COST PER UNIT OF BENEFIT	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00

Table 8. Lake Mitchell Improvement Program Proposed Budget (2016-2019).

¹ Herbicide treatment scope for the treatment of Hybrid watermilfoil is proposed to decline annually due to aggressive treatment with the use of systemic herbicides which attack the entire plant in the first year of treatment. As a result, it is hypothesized that 75% of year 1 (systemic herbicide) budget be allocated for year 2.

² Professional services includes annual GPS-guided, aquatic vegetation surveys, pre and post-treatment surveys for aquatic plant control methods, oversight and management of the aquatic plant control program, processing of all invoices from contractors and others billing for services related to the improvement program, education of local riparians, and attendance at all regularly scheduled Lake Mitchell Improvement Board meetings.

³ Contingency is 15% of the total project cost, to assure that extra funds are available for unexpected expenses. Note: Contingency may be advised and/or needed for future treatment years.