

TOWN OF BELLE PLAINE
CLOVERLEAF LAKES BOAT MONITORING PROJECT
AEPP-040-06 FINAL REPORT

January 15, 2007

Chronology

2004

- AIS Grant ALPL-009-04 awarded to conduct Aquatic Invasive Species boater education and study project through implementation of CBCW program.
- With grant funds, a monitoring shed is purchased to establish a presence at the launch site and T-shirts purchased for the volunteers to identify them as inspectors/monitors.
- Cloverleaf Lakes board members attend WAL convention for initial CBCW training and proceed to solicit lake residents to volunteer to be monitors at boat launch site.
- 50+ lake residents volunteer and are trained by CLPA board members
- Between May, 2004 and June, 2005 close to 1900 boaters receive info about invasive species and responsibilities to clean boats, etc. when going from lake to lake.
- Lake resident CBCW volunteers present training program to local middle-school who volunteer at the launch site.
- The statistics gathered at the launch which showed how heavily used the lakes are were used to show the Town of Belle Plaine that the institution of a launch fee would provide a way to raise funds for boat launch maintenance.
- The Town wrote an ordinance and the boat launch fee was put in place
- \$5000 was raised from boat launch fees.

2005

- The CBCW monitoring program is continued throughout 2005.
- Lake resident volunteers again present CBCW training to local middle-school students.
- Lake residents volunteer to be presenters at WAL annual meeting to share their success story at the CBCW training workshops.
- Lake resident CBCW volunteers present training program to Little Green Lake ag students for purposes of Little Green implementing a CBCW program

2006

- Town of Belle Plaine applies for grant to provide a compensated volunteer coordinator to train volunteers and provide for more coverage at launch site
- Grant AEPP-040-06 is awarded to assist with the costs of the volunteer coordinator

The Town of Belle Plaine and the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association concur on the success of the CBCW monitoring program and the monitoring program will remain in place in an effort to stem the spread of invasive species. This program would not have been possible without the funding received from AIS grant program. The CBCW program has also served as a method to educate lake residents as well as lake users. This program was a critical initial step to the development of the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan that is has been developed and is being implemented by the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association in cooperation with the Town of Belle Plaine of Belle Plaine.

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