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David Grandmaison  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
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Re: Quarterly Report and Invoice – Allouez Bay Marsh Bird Conservation Design

Dear Mr. Grandmaison:

From September through November of 2021 Audubon has continued to host regular meetings of the Allouez Bay Restoration Project Site Team. The November meetings featured a 2-day climate adaptation workshop with Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science where project partners discussed the goals and objectives for the restoration work in Allouez Bay, and defined tasks to achieve these while considering possible impacts of climate change. The workshop was well-attended by partners and built consensus on objectives and priority tasks moving forward into project planning and scoping.

Audubon has led efforts to draft the scope for phase 1 of the project, which entails the initial control efforts for cattail, reed canary grass, and phragmites. An initial outline of the scope was presented in the December partner meeting where partners came to a consensus on proposed activities in phase 1, as well as the proposed sequencing for phases 2 and 3 of the project. Audubon continues to work with WDNR on constructing the project scope and aims to complete the scope at the end of January 2022.

Audubon worked with project partners, especially NRRI and WDNR, to finalize the QAPP where edits including defining quality control processes and defining existing resources and data management were made. The QAPP was formally approved by WDNR in November 2021. The QAPP may be edited with an addendum, if needed.

NRRI developed species-specific finders to identify calls of focal species from the three Autonomous Recording Units placed within Allouez Bay. NRRI also completed data entry and QA/QC for all surveys conducted in 2021 in Allouez Bay and the Wisconsin portion of the St. Louis River Estuary. They did not encounter any logistical issues with data entry or summarization.

Audubon and NRRI continue to plan the community science aspect of the project by generating possible objectives, including a volunteer adopt-a-site program and a St. Louis River Estuary birding blitz.

Audubon will complete the project scope with partners during the next quarter. Audubon will also advertise a Request for Bid (RFB) for phase 1 design work and hire a contractor for this work during the next quarter.

From September through November, we have spent and are invoicing for a total of **\$32,236.13**

Thank you for your partnership.

*Tom Prestby*  
Wisconsin Conservation Manager  
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