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Section I: Application Type

Check one:

- Education, Prevention & Planning Early Detection & Response Established Infestation Control

| Legislative District Numbers | | To determine your legislative district, go to http://165.189.139.210/WAML/ Type in complete address, next screen shows information. |
|------------------------------|----------|--|
| Senate | Assembly | |
| 12 | 34 | |

Section II: Applicant Information

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| Applicant CRESCENT LAKE ASSOCIATION | | | Type of Eligible Applicants | | |
| Waterbody Name CRESCENT LAKE | | | <input type="checkbox"/> County | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribe | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Gov't Unit |
| Project County/Township/Section/Range ONEIDA/CRESCENT/TOWNSHIP 36 RANGE 7E,8E,9E | | | <input type="checkbox"/> City | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Dist. | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Org. |
| Authorized Representative Named by Resolution Connie L. Anderson | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Village | <input type="checkbox"/> Dist. | <input type="checkbox"/> College, School, etc. |
| Authorized Representative Title Pres. Crescent Lake Association | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Town | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assoc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal |
| Project Contact Name Connie L. Anderson | | | Project Contact Title Pres. Crescent Lake Association | | |
| Address 3021 S. Rifle Rd. | | | Address 3021 S. Rifle Rd | | |
| City Rhineland | State WI | ZIP Code 54501 | City Rhineland | State WI | ZIP Code 54501 |
| Daytime Phone (area code) (715) 282-5798 | Evening Phone (area code) (715) 282-5798 | Daytime Phone (area code) (715) 282-5798 | Evening Phone (area code) (715) 282-5798 | | |
| E-mail Address crecentview@charter.net | | | E-Mail Address crecentview@charter.net | | |

Mail Check to: (if different from applicant)

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|----------------|--|---------|-------|----------|
| Name and Title | | Address | | |
| Organization | | City | State | ZIP Code |

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| Application Type AEPP | Date Received 7/30/13 | Date Reviewed (AIS/LC/RC) 8/3/13 | AIS/Lake /River Coordinator Approval /Date | |
| Waterbody ID# 1564200 | Adequate Public Access <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Environmental Grants Specialist Approval / Date | | |
| Eligible Project <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Eligible Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Project Priority Rank | Research / Demo Project <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Prior Grant Award(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Fiscal Year(s) | Amount Received To Date \$ | Project Awarded <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

Section III: Project Information

Project Title 2014 Crescent Lake Education, Prevention & Planning Proposed Ending Date
12/31/14

| Other Management Units | Letter of Support | Other Management Units | Letter of Support |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Town of Crescent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Oneida County AIS Coordinator | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 5. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Section IV: Public Access

Number of Public Vehicle Trailer Parking Spaces Available at Public Access Sites: 7
 Number of Public Access Sites Including Boat Launches and Walk-ins: 1

Section V: Cost Estimate and Grant Request

| Section V must be completed or application will be returned. Details in support of Section V are welcome. | Project Costs | | |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | Column 1 Cash Costs | Column 2 Donated Value | DNR Use Only |
| 1. Salaries, wages and employee benefits | | 5,620.00 | |
| 2. Consulting services | 2,500.00 | | |
| 3. Purchased services--printing and mailing | 200.00 | | |
| 4. Other purchased services (specify): | | | |
| 5. Plant material | | | |
| 6. Supplies (specify) | 1,300.00 | | |
| 7. Depreciation on equipment | | | |
| 8. Hourly equipment use charges | | | |
| 9. State Lab of Hygiene (SLOH) Costs | | | |
| 10. Non-SLOH Lab Costs | | | |
| 11. Other (specify) | | | |
| 12. Subtotals (sum each column) | 4,000.00 | 5,620.00 | |
| 13. Total Project Cost Estimate (sum of column 1 plus sum of column 2) | 9,620.00 | | |
| 14. State Share Requested (up to 75% of total costs may be requested) | 7,215.00 | | |

Subject to the following maximum grant amounts:

- Education, Prevention and Planning Projects--up to \$150,000
- Early Detection and Response Projects--up to \$20,000
- Established Infestation Control Projects--up to \$200,000

4,000.00
8/3/13
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Use of Federal funding as match: (check box below if applicable)

We are using or planning to apply for Federal funds to be used as match.

If known, indicate source of funding:

Section VI: Attachments (check all that are included)

A. For all applicants: (Refer to instructions for applicability.)

- 1. Authorizing resolution
- 2. Letters of support
- 3. Map of project location and boundaries
- 4. Lake map or river segment with public access sites identified (per Section IV of this application and page 20 of the guidelines)
- 5. Itemized breakdown of expenses
- 6. For projects that entail sending samples to the State Laboratory of Hygiene (SLOH) only: a completed SLOH Projected Cost Form
- 7. Project scope/description:
 - a. Description of project area
 - b. Description of problem to be addressed by project
 - c. Discussion of project goals and objectives
 - d. Description of methods and activities
 - e. Description of project products or deliverables
 - f. Description of data to be collected, if applicable
 - g. Description of existing and proposed partnerships
 - h. Discussion of role of project in planning and/or management of lake
 - i. Timetable for implementation of key activities
 - j. Plan for sharing project results
 - k. Other information in support of project not described above

B. For applicants that are Lake Management Organizations (LMOs), River Management Organizations (RMOs) or Qualified Non-profit Organizations:

- 1. For first time applicant LMOs/RMOs only: A completed Form 8700-226 (Lake Association Organizational Application) or 8700-287 (River Management Organization Application)
- 2. For first time applicant Qualified Nonprofit Organizations only: Copy of IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter and copies of your Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
- 3. List of national and/or statewide organizations with which you are affiliated
- 4. List of board members' names, including municipality and county of residence. Designate officers
- 5. Documentation of current financial status
- 6. Brochures, newsletters, annual reports or other information about your organization

C. Education, Prevention and Planning Projects: (No additional attachments required.)

D. Early Detection and Response Projects:

- 1. APM Permit application

E. Established Infestation Control Projects:

- 1. Management Plan
- 2. APM Permit application

Section VII: Certification

I certify that information in this application and all its attachments are true and correct and in conformity with applicable Wis. Statutes.

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| Print/Type Name of Authorized Representative Connie L. Anderson | Title of Authorized Representative Pres. Crescent Lake Association |
| Signature of Authorized Representative <i>Connie L. Anderson</i> | Date Signed 7/29/13 |

SECTION V: Cost Estimate and Grant Request Details

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| 3. Printing and Mailing | <u>\$200.00</u> |
| Shipping and Postage | \$150.00 |
| Fax | \$ 20.00 |
| Copying costs | \$ 30.00 |
| 4. Other Purchased Services | <u>\$2500.00</u> |
| Stipend for AIS Coordinator for: | |
| Recruiting volunteer boat inspectors,monitors and vegetation removers | |
| Training volunteers | |
| Scheduling volunteers | |
| Organizing recognition for volunteers | |
| Reporting at Lake Association meetings | |
| Writing reports for newsletter and web site | |
| Completing final report for DNR | |
| Maintaining financial records pertaining to the grant. | |
| Entering data on the SWIMS web site | |
| 5. Supplies/Services | <u>\$1300.00</u> |
| Ink cartridges and paper | \$50.00 |
| Gas for boats (vegetation monitoring) | \$50.00 |
| CB/CW hats, shirts,& aprons | \$300.00 |
| Token gifts for approx. 75 volunteers | \$600.00 |
| Disposal fees for invasive plants removed | \$100.00 |
| Signs/pamphlets for ice fisherpersons | \$200.00 |

Details of Donated Value Estimate

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|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Donated boat inspection hours | 250 x \$12.00 = | \$3000.00 |
| Donated lake monitoring hours | 72 x \$12.00 = | \$ 864.00 |
| Donated Purple Loosestrife plant removal hrs. | 72 x \$12.00 = | \$ 864.00 |
| Donated Yellow Iris removal hours | 36 x \$12.00 = | \$ 432.00 |
| Donated volunteer training hours | 24 x \$12.00 = | \$ 288.00 |
| Donated meeting hours (AIS topics) | 14 x \$12.00 = | <u>\$ 168.00</u> |
| | TOTAL | \$5620.00 |

Crescent Lake Association
AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES
GRANT APPLICATION

Whereas Crescent Lake is an important resource of natural beauty used by the public for recreation and enjoyment; and

Whereas the Crescent Lake Association has been created for the purposes of preserving and protecting the lake especially from AIS, and

Whereas the Crescent Lake Association desires to continue its efforts to inform the public of the risks of aquatic invasive species and to instill in users of Crescent Lake an understanding of good lake stewardship practices; and

Whereas the Crescent Lake Association has conducted an Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness program for the past eight years and is qualified to carry out the responsibilities of this proposal;

It is therefore resolved that the Crescent Lake Association requests the funds and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the "AIS Control Grants- Education, Prevention and Planning Projects, and hereby Authorizes Jim Gehrke, Crescent Lake Association AIS Coordinator, to:

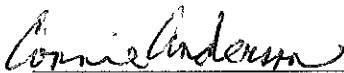
- act on behalf of the Crescent Lake Association to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for AIS prevention purposes
- sign documents related to the grant
- take necessary action to undertake, direct, supervise and complete all activities described in the grant
- submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within the timeline of project completion date.

Be it further resolved that the Crescent Lake Association will meet the obligations of the project including timely publication of the results and meet the financial obligations under this grant including the prompt contribution of its 25% commitment of AIS project costs.

We understand the importance of a continuous program for monitoring, inspecting Crescent Lake and educating the lake users. We intend to proceed on that course.

Adopted this 26th day of July, 2013

By a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain.



President – Crescent Lake Association

CONNIE ANDERSON

CRESCENT LAKE ASSOCIATION

TOWNSHIP OF CRESCENT

ONEIDA COUNTY

**2014 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES
EDUCATION, PREVENTION &
PLANNING GRANT**

**PREPARED BY
CONNIE ANDERSON**

**PRESIDENT
CRESCENT LAKE ASSOCIATION**

July 2013

7. PROJECT SCOPE/DESCRIPTION

7.a. Description of project area

The Town of Crescent is a vital and growing township located in the south central part of Oneida County adjacent to the City of Rhinelander. It is intersected by State Highway and Highway 8. The county is known for its forested acreage and its lakes. Large numbers of tourists visit and enjoy the area. Tourism is a leading source of revenue in northern Wisconsin. Crescent Lake, contributes significantly to the tourist appeal in the Town of Crescent and Oneida County. Crescent Lake has a visible and convenient boat landing located on Highway 8.

Crescent Lake is a mesotrophic seepage lake of 630 acres. The shoreline of the lake is 7.4 miles. It is a clear water lake that is highly developed mostly private residences and vacation properties. The maximum depth of the lake is 32 feet. The Floristic Quality Index for Crescent Lake is 26.1. The same statistic for the area is 22.2 and for the region it is 24.3. There are some former resorts that have been reorganized into "condominiums". One resort continues to exist. There is also a large camp, Crescent Lake Bible Camp, which caters for families many of whom bring their own watercraft. The camp has 3,700 feet of shoreline, has 52 acres, and 30 buildings. Eleven of these buildings are very close to the shoreline. Crescent Lake is surrounded by 1000 lakes within the county and thousands of acres of national and state forest. The closest point of Nicolet National Forest is 37 miles. The closest point of the American Legion State Forest is 18 miles.

Recreational use of the lake consists of all types of fishing from game fish for the competitive anglers, to pan fish for families. The boat landing on the lake is frequently filled during fishing season. In addition, the lake is a favorite for many water skiers, kayakers, personal watercraft users and swimmers. Ice fishing begins as soon as the ice is safe and continues until the ice goes out. Various clubs fish the lake weekends and evenings and the lake is used for tournaments each year. In 2009 and 2010, Crescent Lake was the site of an international fishing tournament. Local civic organizations have hosted jamborees on the ice and a snowmobile club has held races on the ice.

7.b. Description of problem to be addressed by project

The increased use of the lake by visitors from far beyond the region and state, and the identification of Eurasian Water Milfoil in numerous local lakes within 30 miles of the Town of Crescent, (Manson, Oneida, Hancock, Squah, Lake Tomahawk and the Tomahawk River-all in Oneida County) create a high risk that aquatic invasive species will be further spread. Curley leaf pond weed is also a threat to Crescent Lake. Curly leaf pond weed has been found in a long list of lakes in Oneida County including Hancock, Horsehead, Johnson, Manson, Minocqua, Post and Tomahawk Lakes and the Tomahawk River. Although Zebra Mussel has not been found in Oneida County waters, it is present in Lake Metonga in Forest County which is approximately 40 miles away, and it was found on a sample of vegetation taken from a boat entering Crescent Lake in the summer of 2009. Purple Loosestrife is seen in ditches along Highway 8 and several

of the rural roads in the Town of Crescent. Crescent Lake Association volunteers have removed over 100 plants from the shoreline in 2011 and 600 pounds in 2012. Yellow Iris has been identified growing along the entire shoreline in small patches. Eradication efforts will be undertaken to remove this potential invasive species. In light of the fact that Crescent Lake is a heavily fished lake during ice fishing season, it is a concern that aquatic invasive species might be introduced by ice fishermen moving from one lake to another.

The purposes of the association can be seen in the constitution and by-laws attached. The prevailing concern of the association in the last several years has been the prevention of invasive species such as Eurasian Water Milfoil and curly leaf pondweed. It is clear that the invasive species that have infested nearby lakes can easily threaten the integrity of Crescent Lake and permanently alter the quality of its ecosystem.

Crescent Lake Association has been in existence since the early 1970s. It is recognized as a thriving and aggressive organization. It is governed by a board of directors of seven members. Each year the board elects officers consisting of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and three additional members. Membership in the association averages about 210 each year.

Crescent Lake Association began AIS prevention efforts after being awarded a Lake Management Grant in 2006 which funded the employment of a professional agency that surveyed the aquatic plant life in the lake with the assistance of the association membership. The report that was generated from that study confirmed that Crescent Lake was not yet infested with aquatic invasive plants. The Lake Management Plan that was copied to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) emphasized the importance of maintaining the favorable status of native plants in the lake and continued efforts to prevent the introduction of any invasive species. An Aquatic Invasive Species Grant for 2008-2009 was used to address that goal.

As a bi-product of this original mission we have also developed a fellowship among the various small neighborhoods of summer residents and year round residents.

7.c. Description of project goals and objectives

Our goal is to keep Crescent Lake and the other Wisconsin lakes as free from invasive species as possible. This can only be done by working to further develop the awareness of lake users and area citizens as to ways that they can assist in that effort.

Our objectives will be to:

- Maintain active crews of trained volunteers to inspect boats at the public landing for AIS.
- Continue to participate in the **Landing Blitz—July 4th** weekend.
- Monitor the shoreline of the lake to verify that no additional non-native vegetation exists.
- Continue a Purple Loosestrife shoreline cleanup twice per year. All members who participate in the cleanup are trained to identify Purple Loosestrife which commonly grows in the lower lands or wet areas surrounding the lake.
- Blanket the area surrounding the lake with messages about the prevention and control of AIS including the “Protect WI Waters/It’s the Law” materials.
- Continue a program for recognizing volunteers.
- Identify, mentor and assist a coordinator for the above programs.
- Educate ice fisherpersons as to the potential for the spread of invasive species.
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Evidence that the lake association has been working to accomplish these goals follows:

Crescent Lake Association has conducted watercraft inspections at the public boat landing for the past eight years. This was begun with the training and supplies offered through the DNR Clean Boats/Clean Waters program. Over the years 3,956 hours were spent inspecting 6,499 boats and 13,180 boaters were interviewed and provided with printed and verbal information about AIS. The AIS Coordinator and trainer from the association logged many undocumented hours making the program effective.

In addition, the personnel from Crescent Lake Bible Camp have voluntarily inspected boats at their landing and provided information from the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program to those who launch boats at that location. Unfortunately, the hours of inspections have been limited to weekends and holidays due to lack of volunteers. In the past, inspections have begun opening day of fishing season and continued through the Hodag Muskie Challenge sponsored by the Rhinelander Chamber of Commerce in September each year. In the eight year period several samples of vegetation have been removed from watercraft and three of the samples have been confirmed as Eurasian Water Milfoil by DNR professionals.

The Lake Planning Grant made it possible to have a complete survey of the lake bottom for the purpose of determining the type and density of all vegetation found. This study found no evidence that non-native vegetation existed at that time. In addition, members of the association have conducted two to three follow-up monitoring activities of the lake each year. Using rakes made from the DNR AIS grant money, we raked samples of the vegetation at approximately 210 locations in the lake that are considered most at risk. Several members of the association are now experienced enough to identify the native plants. In addition, we also have retired botany professors who volunteer to assist in the vegetation surveys to assist in identification of plants brought up during the lake survey rake tosses.

7.d. Description of methods and activities

- **Watercraft inspections at public boat landing:** Through the grant funds, the Lake Association will continue efforts to prevent AIS invasion of Crescent Lake by soliciting volunteers from the association who will be trained using Clean Boats/Clean Waters guidelines, in addition to those that are already involved in the programs. Additional kits will be purchased and existing kits will be updated and refilled as needed. Completed data sheets will be housed at the landing for the coordinator to pick up and enter on the DNR website. Storage space is maintained at the boat landing. This makes it possible for all volunteers to have all the needed supplies without storing them at their homes. It also makes it easy for them to leave the completed data sheets for the coordinator to pick up and enter on the DNR web site.
- **AIS training:** Each year several two-hour training sessions will be hosted and conducted by Lake Association members who have been trained through the DNR Clean Boats/Clean Waters training and who have gained knowledge and experience to serve as mentors. In addition, there are training sessions conducted by the Oneida County AIS Coordinator. Volunteers will be encouraged to attend those sessions if those conducted by the Lake Association are not convenient.
- **AIS public awareness campaign:** Grant funds will make it possible for the Lake Association to achieve high public awareness of the imminent threat of continued spread of AIS. Several projects will be pursued to accomplish this goal.
- **If the grant is funded by the DNR,** there will be an immediate press release informing the area that AIS activities will continue on Crescent Lake. Members of the Board of Directors will volunteer to be interviewed by local media and discuss AIS activities that will be taking place through the DNR funds granted.
- **AIS lake monitoring:** The association will continue efforts to detect the introduction of or spread of AIS by twice yearly traveling the shoreline of the lake and making visual inspection of the vegetation found. Each of the plant species found will be identified and recorded on a form. Association members who have been trained by the DNR to verify if they pose a danger to the lake. If it is confirmed that there is a sample of an invasive species, the association will take immediate steps to contact the DNR and work with them to access the necessary assistance to remediate.
- **Ice Fisherman education regarding the potential for spreading AIS via fishing tackle and bait.** Educational materials will be distributed to ice fishermen alerting them to the threat of AIS spread.
- **Coordination of all education, boat inspection, shoreline inspection and eradication/containment efforts:** In order to maintain the high quality coordination of projects that is required, the association sees the need to provide

7.g. Description of existing and proposed partnerships

Crescent Township has recently formed a Town Lakes Committee. Crescent Lake Associations' representative is president of the committee.

Crescent Lake Association continues membership with Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association. At the present time the President of Crescent Lake Association is also secretary for Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association.

The Lake Association has always worked and will continue to work closely with the Oneida County AIS Coordinator and the county land and water conservation office and the DNR.

7.h. Description of role of project in planning and/or management of the lake

Crescent Lake Association has already completed a Crescent Lake Management Report and a Crescent Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Copies of both are on file at the Rhinelander DNR office. This second document states, "The most effective method in preventing the spread of EWM is to educate lake users. All lake users should be aware of invasives and how to prevent the spread. A second method is to monitor boat landings to prevent boaters from bringing invasives into the lake and to educate them." P. 10 It further states, "Signs should also be posted warning users of the invasives." P12 It also states, "Monitoring of the lake for invasives, in particular EWM, is vital to preventing infestation. Monitoring of the vegetation should be done on a regular basis." P12 Each of the strategies listed above is designed to directly address the recommendations of Crescent Lake's Management Plan.

7.i. Time table for implementation of key activities

| ACTIVITY | APPROX. DATE |
|---|-----------------|
| Post position for coordinator and find qualified person | ASAP |
| Host and conduct sessions of Clean Boats/Clean Waters training | May/June |
| Purchase supplies for inspection program | As needed |
| Conduct boat inspections through the heavy use period and record data | May – September |
| Conduct lake monitoring activities | Spring & Fall |
| Plan, schedule and host volunteer recognition meeting | Oct. or Nov. |

- Prepare reports for Lake Association meetings and newsletters on the progress of grant supported activities
- Complete all necessary DNR reports to include data generated from inspections and monitoring
- Conduct boat inspections at any key time that he/she cannot find someone to do the inspections

Volunteer recognition: It has become increasingly difficult to get volunteers to do boat inspections. In order to maintain the strong volunteer program, it has become necessary to do more than say "thanks". The association will schedule a meeting to recognize each volunteer and present them with a token gift. It is hoped that by doing so members will have increased pride in the associations' efforts to keep Crescent Lake free of additional invasive species.

7.e. Description of products and deliverables

- CB/CW data will be entered into SWIMS.
- Records of lake monitoring activities will be submitted.
- Photos of grant related activities will be submitted
- A position description for the AIS Coordinator will be submitted.
- A final report to include a summary of CB/CW data, monitoring, and educational materials distributed will be submitted to the DNR and other interested parties in hard copy and electronic format.

7.f. Description of data to be collected

The Wisconsin DNR form 3200-120 will be used to collect data for watercraft inspections. All of the data will be entered by the AIS Coordinator on the DNR (SWIMS) website at regular intervals. Data on hours of volunteer time will also be compiled for the Lake Association records.

The AIS Coordinator will supply a form for use when conducting lake monitoring activities. All data will be recorded including types and density of plants, location of samples that were found, names of individuals who participated and the number of hours spent at each monitoring activity. This information will be sent to the DNR at the end of the grant project. A map of the lake area that was monitored will also be submitted to the DNR in the end of the grant report. This information and the form devised will also be shared with the Towns of Crescent, Pelican, Woodboro, Nicolet College, Crescent Town Lakes Committee, and other lake associations upon request.

7.j. Plan for sharing project results

A final hard copy and digital report will be supplied to the DNR and the Town of Crescent that will outline the results of the data collected from boat inspections and lake monitoring. A collection of photographs will be compiled to show the activities that have taken place. This will include photos of training sessions, inspections, vegetation monitoring, and Purple Loosestrife and Yellow Iris removal. Photos of the volunteer recognition meeting will also be included. Signs and banner at the boat landing will be included. The final report will include the total volunteer hours and other data that is generated by grant activities. The final report will be made available to other lake associations upon request.

7.k. Other information in support of project not described above

None

Conservation & UWEX
Education Committee
Tom Rudolph, Chair
Bob Martini, Vice
Greg Berard
Jim Intrepidi
Bob Mott
Clint Zimbeck, FSA
Members



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Kerri Ison
Administrative Assistant

July 29, 2013

Mr. Kevin Gauthier
Lake Management Coordinator
WI Dept. of Natural Resources
8770 HY J
Woodruff, WI 54568

Dear Kevin,

As the Oneida County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator it gives me great pleasure to write a letter of support for Crescent Lake Association (CLA) and their proposal for an AIS control grant. I fully support their goals and long-term vision for Crescent Lake and feel their application for a WDNR AIS Prevention, Education, and Control grant is a worthwhile and extremely important project.

Since I took the position of Oneida County AIS Coordinator, CLA has worked closely with our AIS program on a number of different projects. They have been proactive, engaged, and open to a wide variety of methods to prevent and/or manage AIS. For example, in 2012 CLA worked with the Oneida County AIS team in locating and managing Purple Loosestrife (PL) stands. In the summer of 2012, 500-700 PL beetles were released onto PL plants along the shoreline of Crescent Lake. CLA has also expressed interest in restoring the areas affected by PL (one of the earliest groups to have an interest in restoration of AIS affected landscapes), and the Oneida County AIS team looks forward to helping with the restoration of Crescent Lake's shoreline starting in 2013.

CLA has also been a steady partner in the 4th of July Landing Blitz Campaign, CBCW inspections, and in early detection monitoring of AIS. For 2014, CLA has expressed interest in management of Yellow Iris on Crescent Lake and to begin ice angler AIS outreach. Without continued WDNR support, Oneida County Land & Water will most certainly lose one of its strongest partners in the field of AIS educational outreach. I feel certain that CLA increases AIS awareness, protects all of Oneida County's lakes and rivers from AIS, and creates a stronger and more connected community.

I am excited about and look forward to working with CLA on a number of proposed projects for 2014. I highly recommend Crescent Lake Association for a WDNR AIS Prevention, Education, and Control grant. Without strong partners such as CLA, Oneida County will have a much harder time combating AIS!

Sincerely,

Michele Sadauskas
Oneida County AIS Coordinator
3375 Airport Road #10
Rhinelander, WI 54501
Phone: 715-365-2750
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Town of Crescent Oneida County, WI

July 26, 2013

Mr. Kevin Gauthier
Lakes Coordinator
Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources
107 Sutliff Avenue
Rhinelander, WI 54501

Dear Mr. Gauthier

On behalf of the Town of Crescent I am writing this letter of support for the DNR, AIS grant application submitted by the Crescent Lake Association.

The Crescent Lake Association plans to continue to implement the Clean Boats-Clean Waters program by employing and training watercraft inspectors. They will inspect boats and equipment at the boat landing providing an effective means to educate the public and stop the spread of AIS. With this grant, they would be able to continue the hours the boat landing is monitored. They want to add to their educational projects by including meeting with ice fishermen to give them information about invasive species. They plan to remove yellow iris and want to continue the control of purple loosestrife in the area of the lake.

Their work is in keeping with efforts of the township to prevent the spread of invasive species and controlling those invasive plants that already exist. The Town of Crescent Board appreciates the leadership that Crescent Lake Association has shown and their willingness to assist the DNR in preventing and controlling the spread of AIS.

We are sending this letter of support to you, and urge you to award this grant. We appreciate the commitment of the WDNR to partner with lake groups in preserving our water quality in the Northern region.

Sincerely,



Bill Treder
Chairman
Town of Crescent