

GRANT# ACE 127321

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**Section 1: Ecosystem Type** Pre-application

This project primarily focuses on (select one): <input checked="" type="radio"/> Lakes <input type="radio"/> Rivers <input type="radio"/> Wetlands <input type="radio"/> AIS	This project also benefits (select all that apply): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lakes <input type="checkbox"/> Rivers <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIS
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**Section 2a: Application Type (check one)** Pre-application

<b>Education and Planning Grants:</b> <input type="radio"/> Surface Water Education <input type="radio"/> Surface Water Planning <input type="radio"/> Comprehensive Planning for Lakes & Watersheds  <b>Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control Grants:</b> <input type="radio"/> AIS Prevention <input checked="" type="radio"/> Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control <input checked="" type="radio"/> Large Scale <input type="radio"/> Small Scale <input type="radio"/> Early Detection & Response <b>Note:</b> For Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grants use <a href="#">Form 8700-337</a>	<b>Surface Water Management Grants:</b> <input type="radio"/> Healthy Lakes & Rivers <input type="radio"/> Surface Water Restoration <input type="radio"/> Management Plan Implementation <input type="radio"/> Ordinance Development <input type="radio"/> Fee Simple Land Easement & Acquisition <input type="radio"/> Wetland Restoration Incentive  <b>Cooperative Programs:</b> <input type="radio"/> Lake Monitoring & Protection Network <input type="radio"/> County Lake Grant
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**Section 2b: Applicant Information** Pre-application

Project Title			
Rice lake AIS Management Plan			
Applicant Name (Organization)		Organization Type	
Rice Lake Association			
Organization Address--Where to Send Check		City	State
2843w Great Northern Trails Rd.		Mercer,	WI
Authorized Representative (AR) Name		AR Title	ZIP Code
Robert Kary		President	54547
AR Phone Number (include area code)	Ext.	AR E-mail Address	
(217) 369-3855		treboryrak@gmail.com	
Contact Representative (CR) Name (if different from AR)		CR Title	
CR Phone Number (include area code)	Ext.	CR E-mail Address	

Has your organization been approved as an eligible applicant?

Not applicable. (ex. Counties, Local Units of Government, Lake Districts, Town Sanitary Districts, Tribes, or Accredited universities.)

No. Submit [Form 8700-380](#) and required supporting documentation to your [Environmental Grants Specialist](#) 6 months prior to the grant application deadline. Your organization must be deemed eligible prior to the grant application deadline.

Yes

**Pre-application Submitted to:**

Wisconsin DNR Staff Name(s)	Date
Carol Warden	10/22/2020

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## Section 3: Project Information (if applicable)

### Pre-application Scoping Meeting

Wisconsin DNR Staff Name(s)	Date
Carol Warden	10/23/2020

### Project Location

Waterbody Name(s) Rice Lake, Mercer, Wisconsin	Waterbody ID(s) (WBIC) 2300600	Proposed Start Date March 15 2021 (Start Date) (Year)	Proposed End Date December 31 2023 (End Date) (Year)
<input type="checkbox"/> Project to be implemented on state land <input type="checkbox"/> Regional project serving multiple waterbodies		County(ies) Iron	
State Senate District No.(s) 25	State Assembly District No.(s) 74	Latitude (North, 4 to 7 decimal places) 46.1868931	Longitude (West, 4 to 7 decimal places) -90.075436

### Laboratory Analysis

Does this project include Laboratory sample analysis?  Yes  No  
 If yes, then complete [Form 8700-360](#) and indicate the lab service provider. *If the lab you intended to use is not available within discuss if feasible.*

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Management Plan(s)

Name of Plan Rice Lake Management Plan	Publication Year 2020
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**Projects must implement a management plan recommendation.**

### Management Plan Implementation and AIS Population Management

Date of Eligibility Determination 11/01/2020	WDNR Staff CAROL WARDEN
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**Projects must be determined to be eligible by department staff.**

*Exception: Purple loosestrife biocontrol projects do not need to be recommended in a management plan or determined to be eligible by the department.*

### Permitting

Are state, local and/or federal permits required for this project?  Yes  No  Unknown

Permit Name	Agency	Status (i.e., to be submitted, submitted, approved)	Agency Contact
hand pulling	wdnr	to be submitted	carol warden
benthic barriers	wdnr	to be submitted	carol warden

## Section 4: External Financial Support

List organizations (e.g., school, town, county, nonprofit organization, etc.) other than the applicant that are providing financial support in the project. Identify the type of financial support (cash, volunteer hours, equipment, etc) and attach a copy of the organizations letter of financial commitment. Do not list Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources funds or resources.

Organization Name	Type of Support	Amount of Support
iron County Lakes and Rivers Alliance	volunteer hours, management support	

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## Section 5. Project Budget

## Pre-application

**Part A.** Provide a detailed budget of eligible costs including all wages, services, supplies and equipment necessary to accomplish the project. List each item, the activities it is related to in Section 8 of the application, the budget category it best fits, number of units (e.g. hours, plants, square feet, days, miles) and unit cost. Note whether the item is related to administration of the project. See guidance for more information.

Item Description	Activity in Section 8 (ex. 1.a.)	Budget Category	Cash or Donation/ Match	Unit	# of Units	Unit Cost	Subtotal	Admin. Cost?
1. CBCW on water education	1.a.	Personnel	donation			\$ 1,000.000	\$ 1,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Whitewater Associates monitor and reporting	1.a.	Consultants/Contractual	cash			\$ 13,110.000	\$ 13,110.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Volunteer Monitoring Summer Program	1.a.	Personnel	donation			\$ 0.000	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Hand Pulling Project labor hours @ 24k/year	1.a.	Personnel	cash			\$ 72,000.000	\$ 72,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Hand pulling Management	1.a.	Personnel	donation		800	\$ 0.000	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Phosphorus Testing and Study	1.a.	Supplies & Operating Expenses	cash			\$ 1,200.000	\$ 1,200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Install and monitor Benthic Barriers	1.a.	Supplies & Operating Expenses	cash			\$ 6,000.000	\$ 6,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Fisheries Study and Monitoring	1.a.	Personnel	donation			\$ 0.000	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
CBCW Plan on Echo Lake/Rice	1.a.	Personnel	donation			\$ 200.000	\$ 200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equipment rental incl. boats, trailers, steam cleaner, porta-potty, tractor, pontoon boats, etc.		Supplies & Operating Expenses	cash			\$ 11,150.000	\$ 11,150.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 rented boats @350/week for 2 weeks		Supplies & Operating Expenses	cash			\$ 10,500.000	\$ 10,500.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 donated boats for 2 weeks		Equipment	donation			\$ 10,500.000	\$ 10,500.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
pontoon boat for 2 weeks		Equipment	donation			\$ 2,000.000	\$ 2,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subtotal						\$	127,660.00	
Total Project Cost Estimate						\$	127,660.00	
Administration						\$		
Eligible State Share						\$	95,745.00	
Grant Award Request						\$	95,745.00	
State Share Requested cannot exceed Cash Cost Subtotal								

**Part B – Cost Estimate Summary.** Summary of all costs from Part A.

Cost Category	A. Cash Costs	B. Donated Value
1. Personnel	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
2. Employee Benefits	\$	\$
3. Travel	\$	\$
4. Equipment	\$	\$ 12,500.00
5. Supplies & Operating Expenses	\$ 28,850.00	\$
6. Consultant/Contractual	\$ 13,110.00	\$
7. Construction	\$	\$
8. Other (ex. Acquisition)	\$	\$
	<b>Subtotals</b> \$ 113,960.00	\$ 13,700.00
	<b>Total Project Cost Estimate</b> \$ 127,660.00	
	<b>Administration</b> \$	
	<b>Grant Award Request</b> \$ 95,745.00	
	<b>Grantee Share</b> \$ 31,915.00	

Grantee Share Percent: 25%

**Part C – Cost Containment Methods.** A grantee must implement cost containment measures if the cost of a project expense exceeds \$2,500. Note: cost-containment procedures do not apply to fee simple or conservation easement land acquisition; cost will be determined by appraisal approved by the department.

Budget Items > \$2,500	Cost-Containment Methods
Whitewater Associates Monitoring and Reporting	Alternative Measures/Other
Hand Pulling Project/Labor	Average Cost
Install and Maintain Benthic Barriers	Competitive Bidding
equipment rental for Handpulling	Average Cost

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## Section 6: Attachments (check all that are included)

- Authorizing resolution (required).
- Letters of financial support specifying cash or donated value.
- Map of project location, public access, public land and other use and access features (required).
- Surface Water Grant Project Lab Costs, [Form 8700-360](#) (required).

## Section 7: Certification

Robert Kary  
Signature of Authorized Representative

10/23/2020  
Date Signed

**NOTE: Section 8 has a 10 page limit. Additional pages will not be considered.**

## Section 8: Project Description *Pre-application*

Are you applying for funding to control an aquatic invasive species?

Yes  No

### Description of Extent of Aquatic Invasive Species and Strategy for Control

Name of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Proposed to Control

**Potamogeton Crispus (Curly Leaf Pondweed)**

Year AIS First Verified in waterbody: 2013

Name of Waterbody to be Managed (if your grant application contains multiple waterbodies)

The following information will be used to rank your grant. Fill out as many questions as possible for the first year of proposed control. A separate worksheet should be filled out for each species and lake that will be controlled as part of this grant proposal. Use the **Add Species** button below to begin a new worksheet if you are including multiple species or lakes as part of your grant application.

Approximate number of years this species has been actively managed: 7

#### Information on the proposed project:

Expected first year of management under the proposed project: 2021

Number of acres of AIS to be controlled (as part of the proposed project): 43.50 % of population managed: 100 %

Total number of waterbody acres to be managed: 125.00

#### Population status:

Number of acres of this AIS from most recent bed mapping survey: 43.50

Littoral % frequency of occurrence of this AIS from most recent point-intercept (PI) survey: 91% Survey Date: 06/03/2020

Date of the Most Recent Bed Mapping Survey: 06/10/2020 Survey Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Control Technique: Manual (hand pulling) Season(s) and Year(s): 2021,2022,2023 Acres Targeted: 43.50

#### A. Brief Project Summary (2-3 sentences)

Provide a short description of the overarching goals of the project and/or work that will be completed during the grant period. This may be used in program promotional materials if the grant is awarded.

A manual pulling plan will be implemented with the goal of removing 70% of the AIS from the survey area. This plan will include the use of 10 boats/20 people with long handled rakes pulling and gathering the AIS over 10 days. We will also employ Benthic barriers over a 600 sq. ft. area around a loon nesting site.

**B. Project Area and Public Access/Use**

Describe where the project is located, including information on the waterbody or community served. For projects addressing waterbodies or watersheds, include physical characteristics like size, depth, hydrological type and land use. Describe public use and access features. For AIS projects, also briefly describe how the site and project will address priorities for AIS prevention.

Rice lake in Iron county is a 125 acre drainage lake from the Turtle River. Mean depth is 8.4 ft. (maximum of 21 ft.), a littoral depth of 12.7 and a water volume of 1044 acre feet. The lake has two inlet tributaries, the Turtle River and Bear Creek. There are 2 boat accesses, one at the north end of the lake and a private access at the south end of the lake at Arrowhead lodge. The plan includes provisions for constant monitoring during the summer months, both by private contractors and lake volunteers. these methods are outlined in our goals and objectives.

**C. Problem Statement**

Provide a clear and concise description of the problem that this project will address. What is the purpose of the project?

The purpose of this project, as detailed in our Lake Management Plan, is to eliminate as much Curly Leaf Pondweed as possible. We have set a goal of 70% of the current population. CLP is hindering the recreational use of the lake, restricting boat traffic in navigation channels and around docks. It is so thick in some areas that navigation is impossible, clogging boat motors every few feet. It restricts swimming around dock areas and makes fishing difficult because of it's density. Fishing and boating were once enjoyable activities on the lake. That can no longer be said and there is a definite concern mong property owners of the effect on their enjoyment of the lake and also property values. We have witnessed the deterioration of lake quality in the past seven years and have reached the point of desperation. The financial resources are not available to address the problem adequately due to the small home owner population. A second, and probably more important component of the CLP population, is the the impact downstream. The Turtle River Watershed continues through Rice Lake, Pike Lake, Lake of the Fall and eventually the Turtle Flambeau Flowage. Continued unchecked, Curly Leaf Pondweed with eventually show up in the TFF, called by many the Jewell of the North. The environmental and financial impact would be devastating .

**D. Project Description and Timeline****1. Goals and Objectives**

List your project's goals and objectives. A goal describes a big-picture outcome, a goal describes what positive effect you are trying to achieve. Goals should be specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-oriented. An objective is how that goal will be accomplished. Objectives often use some unit of measure (lbs of Phosphorus reduced, people contacted, surveys completed, etc) that specifies progress toward achieving a goal within a time frame.

The purpose of the project is to remove 70% of the Curly Leaf Pondweed over a three year period. Project goals also include water quality efforts and a Clean Boats/Clean Waters program to safeguard the lake against further introduction of AIS. Water quality testing already in place will be augmented by a separate Phosphorus study to determine the affect of water entering Rice Lake from the Cranberry operation at Bear Creek.

To that end we have listed below those points along with others in our list of goals.

- #1. Implement methods from approved management plan to reduce 70% of Curly Leaf Pondweed present on Rice Lake as of 2020.
- #2. Preserve native plants and protect sensitive areas of Rice Lake
- #3. Monitor native plants occurring in navigation channels and recreational areas around docks.
- #4. Evaluate and preserve water quality in Rice lake to limit increase in macrophyte density.
- #5. Educate Rice Lake residents on the value of aquatic plants and the potential outcomes of an unbalanced environment.

**1.a. Activity**

Describe the activities that you will conduct to achieve your project's objectives and goals. For each activity, provide a general project time frame for completion.

Goal #1. implementation: We have developed a plan to manually remove 70% of the CLP from Rice Lake. This plan is outlined in our October 2020 Lake Management Plan. We propose to employ 24 full time persons for a period of 2 weeks in the spring of 2021(early June) using 10 boats to manually harvest the CLP by means of Water Weed Rakes. The CLP with be placed in mesh bags and transported to a gathering location on the lake where it will be loaded in dump trailers and eventually transported to a local landscape materials landfill, specifically, The Hadley Brush Pile in Mercer. This activity will occur for three years and be monitored by WhiteWater associates with pre and post surveys and reported on to explain effectiveness and success. We will also install a Benthic Barrier around a loon nesting site to avoid disturbing this site with human interference.

**Method and Data Collected**

Identify by name what Surface Water Grant Program-approved method will be implemented. If a program-approved method is unavailable, describe the protocol you intend to use. Describe the data that will be collected.

Manual removal and the use of Benthic barriers both require a Wisconsin DNR permit. The Surface Water Grant protocol provides for both of these methods. Quantities of AIS collected will be recorded and reported at the end of each season and included in an annual report on our overall success

**Deliverable and Outcomes**

Describe all deliverables that will be submitted during the grant cycle.

WhiteWater Associates will monitor and report on all aspects of our CLP management plan. Pre and Post surveys will provide locations of the AIS and report on the results of our efforts. They will provide annual reports that will be used to adjust our methods to be most effective

**1.b. Activity**

Describe the activities that you will conduct to achieve your project's objectives and goals. For each activity, provide a general project time frame for completion.

Our goal #2. is to preserve native plants and protect sensitive areas of Rice Lake. We will continue to evaluate and monitor the critical areas on the lake in an effort to minimize any adverse effect of AIS management. We will enhance our Clean Boats/Clean Waters program. Signs will be posted at the public walk-in landing and the private landing at the south end of the lake. Volunteer property owners will contact boaters throughout the summer to educate them about our CB/CW program. Echo Lake, immediately upstream of Rice Lake, will be contacted and encouraged to institute a CB/CW program for the conservation of not only Echo Lake & Rice Lake but for the entire Turtle River watershed.

**Method and Data Collected**

Identify by name what Surface Water Grant Program-approved method will be implemented. If a program-approved method is unavailable, describe the protocol you intend to use. Describe the data that will be collected.

A full PI and Woody habitat survey was conducted on Rice Lake in the summer of 2020. This will allow for the evaluation of any changes in the native plant community. Surveys conducted by Whitewater Associates in 2021, 2022 and 2023 will enable us to follow the development of the native plant community and their ability to replace the CLP that will be removed. Follow the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program concentrating on the education of Rice Lake Association members and others that put their boats in Rice Lake

**Deliverable and Outcomes**

Describe all deliverables that will be submitted during the grant cycle.

Utilize the 2020 PI and Woody Habitat survey conducted and the Surveys done by Whitewater Associates in 2021, 2022 & 2023 to update our knowledge of the sensitive plant areas on the lake. Provide this information to the Aquatic Plant Committee for inclusion in the education of Lake owners and collaboration with Iron County Conservation officials

**1.c. Activity**

Describe the activities that you will conduct to achieve your project's objectives and goals. For each activity, provide a general project time frame for completion.

Referencing goal #3, we intend to monitor native plants occurring in the navigation channels and recreational areas around docks. The plant density in high traffic areas will be periodically surveyed where CLP is impeding navigation with boats. Assistance in evaluating the aquatic plant density will be done during the summer months by volunteers of Rice Lake Association and Wisconsin DNR staff. We intend to work closely with a DNR fisheries biologist to investigate and develop methods to improve the fish population in these areas of the lake

**Method and Data Collected**

Identify by name what Surface Water Grant Program-approved method will be implemented. If a program-approved method is unavailable, describe the protocol you intend to use. Describe the data that will be collected.

The navigation channels have been located to avoid highly sensitive plants. There are two plants that have a conservation value of "10" that have been sampled in Rice Lake. The navigation channels avoid these areas. These plants will be monitored closely along with other plants. Fisheries will be evaluated in regard to CLP density and if reduction could help recruitment and growth. Evidence in fishery literature supports this concern. Evaluation by the Wisconsin DNR fisheries biologist will produce reporting that will guide efforts to improve fish population. Data gathered by Lake volunteers and DNR staff will be evaluated throughout each year of the program to guide our success

**Deliverable and Outcomes**

Describe all deliverables that will be submitted during the grant cycle.

It is the desire of the stakeholders to work closely with the Iron county staff from Hurley, Wi. and the DNR fisheries biologist to develop a plan that will improve the overall state of the lake as it pertains to plant density and fish population. We hope to have a plan in hand by mid to late summer of 2021 that can then be followed going forward by a volunteer group of Rice Lake property owners. This plan will then be published and included in our educational initiative referred to in Activity 1.E. below.

**1.d. Activity**

Describe the activities that you will conduct to achieve your project's objectives and goals. For each activity, provide a general project time frame for completion.

Goal #4 refers to evaluating and preserving water quality in Rice Lake to limit increase in macrophyte density. There is concern over the sources of nutrients into Rice Lake especially from Bear Creek.

This is largely due to the cranberry production taking place adjacent to Bear creek. There is no history of evaluating Phosphorus sources into Rice Lake. It is understood that reducing future Phosphorus loading can help with reducing the density of aquatic macrophytes.

**Method and Data Collected**

Identify by name what Surface Water Grant Program-approved method will be implemented. If a program-approved method is unavailable, describe the protocol you intend to use. Describe the data that will be collected.

Our plan is to set up a three year water quality monitoring program that will include water sampling from Bear Creek. We will also continue the monitoring of Rice Lake's deep hole which has been occurring since 2010. By using testing equipment supplied by Wisconsin DNR, we propose to measure the Phosphorus levels biweekly and 4 storm events from May through September from Bear Creek

**Deliverable and Outcomes**

Describe all deliverables that will be submitted during the grant cycle.

A final water quality monitoring report will be produced annually showing conclusions as to presence of Phosphorus into Rice Lake with recommendations on how to improve the water quality. This report will include details of the loading from Bear Creek and the changes that occur over the time frame of the testing. We expect that this testing will continue beyond the three years of this grant request.

**1.e. Activity**

Describe the activities that you will conduct to achieve your project's objectives and goals. For each activity, provide a general project time frame for completion.

The October 2020 Rice Lake Management plan outlines our plan to educate Rice Lake residents on the value of aquatic plants and the potential outcomes of an unbalanced environment. With the coordination of the Iron County conservation district lead by Heather Palmquist in Hurley, Wi, informational meetings will be held in July, August and September. Special emphasis will be placed on the importance of native buffers in the riparian zone and the effects of fertilizer on the increase in the Macrophyte density

**Method and Data Collected**

Identify by name what Surface Water Grant Program-approved method will be implemented. If a program-approved method is unavailable, describe the protocol you intend to use. Describe the data that will be collected.

This educational initiative will be coordinated with our efforts to monitor the water quality outlined in activity 1.D.above. The results of the Phosphorus studies done on the lake will be shared with all property owners to emphasize their importance. Important to share also will be the results of the monitoring at both boat landings on the lake. Finally, this education will contain all of the surveys conducted on the lake by volunteers to continue our information campaign on the CLP removal effort

**Deliverable and Outcomes**

Describe all deliverables that will be submitted during the grant cycle.

Minutes from each of our meetings will be submitted along with the supportive information included in those educational sessions. Based on a 90% response from property owners to our Management plan survey we believe the residents of Rice Lake are motivated to be active in implementation of our plan. At the conclusion of our summer meetings we intend to publish a report for public circulation that will explain the accomplishments of our education initiative



**E. Complementary Management**

Describe how the project complements other management efforts. Is the project actively engaged with efforts connected to but different from the grantees own? Consider connections to County Land and Water Resources Management Plans, Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plans, 9 key element plans or other prevention or implementation efforts.

Rice Lake Association has been a member of Iron County Lake and Rivers Alliance since it's formation. We have actively coordinated our lake management efforts with their advice and counsel. ICLRA is pursuing a plan that will help to protect the entire Turtle River Watershed from Long lake to the north to the Turtle Flambeau Flowage. Last summer, volunteers from ICLRA participated in a weekend long CLP pulling event on Rice Lake. Approximately 10% of the AIS was collected. A crucial outcome of this effort was the knowledge gained on methods and implementation of our plan on a much larger scale going forward in the coming years and laid the foundation for this three year grant we are pursuing.

**F. External Support**

Describe collaboration with other organizations that will be providing financial or other support along with the expected benefits of collaboration. Document support with letters and submit with this application. Be sure to highlight support from partners that are critical to implementation.

Rice Lake Association has coordinated the management of our lake with Iron County Land and Water Conservation Dept. since the discovery of CLP in 2013. Personnel from that office have advised us on control of the AIS and have actively participated in control efforts since that time. Their office formed and developed a Rapid Response Grant for Pike Lake and the Turtle River to our south in 2019. Rice Lake Association was the sponsor for this grant in order to deter spread of the AIS further downstream.. We expect to continue collaborating with this office in our management of CLP through their educational advise and counsel.

Additionally we have included a letter of support from the ICLRA that details their support.

**G. Appropriateness and Need**

Provide reasoning for why the project is appropriate and necessary. Include information on how the project was scaled and scoped to effectively address the management challenge. Make a case for why the work is unique and necessary, especially when there is any duplication of work occurring less than 5 years ago.

We have stated repeatedly the importance and crucial need to control Curly Leaf Pondweed on Rice Lake. Efforts in previous years have been on a smaller scale than this grant request. The overriding concern of the Wisconsin DNR should be the effect downstream, specifically the Turtle Flambeau Flowage. Containment of CLP on Rice lake, if done on a large scale, will not only benefit our lake but will the entire watershed downstream to the TFF.

**H. Likelihood of Success**

Describe a history of meeting or exceeding past grant or contract performance and accountability standards. For organizations that lack a performance history, provide evidence of organization capacity, volunteer commitment or other attribute that demonstrates an ability to successfully complete projects.

Rice Lake Association did receive a grant in 2012 prior to the discovery of CLP. The grant provided funding for a consultant, Whitewater Associates, to study the Aquatic plant population of the lake. This provided the basis for creating an Invasive Species committee to implement a plan. When CLP was first discovered, this committee sought advice from the DNR on how to deal with it. Several options were suggested. None were on the scale of this grant request. Our belief is that this plan will be successful where previous efforts were not due to their limited size and scope. Additionally, we believe this is the environmentally responsible approach to safeguard the Turtle River Watershed all the way to the Turtle Flambeau Flowage

**I. Other**



April 6, 2021

► **REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION** ◀  
**Aquatic Invasive Species**  
**Grant# ACEI27321 Grant**  
**Amount: \$94,800.00**

Robert Kary, President  
Rice Lake Association  
2843 W Great Northern Trail  
Mercer, WI 54547

Dear Mr. Kary:

Congratulations! On behalf of the Governor, we are pleased to announce the following project is approved for funding under Wisconsin's Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program: ***Rice Lake AIS Management Plan***

Please review the agreement including the list of conditions and return it signed by the authorized individual **within 30 days of this letter's date** to Jill Sunderland, your regional Environmental Grant Specialist, at 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI 54801.

The scope summarized in the agreement is the project detail provided in the application and does not negate tasks/deliverables described therein. Data, records, and reports, including GIS-based maps, and digital images, must be submitted to the Department in a format specified by the regional Lake Biologist.

The period covered by the agreement is from March 15, 2021 through December 31, 2023. If you can't complete your project within this time period, please request an extension from Carol Warden, your Regional AIS Coordinator at (715) 356-9494, or Jill Sunderland at (608) 358-9319. You must submit your request for your final payment within six (6) months after all work activity is complete or your grant may be terminated. Should you have any questions about the project, please contact your regional AIS Coordinator. If you have any financial questions, please contact your regional Environmental Grant Specialist above.

Under this grant program, you are entitled to a project advance payment. This advance payment is made available to you to cover costs you may incur in the initial stages of the grant process. The advance payment is equal to 25% of the State grant amount, maximum of \$25,000. **If you wish to request the advance payment, please check the blank provided before the signature block on the last page of the project agreement.**

**Please note that this grant program is a reimbursement program.** This means that you must pay all expenses incurred prior to requesting reimbursement for any of the remaining 75% of the grant award from the State. Reimbursement claim forms are attached. Please be aware that the deadline for submitting final reimbursement claims is six (6) months from the project end date. One partial reimbursement request per year will be accepted.

The State withholds 10% of the State Cost Share for final reimbursement following approval of the final report. Instructions and forms for the financial administration of the project are enclosed. Please submit your final report to Carol Warden at 3110 Trout Lake Station Dr, Boulder Junction, WI 54512, and final billing to Jill Sunderland at 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI 54801. Please write the project number (ACEI27321) on all billing material submitted.

**Advance or Reimbursement Check:** Your advance or reimbursement may be direct deposited to your organization's financial institution or a check mailed to Rice Lake Association, 2783 W Great Northern Trail, Mercer, WI 54547. This is the check recipient that appears in our records. If this is incorrect, please notify Jill Sunderland.

- Your project may require one or more professional service agreements.** A grantee who subcontracts or hires an agent to undertake any portion of a project requiring more than \$5,000 of grant funding awarded shall enter into a professional service agreement with the contractor or agent prior to the commencement of any contracted work using the attached Professional Service Agreement, Form 8700-379.
- Your project may require that one or more cost containment procedures.** A grantee shall implement cost containment measures for all purchases made with grant funds that exceed \$2500. The grantee must identify the cost containment procedure used when requesting reimbursement. Refer to program guidance for acceptable cost containment procedures.
- Your project includes the use of donated labor as part of your local share.** As your project progresses you must document all volunteer labor and/or professional labor by keeping a log of the person's name, the date the work is performed, a description of the work performed, the number of hours and rate of pay per hour (including benefits for professional hours). Attached are sample worksheets and summary sheets for your use. Please make, as many copies from these blank sheets as you think will need for the project. Tracking hours by computer is accepted.
- Your project includes the use of donated materials or equipment as part of your local share.** You must carefully track all donations with documentation that is equal to an invoice in their normal business dealings but clearly marked as donations. All donations shall conform to market rates. This documentation must be included with the payment request form.
- If your project includes GIS data, it should be in a format fully compatible with ARC/INFO® and ArcView®.** If you have any questions about this format or the standards, please request more information from Carol Warden or Jill Sunderland.

You may be contacted by the Office of the Governor or your state Legislator concerning the issuance of a press release to publicize the grant award. The Department of Natural Resources is pleased to have the opportunity to participate with you in this grant project.

Sincerely,



Jim Ritchie, Director  
Bureau of Community Financial Assistance

C: Carol Warden – Rhineland  
Laura MacFarland – Rhineland  
Jill Sunderland - Spooner

**Notice:** Personally identifiable information collected will be used for program administration and may be made available to requesters as required under Wisconsin's Open Records Law [ss.19.31 - 19.39, Wis. Stats].

<b>Grantee</b> Rice Lake Association		<b>Project Number</b> ACEI27321	
<b>Project Title</b> Rice Lake AIS Management Plan		<b>Grantee DUNS #:</b> N/A	<b>CFDA #</b> N/A
<b>Start and End Date of Grant</b> From March 15, 2021 Through December 31, 2023		<b>Name of Program</b> Surface Water Grants	
<p><b>Project Scope</b>          The Rice Lake Association is sponsoring a project to manage to population of Curly leaf pondweed (CLP) on Rice Lake. Project to be completed by December 31, 2023.</p> <p>Project final deliverables include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Results from hand-pulling efforts including time spent and amount removed</li> <li>2. Phosphorus testing results</li> <li>3. Annual AIS monitoring data/report</li> <li>4. CBCW data entered into SWIMS</li> <li>5. Final report</li> </ol> <p>Specific project activities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AIS monitoring and reporting</li> <li>2. Removal of CLP through hand-pulling and benthic barrier</li> <li>3. Phosphorus testing and fisheries monitoring</li> <li>4. CBCW efforts</li> </ol> <p>Special Conditions: Monitoring design must get approval from DNR prior to management efforts. Per s. NR193.65(4) population management activities require minimum public boating access as set out in s. NR 1.91 (4) to be eligible for grant funds. The grantee is not eligible for reimbursement of expenses until these requirements are met.</p> <p>This scope summarizes the project detail provided in the application and does not negate tasks/deliverables described therein. Data, records, and reports, including GIS-based maps, and digital images, must be submitted to the Department in a format specified by the regional Lake Biologist. If consultant is to provide final report, it is recommended that Grantee provide DNR Lake Coordinator with a draft for comment on report adequacy prior to making final payment to the consultant. DNR to receive both paper and electronic .pdf copies of the final report along with, or prior to submission of grantee's final payment request.</p>			
<p><b>WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CONTACT:</b>          Jill Sunderland, Community Service Specialist, (608) 358-9319, Jill.Sunderland@wisconsin.gov          Carol Warden, AIS Specialist, (715) 356-9494, warden@wisc.edu</p>			
<b>PROJECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SUMMARY:</b>		The following documents are incorporated into and made part of this agreement:	
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$126,400.00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chapter NR 193, Wisconsin Administrative Code</li> <li>2. Surface Water Grant Application Form #8700-284 and all attachments.</li> </ol>	
<b>Cost Share Percentage</b>	75%		
<b>Grant Award</b>	\$94,800.00		
<b>Grantee Share</b>	\$31,600.00		
<b>Advance Payment</b>	\$23,700.00		

**A. General Conditions:**

1. The State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) and the Grantee mutually agree to perform this agreement in accordance with the project proposal, application, terms, promises, conditions, plans, specifications, estimates, procedures, maps and also any assurances attached and made a part of this agreement.
2. This agreement, together with any referenced parts and attachments, shall constitute the entire agreement and previous communications or agreements pertaining to the subject matter of this agreement are superseded. Any revisions to the original grant agreement, including cost adjustments, time extensions, and scope changes, must be requested by the grantee in writing. E-mail from the grantee is an acceptable format. Grantee must submit requests for amendment to this agreement prior to the end date of the original agreement. The Department may approve time extensions to the original agreement in writing without the requirement of the Grantee's signature. The Department may only approve cost and scope changes in a written grant agreement that requires signature of the grantee. The Grantee shall submit each amendment request to the Department contact listed on page 1 of this agreement.
3. Failure by the Grantee to comply with the terms of this agreement shall cause the suspension of all obligations of the State unless, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Department, such failure was due to no fault of the Grantee. In such case, any amount required to settle at minimum costs any irrevocable obligations properly incurred shall be eligible for assistance under this agreement, at the Department's discretion.
4. Grantee match is defined as that portion of eligible project costs paid for by the grantee. Eligible sources of grantee match may include cash from the grantee; funds generated by local, non-department state or federal governments; grants or contributions from foundations, businesses, private individuals or nonprofit organizations; and donated or force account labor, professional services, supplies, and equipment usage. State funds from the department may not be considered part of the grantee match. Interest earned on advance payment under this grant cannot be considered as grantee match.
5. **The Grantee:**
  - a. Agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code in fulfilling terms of this agreement. In particular, the Grantee agrees to comply with the provisions of ss. 23.22, 281.68, 281.69, 281.70, and 281.71, Wis. Stats., as appropriate, and to comply with all applicable federal, state and local contract and bidding requirements. The Grantee should consult its legal counsel with questions concerning contracts and bidding.
  - b. Agrees to obtain all regulatory permits and approvals, including water and wetland regulatory permits and approvals, required by federal, state, or local agencies prior to project implementation and complied with fully during project implementation
  - c. Promises, in consideration of the promises made by the Department, to execute the project described in accordance with this agreement.
  - d. May decline the offer of financial assistance provided through this agreement, in writing, at any time prior to the start of the project and before expending any funds. After the project has been started or funds expended, this agreement may be rescinded, modified, or amended only by mutual agreement in writing.
  - e. Agrees, to save, keep harmless, defend and indemnify the Department and all its officers, employees and agents, against any and all liability claims, costs of whatever kind and nature, for injury to or death of any person or persons, and for loss or damage to any property (state or other) occurring in connection with or in any way incident to or arising out of the occupancy, use, service, operation or performance of work in connection with this agreement or omissions of Grantee and all of its employees, agents or representatives. The Grantee is an Independent Contractor for all purposes, not an employee or agent of the Department.
  - f. Agrees to reimburse the Department for any and all funds the Department deems appropriate in the event the Grantee fails to comply with the conditions of this agreement or project proposal as approved by the Department or fails to provide public benefits as indicated in the project application, proposal description or this agreement. In addition, should the Grantee fail to comply with the conditions of this agreement, fail to progress due to non-appropriation of funds, or fail to progress with or complete the project to the satisfaction of the Department, all obligations of the Department under this agreement may be terminated, including further project cost payment.
  - g. Agrees, in connection with the performance of work under this agreement, not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, disability, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability as defined in s. 51.01(5), Wis. Stats., or national origin. This provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Grantee further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunities, as required by law. The Grantee agrees to post in conspicuous places available, for employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause.

- h. Agrees that accounting for project funds shall conform to generally accepted accounting principles and practices, and shall be maintained by the Grantee in separate accounts.
- i. Agrees to submit final reimbursement claims within six (6) months from the grant end date. Reimbursement requests must be accompanied by progress reports detailing activities that have taken place during the time period for which the Grantee is seeking reimbursement and documentation for the costs being claimed.
- j. Agrees to keep all financial records, including invoices and canceled checks, that support all project costs claimed by the Grantee and make these available to the Department for inspection for six (6) years after receipt of final payment.
- k. Agrees that all water chemistry analyses that are part of the project shall be analyzed by either the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene or a Wisconsin certified laboratory approved by the Department for sample analysis. The DNR must pre-approve private laboratory eligibility. The grantee will first pay 100% of laboratory costs incurred directly to the laboratory and then request reimbursement from the DNR. This provision does not apply to planning projects conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey.
- l. Agrees to report data and information acquired as part of the project to the Department in the format specified by the Department's regional contact.
- m. Agrees to provide all information (data) gathered under this grant and final report products in electronic format and to submit these materials to the Department's regional contact as part of the final report.
- n. Will follow the conditions related to invasive species movement. The grantee agrees to the following methods required under s. NR 109.05(2), Wis. Adm. Code for controlling, transporting and disposing of aquatic plants and animals, and moving water:
  1. Aquatic plants and animals shall be removed, and water drained from all equipment as required by s. 30.07, Wis. Stats., and ss. NR 19.055 and 40.07, Wis. Adm. Code.
  2. Operator shall comply with the most recent Department-approved 'Boat, Gear, and Equipment Decontamination and Disinfection Protocol', Manual Code # 9183.1, available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/disinfection.html>.
- o. Agrees to have an annual audit performed in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform -- Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, & Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (also known as "Uniform Guidance") and WI State Single Audit Guidelines found at <http://www.doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Budget-and-Finance/Financial-Reporting/state-controllers-office/state-single-audit-guidelines> issued by Wisconsin Department of Administration, State Controller's Office, if Grantee expends federal grant funds totaling \$750,000 or more during the fiscal year and the those funds were received from a State or Federal agency.

**6. The Department:**

- a. Promises, in consideration of the covenants and agreements made by the Grantee, to obligate for the Grantee the amount of \$94,800.00 and to tender to the Grantee that portion of the obligation that is required to pay the Department's share of the costs based upon the state providing up to the maximum percent of eligible project costs and not to exceed the maximum allowable grant award.
- b. Agrees that the Grantee shall have sole control of the method, hours worked, and time and manner of any performance under this agreement other than as specifically provided in this document. The Department takes no responsibility of supervision or direction of the performance of the agreement to be performed by the Grantee or the Grantee's employees or agents. The Department further agrees that it will exercise no control over the selection and dismissal of the Grantee's employees or agents.
- c. Reserves the right only to inspect the job site or premises for the sole purpose of insuring that the performance is progressing or has been completed in compliance with this agreement.
- d. Will withhold up to 10% of the state share for final payment, subject to a determination that the projects final report, and any required audits have been completed satisfactorily.

**B. Special Conditions:**

*The following special project terms and conditions were added to this agreement before it was signed by the parties hereto:*

1. Indirect costs are not eligible for reimbursement under the Surface Water Grants program. This applies to both indirect costs that the grantee may wish to charge the Department and any indirect costs that a subcontractor may wish to charge the grantee. If indirect costs are incurred, they are wholly the responsibility of the grantee.

Check here if you request advance payment totaling \$23,936.25

The person(s) signing for the Grantee represents both personally and as an agent of his or her principal that he or she is authorized to execute this agreement and bind his or her principal, either by a duly adopted resolution or otherwise.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
FOR THE SECRETARY

By

By



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(Signature)

Jim Ritchie, Director  
Bureau of Community Financial Assistance

President, Rice Lake association

(Title)

4/6/2021

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