

**State of Maine
Master Score Sheet**

RFP# 202212202 Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application						
Bidder Name:		30 Mile Watershed Protection Association	Community Lakes Association	Collins Pond Association	Downeast Lakes Land Trust	
Proposed Cost:		\$13,000	\$5,715	\$40,320	\$81,600	
Scoring Sections/ Pass(P)- Fail(F)	Points Available	P	P	P	P	
Purpose and Background	30	30	25	20	15	
Goals	10	10	9	7	5	
Objectives	15	19	12	8	10	
Monitoring	15	13	12	12	12	
Local Resources Training/experience Match	25	22	22	20	20	
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>62</u>	
Bidder Name:		Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed	Friends of Messalonskee Lake	Friends of Shagg Pond	Hogan and Whitney Pond Association	
Proposed Cost:		\$50,000	\$76,910	\$23,400	\$6,000	
Scoring Sections/Pass(P)- Fail(F)	Points Available	P	P	P	P	
Purpose and Background	30	30	12	10	26	
Goals	10	9	5	3	10	
Objectives	15	19	8	9	16	
Monitoring	15	15	7	7	12	
Local Resources/Training/experience Match	15 10	10	15	17	20	
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>84</u>	

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Bidder Name:		Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee	The Town of Raymond	Thompson Lake Environmental Association	Three Ponds Protective Association	
Proposed Cost:		\$1,960	\$61,180 (2year)	\$20,000	\$15,000	
Scoring Sections/Pass -Fail	Points Available	P	P	P	P	
Purpose and Background	30	25	25	25	12	
Goals	10	8	10	6	5	
Objectives	20	16	16	15	6	
Monitoring	15	12	12	15	10	
Local Resources Training experience Match	25	25	20	23	22	
TOTAL	100	86	83	84	55	
Bidder Name:		Three Rivers Land Trust				
Proposed Cost:		\$9,360				
Scoring Sections/Pass- Fail	Pts Available	P				
Purpose and Background	30	26				
Goals	10	10				
Objectives	20	16				
Monitoring	15	12				
Local Resources Training experience Match	25	19				
TOTAL	100	83				



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30 Mile River Watershed Association
PO Box 132
Mt. Vernon, ME 04032

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202212202
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Dear Lidie Robbins:

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Community Lakes Association
55 Maine Road
Woodstock, ME 04219

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Dear Cheryl Shattenberg-Plassmann:

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Collins Pond Improvement Association
92 Emerson Drive
Windham, ME 04062

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Dear Roger Patterson:

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Downeast Lakes Land Trust
4 Water Street
Grand Lake Stream, ME 04668

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Dear David Montague:

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Friends of The Cobbossee Watershed
2518 US Rt 202
Winthrop, ME 04364

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Dear Alex Dyer:

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Friends of Messalonskee (Snow Pond Association)
PO Box 532
Oakland, ME 04963

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Dear Linda Warner:

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Friends of Shagg Pond
17 Birch Ridge Drive
Hartford, ME 04220

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296 Beacon Street
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Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee
231 Old Stage Road
Lovell, ME 04051

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AWARD NOTIFICATION LETTER

March 21, 2023

Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202212202
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Thompson Lake Environmental Association
942 Sligo Road
N. Yarmouth, ME 04097

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Dear Alex Bernardy:

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March 21, 2023

Three Ponds Protective Association
23 Micah Terrace
Milton, NH 03851

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202212202
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March 21, 2023

Three Rivers Land Trust
PO Box 295
Alfred, ME 04002

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Dear Cheri Dunning:

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Three Rivers Land Trust

DATE: 2/10/2023

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: John McPhedran, Denise Blanchette

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<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Purpose Scope and Background	30	26
Goals	10	10
Objectives	20	16
Monitoring	15	12
Local Resources Training (15) Match (10)	25	19
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>83</u>

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BIDDER: Three Rivers Land Trust

DATE: 2/10/2023

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project Purpose and Scope

New Infestations, not previous removal concise description. One year application. Detail description of lake and infestation as currently known. Also addresses strategies for management and outreach and involvement with residents. Possibility of progress and successful management.

Goals

Detailed in all areas outlines achievable expectations and plan.

Objectives

No Public Access. Forming Lake Association hard work involved. May be unreasonable due to small population on the lake. Prevention/early detection educated residents and landowners to CD. Seek assistance from residents. Control efforts reduce dense

Monitoring

Mentions YCIASP, vague on how annual pond wide surveys will occur. Contractor assesses density.

Local resources

Training and Experience New groups. YCSISP involved with surveying. Local interest needs more owners involved. Good description of 3RLT and their mission and how it supports this effort.

Match

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

DATE: 2/14/2023

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

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Purpose Scope and Background	30	30
Goals	10	10
Objectives	20	19
Monitoring	15	13
Local Resources Training (15) Match (10)	25	22
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>94</u>

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

DATE: 2/14/2023

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project Purpose and Scope

Detailed history and description of infestation. Highlights survey and efforts to access the infestations. Expanded CBI coverage. Surface use restriction. Rapid Response

Goals

Clearly Stated and defined

Objectives

Clearly defined and stated. Covers prevention, limit spread, remove plants as found.

Monitoring

Survey frequently thorough the season. Survey rest of the lake, not certain about mapping. Marked with GPS and Survey 123 for removal.

Local resources

Training and Experience Experienced director since 2009 managing project, same diver. Season staff. Strong demonstrated community support. Raised \$120

Match 72%

**STATE OF MAINE
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RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Community Lakes Association

DATE: 2/14/2023

SUMMARY PAGE

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Purpose Scope and Background	30	25
Goals	10	9
Objectives	20	12
Monitoring	15	12
Local Resources Training (15) Match (10)	25	21
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>79</u>

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Community Lakes Association

DATE: 2/14/2023

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project Purpose and Scope

17 Years of work to control. Good detail on lake and location of infestation and concern for spread. Described the work and challenges with the work as well as success. Used a drone for survey and also surveyed by boat. Use of Clam shells on some areas, easy to deploy and remove

Goals

Eradicate VWM in Pump House Cove and outlet Pond.

Objectives

DASH and possible barriers.

Monitoring

Level 3 surevy Survey before and after work. Use drones to see overall area.

Local resources

Years of training and Experience, New coordinator. Plant patrol team. NEM heavy work.

Match 60%

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Collins Pond Association

DATE: 2/14/2023

SUMMARY PAGE

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Purpose Scope and Background	30	20
Goals	10	7
Objectives	20	8
Monitoring	15	12
Local Resources Training (15) Match (10)	25	20
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>67</u>

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Collins Pond Association

DATE: 2/14/2023

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project Purpose and Scope -

one year: 6 weeks NEM. Brief background. Does describe density not much on how that has been a managed and were the challenges are.

Goals

Spread prevention- Only trolling motors on lake. Marking infestations, but to widespread. Swimming survey each spring and after DASH work is complete.

Vague goals not really, even described

Objectives

Use contracted DASH and Barrier (swim areas) for management.

Use of herbicide with follow-up DASH

Monitoring

Survey spring and fall Experimented with drone surveys Plants in most areas of the lake.

Local resources

Training and Experience Training Volunteers trained, NEM contractor, Partner with LSLA for technical advice and purchases. Town of Windham support program

Match 27%

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Downeast Lakes and Land Trust

DATE: 2/14/2023

SUMMARY PAGE

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Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: John McPhedran, Denise Blanchette

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Purpose Scope and Background	30	15
Goals	10	5
Objectives	20	10
Monitoring	15	12
Local Resources Training (15) Match (10)	25	20
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>62</u>

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BIDDER: Downeast Lakes and Land Trust

DATE: 2/14/2023

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project Purpose and Scope

Narrative not current. Should include summary more current and in own words to describe success and challenges to date.

Goals

Not current. Taken from 2-year-old plan DEP wrote. Prefer to see more effort to write application to clarify needs for funds

Objectives

Not updated to show work to dates. Strategy and timeline do not link to maps. Maps do not go with description. Maps from Survey 123 2022 and description from 2020 .

Monitoring

Good maps current and before and after management.

Local resources

Training and Experience NEM contractor, Info out of plan and not describing changes or process that has adjusted the last two seasons

Match 40%

**STATE OF MAINE
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RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Friends of the Cobbossee watershed

DATE: 2/16/2023

SUMMARY PAGE

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BIDDER: Friends of the Cobbossee watershed

DATE: 2/16/2023

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project Purpose and Scope

Detailed multifaceted approach. Describes description of plants watershed and varying goals for each. Details in setting and history. New ramp in Annabessacook. Concern with spread. DASH on access points and other areas. Summary status of 3 different AIS.

Goals

Goals laid out in objectives Described each lake of infestations

Objectives

Good detail in areas laid out include survey and volunteer efforts. Dedicated survey team education and outreach.

Monitoring

Dedicated survey teams. Annual survey on all infested and uninfested waters.

Local resources

Training and Experience - Fulltime year round staff, Scuba certified staff. Significant leadership turnover. Need to clarify how this effects work and goals moving forward. ED will assume role of director and Staff coordinator Alex will assume role of previous person.

Match 200%

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Purpose Scope and Background	30	12
Goals	10	5
Objectives	20	8
Monitoring	15	7
Local Resources Training (15) Match (10)	25	15
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>47</u>

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Friends of Messalonskee

DATE: 2/14/2023

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project Purpose and Background

One year grant. Claims success with barriers. Rely on contractor yet budget for own dive crew and contractor. Coordinator to run project. Maintenance mode yet then say infestation has expanded. Asking for significant funds yet are very unclear in history purpose and direction of the current program. Lots of contradicting information.

Goals

Maintain areas by barriers DASH and hand pull. Increase volunteer base and outreach. Goals do not have a clear result, discuss process and even the process is not clear.

Objectives

Continued to offer little clarity on directions of the project and what the funding is for. Discuss FOM team and contractor inter changeably making it unsure who is doing what. Mention herbicide treatment when this would need to be approved before by DEP.

Monitoring

Survey 123 maps. Show last seasons work. Volunteers for annual survey this is new previously done by coordinator that no longer is there. Willy cove herbicide and other areas mentioned Have not discussed this with DEP. Unclear rambling explanation.

Local resources

Training and Experience Transition from previous coordinator, Uncertain how program runs going forward. Contractor has experience.

Match

over 50% match

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share

Application BIDDER: Friends of Shagg Pond

DATE: 2/14/2023

SUMMARY PAGE

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Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

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<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Purpose Scope and Background	30	10
Goals	10	3
Objectives	20	9
Monitoring	15	7
Local Resources Training (15) Match (10)	25	17
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>46</u>

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Hogan and Whitney Pond

DATE: 2/14/2023

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project Purpose and Scope –

Elimintate VWM one sentence. No effort to describe history, waterbody or work to be done.

Goals

No detail or goals stated. When? what frequency? By who? When?

Objectives

Start large infestations move to plants near surface poorly describes how work is done.

Monitoring

Landowner's survey. Is there evidence of this? Or is this DASH work. Who does underwater surveys? Very unclear what monitoring is occurring. Lack of detail.

Local resources

Training and Experience. 7 years' experience for coordinator,

Match 20% match Town of Woodstock 80% of association

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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BIDDER: Hogan and Whitney Pond

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Purpose Scope and Background	30	26
Goals	10	10
Objectives	20	16
Monitoring	15	12
Local Resources Training (15) Match (10)	25	20
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>84</u>

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Hogan and Whitney Pond

DATE: 2/14/2023

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project Purpose and Scope - 1 year. Scope depends on Spring survey Focus on South end NEM one week. Brief discussion on history of previous work and survey.

Goals

Prevent spread to Whitney

Manage without grant

Objectives

NEM hired for 1 week. Frequent survey between ponds. Full surveys 2x a year

Monitoring

Channel surveyed DASH areas surveyed pre and post. Maps attached not informative.

Local resources

Training and Experience 10 years homegrown management.

Match 35%

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Lovel Invasive Plant Prevention Committee

DATE: 2/14/2023

SUMMARY PAGE

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Purpose Scope and Background	30	25
Goals	10	8
Objectives	20	16
Monitoring	15	12
Local Resources Training (15) Match (10)	25	25
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>86</u>

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Lovel Invasive Plant Prevention Committee

DATE: 2/14/2023

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project Purpose and Scope -
1 Year. 4 years no VWM

Goals
Keep AIS out of Pond

Objectives
2 diver surveys, monitor where bait traps are.

Monitoring
Resident's survey, Poor map. CBI own signage

Local resources

Training and Experience 25 years of management. Experienced dive team. Functional eradication
Match

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Town of Raymond

DATE: 2/14/2023

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: John McPhedran, Denise Blanchette

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Purpose Scope and Background	30	25
Goals	10	10
Objectives	20	16
Monitoring	15	12
Local Resources Training (15) Match (10)	25	20
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>83</u>

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Town of Raymond

DATE: 2/14/2023

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project Purpose and Scope – 2 Year request. Town coordinating with previous management groups. New applicant. Detailed history.

Goals

Prevent Spread, Management. Goals address each level of infestation management

Objectives

Prevention early detection promote CDD to all outlets. NEM for large removal.

Monitoring

New and previously established areas. Mapped by contractors, and RWPA. Survey 123

Local resources

Training and Experience NEM contractor, RWPA years of experience with survey and management. First year for town in managing grant. Collaboration with long term partners.

Match 38% Multiple listed for match.

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Thompson Lake Environmental Association

DATE:2/16/2023

SUMMARY PAGE

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Purpose Scope and Background	30	25
Goals	10	6
Objectives	20	15
Monitoring	15	15
Local Resources Training (15) Match (10)	25	23
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>84</u>

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Thompson Lake Environmental Association

DATE:2/16/2023

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project Purpose and Scope one year project. VWM 30 years. Monitoring Pine point for regrowth 5 year major effort. Dash and hand pulling to monitor other areas.

Goals

This section includes objectives does not really state goals

Objectives

20-25 hours on high-risk areas, access point. Treatment plan barriers DASH removal techniques chosen according to the infestation.

Monitoring

Survey map VWM monitoring reclaimed areas. Looking for other AIS. Not updated in 2022

Local resources

Training and Experience

8 years managing TLEA new raining reference CBI

Match 100+%

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Three Ponds Protective Association

DATE: 2/23/2022

SUMMARY PAGE

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Objectives	20	6
Monitoring	15	10
Local Resources Training (15) Match (10)	25	22
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>55</u>

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #:202212202

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Three Ponds Protective Association

DATE: 2/23/2022

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project Purpose and Scope - This section has objectives but doesn't provide a picture of the overall project. Detailed surveys will be conducted by TTPA volunteers and NEM.

Goals

No goals stated. Instead, this section has more objectives (some redundant of what was in purpose/background).

Objectives

This section describes local resources that should be included in section below.

Trained VIPS will survey along with NEM – do we have evidence of their surveying, e.g., Google Maps or Survey 123?

NEM contracted for 5 weeks' work.

Monitoring

LC will conduct training sessions – Is this in her workplan? She'll (hopefully) be available for survey work. Little confidence that much monitoring by local volunteers will actually occur.

Local resources

Training and Experience: one dozen VIPS survey pond at least 2X each summer – again, any evidence of this? Application states that these surveys are part of database given to NEM – is this true? Also planning workshop to train lakefront owners on manual removal – is this still an active effort or just carried over from past grant applications? Application should describe results of this training.

Match: well over 100% match but it appears no DES funding to support NEM work? Also, no acknowledgement that DEP will pay directly for herbicide treatment in Maine waters.

Active lake association of 150 members; members provide financial support for program.

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Three Rivers Land Trust (Shapleigh Pond)

DATE: 2/8/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background

New infestation. Well written project and scope. Detail description of lake and infestation as currently known. Also addresses strategies for management and outreach and involvement with residents. Refers to 2023 management plan and long-term management plan being developed.

Goals

prevent spread and remove dense populations that could prevent recreational uses and diminish property values. Detailed in all areas outlines achievable expectations and plan.

Objectives

Prevention/early detection

Educated residents and landowners to CDD

Seek assistance from local residents Two towns to help fund efforts

Seek formation of Lake Association or task force to manage control of VWM is it possible?

Control efforts

Reduce dense growth using barriers

Remove small populations by hand pulling.

Monitoring

Mentions YCIASP not sure this is happening beyond this year. Could use more detail

Local Resources

Training Good description of 3RLT and their mission and how it supports this effort. Outlines role and role of potential partners YCIASP and YCSWCD as well as local towns and residents. SMIAM contractor outline experience and ability to do the work and meet goals

Match 25%

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed

DATE: 2/7/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background

Detailed description of the lake habitat and the infestations. Chronological description of efforts to educate community remove the infestation and prevent spread with or out of the lake. Highlights survey efforts to assess the infestation. Expanded CBI coverage Surface Use restriction

Goals

5-year management plan.
Prevent Spread
Continue Monitoring
Eradicate VWM by implementing management program described

Objectives

Conduct weekly surveys and mark plants
Remove VWM as found
Survey littoral of the lake to detect any spread
Continue CBI
Conduct other outreach to educate community, gain funding, prevent spread

Monitoring

Begin surveys in May train team of dedicated staff and volunteers. Monitor regrowth after removal
Survey rest of lake through the summer

Local Resources

Training and Experience Experienced director and leader managed projects IAS experience as well. 2/3 seasonal trained staff. Returning experienced diver
Match
30 Mile partnered with ALIC to raise \$120K for work to be completed on Androscoggin Lake over a three-year period 72%

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Community Lakes Association

DATE: 2/7/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background

Good detail on lake and location of infestation and concern for spread. Described the work and challenges with the work as well as success. Used a drone for survey and also surveyed by boat. Use of Clam shells on some areas, easy to deploy and remove

Goals

Eradicate VWM in Pump House Cove and outlet Pond.

Objectives

Level 3 survey planned Lake and upper Androscoggin River for 2023 to supplement monitoring
20 plants removed in 2022 volunteers and diver to continue to monitor remove any plants found
Outlet Pond- NEM one week. Alter days to keep viz longer. Follow up DASH with hand pull and clam shell

Monitoring

Survey before and after in addition to surveys mentioned in Scope and Objectives. Drone survey end of season

Local Resources

Training and Experience Coordinator 18 years' experience with infestation and management.
New President Training new diver. Use NEM for heavy work. Have plant patrol team. 286 volunteer hours.

Match 60%

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RFA #:202212202

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BIDDER NAME: Collins Pond

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background

Brief background. Does describe density not much on how that has been a managed and were the challenges are.

Goals

Spread prevention- Only trolling motors on lake. Marking infestations, but to widespread. Swimming survey each spring and after DASH work is complete.

Vague goals not really, even described.

Objectives

Use contracted DASH and Barrier (swim areas) for management.
Use of herbicide with follow-up DASH (herbicide may not occur?)

Monitoring

Survey spring and fall Experimented with drone surveys Plants in most areas of the lake.

Local Resources

Training Volunteers trained, NEM contractor, Partner with LSLA for technical advice and purchases. Town of Windham support program

Match 27%

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Downeast Lakes and Land Trust

DATE: 2/7/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background Still cutting and pasting the management plan with little added for context or description.

Goals

Management Plan cut and paste

Objectives

Management Plan cut and paste

Added a small description of coalition role in supporting the project. Anticipation of the project needing more resources.

12 weeks NEM- Sites not in order of priority. Listing heavily infested areas before smaller manageable populations

Monitoring

Management Plan cut and paste

Local Resources

Training NEM contractor, trained surveyors an a payed coordinator on staff.

Match 40%

Overall, the application lacks substance to determine sustainability and commitment.

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Friends of The Cobbossee Watershed

DATE: 2/7/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background

Detailed background and description of watershed value and overall goals of management plan. List each area of infestation separately.

Cobbossee Stream, Pleasant, Horseshoe- Maintain channels and try to prevent upstream spread, many year infestation needing significantly more resources. Monitor and clear low dense areas and channels annually.

Annabessacook Herbicide in 2020. Follow up DASH. Large collaborative to survey treat and fund. New launch on eastern shore (Holmes Rd). Infested area is largest area of vegetation in the lake. 2022 some regrowth Hoyt Brook in particular and northern end of lake

Cobbossee Lake VWM Jug Stream. Small infestation. NEM with DEP FOCW staff survey hand pull EWM 2018 Northern end. Herbicide and hand removal Survey frequently and removal all plants found. Infestation has expanded in last 2 years.

EFB several locations, removed based on study 2021 by grad student with FOCW.

Heavily used for recreation great threat to spread. CBI records indicate boaters hop from one pond to another

Goals

3 weeks Annabessacook to survey deeper areas and remove plants regrowth

FOCW staff and volunteers to manage EFB

Dedicated Cobbossee Lake seasonal staff to survey manage infested areas of EFB and EWM growth and VWM in Jug Stream. Staff now SCUBA certified

Hire NEM 5 weeks for Cobbossee Stream, Pleasant, Horseshoe. Work to keep channels open and limit upstream spread

Education to community and schools Plant ID sessions

Objectives

Pilot DIY plant control on Stream and Pleasant Pond, Barriers and hand pull small areas in front of properties.

Monitoring – Dedicated Survey teams. Survey yearly before during and after treatments. Survey all Cobbossee and Annabessacook. Also, survey uninfested waters at high risk for infestation

Local Resources Fulltime year-round staff of 6 Summer 40 staff, some trained divers and plant patrollers. Contract with NEM. New Conservation Programs Manager leads Cobbossee team and CB. Work cooperatively with other local groups,

Training

Match 200%

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Friends of Messalonskee

DATE: 2/6/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background

Conflicting information "With staffing changes at FOM, we plan to rely on contracted milfoil harvesters for our DASH and benthic barrier needs" Later in the document they ask for funding for staff and a contracted service. Describe the need for a coordinator (coordinator responsibilities recruit schedule emails calls season planning purchasing coordinating locations, all are not grant covered expenses). Volunteers survey and map.

Doing analysis of efforts to better plan.

Goals

Maintain areas with barriers (do not mention DASH hand pull)
Increase volunteers in Sidney and Belgrade Messolonskee Stream

Objectives

Vague and offer little clarification of how they will achieve their goals.
Promote volunteerism

Monitoring

Mention again maintenance mode. Yet also discuss increased infestation and need for extra time due to new growth.

"FOM will continue to use the management methods of hand pulling and laying barriers while contractual labor for the DASH maintenance services, they provide." Do not know what this means.

Discuss FOM and Contractor interchangeable. Uncertain who is doing the work. FOM stated they were using a contractor for all work in the purpose and scope.

In the Synopsis for this section, they again refer to contractor doing the work.

Local Resources

Training and Experience Full staff turnover. Plan an adopt a shoreline program Offered CBI training yet no description of how.

Match 23-24%

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Friends of Shagg Pond

DATE: 2/14/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background

Brief yet concise description of effort to keep free from VWM. Jack Stay method to survey deeper areas. 5 dives per season. 4 years no plant found

Goals

Keep free of VWM

Objectives

5 diver surveys

Monitoring

Residents survey shoreline in between dives. CBI and signage

Local Resources

Training 25 years of management resulting in functional eradications

Match 50% Not sure if we cover Diver Insurance and Supplies?

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Hogan and Whitney Pond Association

DATE: 2/38/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background detailed description of lake habitat and history of the management efforts. Describes goals for management and who is responsible for what tasks this year and for following years mentioning how each year will build off the other. Describes ho previous grants funds have supported the management strategy.

Goals

Get VWM to management level that can be maintained by the Association. Keeping infestation in Hogan and not allowing spread to Whitney Pond . describes survey efforts and removal in connecting channel. How respond to observed or possible VWM.

Objectives

Association surveys full pond at least 2x a year. Connecting waters between ponds surveyed frequently 4 or more time. Survey and mark work areas before contractor arrives and after the work is complete. Use Survey 123 to mark progress and areas worked.

Monitoring

Survey 123 and surveys as outlined above.

Local Resources

Training 10 years same coordinating group. On pond diver for association does spot removal. Hired contractor for larger removal. Church hires divers for swim area barriers. Lists hirer matched pat three years when mre contracted work done.

Match 25% match

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee

DATE: 2/8/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background

Brief yet concise description of effort to keep free from VWM. Jack Stay method to survey deeper areas. 5 dives per season. 4 years no plant found

Goals

Keep free of VWM

Objectives

5 diver surveys

Monitoring

Residents survey shoreline in between dives. CBI and signage

Local Resources

Training 25 years of management resulting in functional eradications

Match 50% Not sure if we cover Diver Insurance and Supplies?

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Town of Raymond

DATE: 2/8/2023

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background

2 Year application \$29,260 (Yr1) \$31,920 (YR2)

Detailed background on Lake, Less detail on history of infestation and management. First year for this group. Several partners.

Goals

Prevent Spread to other areas of the lake

Mange dense growth to reduce populations

Remove smaller infestations before they become larger issue

Maintain areas free of VWM

Objectives

Prevention early detections and plant control. Promote CDD at ramp CBI to prevent introductions, educate boaters

Plant control activities reducing large infestations removing small infestations.

Collaborate with local and state partners

In tables list sites by priority who and timing 200 Hrs NEM contract

Monitoring

New and previously established areas surveyed and mapped by contractor and RWPA

Local Resources

Training NEM, resources in several local groups. RWPA volunteer monitoring of cleared areas. Years' experience doing this and mapping results.

Match 38% Multiple sources listed for match

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Thompson Lakes Environmental Association

DATE: 2/14/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background

One Year. Brief yet offers some detail description of previous work done and who will be doing continued work. Documented on Google My maps.

Goals

Level 2 survey of areas worked 20-25 hours survey on high risk areas. Implement treatment plan if plants found. No further information on treatment plan?

Objectives

Trained survey deploy barriers\). Look for VWM and other possible AIS. DASH on larger colonies.

Monitoring

Monitor all reclaimed areas (areas 2 or more years with 0 AIS) Remove any new plants found.

Local Resources

Contractor since 2015. Crew leader since 2010. Train divers through Milfoil training on site training.

Match +100%

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Three Ponds Protective Association

DATE: 2/14/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background

Very brief description of effort. Mention DASH and Herbicide as control methods.

Goals

Detailed Survey of Milton Three ponds before DASH. Concern with Brach River area, cove by fire island. Not very defined goals.

Objectives

Trained survey volunteers. Contract with NEM to DASH

Monitoring

Residents survey shoreline. DEP and NH DES

Local Resources

Training dozens of local surveyors? Offer training to homeowners Technical assistance from DEP and DES.

Match 50%

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

DATE: February 9, 2023

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background

One year application; \$13,000

CBI May-lake Sept, 7 days/wk; outreach by inspectors

Detailed description of watershed, uses and unique features

Detailed description of infestation history – goes in appendix in the future, or included by reference?

Bullet list of additional efforts

Strategies follow 2022 work including frequent surveying and removal by contracted diver.

Renew SUR – contract WS for enforcement?

Rapid response

Goals

Clearly stated.

Objectives

Also clearly stated and supported by strategies outlined above. Don't have maps of lakewide survey.

Monitoring

Plants marked with GPS – are they using Survey 123?

Local Resources

Training and Experience: ED has experience since 2009 managing projects including plant surveys. Will continue to build on last 2 years of work and hire same diver as 2022.

Match: Support from lake association and town. \$120K raised in 2022 for WQ and IAP work. >72 percent match. Bulk of grant funding for removal and survey team (agreed to by DEP since RR). Are payroll costs under grant close to our 15% limit?

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Collins Pond Improvement Association

DATE: February 14, 2023

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

\$40,320 request, one year: 6 weeks NEM.

Purpose and Background

17 years of work to control VWM

Initially upper end of pond very dense but lower part also dense after closer inspection

DASH has been most effective approach

Upstream work in L Sebago reduces reinfestation potential in Collins

Continuing DASH after potential herbicide treatment by DEP

Goals

Difficult to prevent spread in the pond given widespread infestation

Notify property owners to avoid dense beds with trolling motors (only motors on pond)

Surface support by kayakers when DASH running.

Objectives

Primary method is DASH contractor, secondary limited use of barriers at shorefront properties for swimming and fishing.

Monitoring

Swimming survey each spring to direct DASH work plus other surveys to identify spread. Another swim survey end of year to assess DASH effectiveness.

Also some use of drone on calm days.

Plants are throughout lake so only useful to map for directing DASH work.

Map not easy to decipher

Local Resources

Training and Experience: Difficulty recruiting volunteers to remove plants; retired their own DASH boat. Volunteers will frag for DASH and do some barrier work. Using NEM for DASH; plants composted. Windham supports through grant program, also Hannaford. Can't involve youth due to liability concerns.

Match 27% cash match.

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Community Lakes Association

DATE: 2/9/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

One year grant; \$5,715

Purpose and Background

I couldn't open link to map

Only 0.02 percent of outlet cove has VWM??

Describes past removal efforts and progress

References a map not shown in application? – milfoil plants circled in red?

Turbidity a problem: will spread out DASH days. Followup with manual pulling and potential barriers?

Harvesting every other day.

Goals

Eradication of VWM from the lake.

Objectives

NEM for one week followed by hand removal and possibly use of clamshell mats.

Surveying headwaters of Little Andy River

Monitoring

Pre-removal surveys; IPP survey of infested areas plus drone surveying.

Also Level 3 survey of entire lake – request that they use Survey 123 so we have record

Local Resources

Training and Experience: NEM plus past coordinator with 18 years' experience. Possible new diver.

Match: 60% cash match

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RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: DLLT

DATE: February 14, 2023

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

One year; \$81,000.

Purpose and Background

Narrative is right out of the plan we first wrote for this project. Narrative should – by now –include summary in applicant's own words.

A grant application should certainly reference portions of any plans in place in support of the specific proposal, but the application should be in their own words and include description of successes and challenges to date.

Goals

All of this is, again, right out of the plan DEP first wrote. Would prefer to see more effort by the applicant to write the application in their own words, especially when requesting a very large sum.

Objectives

Again, these are directly out of the plan DEP wrote and have not been updated to show what's been effective and how objectives need to be adjusted based on work to date.

Only last paragraph of local resources section mentions – and briefly – objectives for 2023.

Strategy and timeline doesn't link to the maps.

Monitoring

Detailed maps show 2022 work. All maps from Survey 123 – who pulled them together with description – Joe?

Local Resources

Training and Experience: Application describes organizations and collaborations. Again, most of this right out of the plan and not original information describing how process is working and what changes needed.

Match: 40%

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RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: FOCW

DATE: February 14, 2023

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

One year; \$50,000; 200%+ match

Purpose and Background

Multi-faceted approach includes reducing infestations, preventing spread and eradicating where feasible to restore habitat.

Detailed description of the setting

Detailed description of history of the infestations

Some success in south end of Upper Pleasant.

New access site for Annabessacook now open.

Concern with spread between waterbodies in the watershed

2022: focus on boat access points to PP and Cobb Stream

Application summarizes the status of each infestation.

Not updated because application doesn't reference 2022 herb treatment of Weston and Hersey

Goals

Goals are actually laid out in objectives section but that's OK.

See application: goals for each infested waterbody are described.

Objectives

3 weeks NEM in Anna, particularly deeper areas. Level 3 survey again in 2023.

FOCW and volunteers managing frog's bit. Dedicated FOCW survey team on Cobbossee.

NEM 5 weeks in PP and Cobb St.

Ed/outreach including training DIY manual removal

Monitoring

Describes plan for monitoring including Cobbossee-dedicated team and separate team surveying all uninfested waters in the drainage.

Also notes monitoring within PP/Cobb St.

Local Resources

Training and Experience: SCUBA certified staff. New Conservation Director is Alex Dyer – she'll also run CBI program. Recent significant turnover in staff – roles and responsibilities need to be clarified before we can score the training portion.

Match: Over 200% cash match.

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RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Friends of Messalonskee

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EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

One year grant; \$76,910.00

Are significant portion of grant expenses are not eligible?

Purpose and Background

Claims great success with barriers – evidence for that?

Relying on contracted milfoil harvesters for DASH and barriers but it appears from budget that they will have their own dive crew.

Funding coordinator with the grant?

Will analyze data from past 6 seasons to compare cost v. impact by each area. Sounds good but how exactly do they plan to do this (later notes P. Koons working on it).

States that they are in maintenance mode and will focus on barriers. But also using contracted DASH.

Later section makes case for coordinator and office admin duties.

Continue to train CBIs in removal program

Goals

Goals don't indicate a clear result. Continue with burlap and plastic barriers, manual harvest

Increase volunteer base esp in Messo Stream, also Sidney and Belgrade shorelines.

Objectives

Notes covers for focus of work and promoting opportunities for volunteerism but lacks any detailed objectives. Not clear roles of FOM team and contractor.

Monitoring

Detailed maps are helpful

Volunteers will conduct annual surveys –is this realistic?

Status of each primary area of infestation is detailed.

Notes "...some established seed beds...were flourishing.." – but not what will be done about this.

Notes that Willey Cove may be good area for herbicide treatment; that's not maintenance mode.

Blake, Loon, Juniper, Bangs: "Ideal areas to use herbicide." Herbs are NOT mentioned in program description and FOM has not discussed potential with DEP.

Rt 27 channel: Growth on top of barriers but they have also claimed success with barriers in general.

Not proposing to tackle Messo Stream but will try to engage hand pulling workshop for adult ed.

Large new VWM bed at south end needs further assessment.

User friendly mapping planned for 2023 but doesn't explain what that is; is it Survey123?

Expand adopt shoreline program.

Local Resources

Training and Experience: Full staff turnover.

Match: 24% match; Claims tremendous support from local orgs.

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RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Friends of Shagg Pond

DATE: February 14, 2023

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

One year; \$23,400

Overall a very poorly written application

Purpose and Background

Eliminate VWM and control spread.

One sentence for this section of the grant! No effort to describe background on this project.

Goals

No goals stated.

Objectives

Monitor boat access in nearby water bodies for spread of VWM. When? At what frequency and by whom?

Buoys made and provided to landowners (on these other ponds?)

Start with large infestations, then move to plants near surface.

Monitoring

Land owners survey during summer – any evidence of this actually happening?

Association surveys under water twice per season? Who does this? Not clear what is happening vis a vis monitoring.

Local Resources

Training and Experience: Coordinator has 7 years' experience and works for NEM.

Match: 20%.Town of Woodstock donates along with 80% of association members.

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Hogan Whitney Ponds Association

DATE: February 14, 2023

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

One year; \$6,000.

Purpose and Background

Scope of project depends on spring plant survey.
2023 project will focus on removal in south end.
NEMilfoil for one week in 2023, south end focus.
Infestation goes back 20 to 25 years.
Narrative describes history of control work including use of TLEA crew.
Hooka for work done by association members.
Plan for south end assumes manageable regrowth in north end
LACC barriers still in use??
Winter brook after infestation in south end is under control

Goals

Most important goal: prevent spread to Whitney.
Next: reduce infestation to point where association can manage without grant funds

Objectives

Use of NEM in south end
Signs in channel to Whitney ask boaters to lift props and remove plants.
Frequent surveying of channel to Whitney: Nary a weekend passes where a kayak ride doesn't result in a survey. Buoys deployed and manual removal follows.

Monitoring

Channel to whitney surveyed 3 or 4 times per season.
Whitney itself surveyed once each year.
DASH area surveyed pre and post DASH work.
Maps are not very informative.

Local Resources

Training and Experience: 10 years' experience. Locally developed program.
Match: 35% match

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BIDDER NAME: Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee

DATE: February 14, 2023

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

One year; \$1,960

Purpose and Background

2022 marked the fourth year in a row not finding VWM.

Using Jack Stay survey method

Goals

Keep IAP out of Cushman

Concern about opening of pond to bait traps

Objectives

Two maintenance dives in 2023

Closely monitor area where bait traps are deployed.

Sporadic CBI deployment; no motorized boats allowed in the pond.

CDD sign at ramp.

Monitoring

Map just shows deep hole of pond

Two dive surveys

Residents also watch shoreline areas

LIPPC volunteers do level 3 survey in addition to dives

Local Resources

Training and Experience: Program run and maintained by LIPPC and residents. Divers contracted by the town. 25 years of work; experienced dive team. Functionally eradicated VWM.

Match: 63% match

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Town of Raymond

DATE: February 14, 2023

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

2 year, \$61,180.

Purpose and Background

Town of Raymond now coordinating work previously done by several different groups.
Town is committed to working with the private entities on a multi-year project.
VWM first confirmed in lake in the 70s.
VWM in and around boat slips.

Goals

Control VWM locally to prevent spread to other parts of the lake.
Remove all small infestations before they become established.

Objectives

Prevention and early detection along with plant removal.
Town maintains CBI program and 4 sites.
Promoting CDD to all outlets.

Monitoring

Areas surveyed and mapped by contract surveyors and professional lake stewards – who specifically do they mean, Raymond Waterways?

Local Resources

Training and Experience: The town administration itself doesn't have experience but there is significant collective experience among the local businesses and volunteers who've worked in this area for years. Also contractor NEM has vast experience here.

Match: 38% match

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Three Rivers Land Trust

DATE: 2/9/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Purpose and Background

One year application: \$9360

This is a new project, i.e., there has been no previous removal in this pond.

Concise description. Application notes that DEP/YCIASP will assess results – will the contractor also contribute to this assessment?

Refers to management plan

Goals

Goals seem reasonable.

Objectives

Note: no public access to the pond.

Obviously forming a lake association will require hard work from those currently involved to motivate more residents to help.

Monitoring

Mentions YCIASP but vague on how the annual pond-wide surveys will occur.

Contractor will assess density but how will information/data be gathered and distributed to the Land Trust for their final report? This is covered under Local Resources below.

Local Resources

Training and Experience – little local experience since new project but YCIASP has been involved with surveying. Strong local interest but need to get more shorefront owners involved. Describes role of land trust which is integral to success in combination with contractor and YCIASP.

Match

Cash match is the minimum required. Reasonable in-kind match given new project.

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: TLEA

DATE: February 14, 2023

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

One year; \$20,000 request

Purpose and Background

VWM in Thompson for ~3 decades (claims that VWM has overtaken native spp, choked out fish/habitat) Eighth consecutive year on Thompson

Monitoring Pine Pt for VWM regrowth; 5 year program started 2016 to manage this areas. Will spend multiple days per week monitoring and removing remaining plants in Pine Pt; snorkeling to locate. Will use DASH/handpulling, possibly barriers.

Also monitoring other areas of the lake; locations on Google Maps. No detection in at least 2 years in some of these areas? "Actively monitoring" indications areas still with VWM – will be visited weekly or biweekly.

Goals

This section of the application includes objectives (as does Objectives section) but goals aren't explicitly stated.

Objectives

Notes that 20-25 hours will be spent surveying high risk areas such as access points, tribs etc – is this in total or each week?

Treatment plan will be implemented for any new colonies founds.

Barriers, manual removal and DASH, technique according to the infestation.

Monitoring

Will conduct Level 2 survey and VLM found will be mapped.

Monitoring all "reclaimed" areas (2+ years without VWM found).

Also looking for other invasive spp

Suspicious plants sent to LSM.

Google My Maps is vast improvement over old maps; very good. But it appears from the information for each mapped area that that it doesn't include statement of what occurred in 2022.

Local Resources

Training and Experience: 8th consecutive year of SMIAM managing Thompspon; leader involved in management since 2010. 3 person crew; new members will attend training. Using TLEA DASH. CBI at access sites 2-3 days/week.

Match: over 100%. TLEA receives private donations and annual memberships. No town financial support – why not!?

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #:202212202

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: TPPA

DATE: February 14, 20213

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Instructions: *The purpose of this form is to record proposal review notes written by **individual** evaluators for this Request for Proposals (RFP) process. It is **required** that each individual evaluator make notes for each proposal that he or she reviews. No numerical scoring should take place on these notes, as that is performed only during team consensus evaluation meetings. A separate form is available for team consensus evaluation notes and scoring. Once complete, please submit a copy of this document to your Department's RFP Coordinator or Lead Evaluator for this RFP.*

Individual Evaluator Comments:

One year; \$15,000

Purpose and Background

This section has objectives but doesn't provide a picture of the overall project.

Detailed surveys will be conducted by TPPA volunteers and NEM.

Methods proposed for 2023 include DASH, manual removal by vols and proposed herb treatments.

Goals

No goals stated. Instead, this section has more objectives (some redundant of what was in purpose/background).

Does include information on location of last year's treatments that should be in purpose and background.

Objectives

This section describes local resources that should be included in section below.

Trained VIPS will survey along with NEM – do we have evidence of their surveying, e.g., Google Maps or Survey 123?

NEM contracted for 5 weeks' work.

Monitoring

LC will conduct training sessions – Is this in her workplan? She'll (hopefully) be available for survey work. Little confidence that much monitoring by local volunteers will actually occur.

Local Resources

Training and Experience: one dozen VIPS survey pond at least 2X each summer – again, any evidence of this? Application states that these surveys are part of database given to NEM – is this true? Also planning workshop to train lakefront owners on manual removal – is this still an active effort or just carried over from past grant applications? Application should describe results of this training.

Match: well over 100% match but it appears no DES funding to support NEM work? Also, no acknowledgement that DEP will pay directly for herbicide treatment in Maine waters.

Active lake association of 150 members; members provide financial support for program.



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February 2, 2023

John McPhedran

John McPhedran (Mar 13, 2023 12:26 EDT)

Signature

Date



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Denise Blanchette (Mar 13, 2023 12:23 EDT)

Signature

Date