

State of Maine
Master Score Sheet

RFA# 202411197					
Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application					
Bidder Name:		7 Lakes Alliance	30 Mile River Watershed Association	(BLIMP) Balch Lake Improvement Association	Collins Pond Improvement Association
Proposed Cost:		\$331,521.76	\$21,000.00	\$17,750.00	\$8,200.00
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Preliminary Information	Pass/Fail	P	P	P	P
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	30	30	13	25
B. Goals	10	9	10	5	7
C. Objectives	20	20	20	10	16
D. Monitoring	15	15	15	8	12
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	25	20	22	20
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>80</u>

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Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application					
Bidder Name:		Friends of Shagg Pond Association	Mousam Lake Region Association	North Gorham Pond Invasive Plant Management Association	Thompson Lake Environmental Association
Proposed Cost:		\$43,360.00	\$35,400.76	\$11,040.00	\$50,250.00
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Preliminary Information	Pass/Fail	P	P	P	P
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	22	27	25	27
B. Goals	10	6	7	8	9
C. Objectives	20	12	18	15	19
D. Monitoring	15	8	15	12	15
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	18	23	18	15
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>85</u>

RFA# 202411197					
Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application					
Bidder Name:		Town of Raymond	Three Ponds Protective Association		
Proposed Cost:		\$117,808.00	\$15,000.00		
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Preliminary Information	Pass/Fail	P	P		
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	27	12		
B. Goals	10	8	5		
C. Objectives	20	16	8		
D. Monitoring	15	9	0		
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	20	20		
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>45</u>		



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AWARD NOTIFICATION LETTER

3/24/2025

Mousam Lake Region Association
P.O. Box 333
Springvale, ME 04083

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202411197
Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

Dear Jill Folsom:

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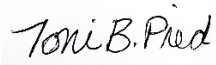
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North Gorham Pond Invasive Plant Management Association
61 Middle Jam Road
Gorham, ME 04038

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202411197
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Dear Stan Quinn:

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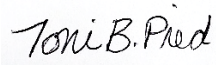
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AWARD NOTIFICATION LETTER

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Thompson Lake Environmental Association
P.O. Box 25
Oxford, ME 04270

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202411197
Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

Dear Alex Bernardy:

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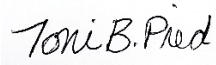
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Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202411197
Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

Dear Melissa McConkey:

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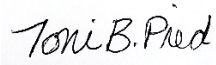
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Three Ponds Protective Association
P.O. Box 1242
Milton, NH 03851

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202411197
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Dear Wayne Sylvester:

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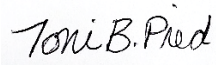
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7 Lakes Alliance
P.O. Box 250
Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 20241119
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Dear Sharon Mann,

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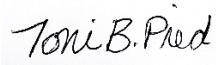
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30 Mile River Watershed Association
P.O. Box 132
Mt Vernon, ME 04352

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202411197
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Dear Silas Mohlar:

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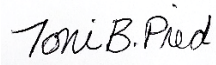
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(BLIMP) Balch Lake Improvement Association
P.O. Box 494
East Wakefield, NH 03830

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202411197
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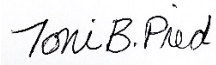
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STATE OF MAINE
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AWARD NOTIFICATION LETTER

3/24/2025

Collins Pond Improvement Association
92 Emerson Drive
Windham, ME 04062

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202411197
Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

Dear Rodger Patterson:

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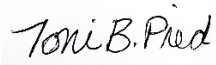
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AWARD NOTIFICATION LETTER

3/24/2025

Friends of Shagg Pond Association
P.O. Box 111
Sumner, ME 04292

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202411197
Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

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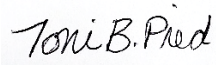
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**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: 7 Lakes Alliance

DATE: March 4, 2025

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFA Coordinator: Toni Pied

Names of Evaluators: Toni Pied, Denise Blanchette, Chris Reily

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	30
B. Goals	10	9
C. Objectives	20	20
D. Monitoring	15	15
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	25
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>99</u>

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BIDDER: 7 Lakes Alliance

DATE: March 4, 2025

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Preliminary Information**

Preliminary Information:

Evaluation Team Comments:

Pass – Meets Criteria

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	30

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Two-year grant proposal
- Great Pond – Removal (VWM) and survey
 - o Has CBI program, state and private boat access.
 - o Description of past management activities
 - o Description of 2025 & 2026 management plans.
 - o Assess for spot herbicide treatment if needed?
- Messalonskee Lake – Removal (VWM) and survey
 - o Has CBI program, state/municipal/private boat access.
 - o Description of infestation and past management strategies
 - o Description of proposed control strategies for 2025 & 2026 (including herbicide treatment in 2025? And, Belgrade Stream in 2026?)
 - o Contracting with NEM for six weeks each year.
- East Pond – Survey (CLP)
 - o Has CBI Program, state and private boat access.
- North Pond – Survey (CLP)
 - o Has CBI Program, state and private boat access
- Long Pond – Survey (un-infested)
 - o Has CBI Program, state and private boat access
- McGrath Pond – Survey (un-infested)
 - o Has CBI Program, state and private boat access
- Salmon Lake – Survey (un-infested)
 - o Has CBI Program, state and private boat access
- Description of lakes characteristics and beneficial uses
- Good detail and picture of project purpose and scope on each lake.
- Shows there is a good understanding of the waterbodies and watershed.

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- Lists impacts to waterbodies by AIS.
- Good maps provided.
- Application shows benefits to regional approach in managing AIS.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
B. Goals	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Reduce spread of AIS within and between lakes
- Foster relationships with lake associations and achieve 100% Adopt-A-Shoreline coverage.
- Reduce size of each infestation (by how much?) and eradicate small infestations.
- Develop a robust fundraising campaign to fund herbicide/removal of VWM in Messalonskee Lake, Messalonskee Stream, and Belgrade Stream.
- Goals are consistent with Watershed Management Plan.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
C. Objectives	20	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Aligned objectives with goals. (clearly outlined)
- Provided details regarding how goals would be met.
- Reduce Spread by removing AIS and increasing volunteer CBI hours.
- Increase early detection by working with lake associations to increase adopt-a-shoreline.
- Reduce infestations
- Increase fundraising
- Objectives are clear and detailed.
- Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Table: Sites are clearly delineated with details for each area.
- Strategy and Timeline: Where, who, what, how, when all detailed for Great Pond AND Messalonskee Lake.

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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
D. Monitoring	15	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Maps included
- Survey details included for infested lakes being managed
 - o Pre/Post surveys
 - o Prioritize previously managed areas
- Survey details included for early detection (un-infested lakes)
 - o Volunteers and staff
 - o Group paddles co-hosted with lake association partners
 - o Adopt-A-Shoreline (AAS) with weekly plant ID/AAS workshops at Farmer's Market.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	25

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Significant history of community support and financial involvement by community.
- Strong outreach program (AAS and training)
- Long-term Coordinator and Director with good understanding of the local community and partners.
- 7 Lakes Alliance is working with the lake associations on each of the lakes in the Belgrade Lakes Watershed.
- Detailed description of training and experience of staff at 7 Lakes.
- Description of equipment/gear/materials acquired for work.
- Description of in-kind logistics/surface support.
- Financial support from lake associations and towns.
- Grant request = \$331,521.76
- Cash match = \$144,120 (43%)

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

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BIDDER: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

DATE: March 4, 2025

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFA Coordinator: Toni Pied

Names of Evaluators: Toni Pied, Denise Blanchette, Chris Reily

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	30
B. Goals	10	10
C. Objectives	20	20
D. Monitoring	15	15
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	20
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>95</u>

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

DATE: March 4, 2025

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Preliminary Information**

Preliminary Information:

Evaluation Team Comments:

Pass – Meets Criteria

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	30

Evaluation Team Comments:

- One year grant proposal
- Androscoggin Lake
 - o VWM
 - o State, municipal, and private boat access
 - o Has a CBI Program
 - o Detailed description of lake characteristics
 - o Detailed description of past management activities from 2020 through 2024.
- Tilton Pond
 - o SB
 - o Municipal boat access
 - o No CBI Program
 - o Description of lake characteristics
- David Pond
 - o Private boat access
 - o No CBI Program
 - o No known infestation
 - o Description of lake characteristics
- Background information about infestations on Androscoggin and Tilton Ponds, and the threats posed by each.

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BIDDER: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

DATE: March 4, 2025

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
B. Goals	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Androscoggin
 - o Prevent spread to other parts of the lake.
 - o Level 3 survey of entire lake.
 - o Eradicate VWM
- Tilton Pond
 - o Prevent spread to other lakes
 - o Contain SB to Tilton through effective management.
- David Pond
 - o Complete two level 2 surveys
- Goals are clear and realistic.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
C. Objectives	20	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Androscoggin Lake
 - o Weekly surveys of infested area (June-August)
 - o Remove VWM found and place benthic barrier over removed plant's area.
 - o CBI coverage 7 days/week at Rt 133 launch
 - o Outreach through programs, plant workshops
 - o Level 3 survey of entire lake (by when???)
- Tilton Pond
 - o Support Tilton Pond shorefront property owners in removal efforts.
 - o Install/maintain fragment net
- David Pond
 - o Level 2 survey during spring and late summer/fall.
- Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Table: is general for Androscoggin and Tilton
- Strategy and Timeline Table: Who, what, when, how is thoroughly detailed for each waterbody.

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D. Monitoring	15	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Includes maps
- Androscoggin Lake
 - o Plan for staff to survey both Inner Cove (infested area) and un-infested areas of the lake.
 - o Staff will work with ALIC to complete a Level 3 survey of entire lake.
- Tilton Pond
 - o Shorefront property owners will track time spent surveying for and managing Swollen bladderwort. 30-Mile staff will record in Survey 1,2,3.
- David Pond
 - o Survey twice (spring/early summer & late summer/fall)
- Good detail in this section.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Description of staff (returning) and plans for hiring a survey team.
- 30-Mile Staff will work with lake associations
- Funding for match will come from lake associations, towns, foundations, corporations, and individual donors.
- Grant request = \$21,000
- Cash Match = \$7,097 (33.8%)

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RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: (BLIMP) Balch Lake Improvement Association

DATE: March 4, 2025

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFA Coordinator: Toni Pied

Names of Evaluators: Toni Pied, Denise Blanchette, Chris Reily

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	13
B. Goals	10	5
C. Objectives	20	10
D. Monitoring	15	8
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	22
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>58</u>

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BIDDER: (BLIMP) Balch Lake Improvement Association

DATE: March 4, 2025

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Preliminary Information**

Preliminary Information:

Evaluation Team Comments:

Pass – Meets criteria

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	13

Evaluation Team Comments:

- One year grant proposal
- VWM
- Private boat access
- CBI Program present
- Mitigate the spread of VWM.
- Description of how Balch Lake impacts downstream waterbodies.
- Description of management methods (DASH, herbicides-NHDES in NH).
- Survey 2-4x/season, paying attention to new and previously infested areas.
- Lake characteristics not described
- Impacts from AIS and beneficial lake uses not mentioned in any detail.
- Concise, but also limited in detail.
- Does not describe past history of management.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
B. Goals	10	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Minimize the impact of VWM (what does a minimized impact look like?)
- Be on guard for new AIS
- Work with both state agencies (MDEP & NHDES)
- Brief and limited in detail.

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DATE: March 4, 2025

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
C. Objectives	20	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Outsource DASH work to a contractor.
- Description of eight areas to focus mitigation work, including priority for removal, etc.
- All areas slated for removal work will be managed by volunteers (survey and daily coordination) and Aqualogic (manual removal and/or DASH) (All areas lumped together – not planned in detail.)
- Exact dates TBD, but starting 6/15/25 and ending 10/12/25.
- Lacking in detail and how the objectives align with goals.
- Mentions surveys.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
D. Monitoring	15	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Individual surveys throughout summer.
- Volunteer harvest coordinators doing daily inspections/coordination of removal work.
- Early season and end of season monitoring.
- Not enough detail to describe how and who will be responsible for monitoring.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	22

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Volunteer camp owners: survey and coordinate harvest operations, coordinate and run fundraising activities.
- Grant request = \$17,750
- Match
 - o Camp owners provide financial support (\$50/camp, 65% participation).
 - o Municipal support (Action & Newfield)
 - o BLIMP fundraisers.
 - o Cash match = \$17,750 (100%)

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RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Collins Pond Improvement Association

DATE: 2/25/25

SUMMARY PAGE

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Name of RFA Coordinator: Toni Pied

Names of Evaluators: Toni Pied, Denise Blanchette, Chris Reily

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Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	25
B. Goals	10	7
C. Objectives	20	16
D. Monitoring	15	12
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	20
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>80</u>

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BIDDER: Collins Pond Improvement Association

DATE: 2/25/25

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Preliminary Information**

Preliminary Information:

Evaluation Team Comments:

Pass – meets criteria

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	25

Evaluation Team Comments:

- One-year grant proposal
- Hybrid VWM
- No public access
- No CBI Program
- Background information about Collins Pond and the infestation.
- Background information about history of management, including herbicide treatments in 2023 and 2024.
- Survey in 2025 to determine if herbicide treatment was effective.
- Presents a clear (not overly detailed) picture of the proposed project.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
B. Goals	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Eliminate milfoil from Collins Pond.
- Early season survey.
- Limited DASH to control any regrowth.
- Clear and concise goals.
- Does not specifically talk about spread prevention.
- Complete eradication may not be feasible, but “functional eradication” may be a realistic goal. This is not specifically discussed in the application goals.
- Survey and remove plants

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BIDDER: Collins Pond Improvement Association

DATE: 2/25/25

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
C. Objectives	20	16

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Swim survey in early 2025 and each season going forward. If plants are found, they will be marked for removal by DASH. The amount of DASH needed depends on regrowth (up to two weeks?).
- Working with Little Sebago Lake Association to evaluate an underwater drone for surveying.
- Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Table includes one area: entire lake.
- Strategy and Timeline: Early season survey, and survey throughout season with removal of regrowth if found.
- Lake is not large, but there is still limited detail regarding what will be happening exactly where and when.
- This section is brief.
- Objectives do not circle back to goals (they do not necessarily correlate)

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
D. Monitoring	15	12

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Brief and lacking in detail, but more information was provided in other sections.
- Swim survey at the beginning of each season going forward.
- Drone survey (if shown to be effective)
- Work with Contractor and local residents.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Surveys are done by volunteers. DASH done by New England Milfoil. Funding from Town of Windham and donations from members and business sponsors.
- Long-term volunteer coordinator
- Long history of management and commitment to management
- Support from local residents
- \$8,200 grant request
- Cash match = \$2,275 (28%)

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BIDDER: Friends of Shagg Pond Association

DATE: 2/25/25

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Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
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A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	22
B. Goals	10	6
C. Objectives	20	12
D. Monitoring	15	8
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	18
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>66</u>

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BIDDER: Friends of Shagg Pond Association

DATE: 2/25/25

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Preliminary Information**

Preliminary Information:

Evaluation Team Comments:

Pass – Met application requirements

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	22

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Two-year proposal
- Variable-leaf water milfoil
- One public access
- No CBI Program
- Prevent spread: Shagg Pond is surrounded by high-value un-infested ponds.
- Ecological benefits of Shagg Pond
- Description of past management activities
- Not a lot of detail about management for 2025
 - o Plan A: Herbicide Treatment
 - o Plan B: Contractor w/DASH
- Gives some details about physical characteristics of pond.
- Talks about how Shagg Pond is considered a “low risk” pond to infestation, and could improve the risk of the surrounding area if VWM is eradicated from Shagg.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
B. Goals	10	6

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Eradicate VWM (may not be a realistic goal)
- Prevent spread
- Monitor for new growth

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- Educational efforts with Lake Stewards of Maine (Goal is vague and doesn't explain how this goal will meet the needs of the project.)
- Some goals may be unrealistic and are not specific enough.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
C. Objectives	20	12

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Plan A: Report pre-season survey to DEP, chemical treatment, monthly monitoring efforts, pull any remaining plants for the next two years (free-of-charge).
- Plan B: Contractor using DASH (four weeks/year), volunteers to collect fragments and help on the DASH.
- Assessment and Prioritization Table includes details for five different areas.
- Timeline included in Plan A & Plan B, and timeline for individual sites included in Strategy and Timeline table.
- Could have included more details, especially regarding timeline. (4 weeks of DASH or for the whole summer? Not clear narrative vs timeline table.)
- Herbicide treatment has not been discussed with MDEP.
- Where are volunteers coming from?

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
D. Monitoring	15	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Pre-season survey, compare with previous years.
- Surveys throughout the season.
- Post-season survey.
- Limited detail

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	18

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Limited additional resources (additional to state grant)
- New Contractor, but long-time resident of lake.
- 12 weeks or 4 weeks of contractor

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RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Friends of Shagg Pond Association

DATE: 2/25/25

- Town of Woodstock donates cash, Association membership has increased (over 90%), 18 Association volunteers (worked over 100 hours in 2024).
- Grant request = \$43,360 for two-years (\$21,680/year)
- Cash match = \$10,840 (25%)

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RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Mousam Lake Region Association

DATE: March 4, 2025

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFA Coordinator: Toni Pied

Names of Evaluators: Toni Pied, Denise Blanchette, Chris Reily

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	27
B. Goals	10	7
C. Objectives	20	18
D. Monitoring	15	15
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	23
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>

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RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Mousam Lake Region Association

DATE: March 4, 2025

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Preliminary Information**

Preliminary Information:

Evaluation Team Comments:

Pass – meets requirements

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	27

Evaluation Team Comments:

- All requirements for this section met in detail, however some of the clarity of this section is lost in the amount of detail provided.
- References MDEP Management Plan.
- One year grant proposal (Mousam Lake AND Goose Pond)
- Swollen bladderwort is the plant being managed – detailed description of species and challenges associated with this plant.
- State-owned boat access
- CBI Program (ASYCC w/some funding provided by MLRA)
- Plan for and remove Swollen bladderwort from Mousam Lake and Goose Pond.
- Background information about infestation included with lots of detail.
- Bulleted detail about scope and priorities for project in 2025.
 - o Reduce SB using DASH by contractor and manual removal by volunteers. (increase amount removed)
 - o Pre-removal surveys
 - o Survey of previously un-infested areas
 - o Training, coordination among partners, outreach (change norms of behavior to increase compliance with CDD), build local capacity.
 - o Prevent further spread
- Detailed description of the physical attributes of the waterbody, connecting waterbodies and watershed.
- Detailed description of beneficial use areas, aquatic habitats, and public access.
- Details about previous control strategies in 2023 and 2024.
- Details about plans for 2025 control plan
 - o Six weeks of DASH (hiring SMIAM)
 - o Increase in donations/funding

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BIDDER: Mousam Lake Region Association

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- Development of volunteers
- Building on progress from previous year
- Maps provided.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
B. Goals	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Prevent spread
 - Emphasis on public launch and dam area in 2025
 - Prevent spread downstream
 - Mentions the “requirement” for CDD???
 - There may be some confusion about what is required and what is suggested. Boat inspections are still a “courtesy” not a requirement.
 - “Annually, over 6000 boat launches occur into Mousam Lake, with 6533 Courtesy Boat Inspections in 2024, resulting in 112 fragments submitted, and 55 confirmed as invasives! We are grateful to ASYCC for staffing this busy Public Launch site for approximately 1,465 hours of Courtesy Boat Inspections in 2024!”
 - How can MDEP get access to this data? This is a lot of confirmed invasives coming out during inspections.
2. Early detection
 - Keep un-infested areas free of SB, level 3 surveys on prioritized sectors.
 - Data from YCIASP in 2025 about where SB is coming from?
3. Management
 - Removal of dense growth using manual and mechanical methods.
 - Not sure what “equilibrium” refers to?
 - Eradication in Ash Cove
 - Prevent further damage to lake ecosystems.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
C. Objectives	20	18

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Extremely detailed objectives for reaching goals.
- Cites management plan.
- Some goals may be unrealistic, but objectives are clear and realistic.

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BIDDER: Mousam Lake Region Association

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- Priorities could use tweaking overall.
- Strategy and timeline provides good detail about what will take place when.
- Contract with SMIAM for minimum of six weeks of DASH on Mousam and Goose, focusing on high priority dense areas and high boat traffic areas.
- Survey work by SMIAM in deeper areas.
- MLRA Dive Team will use manual removal
- Level 3 surveys
- Use of underwater drones – MLRA is purchasing a drone in 2025 to help with early season surveys.
- DIY-DASH (determine if this is feasible for MLRA to take on)
- Education and Awareness – training for hand harvesting, fundraising, compliance with CBI.
- Maps included
- Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Table: Detailed description of each area prioritized for removal work.
- Maps included
- Not sure yet of locations for DASH in Fall
- Strategy and Timeline: Details included for who, what, where, and when.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
D. Monitoring	15	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Included lots of detail about how monitoring will be accomplished.
- Pre-harvesting surveys by MLRA to determine success from removal work in 2024.
- SMIAM will survey for depths greater than 6', and will perform pre and post surveys of their removal areas.
- MLRA is seeking to strengthen a volunteer survey team.
- Contract with YCIASP (Laurie Callahan) to survey two inputs to the Mousam system.
- Underwater drone surveys
- Invite LSM to repeat an on-site session of *U. inflata* ID.
- Utilize ASYCC staff for surveys
- Level 3 surveys for five specific sites.
- Included a "Surveying Methods Implemented To Date" report by Dennis Roberge.
 - o This report details the survey efforts from 2023 and 2024 and plan for 2025.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	23

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RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Mousam Lake Region Association

DATE: March 4, 2025

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Strong community support and involvement
- Strong outreach
- DASH crew is experienced
- Volunteers are inexperienced, but training is being offered
- Description of “roles” to manage the project is included in “Objectives” portion of application.
- Narrative description of how local resources (cash match and in-kind) will be utilized in the project.
- Description of how MLRA will adjust plans if needed. (contingency planning)
- MLRA is willing to share their experiences and information with other lake groups. (regional focus)
- Funding and in-kind provided by MLRA Lake Association and private donations.
- Grant request = \$35,400
- Cash match = \$12,960 (36.6%)

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: North Gorham Pond Invasive Plant Management Association

DATE: 2/25/25

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFA Coordinator: Toni Pied

Names of Evaluators: Toni Pied, Denise Blanchette, Chris Reily

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	25
B. Goals	10	8
C. Objectives	20	15
D. Monitoring	15	12
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	18
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>78</u>

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RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: North Gorham Pond Invasive Plant Management Association

DATE: 2/25/25

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Preliminary Information**

Preliminary Information:

Evaluation Team Comments:

Pass - Meets Criteria

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	25

Evaluation Team Comments:

- One year grant proposal (new applicant)
- Variable-leaf milfoil
- Two private launch locations
- No CBI Program
- Includes background information and Action Plan from the DEP Management Plan.
- New group, recently formed (dedicated to helping to manage the infestation)
- Signage
- Uses a Contractor for management
- Much of what was required was referenced from the DEP Management Plan.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
B. Goals	10	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Establish a monitoring and management program.
- Keep un-infested areas clear.
- Reduce dense VWM to a level where it can be maintained annually with manual removal.
- Goals are from the MDEP Management Plan

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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
C. Objectives	20	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Prevention/Early Detection – Educate owners on the pond about invasive plants through mailings, face-to-face with boaters on the pond, and continued survey efforts.
- Management/Plant Control – 1. Identify local resources to begin management program; 2. Remove small plant populations before they become well-established; 3. Reduce dense growth of VWM via manual removal.
- Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Table is filled out, highlighting three different areas. Brief (outlined in DEP Management Plan).
- Timeline indicates who, what, when, how, and is limited in detail.
 - o Contractor assessment is last on the list, but this may be due to being inexperienced with putting together application.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
D. Monitoring	15	12

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Describes local survey program by using local residents and develop an on-going survey program.
- Monitoring program to determine the success of the control practices.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	18

Evaluation Team Comments:

- No narrative (information gleaned from tables and other parts of the application)
- Grant request = \$11,040
- Cash match = \$2,760 (25%)
- New program, established a new association to help establish the program.
 - o Reaching out to local groups and MDEP to help establish the program.

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BIDDER: Thompson Lake Environmental Association

DATE: 2/25/25

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFA Coordinator: Toni Pied

Names of Evaluators: Toni Pied, Denise Blanchette, Chris Reily

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	27
B. Goals	10	9
C. Objectives	20	19
D. Monitoring	15	15
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	15
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>85</u>

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BIDDER: Thompson Lake Environmental Association

DATE: 2/25/25

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Preliminary Information**

Preliminary Information:

Evaluation Team Comments:

Pass – Met all requirements

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	27

Evaluation Team Comments:

- One year grant application
- Did not cover a lot about lake characteristics
- Mentions species targeted, but general information about impacts (not specific to lake)
- Detail about history of management
- Three municipal boat access points.
- Has CBI program
- TLEA (Thompson Lake Environmental Assoc.) will contract with Southern Maine Invasive Aquatic Management (SMIAM).
- Detailed specific areas to manage in 2025.
- Monitoring of previously “reclaimed zone”
- Level 3 survey of high-risk areas not inspected in over two years.
- Link to mitigation map
- Areas of priority are logical and well-designed.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
B. Goals	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Breaks out goals into 1. Spread Prevention, 2. Early Detection, 3. Management and Control.
- Spread Prevention: Contain VWM by managing high-risk areas.

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- Early Detection: ID and address new VWM and re-growth.
- Management & Control: hand-pulling, DASH, benthic barriers, with a particular focus on new/re-growth at Pine Point.
- Maintain health and ecological value of lake.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
C. Objectives	20	19

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Details specific areas of the lake to focus on for Spread Prevention, Early Detection, and Management and Control.
- Details a timeframe that covers early summer, mid to late summer and late summer.
 - o Early summer – surveys
 - o Mid-late summer – Monitor previously managed areas (weekly – bi-weekly)
 - o Late summer – Review progress, additional surveys.
- Objectives seem realistic (some areas will be under “maintenance”)
- Timeline is somewhat generic, but control methods and resources are specific.
- Return to high-risk areas.
- Manage re-growth
- Mentioned how last year’s efforts will impact this year.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
D. Monitoring	15	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Mentions levels of surveys and getting the community to attend trainings to help with surveys.
- Survey data will help affect how mitigation work is done.
- Provided a good detailed map.
- Discusses monitoring for growth early season (level 3) in reclaimed areas and high-risk areas, tracking effectiveness of removal, and an end-of-season review.
- Regular surveys
- Respond to new growth quickly
- Keep up with removal efforts
- Maps of survey areas and active/reclaimed VWM areas.

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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

- SMIAM DASH Team (June – August)
- Request = \$50,250
- Cash match = \$12,560 (25%)

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RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Town of Raymond

DATE: 2/25/25

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFA Coordinator: Toni Pied

Names of Evaluators: Toni Pied, Denise Blanchette, Chris Reily

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	27
B. Goals	10	8
C. Objectives	20	16
D. Monitoring	15	9
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	20
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>80</u>

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Town of Raymond

DATE: 2/25/25

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Preliminary Information**

Preliminary Information:

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Pass: Met all requirements.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	27

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Two-year request
- Background information about lake and uses
- Description of past management
- Mention partners, but not necessarily the role of each (Raymond Waterways manages CBI Program, NEM will do management, but other partners contributing to the feasibility of the project?)
- Increase in growth due to warmer weather
- Adequate description of recent removal efforts and challenges
- CBI Program
 - o One state boat access
- Using a multi-year plan
- Lots of detail
- Will extra time be necessary? (depends on growth)
- Is CBI Program going to be effective if they are focusing on self-inspection?
- Want to hire NEM for 7 weeks to do management

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
B. Goals	10	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

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BIDDER: Town of Raymond

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- Clear, concise goals
 - o Prevent spread to other parts of the lake
 - o Reduce dense growth
 - o Remove small infestations before they become well-established
 - o Continue education efforts (this is a somewhat vague goal)
- Would have liked more specificity in stating of goals.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
C. Objectives	20	16

Evaluation Team Comments:

- A lot of cut and paste throughout table
- Relying heavily on New England Milfoil (long-term viability)
- Assessment & Prioritization:
 - o Prevention: maintain CBI Program at 4 launch locations, promote Clean, Drain, Dry
 - o Early Detection and Management: Work with Raymond Waterways and NEM.
 - o Jordan River is listed as a “Medium Priority”, but it should be High
 - o Why are some areas listed as “High Priority” that are a lower priority area? Because they didn’t get to them last year? No explanation about why certain areas are considered high, medium, low.
 - o The high priority areas they list do not match up with goals.
- Strategy and Timeline:
 - o Timeline is included
 - o Mentions RWPA for certain areas, but last year RWPA did not do the work they were scheduled to do. Are they actually going to contribute to the removal work in 2025???
- Objectives weren’t clear enough to explain how goals would be met.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
D. Monitoring	15	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Early detection and monitoring of previously infested areas by Raymond Waterways and NEM.
 - o Report via Survey 1,2,3

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- What is meant by “survey”? How? Where? Need a plan.
 - o What will be done if plants are found.
- No usable maps
- Limited detail (who, when, how)
- In other section, they do mention the Contractor will do the survey.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Working with experienced contractors
 - o New England Milfoil (7 week/year, early and late in the season each year)
- RWPA (early and late in the season, review each year)
- Grant request = \$117,808 for two years (\$58,904/year)
- Cash match = \$29,452 (25%)
- Did not provide a narrative of the local resources associated with the project or describe how this effort will be sustained into the future.
 - o Can glean some information from rest of application.

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER: Three Ponds Protective Association

DATE: March 4, 2025

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFA Coordinator: Toni Pied

Names of Evaluators: Toni Pied, Denise Blanchette, Chris Reily

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	12
B. Goals	10	5
C. Objectives	20	8
D. Monitoring	15	0
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	20
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>45</u>

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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BIDDER: Three Ponds Protective Association

DATE: March 4, 2025

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Preliminary Information**

Preliminary Information:

Evaluation Team Comments:

Pass – Meets criteria

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
A. Project Purpose and Scope	30	12

Evaluation Team Comments:

- One year grant proposal
- Maps included (couldn't open files?)
- Brittle naiad (*Najas minor*)
- Has CBI Program (at Marina, although that may be in jeopardy in 2025)
- Two public access points (Milton Town Beach and New Bridge Marina)
- Volunteers and New England Milfoil will conduct surveys.
- Proposed methods of management include DASH (NEM), hand removal (volunteers), and a proposed herbicide treatment on the NH side of the lake.
- Limited in detail and brief.
- Didn't discuss lake characteristics, beneficial uses, AIS impacts, previous management activities.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
B. Goals	10	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Detailed survey of Milton Three Ponds mid-July, prior to DASH operations and herbicide treatment.
- Limited goals with limited detail
- Ambiguous goals.
- Not clear what is trying to be accomplished.

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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
C. Objectives	20	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Use trained volunteers to survey Milton Three Ponds along with the DASH crew from NEM. Possible assistance from Laurie Callahan of YCIASP. Contract for management with NEM for five weeks. Herbicide application as needed.
- Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Area Table: has three areas outlined with limited detail.
- Strategy and Timeline: Table has limited information regarding who, and when.
- No data to support volunteer removal and survey are happening.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
D. Monitoring	15	0

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Nothing in this section.
- Monitoring activities discussed in other sections, but in very limited detail.

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
E. Local Resources (Cost & Match)	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

- No narrative in this section
- Support for project (from Tables): TPPA, Town of Milton, NH and Town of Lebanon, ME.
- Grant request = \$15,000
 - o Table 1, not filled out correctly.
- Cash match = \$26,670 (177.8%)

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance

DATE: 3/3/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Chris Reily

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- a. All pieces present
- b. Mentioned presence of rare and threatened species
- c. Extensive histories for each waterbody

B. Goals:

- a. Reduction in size and spread
 - i. Measurability?
 - ii. Reduce by how much?
- b. Relationships
 - i. 100% Adopt-a-Shoreline coverage – measurable goal
- c. Fund raising
 - i. How do we know this goal has been met?

C. Objectives:

- a. The “How” is covered for each goal

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

- Detailed
 - Plant density
 - Uses – Loons nest, delineate between paddle craft and boating, etc.
 - Desired condition given more thought than just “cut and paste”

2. Strategy and Timeline

- Clear picture of what, where, and when for each lake
- Gives an idea of what to expect on any given date during the season

D. Monitoring

- a. Discusses surveys of infestations and areas outside of infestations
- b. Combination of different types of survey
- c. Timelines
- d. Survey123 mentioned
- e. Strong picture of how monitoring will take place

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RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance

DATE: 3/3/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Chris Reily

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

E. Local Resources

- a. Extensive information on training and experience as well as other resources
- b. Don't see anything missing here

1. Cost

- a. 43% cash match

2. Match

- a. 50% cash and volunteer/in-kind match

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance

DATE: 2/25/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope:** 2 year grant. Detailed description and overview of watershed waters. Detailed description of previous program and efforts, discussing prevention early detection and management activities. Lists all AIS and potential impacts to watershed and waterbody. Good maps provided
- B. Goals:** Reduce spread within and outside of waters, foster community relationships, Reduce size of infestations, develop fundraising capacity. Full goals for waterbodies and infestations
- C. Objectives:** Site management Plan List each goal and objectives to meet, Goals are broad and realistic. the objectives are reasonable and detailed how to meet the goals
1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas detailed who what when where. Priorities could use tweaking overall well defined and realistic.
 2. Strategy and Timeline Clear detailed timeline and strategies.
- D. Monitoring** Adopt a shoreline. Pre post surveys on managements areas. Detailed survey plans outlined. maps
- E. Local Resources**
1. Cost \$331,521.76
 2. Match \$144,120 \$43% Significant history of community support financial and involvement. Strong outreach program with Adopt a shoreline and training activities Experienced staff and crew. Coordinator Director long term employees with good understanding of the infestation and long-term management for the watershed.

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance

DATE: March 3, 2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- Two-year grant proposal
- Great Pond – Removal (VWM) and survey
 - o Has CBI program, state and private boat access.
 - o Description of past management activities
 - o Description of 2025 & 2026 management plans.
 - o Assess for spot herbicide treatment if needed?
- Messalonskee Lake – Removal (VWM) and survey
 - o Has CBI program, state/municipal/private boat access.
 - o Description of infestation and past management strategies
 - o Description of proposed control strategies for 2025 & 2026 (including herbicide treatment in 2025? And, Belgrade Stream in 2026?)
 - o Contracting with NEM for six weeks each year.
- East Pond – Survey (CLP)
 - o Has CBI Program, state and private boat access.
- North Pond – Survey (CLP)
 - o Has CBI Program, state and private boat access
- Long Pond – Survey (uninfested)
 - o Has CBI Program, state and private boat access
- McGrath Pond – Survey (uninfested)
 - o Has CBI Program, state and private boat access
- Salmon Lake – Survey (uninfested)
 - o Has CBI Program, state and private boat access
- Description of lakes characteristics and beneficial uses

B. Goals:

- Reduce spread of AIS within and between lakes
- Foster relationships with lake associations and achieve 100% Adopt-A-Shoreline coverage.
- Reduce size of each infestation and eradicate small infestations.
- Develop a robust fundraising campaign to fund herbicide/removal of VWM in Messalonskee Lake, Messalonskee Stream, and Belrade Stream. (lofty goals!)

C. Objectives:

- Reduce Spread by removing AIS and increasing volunteer CBI hours.

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- Increase early detection by working with lake associations to increase adopt-a-shoreline.
- Reduce infestations
- Increase fundraising
- Objectives are clear and detailed.
- 1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas**
- Sites are clearly delineated with details for each area.

2. Strategy and Timeline

- Where, who, what, how, when all detailed for Great Pond AND Messalonskee Lake.

D. Monitoring

- Maps included
- Survey details for infested lakes being managed
 - o Pre/Post surveys
 - o Prioritize previously managed areas
- Survey details for early detection (un-infested lakes)
 - o Volunteers and staff
 - o Group paddles co-hosted with lake association partners
 - o Adopt-A-Shoreline (AAS) with weekly plant ID/AAS workshops at Farmer's Market.

E. Local Resources

- 7 Lakes Alliance is working with the lake associations on each of the lakes in the Belgrade Lakes Watershed.
- Detailed description of training and experience of staff at 7 Lakes.
- Description of equipment/gear/materials acquired for work.
- Description of in-kind logistics/surface support.
- Financial support from lake associations and towns.

1. Cost

- Grant request = \$331,521.76

2. Match = \$144,120 (43%)

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BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

DATE: 2/24/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Chris Reily

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- a. Extensive descriptions – all required pieces present
- b. Follows management plan

B. Goals:

- a. Clear goals for each waterbody

C. Objectives:

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

- Prioritize survey due to potential for herbicide?
- “High priority around boat launch” – how do we prioritize for a plant we do not yet know best how to manage?

2. Strategy and Timeline

- Clear and detailed – do not feel like I need additional info

D. Monitoring

- a. Significant amount of survey work laid out – how feasible?

E. Local Resources

- a. Laid out training and experience section. Not always laid out in applications.

1. Cost

- a. Laid out with descriptions for each lake
- b. Slightly more than 25% cash match

2. Match

- a. 45% cash and volunteer/in-kind match

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RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

DATE: 2/25/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope: One Year application

Androscoggin Lake- Detailed description of lake and the watershed, including uses the AIS and threats to the watershed. Detailed description outlining the work that has been done including survey by staff and volunteers, early detection and management effort and spread prevent through SUR and CBI. Also describe challenges and steps to address the challenges going forward. Outline proposed control strategies in detail

Tilton and David Ponds Good description of Lake and location and connection within the watershed. Detailed description of previous removal education and survey to determine extent of infestation. Describe active volunteer associations participating in efforts to survey and prevent spread through deployment of net at outlet and access surveys. Detailed strategies to prevent further spread, including surveys, working with volunteers and limiting access.

B. Goals:

Androscoggin Prevent spread within and outside of lake, Complete level 3 survey, eradicate VWM. Management Plan

Tilton Prevent Spread to other lakes contain SB Management Plan
David Pond Complete level 2 survey

C. Objectives: Site management Plan

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Objectives are clear and address areas of Prevention Early detection education and management. Provided Maps that had detail and function

2. Strategy and Timeline Timelines were detailed and concise. Describing when who and where.

D. Monitoring

Good description level 2 surveys through 2 surveys, Maps included

E. Local Resources – Coordinator experienced 5 years, executive director also brings extensive experience. Contracted removal diver is on 3rd year and trained. Additional seasonal staff. Large established lakes associations committed to

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EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

assisting in effort. Town support. Extensive detail on organizations skills and assets that support the project

1. Cost \$21,000 Surface Support \$17,000 Based on narrative I am assuming this is for survey since the infestation is limited and they are looking to do a full level 3 to confirm this. Returning staff survey team
2. Match \$7,097 (33%)

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RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

DATE: 2/27/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- One year grant proposal
- Androscoggin Lake
 - o VWM
 - o State, municipal, and private boat access
 - o Has a CBI Program
 - o Detailed description of lake characteristics
 - o Detailed description of past management activities from 2020 through 2024.
- Tilton Pond
 - o SB
 - o Municipal boat access
 - o No CBI Program
 - o Description of lake characteristics
- David Pond
 - o Private boat access
 - o No CBI Program
 - o No known infestation
 - o Description of lake characteristics
- Background information about infestations on Androscoggin and Tilton Ponds, and the threats posed by each.

B. Goals:

- Androscoggin
 - o Prevent spread to other parts of the lake.
 - o Level 3 survey of entire lake.
 - o Eradicate VWM
- Tilton Pond
 - o Prevent spread to other lakes
 - o Contain SB to Tilton through effective management.
- David Pond
 - o Complete two level 2 surveys

C. Objectives:

- Androscoggin Lake
 - o Weekly surveys of infested area (June-August)

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- Remove VWM found and place benthic barrier over removed plant's area.
 - CBI coverage 7 days/week at Rt 133 launch
 - Outreach through programs, plant workshops
 - Level 3 survey of entire lake (by when???)
- Tilton Pond
 - Support Tilton Pond shorefront property owners in removal efforts.
 - Install/maintain fragment net
- David Pond
 - Level 2 survey during spring and late summer/fall.

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

Table is general for Androscoggin and Tilton

2. Strategy and Timeline

Who, what, when, how is thoroughly detailed for each waterbody.

D. Monitoring

- Includes maps
- Androscoggin Lake
 - Plan for staff to survey both Inner Cove (infested area) and un-infested areas of the lake.
 - Staff will work with ALIC to complete a Level 3 survey of entire lake.
- Tilton Pond
 - Shorefront property owners will track time spent surveying for and managing Swollen bladderwort. 30-Mile staff will record in Survey 1,2,3.
- David Pond
 - Survey twice (spring/early summer & late summer/fall)

E. Local Resources

- Description of staff (returning) and plans for hiring a survey team.
- 30-Mile Staff will work with lake associations
- Funding for match will come from lake associations, towns, foundations, corporations, and individual donors.

1. Cost

Grant request = \$21,000

2. Match = \$7,097 (33.8%)

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RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: (BLIMP) Balch Lake Improvement Association

DATE: 2/25/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Chris Reily

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- a. Lake characteristics missing from this section
- b. Efficacy of previous treatments not discussed
- c. Effects on lake ecology and recreation not discussed. Uses are mentioned, but not impacts from VLM
- d. Control strategies mentioned

B. Goals:

- a. Single goal listed
 - i. How is impact defined here? Spread within lake? Export to other lakes?

C. Objectives:

- a. DASH and hand harvesting
- b. Monitoring mentioned but need more detail on how monitoring will take place. Survey level? Organizations assisting?
- c. No mention of CBI program to control export – necessary here?

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

- Table complete
- Desired condition the same despite differing priorities and plant densities

2. Strategy and Timeline

- All areas lumped together with timeline stated as TBD and as needed

D. Monitoring

- a. Surveys mentioned but no further detail given
- b. What are the daily inspections by harvest coordinators?

E. Local Resources

1. Cost

- a. 100% Cash Match

2. Match

- a. 115% cash and volunteer/in-kind match

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RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: (BLIMP) Balch Lake Improvement Association

DATE: 2/25/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope: One year application. Very limited description of lake uses previous work and survey and current work. limited detail

B. Goals: Coordinate with NH and Maine, minimize impact of VLM and prevent other infestations. Short and limited

C. Objectives:

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Not much narrative, Tables do outline priority areas and goals for the areas and current level of natives and AIS. No detail
2. Strategy and Timeline All areas lumped together but do list people and contractor involves, mention survey and dates

D. Monitoring: Daily and early end season surveys to track infestation to coordinator with contractor

E. Local Resources:

1. Cost \$17,750. 100% match
2. Match Local coordinator for volunteer surveys, fundraising and education. 65% camp participation. On lake volunteers divers data manager dock and maintenance

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BIDDER NAME: (BLIMP) Balch Lake Improvement Association)

DATE: 2/26/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- One year grant proposal
- VWM
- Private boat access
- CBI Program
- Mitigate the spread of VWM.
- Description of how Balch Lake impacts downstream waterbodies.
- Description of management methods (DASH, herbicides-NHDES in NH).
- Survey 2-4x/season, paying attention to new and previously infested areas.

B. Goals:

- Minimize the impact of VWM
- Be on guard for new AIS
- Work with both state agencies (MDEP & NHDES)

C. Objectives:

Outsource DASH work to a contractor.

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

Description of eight areas to focus mitigation work, including priority for removal, etc.

2. Strategy and Timeline

- All areas slated for removal work will be managed by volunteers (survey and daily coordination) and Aqualogic (manual removal and/or DASH)
- Exact dates TBD, but starting 6/15/25 and ending 10/12/25.

D. Monitoring

- Individual surveys throughout summer.
- Volunteer harvest coordinators doing daily inspections/coordination of removal work.

E. Local Resources

- Volunteer camp owners: survey and coordinate harvest operations, coordinate and run fundraising activities.

1. Cost: Grant request = \$17,750

- **Match:** Camp owners provide financial support (\$50/camp, 65% participation).

- Municipal support (Action & Newfield)

- BLIMP fundraisers.

- Cash match = \$17,750 (100%)

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RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Collins Pond Improvement Association

DATE: 2/25/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Chris Reily

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- a. Meets section requirements

B. Goals:

- a. Goal of eradication listed but expectation of return mentioned
- b. Additional goal of spread prevention needed?

C. Objectives:

- a. Swim survey
- b. Marking plants for removal
- c. DASH work extent TBD
- d. Underwater drone
- e. Objectives seem geared more towards monitoring than eradication

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

- Plant density of VLM hybrid not filled out
- Priority marked as "Low"

2. Strategy and Timeline

- Specific portions of Pond not laid out, but Collins is small so maybe that is unnecessary here?
- More info on when activities occur or how to maximize impact of efforts based on when growth is observed?

D. Monitoring

- a. Covered in objectives
 - i. Surveys
 - ii. Drone work could be effective here

E. Local Resources

1. Cost

- a. 28% cash match

2. Match

- a. 45% cash and volunteer/in-kind match

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RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Colins Pond Improvement Association

DATE: 2/25/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope:** 1 year. Describes Habitat Lake characteristics and some management activities. Surveys to determine work needed and hire a contractor. Clear picture for proposed project
- B. Goals:** Functional eradication, continued survey to remove any found plant regrowth. Not clearly stated.
- C. Objectives:** brief
 - 1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Lists objectives for prevent/early detection/management
 - 2. Strategy and Timeline 2 weeks of contracted DASH removal. Describes early survey by volunteers and contractor assessment and removal plan.
- D. Monitoring:** Describe survey program with local residents coordinate LSL association.
- E. Local Resources:**
 - 1. Cost \$8200
 - 2. Match\$ 2275 (28%) Long term volunteer coordinator, some community volunteers have a very small population on pond. Long history of management, Some town and community match

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BIDDER NAME: Collins Pond Improvement Association

DATE: 2/24/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- One-year grant proposal
- Hybrid VWM
- No public access
- No CBI Program
- Background information about Collins Pond and the infestation.
- Background information about history of management, including herbicide treatments in 2023 and 2024.
- Survey in 2025 to determine if herbicide treatment was effective.

B. Goals:

- Eliminate milfoil from Collins Pond.
- Early season survey.
- Limited DASH to control any regrowth.

C. Objectives:

Swim survey in early 2025 and each season going forward. If plants are found, they will be marked for removal by DASH. The amount of DASH needed depends on regrowth.

Working with Little Sebago Lake Association to evaluate an underwater drone for surveying.

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

Table includes one area: entire lake.

2. Strategy and Timeline

Early season survey and survey throughout season with removal of regrowth if found.

D. Monitoring

- Swim survey at the beginning of each season going forward.
- Drone survey (if shown to be effective)

E. Local Resources

Surveys are done by volunteers. DASH done by New England Milfoil. Funding from Town of Windham and donations from members and business sponsors.

1. Cost: \$8,200 grant request

2. Match = \$2,275 (28% cash match)

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RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Friends of Shagg Pond Association

DATE: 2/21/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Chris Reily

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- a. Missing physical attributes such as depth, acreage, etc. Does mention substrate and surrounding areas and public and private usage
- b. Mentions milfoil, not VLM specifically
- c. Covers proposed strategies, gives two options
- d. Refers to low-risk status and reduced likelihood of Shagg becoming reinfested if eradication is achieved

B. Goals:

- a. Eradication
- b. Spread prevention – surveying surrounding ponds mentioned as a priority
- c. Management lacks specificity – “continuous and constant efforts” mentioned but methodology is not called out specifically in this section.

C. Objectives:

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

- o Kill seed bed?
- o Only one high priority area for 13 weeks of harvest time over two years

2. Strategy and Timeline

- o Timelines very general
- o Actions for contractors, association members and volunteers across two years

D. Monitoring

- a. Preseason, Monthly, and postseason surveys

E. Local Resources

- a. Equipment and positions covered in table

1. Cost

- a. 25% cash match

2. Match

- a. 93% volunteer, in-kind, and cash match

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RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Friends of Shagg Pond Association

DATE: 2/19/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A.** Project Purpose and Scope: 2 year application. Description of the waterbody and its place within the region. Describe activities and uses. A brief outline of previous work, mostly to highlight it was ineffective. Describe desire to eradicate infestation with use of herbicides or to continue maintenance with DASH
- B.** Goals: Eradication. Prevent Spread, Provide education through LSM. Unrealistic eradication goal
- C.** Objectives:
1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas
Survey. Only discuss objectives of herbicide treatment and really does not have any description other than survey and remove plants after an herbicide. Plan B – Manual removal hire contractor remove bracing plants. Volunteers collect fragments. No real method to plan or description.
 2. Strategy and Timeline
List several sites in order of priority. Reinventing spread as goal Also list “kill Seed” bed. There is no actual documentation to support VLM seeding in Maine. Project 4 weeks though list 13 weeks? Not sure what they are planning 4 or 13
- D.** Monitoring
Limited detail. Preseason surveys monthly monitoring for regrowth. Post season survey
- E.** Local Resources
1. Cost \$43,360 12 weeks? Of contractor
 2. Match \$10,840 (25%) Limited additional resources. New Contractor. Some volunteers.

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BIDDER NAME: Friends of Shagg Pond Association

DATE: 2/24/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- Two-year grant proposal
- Variable-leaf water milfoil
- One public access
- No CBI Program
- Prevent spread: Shagg Pond is surrounded by high-value un-infested ponds.
- Ecological benefits of Shagg Pond
- Description of past management activities
- Plan A: Herbicide Treatment
- Plan B: Contractor w/DASH

B. Goals:

- Eradicate VWM
- Prevent spread
- Educational efforts with Lake Stewards of Maine

C. Objectives:

Plan A: Report pre-season survey to DEP, chemical treatment, monthly monitoring efforts, pull any remaining plants for the next two years (free-of-charge).

Plan B: Contractor using DASH (four weeks/year), volunteers to collect fragments and help on the DASH.

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

Assessment and Prioritization Table includes details for five different areas.

2. Strategy and Timeline

Timeline included in Plan A & Plan B, and timeline for individual sites included in Strategy and Timeline table.

D. Monitoring

- Pre-season survey, compare with previous years.
- Post-season survey.

E. Local Resources

Town of Woodstock donates cash, Association membership has increased (over 90%), 18 Association volunteers (worked over 100 hours in 2024).

1. Cost: \$43,360 for two-years (\$21,680/year)

2. Match = \$10,840 (25% cash match)

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BIDDER NAME: Mousam Lake Region Association

DATE: 2/24/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Chris Reily

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- a. All requirements for section met in detail
 - i. Priorities included – perhaps restatement of goals?
- b. References management plan
- c. Curious where some of the estimates are coming from, such as 30% collateral damage from DASH work.
 - i. “Aspirational goals” may lead to indiscriminate harvesting
 - ii. Is the skill level high enough to lower the estimated removal of native plants?
 - 1. What is our acceptable level of removal of native populations to combat an invasive?

B. Goals:

- a. Measurability
 - i. “until our totals continue to trend lower due to scarcity”
- b. Spread prevention
 - i. “Gently enforce the inspection process” – not for courtesy boat inspections
 - 1. Questions regarding the CBI data, largely who identifies and confirms the invasives
 - 2. How many of these invasives are misidentified specimens of other bladderwort species?
- c. Early Detection
 - i. Remaining uninfested is not due to a survey – what is the goal?
- d. Management
 - i. What is equilibrium here? No invasives?

C. Objectives:

- a. Significant detail provided
 - b. “Spread Prevention Report” doesn’t mention CBI
- 1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas**
- o Seems complete
 - o 6 of 11 sites are “High” priorities
- 2. Strategy and Timeline**
- o Provides good picture of when and where work will take place

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EVALUATOR NAME: Chris Reily

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

D. Monitoring

- a. Significant information on surveying methodology and locations
- b. Report from Denis
- c. Many Surveys
 - i. Level III Surveys, post-removal surveys, SMIAM surveys, etc.

E. Local Resources

1. Cost

2. Match

- a. 37% cash match
- b. 136% cash and volunteer/in-kind match

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BIDDER NAME: Mousam Lake Region Association

DATE: 2/25/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A.** Project Purpose and Scope: 1 year grant. Address each area of requested information in an organized manner, though very elaborate that clouds clarity. Very Detailed description and overview of watershed waters and of previous program and efforts, siting prevention early detection and management activities, level 3 survey and extensive community collaboration Lists all AIS and potential impacts to watershed and waterbody. Good maps provided
- B.** Goals: Detailed goals and logic for the goals. Goals include education, survey and management. Plus, community engagement. For short- and long-term objectives. Reduce spread within and outside of waters, foster community relationships, reduce size of infestations, develop fundraising capacity. Researching additional resources in building own Dash to compliment contracted work. Used drones to assist in survey work. Detailed maps of work and surveys
- C.** Objectives: Very detailed outlines to reach goals and objectives. Include objectives for AIS management, spread, detection, fundraising and education. Site management Plan List each goal and objectives to meet, Goals are broad and realistic. the goal. Objectives are reasonable
1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas detailed who what when where. Priorities could use tweaking overall well defined and realistic.
 2. Strategy and Timeline Clear detailed timeline and strategies. Detailed in order of priority with maps
- D.** Monitoring Adopt a shoreline. Pre post surveys on managements areas. Detailed survey plans outlined.
- E.** Local Resources
1. Cost \$35,400
 2. Match \$12,960 \$36% History of community support financial and involvement. Strong outreach program and local association with well-structured leadership and goals. with Adopt a shoreline and training activities Experienced staff and crew. Coordinator Director good understanding of the infestation and long-term management for the watershed.

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BIDDER NAME: Mousam Lake Region Association

DATE: 2/26/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- One year grant proposal. (Mousam Lake AND Goose Pond)
- Swollen bladderwort – detailed description of species and challenges associated with an infestation of this species.
- State-owned boat access
- CBI Program (ASYCC w/some funding provided by MLRA)
- Plan for and remove Swollen bladderwort from Mousam Lake and Goose Pond.
- Background information about infestation included with lots of detail.
- Bulleted detail about scope and priorities for project in 2025.
 - o Reduce SB using DASH by contractor and manual removal by volunteers. (increase amount removed)
 - o Pre-removal surveys
 - o Survey of previously un-infested areas
 - o Training, coordination among partners, outreach (change norms of behavior to increase compliance with CDD), build local capacity.
 - o Prevent further spread
- Detailed description of the physical attributes of the waterbody
- Detailed description of beneficial use areas, aquatic habitats, and public access.
- Details about previous control strategies in 2023 and 2024.
- Details about plans for 2025 control plan
 - o Six weeks of DASH (hiring SMIAM)
 - o Increase in donations/funding
 - o Development of volunteers
 - o Building on progress from previous year

B. Goals:

1. Prevent spread
 - o Emphasis on public launch and dam area in 2025
 - o Prevent spread downstream
 - o Mentions the “requirement” for CDD???
 - There may be some confusion about what is required and what is suggested. Boat inspections are still a “courtesy” not a requirement.
 - “Annually, over 6000 boat launches occur into Mousam Lake, with 6533 Courtesy Boat Inspections in 2024, resulting in 112 fragments submitted, and 55 confirmed as invasives! We are grateful to

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DATE: 2/26/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

ASYCC for staffing this busy Public Launch site for approximately
1,465 hours of Courtesy Boat Inspections in 2024!"

- How do we get access to this data???

2. Early detection

- Keep un-infested areas free of SB, level 3 surveys on prioritized sectors.
- Data from YCIASP in 2025 about where SB is coming from?

3. Management

- Removal of dense growth using manual and mechanical methods.
- Eradication in Ash Cove
- Prevent further damage to lake ecosystems.

C. Objectives:

- Contract with SMIAM for minimum of six weeks of DASH on Mousam and Goose, focusing on high priority dense areas and high boat traffic areas.
- Survey work by SMIAM in deeper areas.
- MLRA Dive Team will use manual removal
- Level 3 surveys
- Use of underwater drones – MLRA is purchasing a drone in 2025 to help with early season surveys.
- DIY-DASH (determine if this is feasible for MLRA to take on)
- Education and Awareness – training for hand harvesting, fundraising, compliance with CBI.
- Maps included

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

- Detailed description of each area prioritized for removal work.
- Maps included
- Not sure yet of locations for DASH in Fall

2. Strategy and Timeline

- Details included for who, what, where, and when.

D. Monitoring

- Pre-harvesting surveys by MLRA to determine success from removal work in 2024.
- SMIAM will survey for depths greater than 6', and will perform pre and post surveys of their removal areas.
- MLRA is seeking to strengthen a volunteer survey team.
- Contract with YCIASP (Laurie Callahan) to survey two inputs to the Mousam system.
- Underwater drone surveys

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Mousam Lake Region Association

DATE: 2/26/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

- Invite LSM to repeat an on-site session of *U. inflata* ID.
- Utilize ASYCC staff for surveys
- Level 3 surveys for five specific sites.
- Included a "Surveying Methods Implemented To Date" report by Dennis Roberge.
 - o This report details the survey efforts from 2023 and 2024 and plan for 2025.

E. Local Resources

- Description of "roles" to manage the project is included in "Objectives" portion of application.
- Narrative description of how local resources (cash match and in-kind) will be utilized in the project.
- Description of how MLRA will adjust plans if needed.
- MLRA is willing to share they experiences and information with other lake groups.
- Funding and in-kind provided by MLRA Lake Association and private donations.

1. Cost

- Grant request = \$35,400

2. Match

- Cash match = \$12,960 (36.6%)

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: North Gorham Pond Invasive Plant Management Association

DATE: 2/21/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Chris Reily

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- a. Contained plenty of detail
- b. Referenced management plan

B. Goals:

- a. Goals
 - i. Measurability issues
 - 1. How do you know when you've reached the goal?
 - ii. Infestation-free surrounding areas a valid goal?
 - 1. This cannot be achieved by survey, only verified

C. Objectives:

- a. Objectives relate to goals and are broken into reasonable actionable steps
- b. Would like more detail on survey methodology and timeline under Prevention/Early detection

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

- o Appears to meet requirements

2. Strategy and Timeline

- o Appears to meet requirements

D. Monitoring

- a. Relies on DEP – consideration for first year efforts
- b. More detail needed on survey efforts

E. Local Resources

- a. Established an association moving forward

1. Cost

- a. 25% Cash Match

2. Match

- a. 125% Cash and volunteer/in-kind match

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: North Gorham Pond Invasive Plant Management Association

DATE: 2/19/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

1 year. New Applicant. Reference Management Plan To describe habitat, uses and infestation summary. New advocacy group N Gorham Invasive Plant Management increase awareness and engage community, with talks mentions Library talks and educational events. Signage for beach and Road. Begin donation campaigns. Use contractor for management.

B. Goals: From Management Plan

Establish monitoring program

Remove small clusters and reduce dense areas of infestation

Identify local resources

C. Objectives:

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Outlined in management plan. Copied on application. Lists objectives for prevent/early detection/management.

2. Strategy and Timeline 2 weeks of contracted DASH removal. Describes early survey assessment and removal plan. Contractor assessment last on list of priorities.

D. Monitoring: Describe survey program with local residents develop association. Monitor to evaluate success.

E. Local Resources

1. Cost \$11,040 New program already established new association to manage and develop program

2. Match \$2,760 (25%)

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RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: North Gorham Pond Invasive Plant Management Association

DATE: 2/24/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- One year grant proposal
- Variable-leaf milfoil
- Two private launch locations
- No CBI Program
- Includes background information and Action Plan from the Management Plan.

B. Goals:

1. Establish a monitoring and management program.
2. Keep un-infested areas clear.
3. Reduce dense VWM to a level where it can be maintained annually with manual removal.

C. Objectives:

- Prevention/Early Detection – Educate owners on the pond about invasive plants through mailings, face-to-face with boaters on the pond, and continued survey efforts.
- Management/Plant Control – 1. Identify local resources to begin management program; 2. Remove small plant populations before they become well-established; 3. Reduce dense growth of VWM via manual removal.

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Table is filled out, highlighting three different areas.

2. Strategy and Timeline

Late summer/early fall.
Limited detail.

D. Monitoring

- Information from Management Plan
 - o Use a combination of lake stewards and local residents to establish an on-going survey program.

E. Local Resources

Planning to use Contractor and Volunteers in late summer/early fall 2025 to utilize DASH and benthic barriers.

1. Cost: Grant request = \$11,040

2. Match: Cash match = \$2,760 (25%)

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Thompson Lake Environmental Association

DATE: 2/21/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Chris Reily

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- a. Lake characteristics not covered in this section
- b. Species mentioned, but negative impacts mentioned in a general manner. Nothing specific to effects on Thompson lake.
- c. Previous and proposed strategies are covered in depth

B. Goals:

- a. Goals and how they will be achieved are laid out for each of the three sections, SP, ED, and M&C

C. Objectives:

- a. Gives a good picture of where, what and when the work will take place throughout the lake

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

- o Maintain current condition” – whether maintenance/stalemate of infestation is the result, shouldn’t the goal be at least a reduction?

2. Strategy and Timeline

- o Decent specifics but timeline is general for all locations

D. Monitoring

- a. Level 3 surveys mentioned
- b. Members will attend LSM trainings
- c. Survey and removal data will be used to inform plans for the future

E. Local Resources

1. Cost

- a. 25% cash match

2. Match

- a. 26% volunteer and cash match

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Thompson Lake Environmental Association

DATE: 2/19/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A.** Project Purpose and Scope: One Year. Detailed description of areas to be worked. The description included plans for survey assessment and removal based on previous years' work. Areas of priority are logical and well designed. Describe methods to be used. No description of the Heath and lake characteristics
- B.** Goals:
Maintain ecological health and recreational value. Prevent spread and eliminate new colonies. Descriptive Spread prevention. Survey and hitting new colonies. Early Detection identify new areas of growth target surveys where regrowth locates any new areas through survey Management and Control Describe management techniques, and use of methods
- C.** Objectives:
1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Describe surveys and areas of high priority. Also describe return to high-risk areas for regrowth
2. Strategy and Timeline descriptive outline for who will conduct the removal and when. Also, the way survey and removal will proceed. Reference on how this year's work will look to affect next year's work
- D.** Monitoring Complete discussion of monitoring activities and data collection to inform work plans, Data in Survey 123. Provided a map
- E.** Local Resources
1. Cost \$50,240.00 Match \$12,560 (25%)
2. Match 25% Cash Match. Experienced contractor (9 years) Limited other community resources. TLEA appears to be a fiscal agent and provides limited other resources. Town is listed as a match source.

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Thompson Lake Environmental Association

DATE: 2/24/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- One-year grant application
- VWM
- Three municipal boat access points.
- Has CBI program
- TLEA (Thompson Lake Environmental Assoc.) will contract with Southern Maine Invasive Aquatic Management (SMIAM).
- Detailed specific areas to manage.
- Monitoring of previously “reclaimed zone”
- Level 3 survey of high-risk areas not inspected in over two years.
- Link to mitigation map

B. Goals:

- Breaks out goals into 1. Spread Prevention, 2. Early Detection, 3. Management and Control.
- Spread Prevention: Contain VWM by managing high-risk areas.
- Early Detection: ID and address new VWM and re-growth.
- Management & Control: hand-pulling, DASH, benthic barriers, with a particular focus on new/re-growth at Pine Point.

C. Objectives:

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

- Details specific areas of the lake to focus on for Spread Prevention, Early Detection, and Management and Control.

2. Strategy and Timeline

- Details a timeframe that covers early summer, mid to late summer and late summer.
- Early summer – surveys
- Mid-late summer – Monitor previously managed areas (weekly – bi-weekly)
- Late summer – Review progress, additional surveys.

D. Monitoring

- Discusses monitoring for growth early season (level 3) in reclaimed areas and high-risk areas, tracking effectiveness of removal, and an end-of-season review.

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BIDDER NAME: Thompson Lake Environmental Association

DATE: 2/24/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

- Regular surveys
- Respond to new growth quickly
- Keep up with removal efforts
- Maps of survey areas and active/reclaimed VWM areas.

E. Local Resources

- SMIAM DASH Team (June – August)

1. Cost

- Requesting \$50,250 (total project cost = \$63,233.35)

2. Match

- 25% cash match (\$12,560)

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Town of Raymond

DATE: 2/21/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Chris Reily

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

Paragraphs 5 and 6: additional two weeks, snow totals have caught up – does this protect against excess growth?

CBI Program – no mention of proposed project to move towards boater self-inspection. Concern regarding efficacy of that proposal and unsure how it would affect the plant grant, if at all.

B. Goals:

- a. Goals are clear, need clarity on measurability of said goals – how do you know the goal is achieved?

C. Objectives:

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

- o Aside from density and removal cols, almost identical for each location
- o Majority of priorities are “High” – how does this affect planning and probability of success?

2. Strategy and Timeline

- o Seems like a lot of cut and paste. Is this specific enough to show that they have a strong concept of how to proceed over the next two years?
- o All but two locations relying on NEM. Does this show that they are able to follow through if NEM becomes unavailable for some reason?

D. Monitoring

- a. Should this include any information about what to do if monitoring reveals an increase or decrease in plant densities?
- b. Map link included – has not been updated since 2022. Pins, but no polygons – hard to see scope of work without prior knowledge of area.

E. Local Resources

1. Cost

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

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BIDDER NAME: Town of Raymond

DATE: 2/21/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Chris Reily

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

- a. Nothing listed after administrative costs row – is this an issue?
- b. Does not include information in this section on “Important details include items such as number of boats and crew, contingency plans for equipment failure, the length of time the program has operated, tenure of current staff, and manager or contractor on the project.”
 - i. However, this is not mentioned in the scoring explanation section below and not the heading of that portion of the document filled out by Town of Raymond

2. Match

- a. 25% cash match
- b. 27% cash and volunteer match

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Town of Raymond

DATE: 2/19/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A.** Project Purpose and Scope: 2 year request. Detailed description of the waterbody and activities. Adequate description of recent removal history success and challenges. Describes partnerships though not role of partners mentions CBI program. Increasing time due to regrowth is attributed to warmer winters. 7 weeks of contracted removal
- B.** Goals: Clear concise goals. Spread to other areas of the lake. Reduce dense growth to a level for better maintenance. Remove small infestations before they become well established
- C.** Objectives:
1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas
Prevention early detection. Work with contractors to identify small areas and target first then working larger areas. Maintain CBI and outreach to community
 2. Strategy and Timeline
Outline high priority areas, High traffic and Marinas. Then outlying areas. Do list Upper Jordan River as medium priority which seems of higher priority than some other areas listed.
- D.** Monitoring
Surveyed and mapped by contractor using Survey 123. Collaborate with Dep and local associations. Limited detail on the how and when
- E.** Local Resources
1. Cost 117,808- match \$29,452 (25%) 2 year grant 7 weeks NEM
 2. Match
Match from town and local association. Working with experienced contractors.

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Town of Raymond

DATE: 2/24/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- Two-year grant application
- Sebago Lake
- VWM
- One State boat access
- CBI Program
- Includes description of lake, history of VWM in Sebago Lake, past history of removal (2023 and 2024).
- Includes description of management in 2025 (NEM for 7 weeks).

B. Goals:

- Control milfoil infestation
 - o Reduce dense growth
 - o Remove small infestations before they become well established.
- Prevent spread to other parts of the lake
- Continue education efforts

C. Objectives:

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

- Table of Assessment and Prioritization included in application.

2. Strategy and Timeline

- Prevention: maintain CBI Program at 4 launch locations, promote Clean, Drain, Dry
- Early Detection and Management: Work with Raymond Waterways and NEM.

D. Monitoring

- Early detection and monitoring of previously infested areas by Raymond Waterways and NEM.
 - o Report via Survey 1,2,3

E. Local Resources

- New England Milfoil (early and late in the season each year)
- RWPA (early and late in the season, review each year)
- 1. Cost:** Grant request = \$117,808 for two years (\$58,904/year)
- 2. Match:** \$29,452 (25% cash match)

**STATE OF MAINE
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Three Ponds Protective Association

DATE: 2/25/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Chris Reily

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- a. Only mentions proposed strategies for this grant cycle
 - i. Survey
 - ii. Dash and hand removal
 - iii. Herbicide
- b. Does not contain info on lake characteristics or impacts to ecology or recreation
- c. Reads more like a goal section

B. Goals:

- a. Does not contain an actionable goal
- b. "As mentioned above" referencing Scope and Purpose section for survey and herbicide treatment
- c. Lays out areas of concern

C. Objectives:

- a. Again mentions survey, DASH work, and herbicide treatment
- b. Only one goal listed above (survey), how do these actions apply to goals for this season?

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

- o Table appears to contain necessary info

2. Strategy and Timeline

- o Timeline not detailed
- o Info on pre/post surveys?

D. Monitoring

- a. Section is blank, but survey mentioned multiple times in other sections

E. Local Resources

1. Cost

- a. 178% cash match

2. Match

- a. 321% cash and volunteer/in-kind match

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Three Ponds Protective Association

DATE: 2/25/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A.** Project Purpose and Scope: 1 year application. No description of waterbody and use. Limited sparse details of previous work done on the pond. Brief outline of proposed 2025 work.
- B.** Goals: Survey in July, herbicide, list areas of concern. Very ambiguous goals
- C.** Objectives:
 - 1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Trained volunteers to survey along with contractor. Objectives also obscure. Use herbicide for treatment.
 - 2. Strategy and Timeline- brief yet adequate
- D.** Monitoring: Discussed in purpose and scope and in objectives.
- E.** Local Resources
 - 1. Cost \$15,000
 - 2. Match\$ 26,670 Small community volunteer survey crew. Long term coordinator and commitment from the town and NH.

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202411197

RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

BIDDER NAME: Three Ponds Protective Association

DATE: March 3, 2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope:

- One year grant proposal
- Maps included (couldn't open files?)
- Brittle naiad (*Najas minor*)
- Has CBI Program (at Marina)
- Two public access points (Milton Town Beach and New Bridge Marina)
- Volunteers and New England Milfoil will conduct surveys.
- Proposed methods of management include DASH (NEM), hand removal (volunteers), and a proposed herbicide treatment on the NH side of the lake.

B. Goals:

- Detailed survey of Milton Three Ponds mid-July, prior to DASH operations and herbicide treatment.
- Limited goals with limited detail

C. Objectives:

- Use trained volunteers to survey Milton Three Ponds along with the DASH crew from NEM. Possible assistance from Laurie Callahan of YCIASP. Contract for management with NEM for five weeks. Herbicide application as needed.

1. Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas

- Table has three areas outlined with limited detail.

2. Strategy and Timeline

- Table has limited information regarding who, and when.

D. Monitoring

- Nothing in this section.
- Monitoring activities discussed in other sections, but in very limited detail.

E. Local Resources

- No narrative in this section
- Support for project (from Tables): TPPA, Town of Milton, NH and Town of Lebanon, ME.
- **Cost:** Grant request = \$15,000
- Table 1, not filled out correctly.
- **Match:** Cash match = \$26,670 (177.8%)



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AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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RFA TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application

I, Chris Reily accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Applications (RFA) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection, I do hereby accept the terms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclose any affiliation or relationship I may have in connection with a bidder who has submitted a proposal to this RFA.

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Chris Reily

Signature

2/21/25

Date



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Denise Blanchette

2/19/2025

Signature

Date



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AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Toni B. Pied

Signature

2/24/25

Date