

# Harmony Environmental

Finding a balance



People Land Water

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Dear Terry:

We are looking forward to completing your aquatic plant management work this summer including an aquatic plant survey for Big Round and an Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Big and Little Round Lakes. We have a busy summer planned and are working to get organized ahead of time.

A draft contract is enclosed for your review. The contract mirrors our proposal and the aquatic invasive species grant application budget. We understand there may be a delay as you wait for your grant agreement from DNR, but perhaps you could review the contract and let us know if you have any concerns.

We will also need several pieces of information to begin work on the aquatic plant management plan. A list of elements needed for APM plan completion is attached. Note that we already have some of these because we completed the grant application. Please make an effort to gather the additional information, and let me know if you have trouble locating any of it. The sooner we get the background information, the sooner we can begin with plan preparation.

Finally, it would be helpful to begin thinking about public involvement for the plan. A plant management committee will be needed to guide plan development. The committee should also consider ways to involve others who live around and use the lakes.

Please begin to organize membership for the plant committee if you don't already have one. This committee should have representatives from your lake organization, recreational users or other concerned citizens, and possibly someone knowledgeable about fisheries. Five people can be enough for a committee, and you may want to have as many as ten. One of the committee members (preferably from the lake organization) should agree to be a contact for us. This makes communication much more efficient. We will assume that you will be the primary contact unless we hear differently from you.

Summer is the best time to gather input from lake residents and users. It would be helpful to gather information from lake residents at an annual meeting or similar event. Newsletter articles about aquatic plants and the planning process are also recommended. Please provide the date for the annual meeting and/or other events and deadlines for newsletter publication. We can talk further about the best methods to gather opinions and concerns regarding aquatic plant management for your lakes.

Thank you for your efforts and interest in aquatic plant management. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

  
Cheryl Clemens