

Lake Stewardship Grant Program – 2018

Background

The Lake Stewardship Grant program was initiated in 2005 to support and encourage lake stewardship groups by providing them with additional resources. This is the 14th year for the Lake Stewardship Grant Program. Funding criteria and the application form were drafted by the past Watershed Advisory Panel. Projects must benefit the water quality of the lake and or watershed and demonstrate support and involvement of lake stewardship members, other lake residents or community members.

Summary of Lake Stewardship Groups to Receive Funding Support

1. Clearwater Lake Stewardship Group

Project Name: On Water Educational/Information/Fun Paddle

Project Details: Clearwater Lake Stewardship would like to raise awareness on what is needed to maintain a healthy lake and are planning an educational event centered on issues prevalent in their lake. The event will help to educate lake users of specific features found around Clearwater Lake. The event will encourage lake users to canoe, kayak or paddleboat to key locations around the lake found on a specially designed map. Each station will highlight certain educational features of the lake including healthy lake activity (e.g. evidence of birds and fish, locations of lily pads and reed beds) as well as some less healthy activity (e.g. old tires used as weights in the water). Some of the stations will be information stations, staffed by committee members who will give five-minute talks on some aspect of the lake and/or healthy lake activity. During the paddle we are encouraging participants to pick up of any foreign matter, garbage, found in/on the lake as well. The event will end with the annual barbeque where prizes will be handed out for all participants. The prizes will be shoreline plants, likely Sweet Gale (*Myrica gale*). The event will help with education and community building to help maintain a clean and healthy lake.

Use of Funds: Funds will be used for education pamphlets, maps, prizes and to offset cost of community BBQ.

Amount Requested: \$500

2. Four Lakes Community Association

Project Name: Four Lakes Waterfront Garden Tour

Project Details: The project's goal is to showcase various environmentally friendly waterfront property gardens along the Four Lakes area. The focus is to provide information and examples of plants/flowers/trees and shrubs that grow in shoreline gardens as a buffer between land and water. There will be 5 or more garden tours at approximately half hour each and attendees will be provided with information pamphlets along with environmentally friendly products, in trial size formats. Volunteers will be on hand to answer any specific questions that the attendees may have, currently estimate that there will be between 10 and 15 volunteers on hand during the events. Some may be the host/co-host, others to answer questions and some to setup and take down the event.

Use of Funds: Funds will be used to provide information pamphlets, environmentally friendly products along with refreshments for the events.

Amount Requested: \$500

3. Lake Panache Camper's Association Inc

Project Name: Association Communication & Hazardous Waste Day

Project Details: The Lake Panache Camper's Association would like to use the 2018 Lake Stewardship Grant funds to host a household hazardous waste cleanup day. The program has been done in previous years and has proven to be popular and useful. The stewardship works with the campers and landowners to collect any household hazardous waste they may have, including oils, gases, paints and any other such waste. The stewardship then works with the city to transport the waste to the Frobisher Household Hazardous Waste Depot.

The stewardship would also like to use a portion of the funds to help with their awareness initiatives including the annual newsletters and information pamphlets along with having more signage put up around the lake at various locations regarding invasive species awareness.

Use of Funds: Annual newsletters, household hazardous waste day flyers and invasive species signage.

Amount Requested: \$500

4. Richard Lake Stewardship

Project Name: Richard Lake Stewardship – Newsletter

Project Details: The Richard Lake Stewardship would like to use the Lake Stewardship Grant funds to continue to build on previous awareness programs among the users of the lake to be knowledgeable of the importance of good lake stewardship, specifically in the areas of:

- 1) Reducing the use of phosphates to minimize the rising levels in the lakes.
- 2) The importance of maintaining a health septic system with regular pump outs.
- 3) Being aware of invasive species such as Eurasian Watermilfoil and prevent further spread.
- 4) Good stewardship habits.

The stewardship would like to use the fund to complete a print run of information packages to be distributed to lake residents and seasonal campers on Richard Lake. The information packages will encourage people to sign up to our new digital newsletter which will allow the Richard Lake Stewardship to share information more regularly and at a lower cost.

Use of Funds: Printing of approximately 200 information packages.

Amount Requested: \$500

5. Long Lake Stewardship

Project Name: Long Lakes: Ours to Protect

Project Details: The Long Lake Stewardship would like to use the Lake Stewardship Grant funds to help promote awareness, education and mapping of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Long Lake. The project will include a summer education campaign to encourage lake residents to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species, in particular Eurasian Watermilfoil. This will include regular newsletters, distribution of information pamphlets for Eurasian Watermilfoil and reinforcing boat launch signage posted at Lakeview Beach and two public launches on Long Lake. The stewardship is planning to develop "Eurasian Watermilfoil: Long Lake 2018" Mapping, this project will include marking milfoil beds found throughout the lake, digitizing these areas and print user friendly maps available to lake residents along with being made available on the Long Lake Stewardship website. The project will help encourage lake users to avoid

areas with large Eurasian Watermilfoil stands to help prevent the spread of the species through fragmentation caused by recreational watercraft use.

A portion of the funds will be used to promote the Love Your Lake Program by sending out information to residents regarding Phase 2 of the Love Your Lake Program on Long Lake that is being completed by the CGS staff. The stewardship has created a certificate of merit for exceptional shorelines along Long Lake and funds will be used in part to have these certificates printed.

Use of Funds: 10 Love Your Lake Shoreline Certificate of Merit award signs, printing of 350 Long Lake Eurasian Water Milfoil survey maps and the printing and/or purchase of CRE Laurentides resources.

Amount Requested: \$500

6. Lake Wahnapiatae Home and Campers Association

Project Name: Shoal Markers

Project Details: The association would like use the Lake Stewardship Grant funds to place shoal markers on a number of shoals found around the lake to help prevent the risk of running aground in a recreational watercraft. The association currently has the locations of these shoals available online as digital maps and would like to ensure that the markers are visible to boaters on the lake.

The funds would be used to purchase more durable shoal markers than are currently in place and have the markers regularly checked and replaced if they are displaced during storms. The association currently has a group of 12 community volunteers who manage the markers on the lake and will continue to do so with the updated markers.

Use of Funds: Funds will be used to purchase high visibility shoal markers and corresponding equipment to install markers.

Amount Requested: \$500