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Additional Progress Report on DNR Project No. AIRR-037-08 2008 Wilson Lake AIS Early Detection & Rapid Response Grant

The initial progress report on this project was issued September 25, 2008. At the time we planned to include an educational article regarding AIS in our Lake District Newsletter that was to be issued later that Fall. An excellent article was written by Paul Skawinski, Regional AIS Education Specialist, AIS Coordinator – Wood, Portage, Waushara Co., Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc., Stevens Point, WI. It was truly professional and included pictures of various forms of AIS. However, due to problems with the publication of the District newsletter, the article was mangled badly. The educational benefit of the article was voided by the inaccuracies in the printed document. I tried to have the original article sent along with the Meeting Notice for the District Annual Meeting held in June, 2009, but that also failed. Therefore the expenses involved with these publications will not be included in the request for final payment for the Project.

Additional Work Performed by Consultants

Following the chemical treatment for CLP that was performed in 2008, we expected to have an early plant survey conducted in 2009. However, through a failure in communications between us and our consultant in the Spring of 2009, a pre-treatment survey was not performed and no chemical treatment was performed in 2009. It became obvious that CLP was growing in the summer, and we also saw some evidence of EWM among some of the weeds that came to the shoreline as a result of boating activity. Therefore the consultant was contracted to conduct a survey for AIS and to develop an AIS map at a cost of \$1,396.00. This cost is included in our application for final payment on Project No. AIRR-037-08.

Future Work to be Performed by Consultants (After expiration of the Project)

We have a preliminary proposal from Bonestroo (formerly Northern Environmental) for pre-treatment survey and chemical treatment in 2010, and we will be following up on their recommendation.