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RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

1462 Strongs Avenue Stevens Point, WI 54481 Phone (715) 343-6215 www.goldensandsrcd.org

July 23, 2013

Re: Grant Proposal – 2013 Regional AIS Program - East Central

Dear Ted.

On behalf of Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc., please accept the enclosed application packet for "2013 Regional AIS Program - East Central".

This is a **supplementary application** to request the other half of the funding that was not awarded during the Feb grant cycle. You will see that the work plan is the same, but the budget is revised to reflect the funding needs remaining in the second half of the year, primarily for the Coordinator positions.

Golden Sands RC&D greatly appreciates the opportunity to continue working with the AIS grant program. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me, at 715-346-1264.

Sincerely,

Amy Thorstenson
Executive Director / Regional AIS Coordinator
715/346-1264
Amy.Thorstenson@goldensandsrcd.org

Waupaca County Land & Water Conservation Department

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January 30, 2013

Amy Thorstenson Executive Director/Regional AIS Coordinator Golden Sands RC&D, Inc. 1462 Strongs Ave Stevens Point, WI 54481

Ms. Thorstenson:

The Waupaca County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) and the Waupaca County Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC) would like to formally renew its support for the Golden Sands RC&D Regional Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant program. The Waupaca County LWCC went on record January 11, 2011 supporting Waupaca County's initial participation in the Golden Sands RC&D Regional Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant program. The goal of protecting water quality, including control of AIS, is at the forefront of the wishes of Waupaca County residents and riparian users of its 240 lakes and 337 miles of stream.

The Waupaca County LWCD will continue to directly support the work being carried out by Golden Sands RC&D including AIS inventories, conducting educational workshops, training and surveys as well as the implementation of the newly created Waupaca County AIS Plan. Waupaca County's commitment to this grant includes matching staff time, GIS/GPS and mapping support, boat launch passes, and our willingness to work with Golden Sands RC&D staff, in whatever capacity necessary, to address this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Brian Haase

County Conservationist Waupaca County LWCD

715-258-6482

Waushara County Land Conservation & Zoning

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To:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Grants committee

Subject:

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Letter of Support

Date:

January 29, 2013

Waushara County supports the efforts of Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council as they apply for a WDNR Aquatic Invasive Species (ais) Grant. The project will entail efforts to monitor the presence of ais in the lake as well as control methods such as the use of using beetles and hand pulling in Waushara County lakes.

Other efforts will include implementing Clean Boats / Clean Waters monitoring at he public landing as well as providing information and education to the public and other lake front property owners. The project will also include stakeholder education through presentations, newsletter articles, and committee-level meetings.

Finally, the County's comprehensive lake management plan can be updated to include goals of the council's cooperative effort needed to maintain a detailed implementation plan that will guide Waushara County's prevention/management efforts over the coming years.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Ed Hernandez, County Conservationist

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Waushara County Land Conservation Department

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District P.O. Box 123 King, WI 54946

February 1, 2013

AIS Grants Committee

This letter is in support of the application from Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. for an AIS education and prevention grant.

Golden Sands has been a valuable asset to the Waupaca County lakes community in the past through its involvement in AIS boat tours, AIS surveys of the Upper Chain and Lower Chain, watercraft inspection coordination, Japanese knotweed removal and a Paddlequest event.

The Waupaca Lake District has benefited from AIS grants in the past. A grant to Golden Sands will bring similar benefits to many lakes in Waupaca and in surrounding counties.

Robert Ellis Chairman Richard A. Hansen PO Box 429 N3303 Shannahan La Wautoma WI 54982 920-787-2295

To: AIS Grants Committee January 30, 2013

Re: Golden Sands RC&D Regional AIS Program

Dear AIS Grants Committee,

I wish to express my most sincere appreciation for the outstanding support we have received from Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc through their Regional AIS Program. I am a permanent resident on Porters Lake in Waushara County and a volunteer for all of our betterment activities. We dreaded the day when EWM would be discovered in this wonderful body of water and sadly it happened last summer.

Fortunately, Paul Skawinski and Golden Sands RC&D Council came, literally, to our rescue. Through their effort and education a number of us are now able to work alongside of these professionals in removing EWM and educating our neighbors on how to do the same. Without question, the single most significant challenge facing Porters Lake is EWM eradication.

There is no way that we can accomplish this without the help of Golden Sands RC&D Council. I therefore, respectfully urge you to please continue your financial support of Golden Sands RC&D's Regional AIS Program.

Thank you for this consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can offer any additional supportive information.

Sincerely,

R. Hansen

Richard A. Hansen

Raymond C. "Skip" Hansen Sharon C. Hansen 2020 Fox Hollow Run Brookfield, Wis. 53045 262-784-4758

August 20, 2012

Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc. 1462 Strongs Avenue Stevens Point, Wis. 54481

Attn: Paul Skawinski

Regional AIS Education Specialist

RE: July 14, 2012 AIS Workshop

Dear Paul:

Sharon and I want to thank you for hosting us at this AIS workshop. You deserved a larger audience

Thank you for sharing your extensive knowledge of aquatic plants, both native and invasive. And, thank you for confirming the samples of what we believed to be Eurasian water milfoil were, indeed, that nasty invasive plant.

Sharon and I enjoyed the walk along the lake. You pointed out numerous plants that we have on Porters Lake that we had not been able to previously identify including Small Purple Bladder Wort which we have growing in abundance in our lake.

You have been tremendously helpful in working with me on dealing with the Eurasian water milfoil problem we recently discovered on our lake. With your assistance I believe we have a great opportunity to control this infestation without having to resort to chemical treatments.

Paul, you are a tremendous asset to Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc. You have a very bright future ahead of you.

Sincerely,

Raymond C. "Skip" Hansen

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Porters Lake Management District Raymond C. "Skip" Hansen, Treasurer 2020 Fox Hollow Run Brookfield, Wisconsin 53045 262-784-4758

January 30, 2012 2013

To: AIS Grants Committee

RE: Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council

1462 Strongs Avenue

Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481

Gentlemen:

I am writing you today to express my strong opinion recommending you continue to support the Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council regional aquatic invasive species committee.

Last summer we first learned Eurasian water milfoil was in our lake in Waushara County. Within a week of learning about our EWM problem I had the good fortune to meet Paul Skawinski, Regional AIS Education Specialist for Golden Sands. Paul and Golden Sands confirmed plant specimens I gave them were EWM. Golden Sands personnel came to our lake to survey our infestation. Shortly after they worked with me to coordinate an EWM pulling event with some of their personnel and eighteen volunteers from our lake. They have returned to our lake numerous times to assist us with our control efforts. Last week they provided great scientific and educational guidance to our district members which allowed our district to approve a plan to eradicate EWM in our lake.

Without the assistance of Golden Sand Resource Conservation & Development Council Porters Lake would have a much larger EWM infestation, our members would be less educated about the problem and we would have no plan in place to control and, hopefully, eradicate our infestation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Raymond C. "Skip" Hansen, Treasurer

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Spring Lake Management District PO Box 237 Neshkoro, WI 54960 June 24, 2010

Dear Sir/Madam:

re: Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc.

The Spring Lake Management District (SLMD) strongly supports the need for Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc. to continue their work and educational programs with the lakes in Waushara County.

We have been working with them for approximately four years in specific programs and training to monitor and maintain the health of Spring Lake and have benefited greatly from their assistance to us.

Specific training and educational programs by Golden Sands staff have included:

- July 18, 2009 A lake survey of aquatic and invasive plants and marine life by pontoon with a group of property owners and then a summary of the findings back on land to allow maximum education about these plants and where they were.
- June 19, 2010 At our annual meeting as our featured speaker, provided a
 presentation of Spring Lake's aquatic plant summary to attendees as well as using
 photos via computer of discussed plants.
- June 16, 2012 At our annual meeting as featured speaker, presented procedure of identifying and hand-harvesting Eurasian Watermilfoil when presents in single or small amounts
- September 15, 2012 A fall lake survey to document how feasible hand-pulling of Eurasian Watermilfoil could be done on Spring Lake was completed as well as a demonstration of how harvesting should be done correctly. Detailed map of AIS was also done and provided to SLMD.
- Planned follow-up Spring 2013 –Hand-pulling of Eurasian Watermilfoil (pending)

This type of help and education is invaluable and much appreciated.

Sincerely

Marty Wilke President

Spring Lake Management District

January 30, 2013

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources

To Whom It May Concern,

The Waushara County Watershed Lakes Council, Inc. (WCWLC) strongly supports the efforts of the Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. (GSRCD) in obtaining a 2013-2014 Regional AIS Program – East Central Program for Waupaca & Waushara Counties. The GSRCD has always been very active in their goals and performance. They have now developed new programs in the areas of Purple Loosestrife re-surveys and also updated AIS inventory surveys scheduled for Waushara County this year. In reference to the Purple Loosestrife, the GSRCD plans to revisit select high priority sites with historical survey data from previous beetle releases. The Waushara County project will involve surveys of all public access lakes in Waushara County which are due this year. The GSRCD has always been very active in Waushara County to protect and preserve the waters of this County. Any assistance they receive in the form of a grant can only better the pristine waters of both Waupaca and Waushara Counties. The WCWLC is dedicated to the protection, preservation and restoration of the waters of Waushara County. This grant will enable the GSRCD and the WCWLC to maintain a quality water resource, which creates tourism, economic growth and recreation for the residents and visitors of Waushara County year round.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Geier, President Waushara County Watershed Lakes Council, Inc. (920) 787-5969 (home) (920) 570-0528 (cell)



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Resolution: 2013 Regional AIS Program – East Central (Supplemental funding for AIS Coordinators)

COUNTY OF: Waushara, Waupaca

WHEREAS, our lakes are valuable to our local economy and are an important resource used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc. has established itself as a partner in Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention and control, and

WHEREAS, the Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc. recognizes a need for citizen volunteers trained in lake monitoring in the region, and

WHEREAS, the Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc. recognizes a need for continued training of 'Clean Boats, Clean Waters' citizen volunteers, and

WHEREAS, the Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc. recognizes the need for garnering local support and action in the prevention and control of aquatic invasive species, and

WHEREAS, we are qualified to carry out the responsibilities of the aquatic invasive species project described in the state grant application; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc. requests the supplementary funds available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources AIS Grant Program to provide for AIS Coordinators, and

HEREBY AUTHORIZES <u>Hugh O Donnell</u> to act on behalf of Golden Sands RC&D to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for aquatic invasive species prevention & control purposes; sign documents and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete an approved aquatic invasive species grant project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc. will meet the obligations of the aquatic invasive species grant project, including timely reporting of the results, and meet the financial obligations under this grant, including the prompt payment of our local share commitment to project costs.

Adopted this day 18th of July, 2013

BY:

(President of the Board)

Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc.



Regional AIS Program - East Central Waushara, & Waupaca Counties 2013 Budget

(Revised - 2nd half of funding, Aug grant cycle)

ltem	Unit	Cash Costs	Donated	Source
SALARIES				
Regional AIS Coordinator	\$26.19/hr wage+fringe	\$8,435		AIS Grant Request
=Amy Thorstenson (RC&D)	322			Donated = RC&D
Regional AIS Education Specialist	\$27.74/hr wage+fringe	\$20,144	\$50	AIS Grant Request
=Paul Skawinski (RC&D)	728			Donated = lake groups
Regional AIS Outreach Specialist	\$23.06/hr wage+fringe	\$16,410	\$50	AIS Grant Request
=Kaycie Stushek (RC&D)	713.65	. ,	·	•
LTE Staff (none this cycle)	\$11.86/hr wage+fringe	\$0		AIS Grant Request
(RC&D)	0	·		·
Environmental Educators (none this cycle)	\$8.50/hr wage+fringe	\$0	\$0	AIS Grant Request
(RC&D Work Study Students)	32.5 hrs	·		Donated = Work Study Prog.
Administrative Coordinator	\$23.08/hr wage+fringe	\$5,250		AIS Grant Request
(RC&D)	227.5	ψ0,200		7110 Grant Request
Admin. Assistance	\$11.18/hr wage+fringe	\$1,565		AIS Grant Request
(RC&D)	140	ψ1,505		Alo Glant Request
UW-Extension partners	140		\$100	UW-Extension
(Assistance w/ workshops/education)			\$100	OW-Exterision
Waushara County partners			\$2,203	Waushara County LCD
(Co. Cons., technicians, admin, GIS)			\$2,203	Waushara County LCD
Waupaca County partners			\$1,333	Waupaca County LCD
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(Co. Cons., technicians, admin, GIS)	C40/h-		¢0,400	Citizen 9 Leke Creun
Volunteer Activity Time	\$12/hr 703		\$8,430	Citizen & Lake Group Volunteers
	703			volunteers
CONSULTING				
PURCHASED SERVICES				
Postage	communications to lake groups	\$50		AIS Grant Request
Printing	outreach materials for lake groups to	\$100		AIS Grant Request
	disseminate			
SUPPLIES				
Office Expenses	toner, paper, herbarium paper, envelopes,	\$236		AIS Grant Request
	storage bins, markers, laminating sheets			
		*		
Field Supplies	workshop refreshments, herbicides, rake, foam noodles, burlap sacks, preservative,	\$160		AIS Grant Request
	sample vials, CBCW kit, rope; -pools, stakes,			
	netting for PL			
Boat launch passes	2 @ \$15, 3 @ \$25		165	Waushara, Waupaca
HOURLY EQUIPMENT USE				<u> </u>
GPS unit (high accuracy)	\$39.18/hr, est. 2 dys x 8 hrs		\$564	Volunteers, County partners
			\$304	
GPS unit (recreational grade)	\$300 flat rate			Volunteers, County partners
Kayak trailer (DOT class 490)	\$11.36/hr, est.40 dys x 8 hrs		\$3,635	Volunteers, County partners
Canoe/kayak/boat (DOT class 9023) Pontoon (DOT class 9022)	\$17.36/day, est. 65 dys \$78.00/day, est. 10 dys		\$1,128 \$780	Volunteers, County partners
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OTHER			_	
Mileage (est. 1,740 miles total)	\$0.565/mile (fed rate)	\$983		AIS Grant request
Office space	(see attached calculations	\$1,310		AIS Grant request
Storage unit rent - field equip storage	\$45/mo, 12 mo's (1/4 of cost)	\$169		AIS Grant request
Utilities (phone)	\$30/mo, 12 mo's, 2 lines (1/4 of cost)	\$225		AIS Grant request
Employee training/AIS promotion	Display booth fees, conference expenses,	\$1,150		AIS Grant request
	professional membership fees	¢50 407	¢40 720	
	TOTALS:	\$56,187	\$18,738	
TOTAL PROJECT COST	= \$74,925	(Awarded = \$56,18	7)	

TOTAL PROJECT COST = \$74,925 (Awarded = \$56,187)

75% of Expenses = \$56,194

STATE SHARE REQUESTED = \$56,187 75% (MAX = \$150,000, 75%)

REMAINING COST TO MATCH = \$18,738

(Donated items coming from source indicated above.)

					Tatal bys	Total hrs	O/ of time o		otal office				
					Total hrs	worked on	% of time		pace cost				
			to	otal annual	worked	Regional	committed	co	mmitted to	60%	of that cost	40%	% of that cost
Space	sqft	\$/sqft	CC	st of space	per yr	AIS	to AIS		AIS	to E	East Central	to \	Nest Central
Kaycie	125	\$ 10.8	0 \$	1,350.00	1,915	1,820	95%	\$	1,283.03	\$	769.82	\$	513.21
Paul	125	\$ 10.8	0 \$	1,350.00	2,080	2,080	100%	\$	1,350.00	\$	810.00	\$	540.00
Amy	125	\$ 10.8	0 \$	1,350.00	2,080	1,230	59%	\$	798.32	\$	478.99	\$	319.33
Karen	42	\$ 10.8	0 \$	453.60	822	200	24%	\$	110.36	\$	66.22	\$	44.15
Jennifer	108	\$ 10.8	0 \$	1,166.40	2,080	650	31%	\$	364.50	\$	218.70	\$	145.80
AIS EE & L	30	\$ 10.8	0 \$	324.00	898.00	768.00	86%	\$	277.10	\$	277.10	\$	277.10
Totals	555		\$	5,994.00	9,875.00	6,748.00		\$	4,183.31	\$	2,620.82	\$	1,839.58

Half approved in Feb cycle.

Need half in Aug grant cycle.

Tenant Space at the Central Wisconsin Children's Museum 1100 Main Street Kaycie Stevens Point, WI 54481 715-344-2003 "AIS wing" = 375 sqft 375 sqft Paul = Golden Sands RC&D Office Space (1080 sqft total) hallway Amy Suite 150 705 square feet AIS LTE & EE desk 6'x5' 12'-0" Jennifer 7'x6' 12'x9' Suite 140 600 square feet 21"-1" \$646/month 28'-6 1/4" Suite 130 895 square feet 31'-4" \$963/month

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2013 Regional AIS Program - East Central

Waupaca County – Waushara County (Supplementary funding)

Half of the necessary funding for our program was awarded at the Feb grant cycle. This supplementary grant proposal seeks the remaining funding needed to complete the 2013-2014 season for the East Central Regional AIS Program in Waupaca and Waushara counties. Primarily, supplementary funding will provide for:

- 1 half-time Regional AIS Coordinator
- 1 half-time Regional AIS Education Specialist
- 1 half-time Regional AIS Outreach Specialist
- Support staff time

Please note that the proposal narrative below describes the program in its entirety, to give a full view of the East Central Regional AIS Program. The narrative does not distinguish between what is paid for by the Feb grant vs. this Aug grant proposal. See the itemized budget attached for an itemization of what this Aug grant proposal would provide for.

Project Area:

The project area is a region-wide focus. In the past, it has included five counties. Because of the geographic split, this program is now being divided into two regions. Our West Central Region includes Marathon, Portage, and Wood counties; Our East Central Region includes Waupaca and Waushara counties. The main focus of both programs will be on lakes with public boat landings.

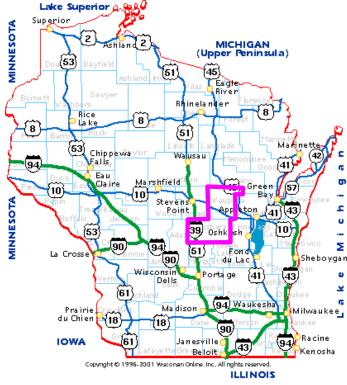
Map to the right shows project area outlined in pink.

ERW/ORW list attached. (Appendix I). High Vulnerability list attached (App II). Sensitive Area / Critical Habitat list attached (App III).

State Natural Areas and State Parks list attached (App IV).

Natural Heritage Inventory list attached (App V).

Pioneer infestations that are receiving control programs due to our program are listed (AppVI).



(Map from Wisconline.com.)

Direct services that are delivered to <u>all</u>
<u>lakes with public boat launches</u> include: regular AIS surveys, new State AIS signs for boat launches; boat landing inspections on-site.

Indirect services that are delivered to <u>all public waterways</u> (including creeks) includes: AIS incident response services, new State AIS signs for trout streams, and possibly boat landing



inspections at a lake or flowage directly connected.

Problem To Be Addressed:

Lake groups in Central Wisconsin are at all levels of activity in AIS prevention and control: some groups have yet to become active in prevention or control; some groups already have a well-organized control plan in action; most are somewhere in between; and some small lakes have no lake group at all.

In an effort to take a pro-active approach, Waupaca and Waushara Land Conservation Departments (LCD's) see a need for county involvement in education and outreach on AIS issues. The need is viewed as a local problem, of course, but also as a region-wide problem and beyond. Each county's "AIS-free" lakes are viewed as rare gems to be cherished and protected; lakes with established AIS problem are viewed to have a responsibility to both control the infestation through carefully developed control plans and to prevent transportation of the problem species to neighboring lakes. New invasive threats must be publicized to the public rapidly in order to slow their spread, and prevention methods must be taught to the boating public to slow the spread.

Waupaca and Waushara Counties have established AIS programs to provide a **consistent message** about AIS issues, in concert with the State's AIS efforts. The counties would like to continue these programs to promote the prevention of the spread of AIS and the **early detection of pioneer populations**, through promotion of 'Clean Boats, Clean Waters' (CBCW) methods and the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN). The counties would also like to encourage implementation of AIS control methods by assisting lake groups with "getting connected" to the resources they need.

Regional AIS Program accomplishments in Waupaca and Waushara counties in 2012 include:

- The total purple loosestrife beetles raised and released in 2012 was over 51,300! The number of
 volunteers in these counties went from zero in 2011, to seventeen sites in 2012. The biological
 control program is continuing to expand with a slew of new volunteers signed on for 2013 already.
- A total of 8 lakes were surveyed between Waupaca and Waushara Counties in 2012. Some surveys were conducted by request for a post herbicide treatment survey. GIS maps of the AIS present were created for each lake. In 2013, Waushara County is scheduled to have AIS surveys conducted for each public access lake in 2013.
- A total of 13 undocumented populations were discovered by RC&D staff in 2011, including 4 Eurasian watermilfoil, 3 curly-leaf pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*), 4 mystery snails (*Bellamya chinensis* and *Viviparus georgianus*), 1 purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), and 1 flowering rush (*Butomus umbellatus*). GIS maps were produced of each invasive plant found in a waterbody. The number of undocumented populations has drastically decreased, because we have conducted full AIS surveys in Waupaca County within the past year, so for the most part, each new species documented is a new infestation in the waterbody. Waushara County will be receiving its first county-wide lake survey for AIS in 2013, which will add to the number of undocumented populations for 2013.
- 11 AIS workshops and educational events were held or attended by Golden Sands RC&D. Some
 events included Fleet Farm Days, Big Silver Lake Kids Day, Waushara and Waupaca County
 Conservation Days, and the Waupaca County Conservation Speeches Contest.
 Approximately 1200 people were taught about AIS just from these events.
- **9** Hand pullings and AIS treatment parties were hosted by Golden Sands in the 5-county area. Eurasian Watermilfoil, Curly leaf Pondweed, Purple Loosestrife, and Japanese Knotweed were all subjects of the work parties. A survey of Old Taylor Lake in Waupaca County revealed no AIS.



- Summer interns and volunteers trained performed **650** hours of watercraft inspections, contacting a total of **4,162** people in these two counties.
- Review and revision of Waushara plans completed. Waupaca County AIS plan drafted and completed.

Number of Public Access Sites and Parking Spaces:

- Waupaca County Public access mapping of all County owned properties is available to the public on-line at: http://www.waupacacountyparks.com/Parks/tabid/56/Default.aspx. A more thorough review of all public access (including platted accesses) has been underway as a result of the Regional AIS Program. This data is being compiled into a GIS layer, and will be shared with DNR upon completion. (A draft product can be supplied upon request).
- 2. Waushara County Public boat launches and access mapping is available to the public on-line at http://www.co.waushara.wi.us/parks.htm (click on the 'boat landings' link). A more comprehensive mapping of public access, including platted access, will be worked on during this next grant cycle, with the end goal of adding that mapping to the County website. A review of County and Town facilities available at access points for this proposal found no increases/improvements in parking or amenities.

Although the County partners provide complete and county-wide mapping, inclusive of *all* public access to *any* public waters, note that the activities covered under our program generally focus on lakes and flowages. Table 1 breaks out our public access information to better reflect that focus.

Table 1
Public Access

County	# of Public Access Sites ¹	Estimated # of Trailer Parking Spaces	# of Public Access Lakes	# of public parks on lakes receiving CBCW inspection services
Waupaca	43	375	34	18
Waushara	83	244	61	8

¹ Includes lakes and rivers

Goals and Objectives:

ALL COUNTIES

(New program elements are highlighted in YELLOW)

- 1. **Provide CBCW interns.** Employ 2 summer Limited Term Employees to perform boat inspections in all counties. Major focus of inspections will be the busiest landings on waterbodies >100 acres, with commitments to prime boating times (i.e. July 4th Landing Blitz, tournaments, ski shows).
- 2. **CBCW**, **CLMN workshops**. Continue to offer CBCW and CLMN-AIS Monitoring workshops to lake groups and citizens in all of our counties. CLMN-Milfoil Weevil Monitoring training offered statewide.
- 3. **Biological control of purple loosestrife promotion.** Continue to offer training on rearing Cella beetles to lake groups, schools, and citizen volunteers.
- 4. **Invasive plant identification and hand removal training.** Train lake groups in proper plant identification and removal techniques. Coordinate and support volunteer work parties.
- 5. Milfoil weevil surveys. Offer weevil population density surveys to lakes requesting the service, who



- are evaluating biological control as an EWM control option.
- 6. **AIS early detection response and monitoring services.** Investigate reports of pioneer infestations, map, collect voucher samples. Report to DNR, SWIMS, and respective lake management units and municipalities. Follow-up monitoring after control efforts (hand-pulling or otherwise).
- 7. **Point Intercept surveys for high-needs lakes.** Full Point Intercept pre- and post-treatment surveys will be provided to lakes with no lake groups that are still within the early-detection (<5yrs) phase. We offer these services for lakes with no lake groups because these lakes would otherwise go without treatment.
- 8. **Survey purple loosestrife biocontrol sites.** Return to previous release sites to take updated photographs to compare to previous years. Select high-profile sites to survey using DNR's method for purple loosestrife volunteers.
- 9. **Education/outreach program.** Take AIS lessons into class rooms. Public education via public speaking opportunities. Equip volunteers to present AIS info/lessons to citizens and youth. Distribution of AIS materials to lake groups for dissemination. Write news blurbs for local newspapers and newsletters. Provide a display/informational booth at events, as requested.
- Assist lake residents as needed. Connect lake residents with needed technical, planning, and grant proposal support. Provide technical and training support needed to fulfill their DNR-approved AIS Plans.
- 11. Improve and update public access maps. All counties will continue to improve and update.
- 12. **Annual review and update of County AIS Plans.** Review with counties to ensure AIS Grant objectives fulfill the goals of the County AIS Plan, and the County AIS Plans fulfill the requirements of the County Land & Water Resource Management Plans.
- 13. **Work Party "Hit List".** AIS incident reports have been compiled into a prioritized "hit list" for volunteer work parties. We will coordinate work parties to "hit" those sites, one by one.
- 14. **Smart Prevention Promotion.** Promote awareness and use of AIS Smart Prevention Lake Suitability Maps to the public.
- 15. **Outreach to bait dealers and garden centers.** Participate in Bait Dealer Initiative to contact, and provide resource support to, garden centers, pet stores and bait shops.
- 16. **Assist DNR with Early Detection and Monitoring Surveys.** Assist with surveys on lakes in our five counties, when requested.
- 17. **Assist DNR with new AIS sign installations.** Landing signs are inventoried. Install new AIS signs where needed. Counties have new trout stream signs; will post in 2012.
- 18. **Engage Enforcement.** Contact local boat patrol and sheriff's offices to answer questions and offer any AIS educational assistance they may need for their staff.

WAUPACA COUNTY

1. Establish countywide email distribution list. Establish distribution list inclusive of all public access lakes for rapid dissemination of information to lake groups.

WAUSHARA COUNTY

- Update AIS inventory, 2013. Surveys of all public access lakes in all five counties have been completed in past years. Updated surveys are due for Waushara County in 2013. Update records accordingly in SWIMS.
- 2. **Collaborate with Lake Management Plan Project.** Waushara County received a grant to review lake management plans for 31 lakes in the county over two years. AlS activities will be part of these plans. The Regional AlS Program will assist in planning and coordinating AlS activities.

Methods and Activities:

Grant administration will reside with Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc (RC&D) will.

Primary contact and project coordinator is Amy Thorstenson, Regional AIS Coordinator, RC&D.

Project support will come from Regional AIS Education Specialist, Paul Skawinski, and Regional AIS Outreach Specialist, Kaycie Stushek, both with RC&D.



Limited Term Employees will be hired by RC&D, under the direct training and supervision of the AIS professionals.

Work-study students will be hired by RC&D under the supervision of the RC&D Administrative Coordinator/Environmental Education Coordinator, Jennifer Glad.

Project contacts within each county will be the County Conservationists.

For technical guidance, when needed, and to avoid duplication of efforts, a close working relationship will be maintained with the pertinent DNR and UW-Extension contacts.

<u>Provide CBCW inspections</u>: RC&D will employ 2 full-time Limited Term Employees (LTEs). Regional AIS Coordinator and Regional AIS Education Specialist will have direct training and oversight of summer LTEs hired through RC&D.

The 4 full-time LTEs will rotate services to our busiest landings in all counties, **primarily on waters** >100 acres; provide boat inspection/AIS outreach at tournaments and ski shows; provide assistance on surveying, mapping, and hand-pulling of pioneer populations; and will make ambassador visits to garden centers and bait shops to offer free, standardized AIS message materials, such as plant tags and minnow bucket stickers. These full-time LTE's will provide a **minimum of 200 hrs each of CBCW inspection time.**

<u>CBCW, CLMN Workshops</u>: Offer workshops (CBCW, CLMN-AIS Monitoring, CLMN-Milfoil Weevil Monitoring) to lake groups in all of our counties through our established email distribution list, press releases, posting on Golden Sands RC&D's website and Facebook page, and posting notices with lake-related organizations for their newsletters and websites (i.e. CBCW, WAL). County Conservationists and UW-Extension will assist with advertising by posting workshop notices through county and UW-Extension channels.

When a lake group requests a workshop, the AIS Coordinator/Education Specialist will then advertise that workshop to residents of neighboring lakes through email distribution lists, and to extended audiences through posting on the RC&D, CBCW, and County websites.

Golden Sands' AIS professionals have all received training for conducting workshops on CBCW and all CLMN monitoring programs workshops, and will attend 'Train The Trainer' refreshers annually. They will arrange and conduct the workshops independently of, but in partnership with, the respective UW-Extension program managers.

Amy Thorstenson and Paul Skawinski have a combined 14 years of experience in surveying weevils. Due to a shortage of qualified trainers, we will assist with CLMN-Weevil Monitoring workshops statewide, in partnership with, Laura Herman, UW-Extension.

<u>Biological control of purple loosestrife</u>: Offer start-up assistance and equipment to interested schools and lake groups through contact leads provided by the County Conservationists, press releases, and posting on Golden Sands RC&D's website. If the interested partner is a school, the "See Cella Chow" teachers' manual will be offered to expand the educational experience.

Milfoil weevil surveys: Surveys will be offered to lake groups considering biological control as a management option. RC&D staff are exceptionally qualified to offer this service: Paul Skawinski has six years experience in identification, surveying, and rearing of milfoil weevils (*Euhrychiopsis lecontei*), and is currently completing his Masters' thesis on *E. lecontei*; and Amy Thorstenson has eight years experience in identification, surveying, and rearing, and completed her Masters' thesis on *E. lecontei*. Surveys will be conducted by selecting four representative EWM beds, and collecting two to three EWM stems at five equidistant sample points along three equidistant transects running across all depth zones. The top 50 cm of EWM stem will be retained in ziplock bags, preserved with isopropyl alcohol and kept refrigerated. Stems will be floated in a glass cake pan over a light table, and all *E. lecontei* of all life stages counted and retained as voucher samples. Magnification goggles (10x) will be used for



examining stems, and a 50x MagniscopeTM will be used for species identification confirmation.

AlS Inventory 2013-2014 / AlS early detection response: In order to update county-wide AlS records, in 2013, all public access lakes in Waushara County will be re-surveyed for AlS via the methods described below. Early detection response will investigate and map new AlS reports via the methods described below, in coordination with DNR personnel to ensure no duplication of efforts.

Visual surveys for AIS will be conducted during "peak season". Invasive plant mapping will be done using GPS to generate a map depicting the locations and extent of the infestation. A high-accuracy GPS unit will be used, if available in that county, to provide a high-accuracy map for small beds, which. (Table 2) The littoral zone will be visually searched for the subject plant by coursing back and forth and mapping every plant/bed that can be found. The GPS location of each growth found will be recorded. Beds will be characterized by the pre-treatment survey method defined in APM in Wisconsin, Appendix D, Section 1.4.

Table 2 County Equipment Available

Partner	GPS unit model	Accuracy
Waupaca County	Trimble GEO HX 2005	1-2m
Waupaca County	Garmin GPSmap 76	3m
Waushara County	Garmin GPSmap 78	3m

In lakes where the AIS plant is wide-spread, it may be more practical to survey on a Point Intercept grid. In such cases, plants will be surveyed on a grid system provided by DNR. In such cases, plants will be surveyed on a grid system provided by DNR, and a recreational grade GPS unit (Garmin) will provide sufficient accuracy. At each grid point, the sampling rake will be used to rate rake fullness (by species) on a scale of 1 to 3. These data points will be used to create a map of AIS plant locations and relative abundance, as well as data on native species.

GIS maps will be produced with the assistance of County GIS personnel. AIS incident reports, maps, and vouchers will be filed with the SWIMS system, the respective DNR Water Resources Management Specialist, and the respective local lake management unit (LMU). Planning assistance for control of **pioneer infestations** will be offered to the LMU. Implementation assistance will also be offered, such as technical guidance during planning meetings, or training and assistance with hand-pulling parties. Follow up surveys will track the success of controlling the pioneer infestations.

Point intercept services for high needs lakes: Full Point Intercept pre- and post-treatment surveys will be provided to lakes with no lake groups that are still within the early-detection (<5yrs) phase. We offer these services for lakes with no lake groups because these lakes would otherwise go without treatment. PI surveys will be conducted during peak plant abundance using a survey grid provided by WDNR. A recreational grade GPS unit (Garmin 76, without differential) will provide sufficient accuracy for these surveys. At each grid point, the double-headed sampling rake will be used to assess relative abundance of each species by ranking rake fullness on a scale of 1 to 3. In shallow zones (<2m), a double-headed sampling rake on a telescoping handle will be dropped straight down, turned 360 degrees, pulled straight back up, then held horizontally to asses relative rake fullness of each species. In deep zones (>2m), a double-headed sampling rake will be thrown overboard, dragged 0.75m, pulled straight back up, then held horizontally to assess relative rake fullness of each species.

<u>Education and outreach program</u>: RC&D's environmental education program includes an AIS lesson. We will utilize UWSP Environmental Education majors to bring AIS lessons into 5th grade class rooms in all counties. **Match dollars from work study will be an estimated \$276.**

Produce a minimum of three press releases on current AIS topics, such as legal updates, **Smart Prevention Lake Suitability Maps**, current State initiatives, and new invading plants (i.e. hydrilla and



yellow floating heart), and distribute them to media within the five counties.

Send e-mailings to lake contacts for workshops that may be of interest, for lake contacts to disseminate throughout their membership. Where no lake group exists, direct mailings may be sent to all lake residents.

RC&D staff will provide public education, via speaking engagements or tending an informational booth, as requested or as opportunities present themselves. Presentations will focus on AIS prevention, education, and control methods, as well as promotion of **shoreland buffers and native vegetation** (both terrestrial and aquatic) as a part of holistic lake health management. Although no current populations exist in Central Wisconsin, presentation will also educate about AIS of the future, such as **hydrilla**, **yellow floating heart**, **and red swamp crayfish**. RC&D staff will also equip collaborators from the County, UW-Extension, and/or citizen volunteers with the information, materials or lesson plans needed to engage in public/youth educational opportunities themselves.

Under past grants, webpages on the RC&D website were developed for each county, with AIS maps, lists, and links pertinent to that county. Those webpages will be updated/maintained by RC&D. This will be an avenue for the promotion of the AIS Smart Prevention Lake Suitability Maps to the public. The county websites provide their users a link to those RC&D pages.

Annual review and update of County AIS Plan: The County AIS plans provide program content to meet the requirements in each County's Land and Water Plan. The AIS Plans are meant to be dynamic, setting short- and long-term goals. Annual review by RC&D staff and County partners will help to keep on track with coordinating AIS tasks, and ensure that AIS grant objectives fulfill County AIS Plan objectives, and that AIS Plan objectives meet the requirements of each county's Land & Water Plan. Direct AIS prevention, education, and control activities will be detailed, as well as general promotion of **shoreland buffers and native vegetation** as part of holistic lake health management.

<u>Work party 'Hit List'</u>: We maintain and continuously update a prioritized 'hit-list' of potential AIS work party sites. We will coordinate volunteer work parties and work through that list, one-by-one. As work parties are completed, sites will be revisited to monitor for re-growth. Ultimately, the volunteers we work with will be trained to carry on long term monitoring and control re-growth as needed.

Outreach to Bait Dealers and Garden Centers: AIS materials will be distributed to LTEs, counties, and lake groups for dissemination to restaurants, taverns, bait shops, garden centers, and pet shops. Specific focus in 2012 will be given to the State's **Bait Dealer Initiative**. (App VI) Garden centers and pet shops will be a second focus to contain new species, such as hydrilla, yellow floating heart, red swamp crayfish, etc.... The State will be wrapping up a study of Garden centers, which will provide helpful information about how best to target our initiatives. We will use that information to provide on-going outreach to garden centers. Outreach materials to be used will likely include: the Bait Dealer Toolkit, posters, coasters, brochures, bait container stickers, and other AIS messaging available through DNR.

Project Deliverables:

Regional AIS Inventory – For all counties. All data will be updated and available through SWIMS by the time of completion.

<u>Final Report</u> – A summary report of AIS activities and results, including all EWM or CLP maps produced, county AIS maps, lists of bait dealers and garden centers contact, press releases, and photographs of volunteer and workshop activities.

Description of Data to be Collected:

AIS plant mapping: Presence and relative abundance of the subject plant will be recorded using the units described in Table 2. GPS data will be used by county GIS personnel to create GIS maps that will be



overlain on color air photos and depth contour lines (where available). Total plant coverage (depicted at respective abundance levels) will be reported in acres.

<u>PI Surveys</u>: Data will be entered into the standardized DNR Aquatic Plant Survey Worksheet, and important statistics summarized in the final report. GIS maps of EWM, CLP, or other invasive plants will also be created using the PI data and included in the final report.

AIS reporting: New occurrences will be reported to SWIMS. Vouchers will be retained and filed as instructed by DNR.

<u>Weevil population density</u>: Average weevils per stem will be reported both at the bed level and at the whole lake level, and will be calculated as Total # Weevils/Total # Stems. Data will be spatially displayed over airphotos.

<u>Photographic documentation</u>: When needed, photographs will be taken using a digital camera.

<u>Volunteer activity</u>: May be recorded through volunteer logs, meeting minutes, workshop registrations, and photographs.

CBCW inspection records: Standard CBCW report logs will be filled out and logged into SWIMS.

Description of Existing and Proposed Partnerships:

Partners of this project will include WDNR, UWEX, Waushara Co. LCD, Waupaca Co. Department of Environment and Resource Management, and Golden Sands RC&D. These parties have worked cooperatively on other projects, including the groundwater education programs, the Central WI Windshed Partnership, Conservation Field Days for area students, and previous Regional AIS Coordinator programs. (Example projects include at least two, but not necessarily all of the partners referred to above.)

Additionally, good relationships are being and will be forged between RC&D/LCD's and lake groups. While the duration of the Regional AIS Coordinator/Education Specialist/Outreach Specialist positions may end up being short in the grand scheme of things, these relationships are expected to last and facilitate partnership on future projects.

Role of Project in Planning and/or Management of the Lake:

The counties involved in this project do not seek to take over the task of lake management or AIS control, nor do their AIS programs seek to replace the role of DNR or UW-Extension support programs. Rather, the county AIS programs are meant to be a "facilitator" in education, prevention, and control programs, working in tandem with DNR and UW-Extension to provide a consistent message.

Educated lake groups Make Educated decisions

Several of our counties have or are working on writing lake management plans for all of their public access lakes. AlS management is always a component of those plans, and our Regional AlS programs help the lake groups in implementing those plans.

Plan for Sharing Project Results:

Maps of EWM or CLP will be shared with pertinent lake groups, the County Conservationist, and DNR as soon as they are available.

New AIS infestations will be reported on-line using the SWIMS invasive species incident report form. Accompanying voucher specimens will be retained and submitted as directed by DNR.

A summary of activities conducted under the proposed grant will be provided with the final grant report.



All County AIS Plans, as updated, will be made available as a downloadable PDF file on their county AIS webpages, part of the Golden Sands RC&D website. Project personnel will strive to make the information as useful as possible, to both lake groups and lake managers. A press release will be issued to announce the report completion and how to obtain a copy.



Projected Timetable

Month	County	Regional AIS professionals	RC&D Grant Admin	Lake Groups	County Staff Match
April 2013	All	Notify pertinent partners of grant approval, specialist availability and plans for this season Press release - Notify public, season kick-off Offer CLMN refresher courses Solicit partner schools & lake groups for purple loosestrife beetle rearing	Payroll AP/AR Financial tracking Clerical Workshop postings to web/facebk Supervise Env. Educators	Circulate notice of grant approval and plans within membership Assist with distribution of posters and brochures CLMN refreshers	County Conservationists: kick-off communications and goal setting Assist in locating candidates for purple loosestrife beetle rearing
May 2013	All	Continue implementation and revision of county AIS plan Offer workshops, training, and survey services to lake groups Hire and Train LTEs on CBCW methods and AIS ID Assist PL beetle rearing partners Qtly Grant Reporting	Payroll AP/AR Qtly Grant Reporting (financials) Clerical Workshop postings to web/facebk Supervise Env. Educators New hire orientation	Circulate workshop info within membership CBCW & CLMN starts	Public access mapping updates Assist with needed contact information and other resources Planning and goal setting
	Waupaca	Records collection for email distribution list			
	Waushara	Waushara Co Lakes Council meeting Conservation Field Day – AIS activity with kids Touch base with County lake management plan project		Waushara Co Lakes Council mtg – planning for the season	Waushara Co Lakes Council mtg, Conservation Field Day for students Collaborate on County lake management plan project
Summer 2013	All	Conduct any requested workshops, trainings, surveys Direction and oversight of LTEs Assist wrap-up of PL beetle rearing activities, file DNR reports Qtly Grant Reporting Visit bait dealers, garden centers to offer assistance, material Assist DNR w/ Early Detection and Monitoring surveys	Payroll AP/AR Qtly Grant Reporting (financials) Clerical Workshop postings to web/facebk	AIS monitoring & control activities CBCW & CLMN continued	Assist w/ monitoring, mapping Assist w/ AIS sign installation at trout streams
	Waushara	Waushara Co Lakes Council meeting		Waushara Co Lakes Council mtg	Waushara Co Lakes Council mtg
Fall 2013	All	Train new work-study env. educators Wrap up summer projects Press release – project season summary Qtly Grant Reporting	Payroll AP/AR Qtly Grant Reporting (financials) Clerical	Turn in volunteer hour totals Waushara: Lakes Council mtg	Waushara: Waushara Co Lakes Council mtg, collect volunteer hours Assist w/ monitoring, mapping
Winter	All	Update AIS inventory – fwd to County Cons, DNR Report to pertinent lake mgmt units on 2011 findings Annual review: County AIS Plans Qtly Grant Reporting	Payroll AP/AR Qtly Grant Reporting (financials) Website updates Clerical Supervise Env. Educators	Lake Groups plan AIS control activities for the next season Turn in volunteer hour totals	Discussion Re: results of past year, plans for next year, County AIS Plan review Public access mapping updates
Spring 2014	All	Offer workshops, training, and survey services to lake groups Solicit partner schools & lake groups for purple loosestrife beetle rearing Final Grant Reporting	Payroll AP/AR Qtly Grant Reporting (financials) Website updates Supervise Env. Educators	Waushara Co Lakes Council mtg – planning for 2013 CBCW & CLMN vol's start Lake Groups plan AIS control activities for next year Turn in volunteer hour totals	Waushara Co: Attend Lakes Council mtg, coord. Conservation Field Day for students Forward in-kind hrs to RC&D



APPENDIX I ERW / ORW LISTING



WAUSHARA COUNTY

Waterbody Name Portion Within ORW/ERW Classification

Gilbert Lake All Little Pine Creek All

Lucerne Lake (Egans) Mecan River All North of Richford

Norwegian Lake Pine Lake (Springwater) West Branch White River All All All

Willow Creek Bird Creek North of Redgranite All

Bowers Creek All
Carter Creek All
Cedar Springs Creek Chaffee Creek All All

Clayton Creek Davis Creek All All

Humphrey Creek Jones Creek All All

Kaminski Creek All Little Silver Creek All

Lower Pine River Lunch Creek Below Wild Rose Millpond to dam at Poy Sipp

Magdanz Creek Main Branch White River Mecan River Mud Creek

To CTH A To Kahlke's Flowage From Richfor

N Branch Wedde Creek All

Pine River (Upper) Popple Creek Porter's Creek All All All

Roche-a-Cri Creek All S Branch Wedde Creek All

Schmudlack Creek Soules Creek To town bridge S5 T18N R9E All

Sucker Creek To CTH N



WAUPACA COUNTY

Waterbody Name Portion Within ORW/ERW Classification

Emmons Creek All
Graham Lake All
Griffin Creek All
Jackson Creek All
Leer Creek All

N Branch Little Wolf River All above S18 T25N R11E

North Lake All Peterson Creek All

Radley Creek Sannes Creek To junction with Crystal River All

Spaulding Creek Trout Creek Whitcomb Creek All To Hwy 161 All

Allen Creek All

Austin Creek All above town road in S31 T21N R12E

Bailey Creek Basteen Creek Blake Brook Comet Creek

All To outlet of Ogdensburg Pond From jct N and S

Doty Creek Embarrass River All All

Flume Creek All above east section line of S32 T25N R11E

Hyde Creek Jones Creek All All

Little Wolf River Mack Creek From junction with Wolf River upstream to Manawa

McLean Creek
All
Murry Creek N Branch Blake Brook
All All

Naylor Creek Olson Creek All All

S Branch Blake Brook All

S Branch Pigeon River Stenson Creek Above Keller Lake All

Waupaca River To Hwy 54



APPENDIX II

HIGH VULNERABILITY LISTING

zebra mussels



Suitable Waterbodies for Zebra Mussels Based on Thresholds of Calcium Concentrations Reflecting Previous Published Studies of Zebra Mussel Physiological Requirements.

WAUPACA COUNTY

we are directly working on the highlighted fields

Waterbody Name	<u>WBIC</u>
Bailey Lake	254900
Bass	
Lake	255300
Bear	
Lake	279700
Black Lake	274200
Campbell Lake	284300
Casey Lake	273200
Cedar Lake	283800
Chain O Lakes	264900
Cincoe Lake	271100
Columbia Lake	262400
Crystal Lake	184100
Dake Lake	264700
Emmons Lake	261500
Flynn Lake	186200
Fox	
Lake	279900
Goodhal Lake	281900
Gooseneck Lake	186700
Graham Lake	279300
Grass Lake	279500
Gregerson Lake	186900
Grenlie Lake	276500
Hatch Lake	282800
Herman Lake	187500
Holman Lake	188100
Iola	
Lake	278800
Jenson Lake	255600
Johnson Lake	188900
Junction Lake	259200
Kating Lake	189100
Keller Lake	297100
Kinney Lake	294900
Knight Lake	5551281
Knutson Lake	274600
Little Horseshoe Bayou	190400
Little Lake	296900
	250500



Little Long Lake	296300
Long Lake	261200
Long Lake	296100

WAUPACA COUNTY

Waterbody Name	<u>WBIC</u>
Lutz Lake	282000
Marion Pond	294500
Marl	
Lake	264100
Marl	
Lake	276300
McAllister Lake	192300
McLean Lake	192400
Meed Lake	275600
Michael Lake	296400
Miner Lake	264800
Mirror Lake	258700
Mountain Lake	193100
Mud	
Lake	259800
Mud	202200
Lake Mud	283300
Lake	285500
Myklebust Lake	278100
Mynyard Lake	260000
Newsome Lake	194400
North Lake	279400
Ogdensburg Pond	273800
Otter Lake	265700
Ottman Lake	264500
Partridge Crop Lake	272000
Partridge Lake	253800
Pigeon Lake	293300
Pope Lake	262900
Price Lake	284400
Rich	
Lake	274400
Rollofson Lake	277600
Round Lake	197400
Round Lake	265000
Sand Lake	198000
Sandbar Lakes	240200
School Section Lake	283600
Shadow Lake	258600



Silver Lake	198900
Spencer Lake	255000
Stratton Lake	259600
Sunset Lake	265500
Taylor Lake	265600
Tom Bayou	200400
Traders Bayou	200500
Twin Lake	284100
Weyauwega Lake	257700
Williams Island	265300
Woodnorth Lake	280000
Youngs Lake	264300

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WAUSHARA COUNTY

Waterbody Name	<u>WBIC</u>
Baitenger Lake	249400
Bass	
Lake	150900
Beans Lake	101300
Big Cedar Lake	256600
Bing	
Lake	101600
Bohn Lake	101800
Bughs Lake	102100
Chain Lake	102200
Cooks Lake	246100
Curtis Lake	156300
Deer Lake	102900
Emerald Lake	246700
Fenrich Springs	250700
Fish	
Lake	186100
Fish	
Lake	985000
Gilbert Lake	186400
Hills	
Lake	105200
Hills	102400
Lake	182100
Horsehead Lake	991400
Irogami Lake	103900
Johns Lake	245800



Jordans Lake	104100
Kusel Lake	189600
Lake Huron	994900
Lake Lucerne	104600
Lake Morris	246500
Lake Virginia	104800
Little Cedar Lake	256700
Little Lake	
	246300
Long Lake	191100
Lucky Lake	150600
Lyman Lake	105600
Marl Lake	105800
Mecan Springs	158600
Middle Lake Mill	192600
Pond	244800
Mill	244600
Pond	256100
Mud	230100
Lake	152000
Norwegian Lake	247200
Pearl Lake	195400
Pine	133.00
Lake	196100
Lake Pine	196100
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Pine	
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Pine Lake Plainfield Lake	1012000 1012500
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Wilson Lake	250000
Witters Lake	117400
Zinke Lake	158300
Lake Poygan	242800



APPENDIX III

SENSITIVE AREA / CRITICAL HABITAT LISTING

Sensitive Areas

Waupaca: Chain o' Lakes, Old Taylor Lk, School Section Lk (proposed)

Waushara: Gilbert, Irogami, Johns (proposed), Pearl, Pine (springwater), Upper White

River Millpond.



APPENDIX IV

STATE PARKS, STATE NATURAL AREAS, AND OTHER PUBLIC LANDS



Waus	hara	Cou	ntv:

Bass Lake Fen State Natural Area

Bohn Lake State Natural Area

Karner Blue Meadow State Natural Area

Lunch Creek Wetlands State Natural Area

Mecan River Fishery Area

Mecan Springs State Natural Area

Pine River System Fishery Area

Plainfield Tunnel Channel Lakes State Natural Area

<u>Upper Fox Headwaters State Natural Area</u>

White River Fishery Area-Waushara

Willow Creek Fishery Area

Waupaca County:

Hartman Creek State Park

Jackson Creek Woods State Natural Area

Keller Whitcomb Creek Woods State Natural Area

<u>Little Wolf River Fishery Area</u>

Little Wolf River State Natural Area

Mud Lake Bog State Natural Area

Mud Lake-Radley Creek Savanna State Natural Area

<u>Mukwa Bottomland Forest State Natural Area</u>

Myklebust Lake State Natural Area

Pope Lake State Natural Area



Radley Creek Fishery Area

Rem-Leer And Griffen Creek

Rem-Peterson And Sannes Creek

Rem-Whitcomb Creek

Rem-Wolf River-Colic Slough

Skunk And Foster Lakes State Natural Area

Tellock'S Hill Woods State Natural Area

Trout-Nace Creek Fishery Area

Waupaca River Fishery Area

Wolf River Fishery Area



APPENDIX V

NATURAL HERITAGE INVENTORY LISTED SPECIES BY COUNTY

NHI-Listed Species in Waupaca and Waushara Counties						
Species	County					
	Waupaca Waushara					
Square-stem spikerush (<i>Eleocharis quadrangulata</i>)	North Lake					
Horsetail spikerush (Eleocharis equisetoides)		Spring Lake				
Tufted hair grass (Deschampsia cespitosa)	Upper Chaffee Creek, Mecan River					
Many-headed oval sedge (Carex sychnocephala)	Plainfield Lake, Sherman Lake					
Few-flowered spikerush (Eleocharis quinqueflora)	Stratton Lake	Chain Lake				
Flat-stemmed spikerush (Eleocharis compressa)		Sherman Lake				
Tufted bulrush (Scirpus cespitosus)		Lunch Creek Wetlands				
Small purple bladderwort (<i>Utricularia resupinata</i>)		Porters Lake, Spring Lake				



APPENDIX VI

LIST OF PIONEER INFESTATIONS RECEIVING CONTROL ACTIVITIES AS A RESULT OF THE REGINOAL AIS PROGRAM



Lake List Per County of Pioneer Infestations (Last 5 Years) of one or more of the following Aquatic Invasive Species:

Eurasian Watermilfoil, Hybrid Eurasian/Northern Watermilfoil, Curly Leaf Pondweed, Purple Loosestrife and Japanese Knotweed.

Control Activities as a Direct Result of the Regional AIS Program is Noted.

Marquette County

Lake Name	AIS Control?			
	not on grant			
School Section Lake	yet			
	not on grant			
Williams Lake	yet			
	not on grant			
Fox River / Buffalo Lake	yet			

Green Lake County

Lake Name	AIS Control?			
	not on grant			
Big Green Lake	yet			

Portage County

Lake Name	AIS Control?
Jordan Pond	yes
Lake Emily	yes
McDill Pond	yes
Pickerel Lake	yes
Sunset Lake	yes
Springville Pond	yes
Amherst Millpond	yes
Lime Lake	yes
Lake Thomas	yes

Marathon County

Lake Name	AIS Control?
Rice Lake	yes
Mission Lake	yes
Wadley Lake	yes
Mayflower Lake	yes



Wood County

Lake Name	AIS Control?
Lake Dexter	yes
Lake Nepco	yes

Waushara County

Lake Name	AIS Control?
Bughs Lake	yes
Bass Lake	yes
Fish Lake (Town of Hancock)	yes
Fish Lake (Town of Rose)	no
Lake Lucerne	yes
Lake Poygan	yes
Marl Lake	yes
Little Silver	yes
Wautoma Millpond	yes
Wild Rose Millpond	yes
Wilson Lake	yes
Little Hills Lake	yes
Pearl Lake	yes
Porters Lake	yes
Red Granite Quarry	no

Waupaca County

Brekke Lake	yes
Bailey Lake	yes
Campbell Lake	yes
Cedar Lake	yes
Columbia Lake	yes
Kinney Lake	yes



Waupaca County (cont'd)

Manawa Millpond	yes
Marion Millpond	yes
Mirror Lake	yes
Ogdensburg Pond	yes
Partridge Lake	yes
Pigeon Lake	yes
Pope Lake	yes
Shadow Lake	yes
Iola Lake	yes
Rollofson Lake	yes

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. <u>List of Affiliates:</u>

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)

National Association of RC&D Councils, Inc.

North Central Association of RC&D Councils, Inc.

Wisconsin Association of RC&D Councils, Inc.

Central Wisconsin River Basin Partnership

Council Members C	Officers							
organization	title	firstname	lastname	address1	city	state	zip	phone
ADAMS CO LCD	COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST	CHRIS	MURPHY		FRIENDSHIP	WI	53934	(608) 339-426
ADAMS CO LCD	SECRETARY	REESA	EVANS		FRIENDSHIP	WI	53934-	(608) 339-426
Adams County LCC	Member	Terry	James		Nekoosa	WI	54457	(715) 325-373
Adams County LCC	Member	Joe	Stuchlak		Grand Marsh	WI	53936	(608) 584-547
At-large member	VICE PRESIDENT	AL	BARDEN		EAGLE RIVER	WI	54521	(715) 479-844
At-large member	PRESIDENT	HUGH	O'DONNELL		NEKOOSA	WI	54457	(715) 886-335
At-large member	AT-LARGE MEMBER	ART	PAGEL		ALMOND	WI	54909	(715) 366-857
At-large member	TREASURER	Cathy	Guth		Bancroft	WI	54921	715-366-4946
CWWP	MEMBER	SHANNON	RHODE		HANCOCK	WI	54943	(715) 249-542
JUNEAU CO LCC	MEMBER	JERRY	NILES		MAUSTON	WI	53948	(608) 847-471
JUNEAU CO LCC-CHAIR	MEMBER	DENNIS	KOLBA		MAUSTON	WI	53948	(608) 847-471
JUNEAU CO LCD	COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST	GREG	LOWE		Mauston	WI	53948	(608) 847-722
MARATHON CO BOARD		SANDI	CIHLAR		MOSINEE	WI	54455	(715) 693-335
MARATHON CO LCD	COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST	PAUL	DAIGLE		WAUSAU	WI	54403	(715) 261-600
MARQUETTE CO LCC	LCC	ROBERT	MILLER		DALTON	WI	53926	
MARQUETTE CO LCD	COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST	PATRICK	KILBEY		WESTFIELD	WI	53964	(608) 297-917
Marquette County Lakes Assoc.	Delegate	John	Cotter		Middleton	WI	53562	608-234-1840
Marquette County LLC	Alternate Delegate	John	Cotter		Middleton	WI	53562	608 234 1840
MONROE CO BOARD-CHAIR	MEMBER	DENNIS	HUBBARD		NORWALK	WI	54648	(608) 823-748
MONROE CO LCC	MEMBER	RC&D DELEGATE -	VACANT		SPARTA	WI	54656	
MONROE CO LCD	COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST	AL	HOFF		SPARTA	WI	54656	(608) 269-492
PORTAGE CO LCD	COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST	STEVE	BRADLEY					
Portage County	LCC	Allen	Haga, Jr.		Plover	WI	54467	(715) 252-202
Portage County LCC	LCC	Roger	Bacon		Amherst	WI	54406	(715) 824-566
WAUPACA CO LCC	AT-LARGE MEMBER	DON	PETERSON		SCANDINAVIA	WI	54977	(715) 467-276
WAUPACA COUNTY	COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST	ROGER	HOLMAN		WAUPACA	WI	54981	
Waupaca County	County Conservationist	BRIAN	HAASE		Waupaca	WI	54981	(715)258-648
Waupaca County	LWCD Chairman	DuWayne	Federwitz		Clintonville	WI	54929	
Waupaca County LWCD	Delegate	Bob	Ellis		Waupaca	WI	54981	715-258-8372
WAUSHARA CO	MEMBER	EVERETT	ECKSTEIN		Wild Rose	WI	54984	920-622-3972
WAUSHARA CO LCC-CHAIR	MEMBER	JOE	PIECHOWSKI		RED GRANITE	WI	54970	(920) 566-234
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organization	title	firstname	lastname a	ıddress1	city	state	zip	phone
WOOD CO LCC	Delegate	Bill	Clendenning		Wisconsin Rapids	WI	54494	715-423-2469
WOOD CO LCD	COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST	JERRY	STORKE		WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI	54495	(715) 421-847
Wood County	Delegate	Ruth	Moody		Nekoosa	WI	54457	715.886.5250
WWOA	MEMBER	MERLIN	BECKER		MANAWA	WI	54949	(920) 596-3416

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Form **8879-EO**

IRS e-file Signature Authorization for an Exempt Organization

OMB	No.	1545-1878

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2011, or fiscal year beginning ____ , 2011, and ending ► Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records. See instructions.

Name of exempt organization GOLDEN SANDS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Employer identification number 39-1451323

Name and title of officer

HUGH O'DONNELL

PRESIDENT

Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than 1 line in Part I.

1 a Form 990 check here ► X b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	1,291,354.
2a Form 990-EZ check here b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
3a Form 1120-POL check here b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3 b	
4a Form 990-PF check here ▶	4b	
5a Form 8868 check here ▶ D Balance Due (Form 8868, Part I, line 3c or Part II, line 8c)	5 b	

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2011 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

X I authorize	ACCOUNTING	WORKSHOP SC	to enter my PIN	71451	as my signature
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I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2011 electronically filed return for the organization indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of Pub 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature

Officer's PIN: check one box only

ERO Must Retain This Form — See Instructions
Do Not Submit This Form To the IRS Unless Requested To Do So

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.

Form **8879-EO** (2011)

CLIENT G1451323

ACCOUNTING WORKSHOP SC 5001 HEFFRON ST STEVENS POINT, WI 54481-5094 (715) 341-2911

October 24, 2012

GOLDEN SANDS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL 1462 STRONGS AVENUE STEVENS POINT, WI 54481-2947

Dear Client:

Your 2011 Federal Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax will be electronically filed with the Internal Revenue Service upon receipt of a signed Form 8879-EO - IRS e-file Signature Authorization. No tax is payable with the filing of this return.

Please be sure to call us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kropp, CPA

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

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4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$

4e Total program service expenses ► 1,196,398.

) (Revenue \$

			Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A.	1	Х	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2		Х
3	B Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I	3		Х
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II.	4		Х
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III	5		Х
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part I.	6		Х
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II	7		Х
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III.	8		Х
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV.	9		Х
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V	10		Х
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes', then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.			
	a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	11 a	Х	
	b Did the organization report an amount for investments— other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i>	11 b		Х
	c Did the organization report an amount for investments— program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VIII.	11 c		X
	d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IX.	11 d		X
	e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X	11 e		X
	f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X	11 f		Х
12	2a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.	12a		Х
	b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If 'Yes,' and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	12b		X
	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E	13		X
14	la Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		X
	b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	14b		Х
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	15		Х
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16		Х
	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17		Х
	B Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II	18		Х
	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III.	19		X
20	DaDid the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H	20		Х
	b If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20 b		

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

			Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21		Х
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.	22		Х
23	Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J.</i>	23		Х
24 a	a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,'go to line 25	24a		X
k	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
(c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
c	d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25 a	a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I.	25a		Х
ł	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		Х
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II	26		Х
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III.</i>	27		Х
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):			
á	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a		X
ŀ	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		Х
(An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		Х
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M	29		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>	30		Х
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I	31		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II.	32		Х
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		Х
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	34		Х
35 a	a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		X
ŀ	o Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		Х
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		Х
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI	37		Х
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	Х	

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Pa	art V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance			
	Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V			
			Yes	No
1	l a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	_		
	b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable)		
	c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c		
2	2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return 2a 30			
	b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	Χ	
	Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to <i>e-file</i> . (see instructions)			
3	Ba Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		Χ
	b If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b		
4	1a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		Х
	b If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ►			
	See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.			
5	5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		Χ
	b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		Χ
	c If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5с		
6	5a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a		Х
	b If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	OB		
	a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and			
	services provided to the payor?	7a		Χ
	b If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
	c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		Х
	d If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year			
	e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		Χ
	f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7 f		Χ
	g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
	h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a			
	Form 1098-C?	7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
ç	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
	a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
	b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
	a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12			
	b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities 10b			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
	a Gross income from members or shareholders			
	b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.).			
12	2a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
	b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 12b			
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
	a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a		
	Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
	b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans			
	c Enter the amount of reserves on hand			

b If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O.....

Form 990 (2011) GOLDEN SANDS RESOURCE CONSERVATION 39-1451323 Page 6 Governance, Management and Disclosure For each 'Yes' response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a 'No' response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Χ Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI. Section A. Governing Body and Management No Yes 25 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year..... 1a If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O. 21 **b** Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . . Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other Χ officer, director, trustee or key employee?..... 2 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision 3 Χ of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?..... Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?.... 4 Χ Χ Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?... 5 6 Χ Did the organization have members or stockholders?..... 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more 7 a Χ members of the governing body? **b** Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or other persons other than the governing body?..... Χ 7b Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body?..... 8a Χ **b** Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?..... 8_b Χ Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O. 9 Χ **Section B. Policies** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.) Yes No **10 a** Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?..... 10a Χ b If 'Yes,' did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? 10b 11 a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?..... Χ 11 a **b** Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. SEE SCHEDULE O 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13..... 12a Χ b Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise Χ to conflicts?.. 12b c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done 12c **13** Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?..... 13 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?..... X 14 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official...... Χ 15a Χ **b** Other officers of key employees of the organization..... 15b If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.) 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a Χ taxable entity during the year?..... 16a b If 'Yes,' did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? 16b Section C. Disclosure List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► WI Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. Another's website X Upon request Own website Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to

the public during the tax year.

SEE SCHEDULE O

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:

► GOLDEN SANDS RC&D COUNCIL 1462 STRONGS AVENUE STEVENS POINT WI 54481 715-343-6215

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII..

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

- 1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.
- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's current key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of 'key employee.'
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

X Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

				((()			-		
(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week	unles	s per	son is	re the	an one n an offi ustee)	box, cer	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation
	(describe hours for related organiza- tions in Schedule O)	Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(W-2/1099-MISC)	(W-2/1099-MISC)	from the organization and related organizations
(1) TERRY JAMES										
DIRECTOR	1	X						0.	0.	0.
(2) JOE STUCHLAK DIRECTOR	1	Х						0.	0.	0.
(3) DENNIS HUBBARD										
DIRECTOR	1	Χ						0.	0.	0.
(4) BILL CLENDENNING										
DIRECTOR	1	Χ						0.	0.	0.
(5) DON PETERSON										
DIRECTOR	1	Χ						0.	0.	0.
(6) EVERETT ECKSTEIN										
DIRECTOR	1	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) DENNIS KOLBA										
DIRECTOR	1	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) JERRY NILES										
DIRECTOR	1	Х						0.	0.	0.
(9) MIKE JACOBI										
DIRECTOR	1	Χ						0.	0.	0.
(10) RUTH MOODY	1							_	_	_
DIRECTOR	1	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) GREG_LOWE	1							_	_	_
DIRECTOR	1	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) JOE PIECHOWSKI	1							_	_	_
DIRECTOR	1	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) MERLIN BECKER	1							_		_
DIRECTOR	1	Х						0.	0.	0.
(14) ART PAGEL	1							_	_	_
DIRECTOR	1	X						0.	0.	0.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trust	ees, k	Ке у	En	ıplo	oye	es,	and	d Highest Com	pensated Emp	oyees	(cont)
				•	C)						
(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per	box	, unle	ess pe	erson	than is bot or/trus	h an	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations	amoi	(F) stimated unt of other spensation
	week (describ e hours for related organi- zations	trust	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(W-2/1099-MISC)	(W-2/1099-MISC)	fi org ar	rom the panization and related anizations
	in Sch O)	(U	tee			sated					
(15) SHANNON ROHDE DIRECTOR	1	Х						0.	0.		0.
(16) STEVE BRADLEY DIRECTOR	1	Х						0.	0.		0.
(17) DON ALLEN DIRECTOR	1	X						0.	0.		0.
(18) JERRY STORKE DIRECTOR	1	X						0.	0.		0.
(19) BRIAN HAASE DIRECTOR	1	Х						0.	0.		0.
(20) ED HERNANDEZ DIRECTOR	1	X						0.	0.		0.
(21) PAT KILBY DIRECTOR	1	X						0.	0.		
(22) HUGH O'DONNELL PRESIDENT	1	Λ		Х				0.	0.		0.
(23) REESA EVANS SECRETARY	1			X				0.	0.		0.
(24) CATHERINE GUTH TREASURER	1			X				0.	0.		0.
(25) ALVIN BARDEN VICE PRESIDENT	1			X				0.	0.		
1b Sub-total	1			Λ				0.	0.		0. 0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section	Α						•	0.	0.		0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							>	0.	0.		0.
2 Total number of individuals (including but not limite							o re	ceived more than	\$100,000 of reports	able cor	npensation
from the organization 0											Yes No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director on line 1a? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such ii</i>										. 3	X
For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of re the organization and related organizations greater the organization.	portabl	le co	mpe	ensa	ation	and	d oth	ner compensation			
such individual										. 4	X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue of for services rendered to the organization? If 'Yes,' or Services B. Indonesia of Control of the cont	ompen comple	sation te S	on fr <i>che</i>	om dule	any J fo	unre or su	elate ch p	ed organization or person	individual	. 5	Х
Section B. Independent Contractors 1 Complete this table for your five highest compensate	ed inde	epen	iden	t co	ntra	ctors	s tha	at received more t	han \$100,000 of		
compensation from the organization. Report compe	nsation	for	the	cale	enda	ır ye	ar e				
(A) Name and business addres	S							Description			C) nsation
2 Total number of independent contractors (including	hut no	t lim	itad	to +	hoc	a lici	tad a	ahove) who roosis	red more than		
\$100,000 in compensation from the organization		t IIIII	iited	ιυ l	11056	U IIS	ı c u à	apove) who receiv	ed more triall		

Pa	rt VIII Statement of Revenue				
		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS		1,286,589.			
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	Business Code 2a MEMBERSHIP DUES & ASSESSMENTS 561000 b	1,880.	1,880.		
PROGRAM SE	f All other program service revenue g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	1,880.			
	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)	309.	309.		
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory. b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses				
OTHER REVENUE	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including. \$				
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19a b Less: direct expensesb c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities▶				
	10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	2 576	2 576		
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory Miscellaneous Revenue Business Code 11 a b	2,576.	2,576.		
	c d All other revenue e Total. Add lines 11a-11d	1 201 254	4 765		
	12 Total revenue. See instructions	1,291,354.	4,765.	0.	0.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

	Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX							
Do i	not include amounts reported on lines 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses			
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21.		·		·			
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22							
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16							
4 5	Benefits paid to or for members	0.	0.	0.	0.			
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.	0.	0.	0.			
7	Other salaries and wages	789,632.	789,632.					
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions).	12,108.	12,108.					
9	Other employee benefits							
10	Payroll taxes	68,364.	68,364.					
	Fees for services (non-employees):	00/0011	00,001.					
	Management							
	Legal	2 450	2 450					
	Accounting	3,450.	3,450.					
	Lobbying							
•	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17							
	Investment management fees							
ç	g Other	5,965.	5,965.					
12	Advertising and promotion	1,926.	1,926.					
13	Office expenses.	7,386.	7,386.					
14	Information technology	·	·					
15	Royalties							
16	Occupancy	2,470.	2,470.					
17	' '	41,811.	41,811.					
18	Telephone	41,011.	41,011.					
	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	9,771.	9,771.					
20	Interest							
21	Payments to affiliates							
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,710.	1,710.					
23	Insurance	110,263.	110,263.					
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)							
á	FIELD SUPPLIES	126,452.	126,452.					
	PRINTING AND PUBLICATIONS	7,696.	7,696.					
	POSTAGE AND SHIPPING	3,994.	3,994.					
	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,025.	2,025.					
	All other expenses	1,375.	1,375.					
	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,196,398.	1,196,398.	0.	0.			
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ► ☐ if following	1,190,390.	1,130,330.	0.	0.			
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1 6	IIIA	Dalance Sheet					
					(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
	1	Cash — non-interest-bearing			10,985.	1	15,288.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	198,109.	2	85,219.		
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			105,860.	4	318,129.
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors and highest compensated employees. Complete Part		5			
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as define persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contrisponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntar organizations (see instructions).		6			
A	7	Notes and loans receivable, net.		<u> </u>		7	
Š	8	Inventories for sale or use			1,765.	8	1,263.
A S E T S	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			4,333.	9	3,706.
Ū					1,000.		3,700.
	102	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10 a	9,971.			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10 b	6,210.	3,914.	10 c	3,761.
		Investments – publicly traded securities				11	
	12	Investments – other securities. See Part IV, line 11				12	
	13	Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11.				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11				15	
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line			324,966.	16	427,366.
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	26,457.	17	33,901.		
	18	Grants payable		18			
	19	Deferred revenue			19		
L	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20		
A B I	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part I'				21	
I L I T	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trus highest compensated employees, and disqualified per of Schedule L	stees, ke sons. Co	ey employees, omplete Part II		22	
- 1	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated th				23	
E S	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third	parties.			24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payable and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Comp	s to rela plete Pa	ited third parties, irt X of Schedule D.		25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			26,457.	26	33,901.
N E T		Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ►	X and	complete lines			
۸		27 through 29 and lines 33 and 34.			0.40, 001		210 616
Ŝ	27	Unrestricted net assets		F	240,921.		312,616.
SSETS	28	Temporarily restricted net assets.		57,588.	28	80,849.	
O R	29	Permanently restricted net assets	_	_		29	
		Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check he lines 30 through 34.	re •	_and complete			
F U N D	20	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipm		-		31	
Ā	31 32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income,		-		32	
BALANCES	33	Total net assets or fund balances		<u> </u>	298,509.	33	393,465.
Ę							
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			324,966.	34	427,366.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets			
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI	<u></u>		
1 Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,29	91,3	354.
2 Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,19	96,3	398.
3 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1		94,9	56.
4 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	2.9	98,5	09.
5 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)			0.
6 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	3!	93,4	165.
Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting			
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII	<u> </u>	<u></u>	. 🔲
		Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash X Accrual Other			
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked 'Other,' explain in Schedule O.			
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a	Χ	l
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b		X
c If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c		Х
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.			
d If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
X Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis			
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a		Х
b If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b		
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SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Total

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization Employer identification number GOLDEN SANDS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL 39-1451323 Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions. The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.) A church, convention of churches or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i). 1 2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.) 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's 4 name, city, and state: An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.) 5 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v). An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.) 7 Χ 8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.) An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts 9 from activities related to its exempt functions — subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III.) 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4). An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or 11 more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h. Type I d Type II С Type III — Functionally integrated Type III - Other By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons? Yes No A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) (i) below, the governing body of the supported organization?..... <u>11 g</u> (i) A family member of a person described in (i) above?..... 11 g (ii) (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?..... 11 g (iii) Provide the following information about the supported organization(s) h (iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (iv) Is the organization in column (i) listed in (v) Did you notify the organization in column (i) of (vi) Is the organization in column (i) (i) Name of supported organization (ii) EIN (vii) Amount of support (see instructions)) your governing document? organized in the U.S.? your support? Yes Yes No No Yes (A) (C) (D) (E)

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011 GOLDEN SANDS RESOURCE CONSERVATION 39-1451323 Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Sec	tion A. Public Support				T			
begi	ndar year (or fiscal year nning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total	
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.')	773,671.	809,147.	871,407.	1,257,318.	1,288,469.	5,000,012.	
2	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0.	
3	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0.	
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3	773,671.	809,147.	871,407.	1,257,318.	1,288,469.	5,000,012.	
5	The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f).						0.	
6	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						5,000,012.	
Sec	tion B. Total Support				T	T		
Cale begi	ndar year (or fiscal year nning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total	
7	Amounts from line 4	773,671.	809,147.	871,407.	1,257,318.	1,288,469.	5,000,012.	
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	851.	1,033.	906.	674.	309.	3,773.	
9	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0.	
10	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) .SEE. PART .IV	16,175.	3,260.	6,618.	3,492.	2,575.	32,120.	
11	Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						5,035,905.	
12	Gross receipts from related activ	rities, etc (see inst	tructions)			12	0.	
	First five years. If the Form 990 organization, check this box and	stop here						
Sec	tion C. Computation of Pu							
14	Public support percentage for 20						99.29%	
15	Public support percentage from					,	98.87 %	
16 a 33-1/3% support test − 2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.								
b 33-1/3% support test — 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.								
17 a	17 a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test − 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization							
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18	Private foundation. If the organi	zation did not che	ck a box on line	13, 16a, 16b, 17a				
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Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Sec	tion A. Public Support						
	dar year (or fiscal yr beginning in)►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.')						
2	Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose.						
3	Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513.						
4	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7 a	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
ŀ	Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
(Add lines 7a and 7b						
8	Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						
Sec	tion B. Total Support			T	•	ı	
Calen	dar year (or fiscal yr beginning in)►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
10 a	Amounts from line 6						
	Add lines 10a and 10b						
12	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.).						
13	Total support. (Add Ins 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
	First five years. If the Form 990	is for the organiza	ation's first, seco	nd, third, fourth, o	or fifth tax year as	a section 501(c)	(3)
Soc	organization, check this box and tion C. Computation of Pul						····· ►
	Public support percentage for 20			20 12 20 Jump (A)	<u>, </u>		%
							90
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	Investment income percentage for 33-1/3% support tests — 2011. If						
	is not more than 33-1/3%, check 33-1/3% support tests — 2010. If line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%	this box and sto l	p here. The orgar	nization qualifies a	as a publicly supp	orted organization	n 📘
	line 18 is not more than 33-1/3% Private foundation. If the organic						. —

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Part IV	Suppleme Part II, line (See instru	ntal Informe 17a or 17 uctions).	ation. Com b; and Part	plete this III, line	s part to 12. Also	provide of completo	the explanat e this part fo	ons required by Part II rany additional information	, line 10; ation.
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GOLDEN SANDS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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DADT II LINE 10 OTHER INCOME	
PART II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME	

NATURE AND SOURCE		2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
INVENTORY SALES	TOTAL \$	2,575. 2,575.	3,492. \$ 3,492.	\$ 6,618. \$ 6,618.	3,260. \$ 3,260.	16,175. \$ 16,175.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service **Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. ► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization Employer identification number GOLDEN SANDS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL 39-1451323 Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 6. (a) Donor advised funds (b) Funds and other accounts Total number at end of year..... 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year). . . . Aggregate grants from (during year)..... Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?... Yes No Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Part II | Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply). Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure Preservation of open space Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year. Held at the End of the Tax Year a Total number of conservation easements..... 2a 2b **b** Total acreage restricted by conservation easements..... c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) 2c d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register..... 2d Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located > Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? No Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶\$ Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section No In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 8. 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: ►\$ (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X.

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1.....

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Part III Organizations Maintair	ing Collections	S OI Art, MISTO	ricai Treasures, oi	Other Similar As	sels (COI)	IIIIIU	<i>=u)</i>
3 Using the organization's acquisitio items (check all that apply):	n, accession, and o	other records, ch	eck any of the following	g that are a significant	use of its c	collect	ion
a Public exhibition		d Loan	or exchange programs				
b Scholarly research		e Other					
c Preservation for future genera	tions						
4 Provide a description of the organi Part XIV.	ization's collections	and explain how	v they further the organ	nization's exempt purpo	ose in		
5 During the year, did the organizati assets to be sold to raise funds ra	ther than to be ma	intained as part of	of the organization's co	Ilection?			No
Part IV Escrow and Custodial line 9, or reported an a	Arrangements. mount on Form	Complete if t 990, Part X,	he organization an line 21.	swered 'Yes' to Fo	orm 990,	Part	IV,
1a Is the organization an agent, trust included on Form 990, Part X?	ee, custodian, or o	ther intermediary	for contributions or oth	ner assets not	Yes		No
b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in							
					Amount		
c Beginning balance							
d Additions during the year							
e Distributions during the year							
f Ending balance							-
2a Did the organization include an an		Part X, line 21?			Yes	L	No
b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in			107 11 5	000 D 1 N / 1:			
Part V Endowment Funds. Cor							
	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	k (d) Three years back	(e) Fou	ır years	back
b Contributions							
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses							
d Grants or scholarships							
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs							
f Administrative expenses							
g End of year balance							
2 Provide the estimated percentage	of the current year	end balance (lin	e 1g, column (a)) held	as:			
a Board designated or quasi-endowr	ment ►	ૄૄ%					
b Permanent endowment ▶	%						
c Temporarily restricted endowment	•	%					
The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, a	nd 2c should equal	100%.					
3a Are there endowment funds not in	the possession of	the organization	that are held and admi	nistered for the			
organization by:	россоссии с.	aro organización			Y	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations					. 3a(i)		
(ii) related organizations					. 3a(ii)		
b If 'Yes' to 3a(ii), are the related or	ganizations listed a	as required on So	chedule R?		. 3b		
4 Describe in Part XIV the intended							
Part VI Land, Buildings, and E	quipment. See	Form 990, Pa	rt X, line 10.				
Description of property	(a) Cos (i)	st or other basis nvestment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Boo	ok val	lue
1 a Land							
b Buildings							
c Leasehold improvements							
d Equipment							
e Other			9,971.	6,210.		3,	761.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column	n (d) must equal Fo	rm 990, Part X,	column (B), line 10(c).)	>		3,	761.
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Schedule **D** (Form 990) 2011

2 FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740).

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Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.).

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SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL	39-1451323
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - FORM 990 REVIEW PROCESS	
A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWED T	HE 990 AND APPROVED IT BEFORE
FILING.	
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - OTHER ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTS PU	BLICLY AVAILABLE
DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE ORGANIZATIO	N'S PRINCIPAL OFFICE.

Form **8868** (Rev January 2012)

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service File a separate application for each return. If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box..... If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form). Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868. **Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits. Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed) A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension — check this box and complete Part I only. All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICS, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns. Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. Employer identification number (EIN) or Type or GOLDEN SANDS RESOURCE CONSERVATION print X 39-1451323 AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions. Social security number (SSN) Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 1462 STRONGS AVENUE City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. STEVENS POINT, WI 54481-2947 01 Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)..... Application Application Return Return ls For Code Is For Code Form 990-T (corporation) Form 990 01 07 Form 990-BL 02 Form 1041-A 08 Form 990-EZ 01 Form 4720 09 Form 990-PF 04 Form 5227 10 Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust) 05 11 Form 6069 Form 990-T (trust other than above) Form 8870 12 • The books are in the care of . ► GOLDEN SANDS RC&D COUNCIL Telephone No. ► 715-343-6215_____ If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) ______. If this is for the whole group, check this box.... If it is for part of the group, check this box... and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for. 1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until $\underline{8/15}$ $\underline{}$, 20 $\underline{12}$, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for: X calendar year 20 11 or tax year beginning _____, 20 ___, and ending 2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period 3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions 3a \$ b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.....

EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.....

c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using

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If you	are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic)	3-Month Extensio	n, complete only Part II and che	ck this box	► X
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Form 990	-PF	04	Form 5227		10
Form 990	-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069		11
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Under penalt correct, and	ies of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, incomplete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.	uding accompanying sch	edules and statements, and to the best of r	ny knowledge and belief, it is true	,
Signature •	-	Title ► PRESID	ENT	Date ►	
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CLIENT G1451323	GOLDEN SANDS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL	39-145132	
10/24/12		09:26AN	
COMPUTATION OF CO	ST OF GOODS SOLD (FORM 990)		
2. PURCHASES 3. COST OF LABOR 4. ADDITIONAL 263A 5. OTHER COSTS 6. TOTAL (ADD LINE 7. INVENTORY AT EN	COSTS. S 1 THROUGH 5). D OF YEAR. OLD (SUBTRACT LINE 7 FROM LINE 6).	1,765. 5,670. 0. 0. 7,435. 1,263. 6,172.	

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FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24E OTHER EXPENSES

		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
		TOTAL	PROGRAM SERVICES	MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	FUNDRAISING
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TELEPHONE		1,375.	1,375.		
	TOTAL \$	1,375.	\$ 1,375.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.



Highlights 2011

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Manage natural and human resources in ways consistent with sound conservation principles by working across county lines to address local concerns.

Vision

To make central Wisconsin a better place to live and work through cooperative efforts.



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Conservation on the Land Internship Program (COLIP)

The COLIP program is funded in part by an allocation from Senator Herb Kohl and with the support of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Internship opportunities provide valuable learning experiences and a supportive work environment for students. During the summers of 2010 & 2011, Monica Brilowski, Golden Sands RC&D's COLIP intern (pictured below), completed two major plant surveys within the borders of the Central Wisconsin Grassland Conservation Area (CWGCA) using funding awarded by COLIP.



The goal of the surveys was to identify possible locations of threatened, endangered, or special concern species within the CWGCA. A total of 342 plants were sought. Of these 1 endangered, 2 threatened, and 7 special concern species were found in the CWGCA. The

locations of these plants were marked using GPS. Future field work will determine if these species are still present.

Young Explorers

Young Explorers is a program that Golden Sands RC&D sponsored in 2011 with grant funding from Wisconsin Environmental Education Board. It is an outdoor education program for kindergarten students at the New Testament Church, whose school sits on 10 acres ideal

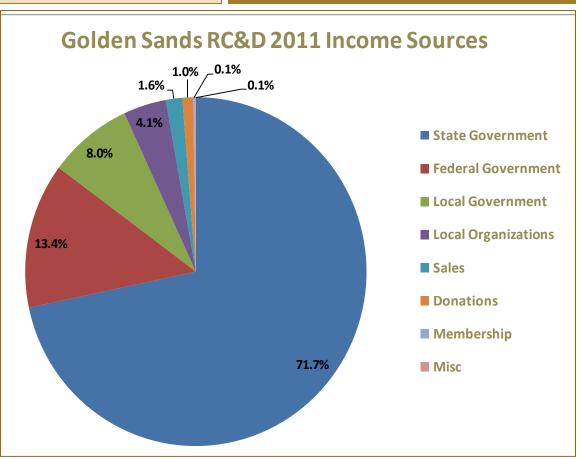


for exploration! The grant provided backpacks filled with exploration tools such as magnifying glasses and Petri cases.

Teachers report that the program has been a huge success and that children often ask to go on "explores" outside. Students draw their experiences in their journal and then dictate their drawing to the teacher back in the classroom. They also use their Petri case to retrieve a caterpillar, bring it to the classroom, and use their nature books to identify the caterpillar. The students also have named a tree "Pinky" and used it to create their tree rubbings.

Funding changes in 2011

In 2011, the federal budget eliminated funding for the RC&D program. This was a difficult time for many RC&D's, but Golden Sands was stable and well-positioned to continue without federal allocations, thanks to our strong partnerships with our state and county partners. Our projects are mainly funded by various grants and contracts from state, federal, and local governments. In 2012, we plan to diversify these funding sources even more to ensure our long-term stability.



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Demonstration Forests

Established in 2006 with funding from a WI DNR Forest Stewardship grant, this project establishes a forestry stewardship demonstration on a private woodland in nine Golden Sands RC&D counties, and designates the sites' availability to the public and schools as an educational tool. The grant, in conjunction with a gift from the John Kruger Family, funded the purchase and installation of 9 mailboxes to hold site specific brochures and 9 large signs, which also bear a small dedication plaque in memory of John Kruger and his outstanding leadership as coordinator of Golden Sands from 1986-1997.

Cooperating forest landowners:
Richard Olson—Portage Co.,
Nancy Livingston—Adams Co.,
Lou George—Monroe Co.,
Beverly Larson—Juneau Co.,
James Rivers—Waushara Co.,
Jim Joosten—Wood Co., &
Merlin Becker—Waupaca Co.
(pictured),
Jim & Diane Mroczenski—
Marathon Co.

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Managed Intensive Grazing in Central Wisconsin

2011 proved to be a phenomenal year for managed grazing in Central Wisconsin; ample rains and cool temperature ensured that pastures stayed lush and productive throughout the growing season. Equally productive was Golden Sands RC&D's grazing planning season. Many area dairy and livestock producers realized that a switch to a rotational grazing system would benefit their farm's profitability and sustainability.

Golden Sands RC&D's Grazing Specialist, Teal Fyksen, wrote 12 management intensive grazing plans encompassing over 1,100 acres and facilitated three pasture walks, hosted by area farmers, to focus on efficient, innovative, and sustainable farming techniques and ideas. Golden Sands RC&D also partnered with UWSP's College of Natural Resources to provide students with hands-on learning experiences on a local grassbased dairy. In March, the "Heart of Wisconsin" grazing conference, hosted in conjunction with the Marathon County Land Conservation Dept., educated over 116 farmers, resource professionals and students on topics including pasture management, farm economics, plant physiology and animal nutrition. The Dairy Profitability Discussion Group that was started in 2006 meets regularly and currently includes 10 farms that are dedicated to improving farm management and profitability through peer-based constructive analysis.

Managed grazing is the most profitable and environmentally sustainable method of producing milk and meat known. If you are interested in learning more, please contact us.

Agro-forestry Demonstration

Established in 2006 with funding from an NRCS National Agro-forestry Center grant, this two-acre site, located on Steinhaugen Farm, showcases over 50 species of perennial fruit, nut, and fiber-producing shrubs and trees. All species are planted on the contour, protected from deer with a solarcharged electric fence, and irrigated through a gravity-flow drip irrigation system that is fed by rain water collected from the barn roof. This site is used by university classes, researchers, woodland property owners, and others as an education tool as well as a demonstration and fellowship site. The Steinhaugen Farm is also the host site for Portage County's Demonstration Forest site.

Stevens Point Area Neighborhood Gardens

This project began in 2007 with a small group of interested citizens, the City of Stevens Point, and Golden Sands RC&D. The goal is to provide space to those who need it to grow their own food, network and socialize with their neighbors, and share the harvest with those in need. The City of Stevens Point rents their vacant lots to Golden Sands RC&D, who prepares them for gardening and rents plots to individuals who live in the nearby neighborhood. Rental funds pay for fencing, water, soil, compost, signs, etc. In 2008, the first year of the project, sites were created at Franklin Street and at 3rd Street North/Sixth Avenue. In 2009, we added a site at Cornell/West Whitney. Golden Sands RC&D establishes and nurtures the gardens for 2-3 years and empowers gardeners and neighbors to sustain it thereafter. If you would like to volunteer, rent a plot, or start a garden in your area, contact us.

Groundwater Infiltrates in Class

Again in 2011, Golden Sands RC&D partnered with the Land and Water Conservation Departments in Waupaca and Waushara Counties to deliver classroom environmental education lessons to 5th grade students on groundwater. A basic understanding of what groundwater is, how it flows, and the impact of pollutants to our groundwater is taught using a hands-on classroom lessons provided at no charge to schools.

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Wisconsin's Natural Heritage Inventory

Wisconsin's Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) is a primary source of ecological information on the 1.6 million acre network of properties owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) which includes State Parks, Forests, Fishery Areas, Recreation Areas, Wildlife Areas, Natural Areas, and Wild and Scenic Riverways. Each year since 2006, Golden Sands RC&D's staff ecologists, botanists and zoologists work closely with DNR on the NHI program, inventorying State properties and synthesizing that information into reports describing the significance, quality and conservation opportunities of the our rare and special ecosystems.

In the 2011 field season, NHI staff inventoried 22 state-owned properties, 50 ephemeral ponds, and 17 private land sites. These inventories revealed both new species previously unknown in the state and new populations of globally rare species. NHI is the primary source of information on the locations and conditions of at-risk species and threatened ecosystems in Wisconsin.

Applying its high-quality data and scientific expertise, NHI has developed a "Working List" of Wisconsin's rare native plant and animal species, natural communities, and significant natural features. This helps focus conservation efforts on species and ecosystems most at risk, saving money and helping ensure Wisconsin's treasures can be enjoyed by future generations. The Working List was comprehensively reviewed over a two-year period ending in 2011, which resulted in:

- The evaluation of the status of over 3,000 plant and animal species
- More than 1000 state rarity rankings were revised
- 171 species were removed from the Working List and 120 new species were added as Species of Special Concern based on new scientific evidence

The NHI program is also home to many small projects that protect threatened and endangered species including:

Inventory, monitoring, and research on federally listed species such as the Hine's emerald dragonfly, Kirtland's warbler (pictured), piping plover, Karner blue butterfly, dwarf lake iris, Fassett's locoweed, Pitcher's thistle, eastern prairie fringed orchid, prairie bush clover and others



- Inventory and research to identify the rich biological life associated with ephemeral ponds and development of best management practices to ensure their conservation
- Inventory of Lake Superior's coastal wetlands and freshwater estuaries, and coordination of an emerging partnership focusing on them
- Biological support and coordination for the Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) which helps private landowners create and manage habitat for species that are rare or declining through advice, assistance with management plans, and cost-share funding for projects on private lands throughout the state



2011 Little Plover River Appreciation Da

Friends of the Little Plover River

Since 2005, Golden Sands RC&D has been a partner and fiscal sponsor of the Friends of the Little Plover River, Inc. (FLPR). Golden Sands RC&D provides support and administration for projects and events including the 5th Annual Little Plover River Appreciation Day which was held on May 6, 2011, at Little Plover River Park. Approximately 150 students participated in hands-on field stations led by volunteer natural resource professionals. FLPR was recognized by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation as their Water Conservation Organization of the Year for 2011. The group sought permanent placement of their award within the schools who have participated in the Little Plover River Appreciation Day since its inception, Plover-Whiting and Roosevelt Elementary Schools.

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Central Wisconsin Grassland Conservation Area (CWGCA) *Partnership*

The CWGCA stretches in an "S" shape through Taylor, Clark, Marathon, Wood, Portage, and Adams Counties.

In 2011, the CWGCA Partnership continued its successful collaboration with conservation organizations to maintain and protect our Central Wisconsin grasslands. Golden



Sands RC&D was the recipient of a \$250,000 grant from the U.S Fish & Wildlife Service's Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA) to continue its acquisition efforts in the CWGCA in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This NMBCA grant was one of only 34 awarded in the Americas, and one of only two awarded in the United States in 2011. Golden Sands RC&D also secured a \$40,000 grant from the Portage County Land Preservation Fund to assist with the purchase of a 332 acre conservation easement on working lands; forever dedicated to agriculture.

The CWGCA's keystone species, the Greater Prairie-chicken, saw a slight boost in population last year and they were undeterred by the inclement weather of the 2011 Prairie Chicken Festival! Nearly 200 persons braved the snow, sleet, rain and hail to watch the chickens boom, go on birding tours, create children's crafts, listen to wildlife presentations and demonstrations, purchase used nature books, bid on silent auction items, eat local foods, and just have fun at the 6th annual Central Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival!

The Buena Vista Historical kiosk, last updated in 1993, is undergoing a total redesign and will have new panels with updated information about this Wildlife Area and its inhabitants soon. Funding from both local and state conservation organizations will make this a reality in 2012!

Waupaca County Conservation Field Day

Golden Sands RC&D and the Waupaca County Land & Water Conservation Department hosted their 5th annual Conservation Field Day at Hartman Creek State Park on Sept. 23, 2011. The event was open to 5th grade students from Waupaca County schools. 360 students spent an entire day outside learning from, natural resource professionals, including foresters, soil scientists, wildlife biologists, water quality specialists, conservation law enforcement officers, trapping experts, and others. Special thanks to our 2011 sponsors: Waupaca Area Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited, Waupaca County Chapter of Pheasants Forever, Friends of Hartman Creek State Park, and Wheelhouse Restaurant.

Fern Island Student Field Trip & Community Work Party

In October, 2011, Golden Sands RC&D and Wausau-area volunteers came together on two days to remove invasive shrubs and restore the floodplain forest habitat of Fern Island, part of Oak Island Park in Wausau. The Wausau East High School students that volunteered, learned how to identify non-native shrubs and worked at removing the unwanted shrubs from the island with the assistance of seven volunteer chaperones.

Over both days, more than 10 acres of the 28-acre island were worked on by the volunteers. The two-day work parties have been conducted annually since 2006. Progress in the restoration efforts has been evident in the vigorous return of native ferns and shrubs. Follow-up surveys of six sites that had been worked on by volunteers showed a reduction in invasive shrub cover from 26% in 2010 to 15% in 2011. The volunteers feel encouraged by the documented progress being made, but also see the need for continuing this event. To sponsor the event or volunteer, contact us!



Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership

In 2011, Golden Sands RC&D employed the seasonal field staff for the Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership for the eighth year.

16.5 miles of new windbreaks and living snow fences were established, and 40+ miles of existing windbreaks were maintained.

Maintenance continues for two years after planting, as part of the agreement with the landowner, and includes weeding and replacement of dead or missing trees.

Protect your soil...sign-up now for windbreaks in 2012! Call CWWP at (715) 249-5424 or e-mail them at cwwp@untiontel.net

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Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Program

The Regional Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program was continued at Golden Sands RC&D in 2011, thanks to a grant from the Wisconsin DNR. Partner counties Portage, Waushara, Wood, Marathon, and Waupaca. This was the first year for Waupaca County to be included in the program, so AIS surveys of all the public access lakes were a top priority for the 2011 field season. Golden Sands was partnered with AmeriCorps to hire three AIS interns: Samuel Betterley, Tanya Copas, and Savanna Dahl. Grant funding for both Mirror and Shadow Lakes, and the Waupaca Chain O' Lakes, provided a fourth intern, Jillian Bjorklund.

A total of 93 undocumented populations were discovered by Golden Sands RC&D



Sam Betterley, Americorps intern, hand pulls EWM at Cedar Lake in Waupaca Co.

staff in 2011, with the vast majority from Waupaca County, which had not been surveyed in before. Populations newly documented included: 14 Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM), 15 curly-leaf pondweed, 2 rusty crayfish, 32 mystery snail, 16 purple loosestrife, 6 yellow Iris, 2 flowering rush, 2 giant reed grass, 5 zebra mussels, and 3 Japanese knotweed.



AlS Specialist Kaycie Stushek treats Japanese knotweed at Big Silver Lake in Waushara Co.

A total of 48 lakes in the five-county area were surveyed by kayak or boat in 2011. The entire Waupaca Chain O' Lakes in Waupaca County was also surveyed. Maps and plant lists for each county were created and are available upon request.

13 AIS work parties were hosted in the 5-county area by Golden Sands RC&D's AIS Specialists Kaycie Stushek and Paul Skawinski. Species hand-pulled or chemically-treated include: Eurasian Watermilfoil, curly leaf pondweed, purple loosestrife, Japanese knotweed, rusty crayfish, and yellow iris.

Golden Sands RC&D hosted or attended 13 AIS workshops and educational events. Some events included Fleet Farm Days, Farm Technology Days, Stevens Point Crazy Days, D.C. Everest School Forest presentation, Waushara County and Waupaca County Conservation Field Days, and Waupaca County Conservation Speech Contest.

New in 2011 was the design of AIS-themed playing cards by Kaycie using Paul's photos. They are made in the U.S.A., and are fun and educational at the same time, featuring identification tips for 13 priority AIS. All proceeds support the Golden Sands RC&D AIS Program. See back cover for how to order yours!

Milfoil Weevil Mass Rearing Pilot Study

Biological control studies are currently underway in Wisconsin to improve the science of applied biological control of Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM). Many lake groups are eagerly awaiting the results of those studies and are interested in applying biological control in their lake. However, for many cash-strapped lake groups, purchasing the numbers of weevils they need would be cost-prohibitive. As we move forward in our understanding of the biological control of EWM, this mass rearing pilot study aims to move us forward in making milfoil weevils a more practical option for lake groups with more sweat equity than cash.

The mass rearing method, developed by Amy Thorstenson, Golden Sands RC&D, is labor intensive and must be followed to the letter in order to maximize success. In 2011, with grant funding from DNR, Golden Sands RC&D completed a pilot study evaluating the capability of volunteer groups to successfully produce weevils on a mass scale.

The study found volunteers quite capable of executing the methods correctly, but unexpected problems resulted in low production numbers. Funding has been applied for to continue this pilot study in 2012 and 2013 to work the "bugs" out of the system.



Volunteers at Lake Holcombe checking the weevils in their tanks.

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Aquatic Invasive Species Playing Cards

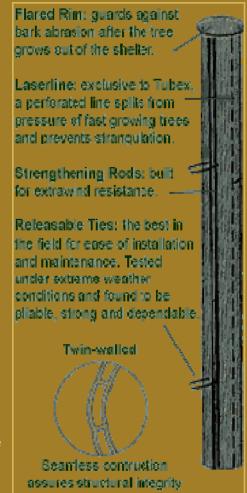
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Jordan Park Lakeshore Demo

Golden Sands RC&D continued support for the Jordan Park Lakeshore Demo with the purchase of new plantings in 2011. This demo project displays natural, chemical-free landscaping ideas to waterfront homeowners so they might apply those ideas at home.

Rain Barrels

This project started in 2008, in collaboration with

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