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Section I: Application Type

Check one:

- Education, Prevention & Planning Early Detection & Response Established Infestation Control

Legislative District Numbers		To determine your legislative district, go to http://165.189.139.210/WAML/ Type in complete address, next screen shows information.
Senate	Assembly	
27	80	

Section II: Applicant Information

Applicant Upper Sugar River Watershed Association			Type of Eligible Applicants		
Waterbody Name Upper Sugar River (SP15)			<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribe	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Gov't Unit
Project County/Township/Section/Range Dane County			<input type="checkbox"/> City	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Dist.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Org.
			<input type="checkbox"/> Village	<input type="checkbox"/> Dist.	<input type="checkbox"/> College, School, etc.
			<input type="checkbox"/> Town	<input type="checkbox"/> Assoc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal
			<input type="checkbox"/> State		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Authorized Representative Named by Resolution Wade Moder			Project Contact Name Wade Moder		
Authorized Representative Title Executive Director			Project Contact Title Executive Director		
Address PO Box 314			Address PO Box 314		
City Mt. Horeb	State WI	ZIP Code 53572	City Mt. Horeb	State WI	ZIP Code 53572
Daytime Phone (area code) (608) 437-7707	Evening Phone (area code) (920) 850-6902		Daytime Phone (area code) (608) 437-7707	Evening Phone (area code) (920) 850-6902	
E-mail Address usrwa@usrwa.org			E-Mail Address usrwa@usrwa.org		

Mail Check to: (if different from applicant)

Name and Title		Address			
Organization		City	State	ZIP Code	

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Application Type	Date Received	Date Reviewed (AIS/LC/RC)	AIS/Lake /River Coordinator Approval /Date		
Waterbody ID#	Adequate Public Access <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Environmental Grants Specialist Approval / Date		
Eligible Project <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Eligible Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Project Priority Rank	Research / Demo Project <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Prior Grant Award(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fiscal Year(s)	Amount Received To Date \$	Project Awarded <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control Grant Application

Form 8700-307 (12/11)

Section III: Project Information

Project Title Implementing the 5-Year AIS Strategic Plan	Proposed Ending Date 12/31/15
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Other Management Units	Letter of Support	Other Management Units	Letter of Support
1. Village of Belleville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Friends of Donald Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. River Alliance of Wisconsin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Town of Verona	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section IV: Public Access

Number of Public Vehicle Trailer Parking Spaces Available at Public Access Sites: 40

Number of Public Access Sites Including Boat Launches and Walk-ins: 14

Section V: Cost Estimate and Grant Request

Section V must be completed or application will be returned. Details in support of Section V are welcome.	Project Costs		
	Column 1 Cash Costs	Column 2 Donated Value	DNR Use Only
1. Salaries, wages and employee benefits	4,750.00	0.00	
2. Consulting services	0.00	0.00	
3. Purchased services--printing and mailing	1,000.00	450.00	
4. Other purchased services (specify):	0.00	0.00	
5. Plant material	0.00	0.00	
6. Supplies (specify)	1,000.00	0.00	
7. Depreciation on equipment	0.00	0.00	
8. Hourly equipment use charges	0.00	420.00	
9. State Lab of Hygiene (SLOH) Costs	0.00	0.00	
10. Non-SLOH Lab Costs	0.00	0.00	
11. Other (specify)	1,304.00	4,200.00	
12. Subtotals (sum each column)	8,054.00	5,070.00	
13. Total Project Cost Estimate (sum of column 1 plus sum of column 2)	13,124.00		
14. State Share Requested (up to 75% of total costs may be requested)	61.37	#8054.-	

Subject to the following maximum grant amounts:

- Education, Prevention and Planning Projects--up to \$150,000
- Early Detection and Response Projects--up to \$20,000
- Established Infestation Control Projects--up to \$200,000

Use of Federal funding as match: (check box below if applicable)

We are using or planning to apply for Federal funds to be used as match.

If known, indicate source of funding:

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Section VI: Attachments (check all that are included)

A. For all applicants: (Refer to instructions for applicability.)

- 1. Authorizing resolution
- 2. Letters of support
- 3. Map of project location and boundaries
- 4. Lake map or river segment with public access sites identified (per Section IV of this application and page 20 of the guidelines)
- 5. Itemized breakdown of expenses
- 6. For projects that entail sending samples to the State Laboratory of Hygiene (SLOH) only: a completed SLOH Projected Cost Form
- 7. Project scope/description:
 - a. Description of project area
 - b. Description of problem to be addressed by project
 - c. Discussion of project goals and objectives
 - d. Description of methods and activities
 - e. Description of project products or deliverables
 - f. Description of data to be collected, if applicable
 - g. Description of existing and proposed partnerships
 - h. Discussion of role of project in planning and/or management of lake
 - i. Timetable for implementation of key activities
 - j. Plan for sharing project results
 - k. Other information in support of project not described above

B. For applicants that are Lake Management Organizations (LMOs), River Management Organizations (RMOs) or Qualified Non-profit Organizations:

- 1. For first time applicant LMOs/RMOs only: A completed Form 8700-226 (Lake Association Organizational Application) or 8700-287 (River Management Organization Application)
- 2. For first time applicant Qualified Nonprofit Organizations only: Copy of IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter and copies of your Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
- 3. List of national and/or statewide organizations with which you are affiliated
- 4. List of board members' names, including municipality and county of residence. Designate officers
- 5. Documentation of current financial status
- 6. Brochures, newsletters, annual reports or other information about your organization

C. Education, Prevention and Planning Projects: (No additional attachments required.)

D. Early Detection and Response Projects:

- 1. APM Permit application

E. Established Infestation Control Projects:

- 1. Management Plan
- 2. APM Permit application

Section VII: Certification

I certify that information in this application and all its attachments are true and correct and in conformity with applicable Wis. Statutes.

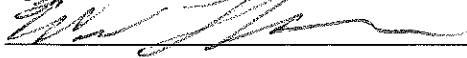
Print/Type Name of Authorized Representative

Wade Moder

Title of Authorized Representative

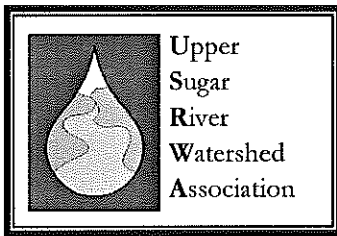
Executive Director

Signature of Authorized Representative



Date Signed

01/20/2014



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Implementing the 5-Year Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Plan

A. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AREA

The Upper Sugar River Watershed (USRW) drains 170 square miles in southwestern Dane County. The headwaters of the Sugar River flow from north of Mt. Horeb down to Lake Belle View in Belleville, Wisconsin. This entire length of the river is classified as an Exceptional Resource Water (ERW) **(C2)**. It is home to various fisheries, native plant communities, wildlife and recreational opportunities. The river sees significant public use by both paddlers and wading trout anglers, especially at Mt. Vernon Creek and the West Branch. This water body has public access points at least every ten miles as well as a plan for future handicap access at Lake Belle View, thereby exceeding the NR1.91(4) requirements **(B1(D); F1)**. Access points of special interest include Donald Park (Deer Creek, Fryes Feeder), Mt. Vernon Creek State Fishery Area, and Belleville Community Park **(F2)**. With Dane County's recent purchase of the Bruce Company property along Highway 69 we can expect to see several more public access points by the end of 2014.

The Upper Sugar River Watershed encompasses portions of several municipalities including the Village of Mt. Horeb, City of Verona, City of Madison, Town of Verona, Village of Belleville and the City of Fitchburg. Verona and Madison are some of the most rapidly growing municipalities in the state of Wisconsin. Their accelerated urban growth has the potential to put pressure on surface and groundwater resources within the Upper Sugar River Watershed, and also draws more users to the river which may facilitate the spread of AIS. USRWA worked closely with the Village of Belleville during the Lake Belle View restoration to engage school-aged children in establishing native species within the lake, including chara and longleaf pondweed and white lilies **(G2)**.

USRWA also has a history of working to complete DNR-funded projects in a timely fashion and within its budget constraints **(E)**.

B. DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE PROJECT

Prior to the USRWA grant project AEPP 326-12, which was completed and reporting was submitted on January 21, 2014, there was not an aquatic invasive species management plan unique to the Upper Sugar River Watershed **((H2)**. The aim of the aforementioned project was to collect data and watershed user information, which was used in the creation of a comprehensive five-year aquatic invasive species (AIS) strategic plan. The report entitled "Upper Sugar River Watershed Association Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Plan 2014-2018" is included as an attachment to this narrative.

The Upper Sugar River Watershed (USRW) contains several AIS infestations that have the potential to further degrade native plant communities and wildlife habitat in the absence of control efforts. A stand of phragmites australis nestled between the Ice Age Trail and the Badger Mill Creek in Verona blocks the view of the creek for hikers and joggers, as well as impairs habitat for turtle species and other ground nesting birds. A purple loosestrife population adjacent to the Lake Belle View restoration project is of special concern due to its proximity to the newly restored lake. Currently the loosestrife plants are only located on the “river/wetland” side of the earthen berm (constructed during the restoration), but may “jump” the berm and contaminate the lake as well in a flood year. Aside from the threat of spreading, the purple loosestrife population degrades the floodplain forest wetland habitat which is home to various bird and waterfowl species including the great blue heron, American coot and bald eagle, as well as native plants including marsh milkweed, darkgreen bulrush, arrowhead, and blue vervain.

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A relatively new invasive species of special concern in the area is the New Zealand mudsnail. An infestation has been identified in the Black Earth Creek watershed, which is a neighboring watershed to the Upper Sugar River. Because the USRW contains several popular angling locations (Mt. Vernon Creek, Deer Creek, and the West Branch), the potential for anglers to spread NZ mudsnails is high. Outreach and prevention efforts are needed to educate both anglers and the general public about this species.

USRWA is seeking funding to implement their AIS strategic plan over the next five years. The plan lists four goals that are congruent with those of the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council; including prevention, detection, rapid response, and control. USRWA proposes strategies to meet these goals that are specific to the skill set and man power of the organization’s staff, numerous volunteers, and watershed monitors.

C/D. DISCUSSION OF PROJECT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND ACTIVITIES

1. Contain/prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species within the Upper Sugar River Watershed and neighboring water bodies via public education and outreach efforts.
 - Install Wader Wash Stations - Install wader wash stations at 2 priority sites within the watershed to prevent the spread of New Zealand mudsnails from the pioneer infestation in Black Earth Creek. Wash stations will feature signage about the mudsnail, information on proper sanitization (per DNR recommendations) and provide three-sided boot brushes, a long-handled brush for cleaning waders, and a spray bottle with hose to rinse waders and boots. Staff and volunteers will maintain these sites.
(A5; B2)
 - Clean Boats Clean Waters Alternative – 1) River Alliance of Wisconsin has confirmed that the traditional CBCW program is not effective on small rivers such as the Upper Sugar. 2) Popular access points will display not only general AIS awareness signage, but also NZ mudsnail signage where appropriate. 3) Monitoring of the main stem of the river, its tributaries, and Lake Belle View is included in the project activities. 4) Targeted outreach efforts include NZ mudsnail kicknet sampling with schools in Verona and

Belleville, biocontrol beetle release with schools in Mt. Horeb. Sportsman's groups such as Deer Creek Sportsman's Club and the Badger Fly Fishers will receive copies of the AIS strategic plan to post on their websites and disseminate to their members. 5 & 6) USRWA does not have a volunteer or staff person trained in CBCW, however many volunteers do have AIS identification training and spread the word about proper gear/boat cleaning protocols at various public events including Belleville LakeFest, the Paddle & Pig-Out in Paoli, Canoecopia, etc. (A4).

- Monitor New Zealand Mudsnaails - Conduct kick-net sampling efforts on popular angling tributaries to determine if New Zealand mudsnails are making their way into the Sugar River system. Educate new volunteers (adult and school-aged) by engaging them in analyzing the kick-net samples and teaching them how to pick out the NZ mudsnails amongst other native snail species. Protocols used by WDNR biologists will be followed. Data produced will be integrated in a professional level monitoring report and map. (A1; A3; B2).
- Participate in Statewide AIS Trainings and Meeting- USRWA's representatives will participate in bi- annual AIS Partnership meetings, Project RED Train the Trainer Webinars, New Zealand mudsnail rapid response team and the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference in Duluth, MN from October 20-22, 2014.
- Engage New Partners in Implementation of the Strategic Plan - Distribute color copies of USRWA's 5-year AIS strategic plan to **local conservation partners also working within the basin**, as well as monitoring volunteer crews to aid in species identification and enhance knowledge of AIS best management practices for gear sanitation.

2. Monitor the Sugar River and its tributaries to detect the presence of new infestations.

- Implement Monitoring Schedule in the Strategic plan (Project RED)(A2):

Year	Water Bodies	Volunteers
2014	Mt. Vernon Creek Fishery Area, Deer Creek, Fryes Feeder Main stem Sugar River,	Rodd Wangen, Friends of Donald Park
2015	Lake Belle View	USRWA staff, volunteers Bill and Lisa Keen, Frank Fetter, Cami Peterson, Matt Rehwald,
2016	Badger Mill Creek, Schlapbach Creek, Flynn Creek Main stem Sugar River,	Becky Olson and Steve Haak
2017	Lake Belle View	USRWA staff, volunteers
2018	West Branch Sugar River, Primrose Branch	Rodd Wangen, Steve Gavin

Update Online Mapping Application - Update USRWA's interactive web mapping application (created during AEPP 326-12) as new data becomes available from volunteer monitors. The map allows users to enable the AIS layer and "hover" over AIS infestations throughout the watershed. A pop-up box appears at each infested site. The box includes information such as GPS coordinates, how to identify the plant/animal from its native look-alikes (if there are any), what time of year to watch for the plant/animal, and any other pertinent information. Users can submit photos of suspicious plants/animals via the map webpage for confirmation by USRWA staff and/or local DNR biologist. Provide static map products of infestations to DNR biologists, volunteers, and public. (A3).

3. Execute a response plan to new infestations of species that are on the strategic plan "watch list" or "highest priority" category.
 - Respond Rapidly to New Infestations - USRWA will coordinate rapid responses to invasive species infestations that threaten the biological integrity of the river corridor when deemed necessary. The organization may seek a Rapid Response grant from the Dept. of Natural Resources, or take action using its own funds. Priority species and "watch list" (from strategic plan):

Infestations that would prompt USRWA action:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Category</u>
Phragmites	Highest priority
Japanese knotweed	Highest priority
Purple loosestrife	Highest priority
Hybrid cattail	Highest priority
Giant hogweed	Not yet present
New Zealand mudsnail	Not yet present
Japanese hops	Not yet present
Western mosquitofish	Not yet present (in Upper Sugar)

4. Control priority infestations of aquatic invasive species identified in the strategic plan, in partnership with local schools and community members.
 - Continue Treatment of Pioneer Populations of Phragmites - Continue to work with students from New Century School in Verona as well as Ice Age Trail Alliance and USRWA volunteers to carry out maintenance activities at the phragmites infestation/restoration site on the Badger Mill Creek/Ice Age Trail in Verona. As an early response project, pioneer phragmites stalks were treated with chemicals in the fall of 2013 and re-seeding with a native prairie mix took place later in 2013. Students and volunteers will need to visit the

site several times per year to watch for new phragmites plants and treat them with the Habitat herbicide mix if need be (adult activity only). **(D1)**

- Continue Implementation of Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol Project - High school students from Mt. Horeb High School will raise and subsequently release beetles that feed specifically on Purple loosestrife plants. A permit has been submitted to Brock Woods at the Dept. of Natural Resources to allow for the transport of Purple loosestrife plants from the infestation at the Lake Belle View wetland area. Science teacher Tom Shay has agreed to incorporate this project into his ecology unit. Maintenance and long-term monitoring of the site will be conducted by USRWA volunteers, staff, and students from the Mt. Horeb High School Ecology Club and/or science classes.

E. PROJECT DELIVERABLES

- AIS GPS coordinate information and photographic data collected by USRWA volunteers and staff, displayed on interactive web mapping application and submitted into SWIMS database

***Note: This activity does not duplicate monitoring/mapping efforts carried out during AEPP 326-12; rather it expands the monitoring scope to include the tributaries and allows for quarterly updates of the interactive web map to incorporate new data. (I1)**

- Installation and maintenance of 2 wader wash stations to prevent the spread of New Zealand mudsnails within the watershed (includes NZ mudsnail signage)
- 15 volunteers educated on NZM and how to monitor/sort samples
- 10 sites within the USRW monitored through Project RED, etc.
- 35 color copies of USRWA's 5-year AIS strategic plan distributed to conservation partners and volunteer monitoring crews
- New Zealand mudsnail sampling data from kick-net collection effort, which will be carried out at a minimum of 4 locations throughout the watershed **(A3)**
- Updated 5-year AIS strategic plan for 2019-2023 **(C1(A))**
- Articles detailing project efforts in USRWA's quarterly newsletter and on our webpage and Facebook page
- At least 5 new volunteers trained to monitor AIS via a Project RED webinar
- Control of phragmites (less than 1 acre) and purple loosestrife (less than 5 acres)

- Quarterly updates of the interactive web mapping application housed on the USRWA webpage (to incorporate new data and photographs)

F. DESCRIPTION OF DATA TO BE COLLECTED

USRWA volunteers and staff will collect AIS GPS coordinate information using Garmin Etrex Vista HCx units and a georeferencing waterproof camera, all of which the organization already owns. The georeferencing camera is used to take high-resolution photos of AIS or suspect species in the field while simultaneously recording geographic information.

Volunteers and staff will also analyze kick-net samples for the presence of New Zealand mudsnails. Data will be recorded in a spreadsheet including site location, date, observations, presence or absence of mudsnails, presence or absence of other noteworthy species, etc.

G. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED PARTNERSHIPS

USRWA **already works in conjunction with** the following organizations:

Village of Belleville – USRWA provides environmental education activities at LakeFest, works to control Purple loosestrife infestation and hybrid cattails (**H3**)

New Century School – 4th and 5th grade students participate in maintaining the phragmites infestation site on the Badger Mill Creek/Ice Age Trail

Lower Sugar River Watershed Association - sister watershed organization, shares information about AIS infestations (ex: *Oenanthe javanica* near Brodhead)

WDNR – provides access to AIS publications and fish population information via electroshocking surveys (esp. Western mosquitofish) (Jim Amrhein & Kurt Welke)

River Alliance of Wisconsin – creates Project RED methods and manuals for volunteers, Laura MacFarland is one of USRWA's go-to people for plant/wildlife identification aid

Friends of Donald Park – Donald Park includes several popular fishing streams (Fryes Feeder, Deer Creek, Mt. Vernon Creek), USRWA is looking for ways to work more closely with the group's Board and volunteer base

Dane County Environmental Council – provided funding for georeferencing camera and other USRWA projects

Capitol Water Trails – co-hosts river clean-up days, which remove large debris from the river which facilitates stream bank erosion and colonization by new invasive species

UW-Extension – provides access to AIS publications and information

USRWA **would like to pursue partnerships with** the following organizations:

Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited – USRWA would like to partner with this group to educate anglers about AIS issues and how to prevent the spread of New Zealand mudsnails and potentially partner on work days

Badger Fly Fishers - USRWA would like to partner with this group to educate anglers about AIS issues and how to prevent the spread of New Zealand mudsnails

Wisconsin Smallmouth Bass Alliance - USRWA would like to partner with this group to educate anglers about AIS issues and how to prevent the spread of New Zealand mudsnails

Mt. Horeb Community Foundation – USRWA has had phone conversations with the Foundation about supporting projects that take place within the Village of Mt. Horeb or have a direct benefit to its residents

H. DISCUSSION OF ROLE OF PROJECT IN PLANNING AND/OR MGMT OF THE RIVER

This project will ensure that the biological integrity and native plant and wildlife populations within the Upper Sugar River Watershed will be preserved. USRWA’s 5-year AIS strategic plan incorporates protocols for keeping a close eye on existing and any new AIS infestations near the Sugar River and its tributaries. The plan also explicitly lays out what USRWA’s response will be in the event of a new “priority” or “watch list” infestation, and identifies strategies for controlling existing infestations of greatest concern. USRWA’s ability to effectively partner with local organizations to address AIS issues will significantly reduce the workload of natural resource managers at the county and state agency level.

USRWA’s 5-year AIS strategic plan outlines four goals; including prevention, early detection, rapid response, and control. These four goals echo those of the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council, which is comprised of professionals in the field from the University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Association of Lakes, The Nature Conservancy, the Dept. of Natural Resources, the Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, etc.

I. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF KEY ACTIVITIES

Please see attached spreadsheet.

J. PLAN FOR SHARING PROJECT RESULTS

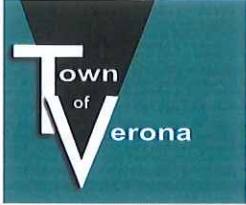
Project results will be shared (at a minimum) in the following ways:

- USRWA quarterly newsletter, distributed to over 300 community members and partner organizations
- USRWA website and Constant Contact e-blasts
- USRWA Facebook page
- Public events including the Annual Meeting in February & Paddle and Pig-Out in Paoli in August (attended by ~160 people cumulatively)

USRWA: Implementing the 5-year AIS strategic plan

Task	As needed	2014 Apr	2014 May	2014 Jun	2014 Jul	2014 Aug	2014 Sept	2014 Oct	2014 Nov	2014 Dec	2015 Jan	2015 Feb	2015 Mar	2015 Apr	2015 May	2015 Jun	2015 Jul	2015 Aug	2015 Sept	2015 Oct	2015 Nov	2015 Dec	
Install and maintain wader wash stations			X	X	X	X	X								X	X	X	X	X				
Monitor NZ mudsnails				X	X	X	X									X	X	X	X				
Participate in statewide AIS trainings/mtgs	X							X															
Monitor the Sugar River and its tributaries			X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X	X	X	X				
Update online mapping application	X																						
Execute a response plan to priority or watch list species	X																						
Continued phragmites control	X			X	X	X	X	X								X	X	X	X	X			
Control of PL			X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X	X	X				
Project RED training webinar			X																				
Update strategic plan for 2019-2023																				X	X	X	X
Grant reporting																				X	X	X	X

Implementing the 5-year AIS Strategic Plan Budget Sheet			
	State Share	Donated	Notes
USRWA staff salary (250 hours @ \$19/hour)	\$4,750.00	\$0.00	Staff time spent on activities, reporting, coordinating volunteers and updating interactive web map
Mileage (400 miles @\$0.51/mile)	\$204.00	\$0.00	Milage reimbursement to USRWA staff for travel required to implement activities
Volunteers (350 hours @\$12/hr)	\$0.00	\$4,200.00	Volunteer monitors for two seasons (25 sites, 6 visits/season, 1 hour/visit), volunteers to construct and assist in the maintenance of the wader washing stations (1 hour to maintain both stations on weekly basis)
Consulting services	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Purchased services (printing/ mailing)	\$1,000.00	\$450.00	Printing and binding color copies of current AIS 5-year strategic plan. Donated column includes the printing and mailing of 1 USRWA newsletter.
Other purchased services	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Conferences & training	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	USRWA staff and 1 Board member or volunteer registration and travel expenses to the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference in Duluth
Plant material	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies	\$350.00	\$0.00	Materials to build/maintain 2 wader wash stations and post signage (includes 3-sided boot brushes, long handled brushes for cleaning off waders, spray bottles for rinsing and building materials for station)
	\$100.00	\$0.00	Renewal of ESRI license for mapping software
	\$400.00		2 kick-nets for NZ mudsnail sampling (USRWA is currently borrowing several nets from UW-Extension)
	\$150.00	\$0.00	10 pairs of work gloves for Purple loosestrife transplant (part of beetle raising effort) and for phragmites maintenance work
Depreciation on equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Hourly equipment use charges	\$0.00	\$120.00	3 Kayak/canoe rentals @ \$40/day
	\$0.00	\$300.00	3 GPS Units, \$300 maximum match
TOTAL	\$8,054.00	\$5,070.00	



335 N. Nine Mound Road
Verona, WI 53593-1035

January 21, 2014

Sandra Chancellor
WDNR
3911 Fish Hatchery Road
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Dear Ms. Chancellor,

As Chair of the Town of Verona Board of Supervisors, I want to express my support for the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association's (USRWA) work on controlling aquatic invasive species in the Sugar River corridor. This is an important issue, and their strategic plan provides valuable information and strategies.

Materials produced by the USRWA are user friendly and have real value to the citizens of the Town of Verona. Their plans to distribute electronic copies of their aquatic invasive species strategic plan to municipalities and land owners will help enhance the grass roots effort to control invasive species.

The Upper Sugar Watershed Association's monitoring plans backed by their educational efforts will positively impact the Town of Verona by preserving our natural resources and creating lasting value for the township.

The desire to improve the Sugar River region is articulated in both the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan and the Town of Verona Open Space and Parks plan. It is clear that having the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association work on invasive species will be a benefit to everyone in the Sugar River area.

Sincerely,

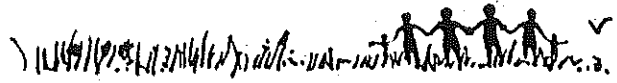
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David K. Combs
Chair
Town of Verona Board of Supervisors

Cc: Megan Phillips, Upper Sugar River Watershed
Town of Verona Open Space and Parks Commission

FRIENDS OF DONALD PARK

.....STEWARDS OF THE FUTURE



Friends of Donald Park, Inc.
P.O. Box 235
Mount Horeb, WI 53572

January 14, 2014

Megan Philips, Executive Director
Upper Sugar River Watershed Association
P.O. Box 314, 207 E. Main St.
Mount Horeb, WI 53572

Re: Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Application

Dear Megan and USRWA Board of Directors,

The Friends of Donald Park Board is in strong support of the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association's (USRWA) application for the Aquatic Invasive Species grant to control the spread of invasive species in our watershed.

Donald Park features more than 800 acres of natural areas within the Upper Sugar River Watershed, including Class II trout streams that directly connect with the Sugar River. As a popular destination for anglers, we understand the importance of educating people on properly cleaning their equipment after its use to stop the spread of invasive species in other areas. Given the recent spread of the New Zealand mudsnail approaching our watershed, USRWA's efforts are more important than ever and we are excited to be a part of it.

Our goal is to provide programs and activities that encourage the education, restoration and preservation of cultural, natural and historic resources that have and continue to represent Dane County's rural heritage. Controlling invasive species within our park and making a difference in our surrounding area aligns perfectly with our mission.

Please visit us at www.donaldpark.org if you would like to learn more about our organization or have questions for our Board.

Sincerely,

Roger Parr
President, Board of Directors



Susan Graham
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
3911 Fish Hatchery Road
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Dear Susan:

The River Alliance of Wisconsin fully supports the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association (USRWA) in their efforts to protect the Sugar River watershed from the threat of aquatic invasive species. There is a great need for increased coordination of AIS prevention, detection and strategies throughout the basin. With the support of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, USRWA is well positioned to serve in this role with a strong plan of attack as a result of their strategic planning process.

USRWA to date has been an instrumental partner in raising awareness of AIS threatening the Upper Sugar River watershed. The River Alliance has been proud to partner with their staff to host Project RED trainings and monitoring events.

The River Alliance will continue to work closely with their staff. We will continue to provide Project RED materials and assist with future trainings. Such partnerships have been instrumental to the River Alliance to reach paddlers, anglers, riparian owners, and other target audiences along our rivers. We are excited that USRWA has taken such a leadership role and look forward to continuing to work with them.

Sincerely,

Laura MacFarland
Invasive Species Program Director