



LAKE WAPOGASSET/BEAR TRAP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.  
CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS

**Clean Boats Clean Waters Project Summary**  
**Project # AEPP-219-10**

THE PROJECT

On May 1, 2010 the Lake Wapogasset/Bear Trap Improvement Association, Inc. started a Clean Boats/Clean Waters Project. Between the dates of May 1 and September 11, volunteers and paid inspectors worked a total of Three Hundred Fifteen hours at the four boat landings on our two lakes.

Paid Inspectors:

Five Amery High School students were hired for the project and worked a total of 225 hours. These students were trained by project chairman Rick Bazille at a training session on May 22, 2010. A Clean Boats/Clean Waters manual provided by the University of Wisconsin Extension Service was used in the training session. An agenda is included with this report. Two of the five students had participated in the program last year (2009). Three students were new to the program.

Volunteer Inspectors:

Seventeen volunteers actively participated in the program in 2010. Thirteen of the volunteers had participated in previous years. Four volunteers were new. The new volunteers were trained by Rick Bazille at their first work shift. The same training manual and agenda were used. Volunteers worked a total of 90 hours which was 5 hours more than called for in the agreement.

Results from the surveys used to interview boaters were entered on the DNR SWIMS website. A copy of the SWIMS report is included. During the project 600 boats were inspected and 1409 people were contacted.

Results of the project were published in the Lake Scene and the Inter-County Leader news papers. The Lake Scene is a local paper which is published by Mort's Marina on Lake Wapogasset and is distributed to lake residents. The results numbers that were printed in the Lake Scene were estimated because the last publication of the year is distributed Labor Day weekend. The project was not complete before the deadline. The Inter-County Leader is a widely distributed weekly publication. Results printed in this paper are accurate. Copies of both papers are included with this report.

Signs regarding the proper procedures in cleaning boats and equipment are located at each of the four boat landings. These signs are all less than three years old. All signs

were and continue to be checked monthly by Rick Bazille (project chairman) for cleanliness and appearance, and are cleaned when necessary. All signs still appear like new. Pictures are provided with this report.

Inspectors did random sampling of weeds removed from boats to check for Eurasian Milfoil. The Lake Wapogasset/Bear Trap Sanitary District together with the Lake Association has begun an additional program to check weekly for Eurasian Milfoil. Polk County Land and Water Resources also installed zebra mussel traps at three locations on the lakes. No larva was discovered. There were no new invasive species discovered in the lakes during our project.

The busiest boat launch on our lakes is Garfield Park (referred to on the SWIMS site as "off 130<sup>th</sup>"). The greatest number of hours was concentrated at that location. Paid inspectors worked 129 hours. Volunteers worked 46 hours.

The launch at Sunrise Beach is also used heavily. Paid inspectors worked 92 hours. Volunteers worked 9 hours.

The launch at Bear Trap is limited by parking. Volunteers worked 35 hours.

The North End launch which is on private property (referred to as Lone Pine Lane on the SWIMS site) is used very little. This summer and fall there was a restaurant under construction on the property which limited its availability. Four paid hours were spent at the North End on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the fishing opener.

## FINANCIAL

The accounting procedures and fiscal controls used were based on generally accepted accounting principles. A separate ledger account was established for project expenditures. With one exception, all grant money was used to pay wages of our paid inspectors. The exception being one invoice from the College of Natural Resources (UWEX-Lakes Program) for supplies needed for the program.

Copies of the invoice, wage statements, checks written and bank statements are included with this report.

A September Association treasurer's report is included to confirm total expenses in the amount of \$2,010, as well as the DNR advance payment to the association in the amount of \$502.50.

## DELIVERABLES:

Copies of all materials distributed at the boat landings  
Copy of the Lake Scene newspaper  
Copy of the Inter-County Leader newspaper

Donated volunteer labor worksheets and summary  
Work schedule for paid inspectors