

Crescent Lake Grant Report

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INTRODUCTION

THE GOAL OF THE GRANT ACTIVITIES FOR CRESCENT LAKE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN TO KEEP THE LAKE AS FREE OF INVASIVE SPECIES AS POSSIBLE. IN THAT EFFORT VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN TRAINED SO THAT THEY CAN INCREASE LAKE USER'S AWARENESS AS TO HOW THEY CAN HELP PARTICIPATE IN LAKE ENJOYMENT WITHOUT CONTRIBUTING TO CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN EXPOSING THE LAKE TO INVASIVE SPECIES, WATERSHED EROSION, AND HABITATION DETERIORATING.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GRANT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * TO MAINTAIN TRAINED CREWS OF VOLUNTEERS TO INSPECT WATERCRAFT FOR INVASIVE SPECIES AS THEY ENTER AND LEAVE THE LAKE AND RECORD DATA ON SWIMS FORMS. THAT DATA HAS BEEN ENTERED IN THE DATA BASE PROVIDED BY THE DNR.**
- * TO USE VOLUNTEERS TO MONITOR THE LAKE SHORE AND BOTTOM TO IDENTIFY ALL VEGETATION AND RECORD FINDINGS. ALL VEGETATION THAT IS SUSPECTED OF BEING INVASIVE WILL BE TO REPORTED TO THE DNR FOR CONFIRMATION.**
- * TO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE LAKE ASSOCIATION CONTINUE EFFORTS TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE BY REMOVING ALL IDENTIFIABLE PLANTS AND DISPOSING OF THEM ACCORDING TO DNR GUIDELINES.**
- * TO HAVE THE ASSOCIATION CONTINUE TO DISTRIBUTE TO PROPERTY OWNERS A "WELCOME" PAMPHLET THAT WAS CREATED WITH FUNDS FROM AN EARLIER GRANT. THE PAMPHLET INCLUDED INFORMATION ABOUT INVASIVE SPECIES. IT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO ALL CURRENT PROPERTY OWNERS AND REAL ESTATE AGENCIES THAT WILL GIVE IT TO PROSPECTIVE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS.**
- * TO ERECT NEW AND ADDITIONAL SIGNS AT THE BIBLE CAMP LANDING AND THE HWY 8 LANDING TO EDUCATE LAKE USERS OF OUR SPECIFIC SITUATION IN REGARD TO AIS.**

CB/CW TRAINING

Training in the approved techniques of boat inspection was provided to lake association members on an "as needed" basis throughout the fishing season. Glen Peterson, a member, has been training our inspectors at our landing for several years. He attends county workshops and DNR workshops to keep abreast of the changes and improvements in the instruction process.

We also conducted "updates" for any former inspectors that wanted to get a refresher before the season. Several of our veteran workers took advantage of that option of keeping current.

We also let all returning inspectors and newly interested inspectors know of the opportunity to go to the county and DNR instructional options by telephoning them or by our web site. John Dusenbery, Frank Hlavka, and Steve James were new inspectors this year. In all, we had 58 individuals that worked at the landing as boat inspectors in the summer of 2014. See Appendix A.

CB/CW BOAT INSPECTIONS

The inspectors for Crescent Lake were busy at the landing from May 11 through September 22. The first inspections were later than planned because the ice was not out on the lake for the opening weekend. The final day of inspecting has been traditionally planned to coincide with the final day of the Hodag Muskie Hunt. The hours that we worked were Saturdays and Sundays and holidays from seven am. to seven pm. In addition, some volunteers worked impromptu shifts during the week. 2013 was the tenth year that Crescent Lake Association has inspected and we spent 624 hours at the landing and inspected 1,238 boats. These numbers are down a little from the previous high in 2012 partly because we did not do the inspections the first 24 hours because of the ice.

Through our efforts we visited with 2,391 people at the landing and had a warm reception from almost all of them. We are particularly proud of the fact that only 5.33 of the shifts that we intended to fill this year were left open. All of them were before the 5th of July.

All of the data from the inspection sheets has been entered into the SWIMS data base and the graphs showing the compiled data are revealed in APPENDIX B.

AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL

LAKE VEGETATION MONITORING

Crescent Lake volunteers worked as a crew of eight to monitor the lake for invasive vegetation on two dates in the summer of 2013. Volunteers tossed specially designed rakes hundreds of times to bring vegetation to pontoon boats for identification. Identification guides were used and all samples were recorded on forms. See Appendix C.

The dates that this process was conducted were July 15, 2013 and Sept. 11, 2013.

Team members were Gerry Klinger and Jim Gehrke, who provided their pontoon boats and who drove the boats both dates. Other members of the lake association that participated were: July; Bev Kramer, Terry Goldbach, Sandu Lamas, Rick Hitchcock, Carol Hitchcock, Ron Paque. September; Shirley Lower, Dick Lower, Bob Kitzman, Ron Paque, Frank Hlavka, Jim Solinski, Jan Solinski.

PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE REMOVAL

Lake property owners and lake association members have become increasingly aware that the shore has been infested with purple loosestrife in recent years. The lake association has had crews out identifying the location of the plants throughout the summer and a crew was recruited in order to plan a day to remove the plants and the root systems once the plants were in blossom. The crew met at the boat landing and proceeded to walk the east shore from there to dig the plants and load them on at truck and haul them to the Oneida County Land Fill. From there they were transported to the Lincoln County Landfill at Merrill because that is a securely "covered" land fill that will contain the plants and root system to make sure that they cannot renew growth at another location. The volunteers were given instruction on the physical characteristics of the plant and the roots so that they would understand the need to remove the roots, as well. See Images 1 and 2.

Crew members were Rick and Carol Hitchcock, Ron Paque, Denis and Donna Laddusire, Dick and Shirley Lower, and Jim Gehrke. See Appendix D.



Image 1



Image 2

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Each year the lake association has recognized the AIS volunteers with a meal and a social gathering. This year the event was held at the Crescent Town Hall. Invitations were sent out to volunteers and their guests. About 90 people were served a catered buffet and a program followed.

Each volunteer was called up and a brief description of what he or she had done for the protection of the lake; boat inspection, loosestrife removal or lake monitoring. Gift certificates from local businesses were handed out. The gift certificates were purchased with grant money. See Appendix D.

Certificates were in the amount of \$10 and they came from Trigs Grocery, Henkel's Town Pump, Fourth Floral, and several other businesses.

We believe that recognizing them in front of others is more meaningful than just listing names in a newsletter. It seems to be working because we retain volunteers and enlist new members each year.

The grant offered us the opportunity to purchase additional signs so that the public using the lake was kept informed of our efforts when we were not able to have volunteers at the landing. We had erected signs at the public landing on Hwy 8 in previous years. We also had presented the Crescent Lake Bible Camp with some signs in previous years, but they were somewhat generic and we thought that they could benefit from some new signs. We used grant funds to make signs that had language specific to Crescent Lake and to Oneida County.



Image 3

Appendix A

Volunteer list

Boat inspector list

2013 number of shifts done by inspector

Final Inspection Schedule

CRESCENT LAKE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS
Updated 5/16/13

BOAT INSPECTORS

Connie Anderson	crescentview@charter.net	715-282-5798
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Dustin Bronson	dustinbronson@gmail.com	608-469-6608
Cheryl Edwards	hodag75@charter.net	715-282-5199
Carolyn Engstrand	carolynonkell@msn.com	1-612-360-7557
Al Faber	bluemoon13@charter.net	1-920-793-3369
Ron Finses	ronvera@charter.net	715-282-6250
Vera Finses	ronvera@charter.net	715-282-6250
Joel Florey	joelflory@frontiernet.net	715-490-3039
Jan Froeschel	(See Cheryl Leinss)	(See Cheryl Leinss)
Jim Gehrke	jimgehrke60@gmail.com	715-282-5924
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Donna Laddusire	“	“	
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61 trained boat inspectors two have deferred helping until next year

Association Members on the list to be trained.

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Dustin Bronson	summer 2012	See WDNR web site for information	

2013 number of shifts by inspector

Glen Peterson	23	Dan Engstrand	3
Ron Paque	15	Corrine Engstrand	3
Jim Gehrke	11	Sandy McKitrick	2
Dick Lower	9	Ray Brzycki	2
Dave McLaughlin	9	Dustin Bronson	2
Donna McLaughlin	9	Al Faber	2
Connie Anderson	8	Jack Grzesik	2
Jim Ronyak	7	Rick Hitchcock	2
Rich Boersma	5	Carol Hitchcock	2
Sue Binder	5	Al Janssen	2
Mark Mergenthaler	5	Carolyn Engstrand	2
Melissa Mergenthaler	5	John Dunesbery	2
Roger Shandley	5	Joy Moerkerke	1
Mary Shandley	5	Lori Grinde	1
Oren Hermel	4	Craig Grinde	1
Judy Thoms	4	Jason Polzin	1
Mike Henry	4	Joel Florey	1
Frank Hlavka	4	Denis Laddusire	1
Cindy Hermel	3	Donna Laddusire	1
Bob Thoms	3	Steve James	1
Joel Knutson	3	Bill Hoppe	1
Mike Krohn	3	Jim Binder	1
Mary Krohn	3	Cheryl Edwards	1
Cheryl Leinss	3		
Jan Froeschel	3		
Beverly Kramer	3		
Denis Kramer	3		
Shirley Lower	3		
Larry McKitrick	3		
Dave Schwanz	3		
Nancy Schwanz	3		
Terry Goldbach	3		
Jane Hoppe	3		
Ron Finses	3		
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This account is as accurate as I could get it. If I have miscounted, or missed anyone, please let me know so that I can be complete with my records. If anyone reported for a part of a shift, I counted it as a FULL shift on this sheet. It is counted as a part of a shift (EG: 1.5 hours) on the SWIMMS record for the DNR, however. Jim Gehrke

BOAT INSPECTION SCHEDULE as of Aug 16

CRESCENT CRESCENT LAKE 2013			
DATE	7 TO 10	10 TO 1	1 TO 4
4-May	ICE-NO INSPECTIONS		
5-May	"		
11-May	O. HERMEL	R. PAQUE	G. PETERSON
12-May	G. PETERSON	R. BOERSMA	S. BINDER
18-May	J. GHEHRKE/J. RONYAK	J. RONYAK/J. GEHRKE	G. PETERSON
19-May	D. MCLAUGHLIN DONNA MCLAUGHLIN	C. ANDERSON	C. ANDERSON
25-May	D. MCLAUGHLIN DONNA MCLAUGHLIN	R. PAQUE	R. PAQUE/J. GEHRKE
26-May	MARK MERGENTHALER MELISSA MERGENTHALER		/J. GEHRKE
27-May	R. PAQUE	J. THOMS	J. KNUTSON
WELCOME JUNE			
1-Jun	C. HERMEL O. HERMEL	MARY KROHN MIKE KROHN	R. PAQUE
2-Jun	G. PETERSON		D. BRONSON
8-Jun	C. Hermel & O. Hermel	G. PETERSON	Glenn Peterson 6-7 open
	7:00 - 10:00	10:00 - 1:00	1:00 - 4:00 4:00 - 7:00

BOAT INSPECTION SCHEDULE as of Aug 16

9-Jun	C. LEINSS/ J. FROESCHEL	Ron Paque	Jim Gehrke	Ray Brzecki
15-Jun	D. MCLAUGHLIN DONNA MCLAUGHLIN	D. MCLAUGHLIN DONNA MCLAUGHLIN	G. PETERSON	Mark Mergenthaler Melissa Mergenthaler
16-Jun	C. LEINSS/J.FROESCHEL	Ron Paque	Glen Peterson	Mary Krohn Mike Kkrohn
22-Jun	M. SHANDLEY R. SHANDLEY	Jim Ronyak	Kramers	Kramers
23-Jun	Cehryl Leinss Jan Froeschel	Connie Anderson	Lowers	Larry McKittrick
29-Jun	C. HERMEL O. HERMEL	Glen Peterson	Craig Grinde	
30-Jun	Al Faber	Rich Boersma	Jack Grzesik	Jim Gehrke
WELCOME JULY				
4-Jul	D. SCHWANZ N. SCHWANZ	Kramers	Jim Ronyak	
5-Jul	Terry Goldbach	Jason Polzin	Glen Peterson	2:00- 6:00
6-Jul	Joel Florey	Rich & Shirley Lower		Glen Peterson
7-Jul	Glen Peterson	Rich & Carol Hitchcock	Mike & Mary Krohn	Rich Boersma
13-Jul	D & D. MCLAUGHLIN	D & D. MCLAUGHLIN	Ron Paque	Shandleys
	7:00 - 10:00	10:00- 1:00	1:00 - 4:00	4:00 - 7:00

BOAT INSPECTION SCHEDULE as of Aug 16

14-Jul	Glen Peterson	Jane Hoppe	Judy Thoms	Gehrke
20-Jul	M. SHANDLEY R. SHANDLEY	Al Faber	Oneida Co/D. Kramer	Boersma
21-Jul	Glen Peterson	Jane Hoppe	J. Thoms	Gehrke
27-Jul	Hitchcock	D. & C. ENGSTRAND	J. RONYAK	R. BOERSMA
28-Jul	Mergenthaler	M. Henry	AL JANSSEN	S. BINDER
WELCOME	AUGUST			
3-Aug	C. HERMEL O. HERMEL	R. PAQUE	C. GRINDE L. GRINDE	J. GRZESIK
4-Aug	D. BRONSON	J. HOPPE/C. ENGSTRAND	J. KNUTSON	J. RONYAK
10-Aug	M. SHANDLEY R. SHANDLEY	Dan Engstrand Corrine Engstrand	Terry Goldbach	G. Peterson
11-Aug	McKittricks	G. Peterson	Connie Anderson	R. & V. FINSES
17-Aug	D. MCLAUGHLIN DONNA MCLAUGHLIN	D. MCLAUGHLIN DONNA MCLAUGHLIN	John Dusenbery	Connie Anderson
18-Aug	Dave Shwanz Nancy Schwanz	Jon Dusenbery	Frank Hlavka	R. & V. FINSES
24-Aug	Ron Paque	G. Pererson	Oneida Co./Nancy	Lowers
25-Aug	Oren & Cindy Hermel	G. Peterson	Ron Paque	D & D Laddusire

BOAT INSPECTION SCHEDULE as of Aug 16

31-Aug	Rich Boersma	Ron Paque	Frank Hlavka	C. & D. Engstrand
WELCOME SEPTEMBER				
1-Sep	Schwanz	M & M Mergenthaler	J. Knutson	S. James
2-Sep	Gehrke	Glen Peterson	Gehrke/Peterson	Binder
7-Sep	L. MCKITRIK S. MCKITRIK	Ron Paque	Gehrke	Ronyak
8-Sep	Frank Hlavka	B & J Hoppe	Mergenthalers	T. Goldbach
14-Sep	D. MCLAUGHLIN DONNA MCLAUGHLIN	D. MCLAUGHLIN DONNA MCLAUGHLIN	Thoms	M. Henry
15-Sep				
21-Sep	D. Lower	D. Lower	D. Lower	D. Lower/ J. Gehrke
22-Sep	D. Lower	D. Lower	D. Lower/J. Gehrke	Ron Paque
THANKS EVERYONE WE WILL CELEBRATE SOON				

Appendix B

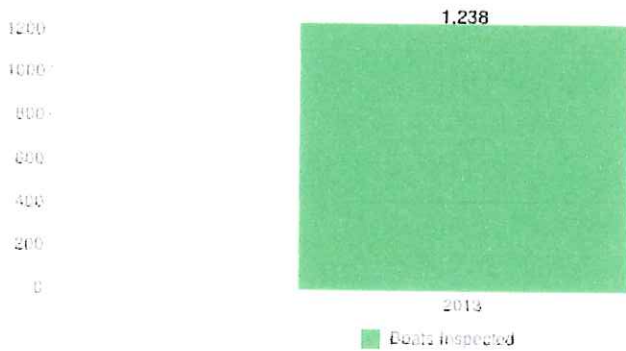
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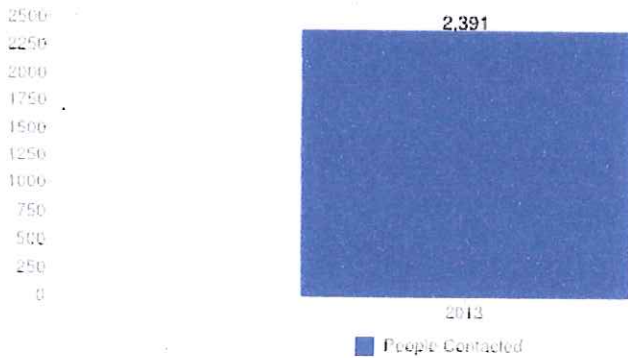
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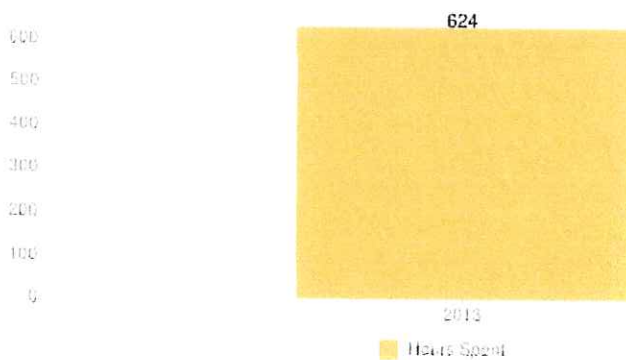
Boats Inspected



People Contacted



Hours Spent



Appendix C

2013 LAKE MONITORING CREWS

2013 PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE CREW

2013 LAKE MONITORING HELPERS

Spring

Gerry Klinger
Jim Gehrke
Bev Kramer
Terry Goldbach
Sandu Lamas
Rick Hitchcock
Carol Hitchcock
Ron Paque

Fall

Gerry Klinger
Jim Gehrke
Shirley Lower
Dick Lower
Bob Kitzman
Ron Paque
Frank Hlavka
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