



January 4, 2021

Mr. Tom Franta  
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Subject: Cranberry Lake/Flowage 2021 Aquatic Plant Management Plan (Plan) Approval

Dear Mr. Franta:

Thank you for your efforts to understand, protect, and improve Cranberry Lake and Flowage. Aquatic Plant Management Coordinator Tyler Mesalk and I both reviewed the Plan. We appreciate the effort that went into the it and are pleased with the changes made since August. This letter is to notify you the DNR has approved the Plan with the following conditions:

1. *(what is?)*, *(What may be)*, and *(what would)* show up in the text repeatedly. If possible, please send an updated pdf without this language.
2. Page 46, Section 1.2, there is a statement “*Regardless of herbicide type used, the early season application will continue in the future with the application occurring while water temperatures range from 50-60 degrees F.*” This statement is a little confusing in that it implies herbicide applications will occur regardless of DNR approval. If herbicide control is permitted, early season treatment will likely be required. It may be that herbicide control is not approved by DNR every year, though.
3. Lastly on page 48, Section 2.3, 1.25 is suggested as a mean Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) density to engage management. This is a low density for EWM itself and may mean in certain circumstances there are abundant native plants. After reviewing other approved APM Plans, I couldn’t find any current examples with a similar low-density criterion. We suggest editing this measurement to a 1.5 within the Plan and will require the EWM density be a 1.5 in order to be eligible for surface water grant funding of herbicide control efforts.

Approved management recommendations, incorporating the conditions above, are eligible for funding under the Surface Water Grant program (NR 193), subject to the application requirements.

Please append this approval letter to the final Plan into the future. Your patience with this approval is much appreciated. Thanks to you and the lake community for continuing to work hard to protect Cranberry Lake and Flowage and feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

*Pamela Toshner*

Lake & Watershed Protection Specialist

CC: Dave Olson, Cranberry Lake Flowage Association  
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