

Conservation Reserve Fund Application Form

Please describe the attributes of your proposal and its advantages to Richmond by following the outline detailed below. Please limit each answer to one-half page.

Property/Project description

Lake Iroquois Association

Lake Iroquois Aquatic Plant Survey

The plant survey, generally conducted every two years, is a professional-level effort performed by the Darrin Freshwater Institute headquartered at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. This survey monitors presence, abundance, and location of native and invasive aquatic plants in Lake Iroquois. The Lake Iroquois Association plans to conduct another survey to determine efficacy of the first year's aquatic herbicide treatment completed in 2021.

Project significance and the extent to which it address the purposes of the Fund and the criteria for its use

General - 3. Will help the Town of Richmond meet natural resources planning goals identified in the Richmond Town Plan or other representative community forum

Project schedule

Give a timetable for closing dates and/or completion of project work. Attach relevant documents such as draft preservation agreements, cost estimates, appraisals, and a purchase and sale agreement if one exists.

The aquatic plant survey usually takes one day to complete. Normally conducted late summer, next year's survey will be completed early summer with the goal of early detection of Eurasian watermilfoil regrowth. The most recent invoice for 2021 was in the amount of \$3200.00

Project partners

What matching contributions are included in the project? What is the value of any local in-kind services or other resources involved? What restrictions will any partners place on use or management of the property?

-We have asked the Town of Hinesburg for \$1200 in support of the survey.

-No local in-kind services will be leveraged as the survey is performed by trained professional staff of the Darrin Freshwater Institute.

-No restrictions will be implemented as part of the survey.

Financial information

Please include an itemized budget. Is the allocation requested in one lump sum or over a

period of years? How will accounting and fiscal records be maintained in accord with generally established accounting procedures, or other accounting procedures that may be established by the Town of Richmond and other project partners? Also include certification that within four months of completion of the project you will submit complete documentation of the costs covered by the Fund.

Total survey cost: \$3200.00

-Request from Town of Hinesburg: \$1200.00

-Request from Town of Richmond: \$1000.00

-Balance from existing Lake Iroquois Association funds: \$1000.00

-Accounting and fiscal records are maintained in accord with generally established accounting procedures; the Lake Iroquois Association is privileged to have as our Treasurer a retired Certified Public Accountant as part of its Board membership.

Long-term plans

What long-term plans and funding are in place for the ownership, stewardship and management of this resource to protect its conservation values?

-This year, the Lake Iroquois Association completed its first edition of the Lake Iroquois Management Plan found here:

<https://www.lakeiroquois.org/news/post/the-lake-irgouois-lake-management-plan-2020-2025>

-LIA participates in annual membership drives, applies for relevant grants supporting various projects, and makes annual funding requests from the Towns of Williston, Richmond, and Hinesburg to support its programs and initiatives.