

**Department of Environmental Management  
Lakes and Ponds Program**

**2002 LAKE AND POND GRANT  
APPLICATION**

**Prepared by:**

**The Lake Boon Commission**

**&**

**The Lake Boon Association**

**Hudson/Stow, Massachusetts**

*December 27, 2001*

Department of Environmental Management  
**Lakes and Ponds Program**

**2002 Lake and Pond Grant Application form**

**SUMMARY PAGE**

1. Applicant: Lake Boon Commission

2. Co-Applicant (if any): Lake Boon Improvement Association, Inc. (a.k.a. Lake Boon Association)

3. Name of Lake or Pond: Lake Boon, Hudson and Stow City/Town:

4. Project Title: Nuisance Aquatic Plant Treatment Program

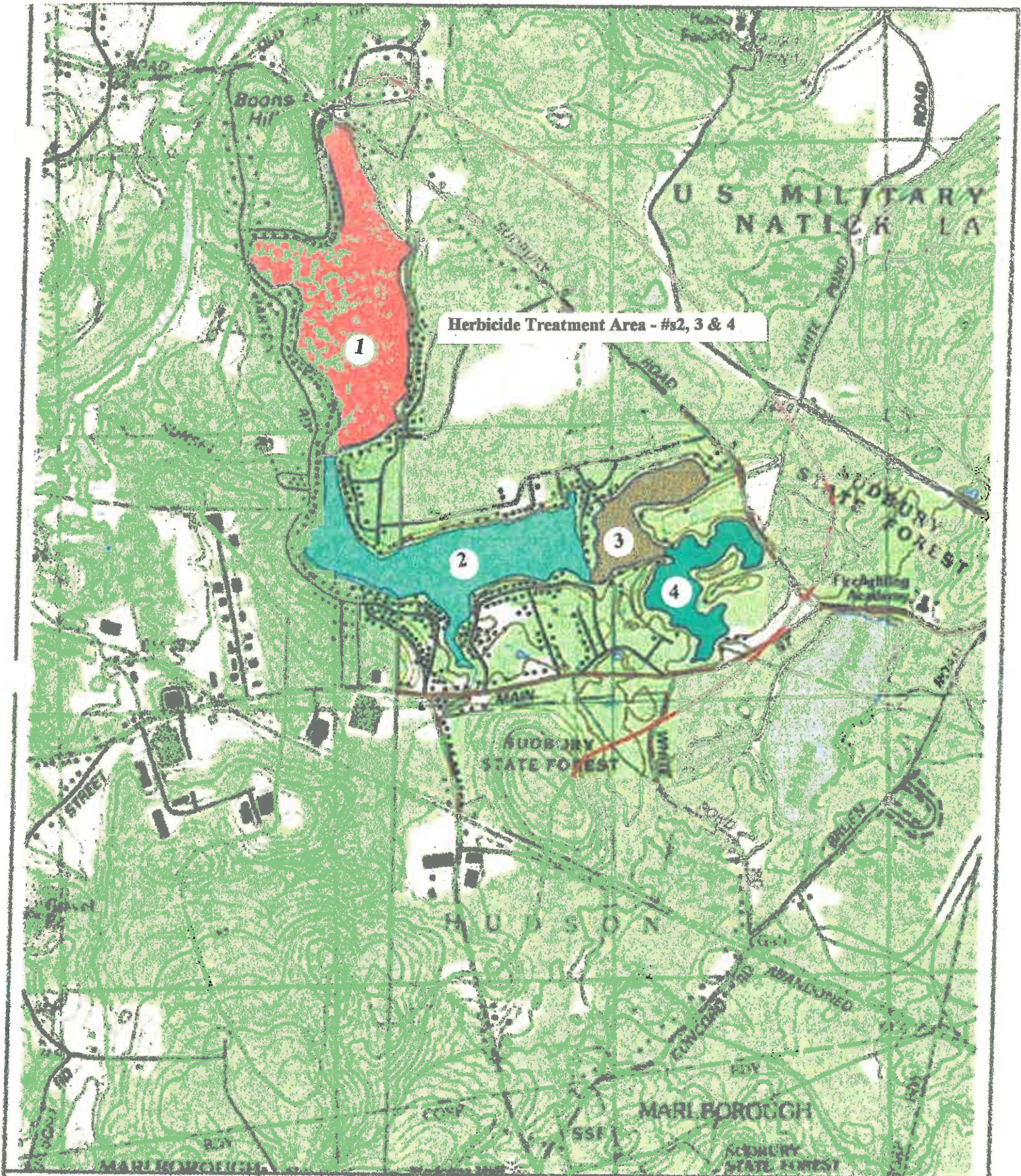
5. Location of project: (Attach an 8½" X 11" location map to scale, preferably on a recent USGS quadrangle sheet indicating the location of project.)

6. Total cost estimate of project: \$ 50,000

State grant being sought: \$ 25,000 Local Share: \$ 25,000

7. Summary of proposed project; including the specific **problem** to be solved, **how** the project will solve the problem, and **specifically** what tasks will be carried out with the funds:

Herbicide treatment of nuisance aquatic weeds and the beginning of a public education program will reduce macrophytes infestation and initiate a long-term watershed management plan. Treatment of Basins 2, 3 and 4 with Sonar during 2002 and distribution of public educational materials will be accomplished as specified in the following Project Selection Criteria section.



**LAKE BOONE**

**Hudson & Stowe, MA**

**Locus Map and Approximate  
Watershed Delineation**



 **AQUATIC CONTROL TECHNOLOGY, INC.**

# Project Selection Criteria

## Background

Lake Boon, located in the towns of Hudson and Stow, has a total surface area of approximately 160 acres and a watershed area of about 1,100 acres (Figure 1). The lake is divided into four distinct basins or areas. The overall average maximum and mean depth of the lake are roughly 21 feet and 11 feet, respectively. The lake is fed by a combination of groundwater, storm water, direct overland runoff and flow from several, small inlet streams. Lake Boon is characterized by a water retention time of 1.67 years (ESS, Inc.). This is a fairly long retention time or slow "flushing rate" in comparison with many other Massachusetts' ponds and lakes.

Lake Boon has experienced severe problems with nuisance aquatic vegetation documented back to at least the 1950's. While deeper portions of the lake are relatively free of nuisance vegetation, abundant growth of invasive and exotic weeds (predominantly fanwort or *Cabomba* and secondly, variable water milfoil or *M. heterophyllum*) are now found throughout the middle basin and eastern two basins, which collectively comprise over 50% of the total lake area. During the summer months, this dense weed cover greatly interferes with historical and desired recreational pursuits (i.e. swimming, fishing and boating) and contiguous plant growth like this can also adversely affect water quality through sediment release of phosphorus.

Lake Boon has been studied extensively. Three separate, comprehensive investigations of the Lake include the CDM (1987) Diagnostic/Feasibility Study, and the ESS (1999) Nutrient and Limnological Investigation. Just recently (2001) a Draft TMDL Phosphorus Loading Report has been prepared for the Lake by the Massachusetts DEP, Office of Watershed Management. The TMDL Final Report is anticipated after the public comment period closes in mid January, 2002.

In July 2001, the Lake Boon Commission applied to EOE A for a Lake and Watershed Restoration Grant. While Lake Boon was not one of the five projects selected state-wide to receive a "Demonstration Grant", the application process helped the Commission and its affiliate organizations to further organize and better define the specific steps and actions that need to be taken to manage and restore the lake and its watershed. Introductory material excerpted from that Application (Attachment A) provides useful background information on the history of previous investigations undertaken, the different organizations working together there now to restore the Lake and the specific actions for in-lake and watershed management that have been identified.

The Lake Boon Commission, Lake Boon Association, affiliate organizations and a growing number of residents and supporters understand that an integrated approach to nuisance weed control and watershed management must be pursued. More so than ever, the Commission, Association, Friends of Lake Boon, lake residents and Towns of Hudson and Stow are actively committed to such a comprehensive effort. The Boards of Selectmen of both Hudson and Stow have voted to support this grant, as have many other boards and community groups. (See Attachment B - letters of support from various groups and individual residents.)

Meetings have been held with representatives from DEP to pursue a 319 Non-Point Source Grant. Substantial participation and feedback was provided at a recent public meeting with DEP to discuss the Draft TMDL Investigation and Report. The Commission and Association are also working closely with the EOE A Watershed Team Leader in the region. Working relationships and regular communication with the various municipal boards and commissions that have jurisdiction throughout the watershed have been established.

## The Proposed Project

This project seeks matching funds from DEM to implement an herbicide treatment program, targeting the exotic/invasive growth of fanwort and water milfoil throughout Lake Boon. A second project element is for an educational component geared towards lake and watershed residents that will complement the weed control program and will also layout priorities and action steps for watershed management.

Justification and need for invasive plant control is well documented in all of the investigations and reports that have been prepared for the Lake. The TMDL Draft Report even states, "*Lake Boon is listed on the MA 303d list for Nuisance Aquatic Plants and lake water quality may be threatened by high phosphorus loadings. The report generally concludes*

*that the excessive macrophyte growth in the pond is due to both natural conditions associated with flooded shallow areas after the lake was dammed and anthropogenic nutrient enrichment from the pond's watershed."*

Alternative plant control strategies have been evaluated in great detail for Lake Boon. The primary techniques that have been reviewed and discussed for the lake include mechanical harvesting/hydro-raking, dredging, and water level draw down and chemical treatment with USEPA/MA registered aquatic herbicides. The consensus of the previous reports/studies along with the recommendation of two lake management companies that have both inspected the lake in recent years (Lycott and Aquatic Control) is for the use of herbicides. The CDM Study recommended mechanical harvesting at the time it was written, however, the efficacy of Sonar (fluridone) herbicide for fanwort control was unknown back in the mid/late 1980's.

At the December 2001 TMDL Public Meeting, staff from DEP recognized that mechanical harvesting may not be a feasible management strategy for Lake Boon, given the high density of the plant growth along with the very difficult operating conditions found there for mechanical equipment.

Water level management or "draw down" may have some future applicability and effectiveness for Lake Boon and it is hoped that a 319 Grant may help to deal with the issue of surrounding shallow wells that are indicated to be affected, even with a modest draw down of just 2-4 feet.

### **Herbicide Treatment:**

Treatment of Lake Boon in the late spring (May/June) of 2002 is proposed. A licensed Massachusetts application company and lake management contractor shall be selected through public competitive bidding to perform the work. The matching funds for this "treatment program" are already in place based on initial estimates of cost provided by two independent lake management contractors. The Lake Boon Association, by a unanimous vote at its November 2001 Annual Meeting, has authorized up to \$25,000 from available funds in its treasury for this purpose. (However, \$5,000 each will be sought at the upcoming Annual Town Meetings of Stow and Hudson as a shared investment in the Lake's future.)

Both the Stow and Hudson Conservation Commissions have also issued a current Order of Conditions for herbicide treatment of Lake Boon. This should facilitate the project getting underway such that the treatment(s) can proceed during the optimal period of late spring/early summer in order for the project be completed and the grant closed out in 2002.

Sonar (fluridone) herbicide is proposed to target the fanwort and milfoil. In the event the milfoil does not respond optimally to the Sonar, a follow-up "spot application" of Reward (Diquat) herbicide may be performed. Sonar has an excellent track record of effectively controlling fanwort throughout Massachusetts. Previous Sonar applications targeting fanwort have provided at least 2-3 years of excellent plant control at Bartlett Pond (Northborough), Lower Chandler Mill Pond (Duxbury), Jacobs Pond (Norwell) and other Commonwealth water bodies. Timing of the treatments, chemical dose and duration of chemical contact time are reported as the primary variables that govern the duration of plant control.

While previous cost estimates allow for treatment of the entire lake, it is only the middle and eastern two lake basins that have problematic fanwort and milfoil populations. We are therefore, exploring the potential use and deployment of an impermeable floatation barrier (curtain) at the "narrows" that separate the First and Second Basins of the Lake, in order to help contain or sequester the Sonar herbicide in the three treated basins only. This barrier will have an opening approximately 25 feet wide to allow for passage of boats and fish, but the barrier will still serve to reduce the loss and dilution of the Sonar herbicide to the larger First Basin which has no weed problem. This approach to treatment will reduce the overall quantity of the herbicide that needs to be applied, will reduce impacts to non-target plants in the lake basin not targeted for treatment and should insure that Sonar residues exiting Lake Boon are at low concentrations. Use of the barrier will be documented in a Project Completion Report and through photographs submitted to DEM upon conclusion of the project. Information gathered from the use of the barrier will be helpful to other lakes and ponds contemplating similar treatments.

A program of pre and post-treatment inspections, herbicide residue testing and preparation of a Project Completion Report will accompany the herbicide treatment program. The lake resident education component will complement this weed control program to hopefully extend the duration of nuisance plant control beyond the anticipated 2-3 years.

## Public Education:

The Lake Boon Association publishes a newsletter, the Lake Boon Gazette, which is mailed to approximately 450 area residences. A special edition will be devoted to the integrated approach of herbicide treatment and development/implementation of the watershed management plan. At least one, and possibly two, public meetings will be held during the course of the project. The Lake Boon Commission and the Lake Boon Association will work with the lake management company, selected after an open review process, to learn to identify the different plants found in Lake Boon. Hand pulling of widely scattered plants, to the extent practical and recommended, will be taught to lake residents through dissemination of a written flyer and "hands-on, training session(s)" held at the Lake. Additional watershed management techniques will be an integral part of the upcoming "319-grant" application.

A printed flyer, outlining the nuisance vegetation control program, along with the actions to be taken for follow-up weed control and proposed watershed management, will be prepared. The flyer will focus specifically on each lake and watershed resident can make a positive difference in lake quality and weed growth through their actions. The Lake Boon Association will distribute the flyer.

## Proposed Project Budget

Fanwort/Milfoil Herbicide Treatment	\$45,000
<u>Education Program</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
<u>Total Proposed Project Budget</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

# 2001 Lake and Pond Grant Application

## Section II C – Eligibility Requirements

1. Lake Boon (a.k.a. Boon's Pond) is a freshwater Great Pond which is situated in the Towns of Hudson and Stow, Massachusetts. Lake Boon is approximately 160 acres.
2. Lake Boon is a Great Pond and is controlled by the State Department of Environmental Protection.
3. There exists a public access boat ramp off of Sudbury Road in Stow. Also, there is a public swimming beach off of Sudbury Road in Stow, and a public canoe launch on Barton Road at the publicly-owned dam.
- 4A. The swimming beach is open to all residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 4B. The fee charged to non-residents is less than twice that charged to residents of Stow. (See next page for 2002 fee schedule.)
5. The project meets all state environmental standards for herbicide application through a licensed contractor. The Towns of Hudson and Stow have issued the Orders of Conditions for herbicide application.
6. Total \$25,000 local match requirement is available from Lake Boon Association funds as a result of a vote of the LBA Annual Meeting held on November 8, 2001. (However, \$5,000 each will be sought at the upcoming annual Town meetings of Stow and Hudson as a shared investment in the Lake's future.)
7. Lake Boon has not received a Lake and Pond Grant in 2001. Lake Boon received a grant in 2000 and has already completed all financial and project requirements as of this date.



Town of Stow  
RECREATION COMMISSION

380 Great Road  
Stow, Massachusetts 01775-1122  
(978) 461-1411  
FAX (978) 897-4534

November 29, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

The Stow Recreation Department Summer of 2002 beach pass fee for Lake Boon is recommended as follows:

Stow Resident	\$50.00
Non-Resident	\$95.00
Parking	Free

Laura Greenough

Recreation Director



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**Public Access Questionnaire**

**Name of City/Town** Hudson and Stow

**Name of Lake/Pond** Lake Boon

**Contact Person** - Donald P. Hawkes

**Daytime Telephone Number** (617) 727-9690

**1 a. Is there a swimming beach on this lake/pond?**

YES  NO

**1 b. Is there more than one swimming beach on this lake/pond?**

YES  NO

If yes, how many swimming beaches are there? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please check the appropriate selection below for each swimming beach (add pages as needed):

Beach #1    Beach #2

- |          |       |   |
|----------|-------|---|
| _____    | _____ | Beach and parking area are open to all residents of the Commonwealth free of charge.  |
| <u>X</u> | _____ | Beach and parking area are open to all residents of the Commonwealth for a fee.<br>\$ <u>50.00</u> Resident Fee    \$ <u>95.00</u> Nonresident Fee.                                 |
| _____    | _____ | Beach and parking area are open to town residents only free of charge.  |
| _____    | _____ | Beach and parking area are open to town residents only for a fee (\$_____).   |
| _____    | _____ | Beach is open to all residents of the Commonwealth free of charge; and parking is open to town residents only.  |
| _____    | _____ | Beach is open to all citizens of the Commonwealth for a fee,<br>\$_____ Resident Fee.    \$_____ Nonresident Fee; and parking is open to town residents only. \$_____ Resident Fee. |

Use the space below to briefly describe the public access, parking, fees and additional comments. Please attach a copy of your town's beach access and parking fee schedule:

The Town of Stow provides life guard service. Facilities include bathrooms and a children's playground. Swimming area includes a dock and float within an area from which boats are restricted. Parking is available for approximately 50 cars at no charge.

2. Is their boating access?  YES  NO

If yes, please check the appropriate selections below:

- Boating access is provided by a state boat ramp. Ramp access and parking area are open to all residents of the Commonwealth free of charge.
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- Boating access is provided by a town boat ramp. Town boat ramp and parking area are open to all citizens of the Commonwealth free of charge.
- Boating access is provided by a town boat ramp. Town boat ramp and parking area are open to all residents of the Commonwealth for a fee (\$\_\_\_\_\_ Resident \$\_\_\_\_\_ Nonresident).
- Boating access is provided by a town boat ramp. Town boat ramp and parking area are open to town residents only, free of charge.
- Boating access is provided by a town boat ramp. Town boat ramp and parking area are open to town residents only for a fee (\$\_\_\_\_\_).

Use the space below to briefly describe the public access, parking, fees and additional comments:

The public access is an unpaved boat ramp located off Sudbury Road in the southeast portion (fourth basin) of the Lake in the Town of Stow. Off-road parking is available adjacent to the ramp and across Sudbury Road near the entrance to the Marlboro-Sudbury State Forest at no charge. See attached map.

3. Are there other lake/pond recreational opportunities dependent on public access?

NO

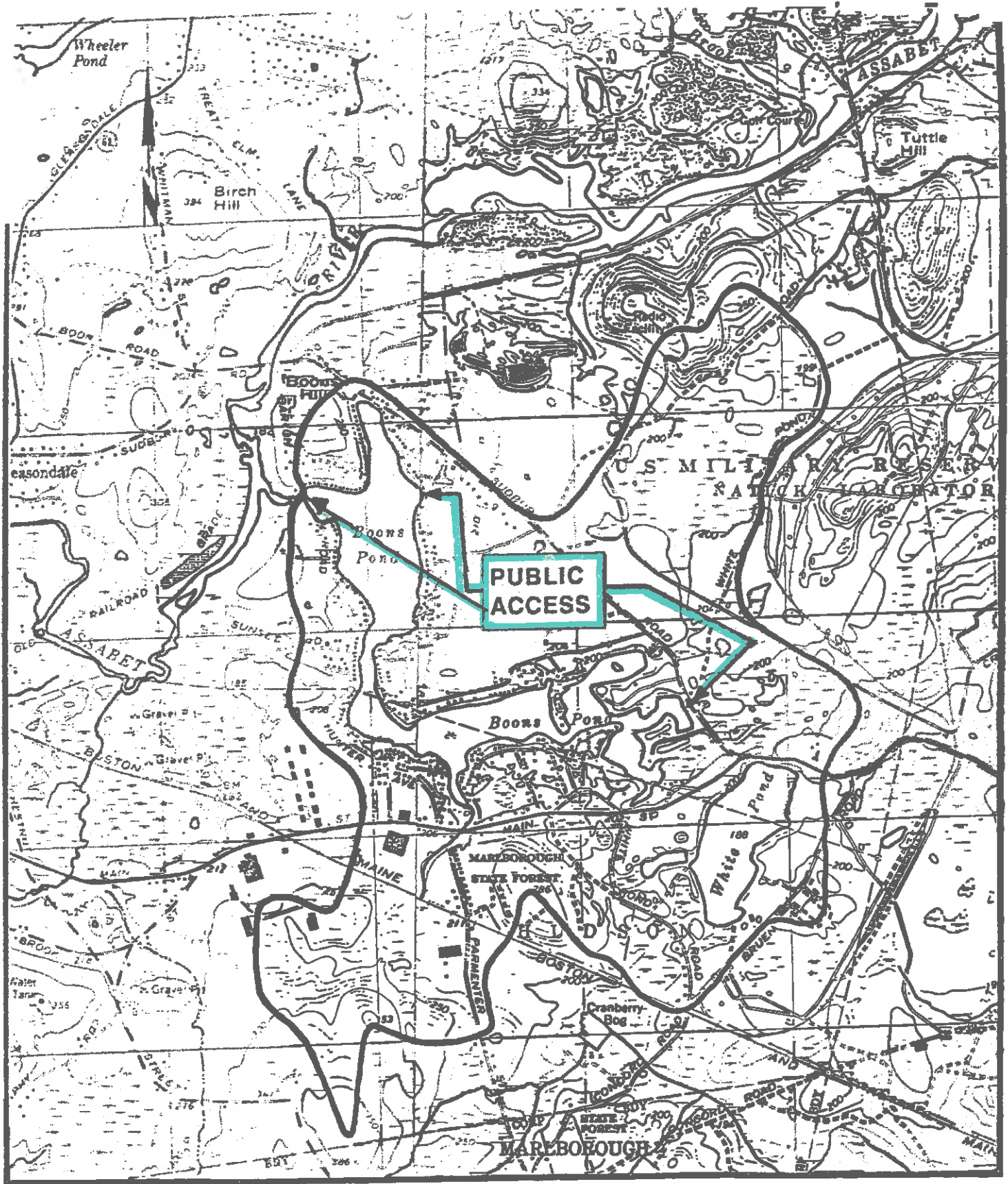
YES (examples: fishing, scenic viewing, ice skating, etc)



If yes please describe below: *Fishing, scenic viewing, ice skating, ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing.*

Recreational Activity:

Is the activity opened to the general public? Is the activity opened to town residents only? Describe the public access as it relates to the recreational activity.

All activities above are open to the general public. Access is as described above in item #2.




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## 2002 Lake and Pond Grant Application form

In order to consider an application complete, the following materials must be submitted (Please limit your description to a few pages):

1. Completed Summary Page of Application
2. Written description and documentation that the application meets the Eligibility Requirements
3. Written description and documentation of "Project Selection Criteria"
4. Completed Public Access Questionnaire
5. Other materials as appropriate (maps, portions of diagnostic/feasibility study, etc.)
6. Proposed Project Budget: please attach separate page to the summary page of application which describes the tasks and the total project dollars to be spent on each task
7. Application must be signed by the Chief Executive Officer of the municipality, commission, authority or lake district.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S):

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
( John C. Toole ) Chairman, Lake Boon Commission  
SIGNED, Chief Executive Officer NAME PRINTED Title

Date: 12-27-01

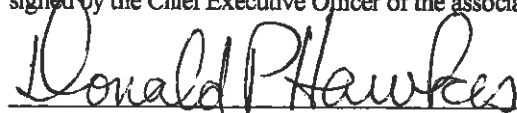
Project Contact Person: Donald P. Hawkes

Address: 9 Dawes Road, Stow, MA 01775

Day time

Telephone: (617) 727-9690 Fax: (617) 727-5786 Email: Lhawkes105@aol.com

If a lake association, lake district, watershed association or Indian Tribe is applying with a municipality, the application must also be signed by the Chief Executive Officer of the association, lake district or Tribe.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
( Donald P. Hawkes ) President, Lake Boon Association  
SIGNED, Chief Executive Officer NAME PRINTED Title

Date: 12-26-01

## Attachment A

### Excerpt from Grant Proposal for the Lake Boon Watershed Restoration Project, Hudson/Stow, Massachusetts, July 20, 2001

#### I. Concise Statement of the Problem

..... The recent study *A Nutrient and Limnological Investigation of Lake Boon* (ESS, 1999:17) states "Lake Boon is currently within the transition range, where an increase in the rate of phosphorus input to the system is likely to result in a drastic decrease in water quality. The need to control phosphate loading is also critical because Lake Boon's flushing rate is only about 1.67 times per year which is lower than most Lakes and Ponds in the Commonwealth. The ESS Study goes on to state that "actual in-lake concentrations of phosphorus and nitrogen are moderate to slightly high, and indicate an immediate threat to water quality."

The lake was originally named Boons Pond, named after Matthew Boon, an explorer from Charlestown, Massachusetts, who settled here around 1660. About 1870, a dam was built where the Lake flows into the Assabet River, to provide a constant water supply for power to mills in Maynard, Massachusetts. Consequently, an expansion of the pond, what is now called the first basin, took place, forming the second, third and fourth basins, which are still in existence today.

Lake residents observation of the proliferation of thick aquatic weeds plus numerous environmental studies conducted on Lake Boon indicate that the Lake is on the mesotrophic/eutrophic boundary. The phosphorus load has recently been modeled and predicted to be 186/kg per year. This is above the 151 kg/year considered permissible and indicates that water quality impacts are likely to occur on a regular basis. Aquatic weeds as a result of phosphates are seriously degrading the recreational and aesthetic values of the Lake. Further, the studies pointedly show the process of eutrophication is advancing far more rapidly than on a natural timeline.

There are three lake organizations:

- The Lake Boon Association (LBA), formed in 1913 and incorporated in 1921, provides social and environmental education activities.
- The Lake Boon Commission (LBC), created in 1941 by the State Legislature through the acts of 1941 Chapter 712 and 713 is the governing and enforcement body bridging both towns.
- The Friends of Lake Boon (FLB) was formed in the early 1990s and incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1997 to provide more active environmental advocacy for the Lake Boon watershed.

These organizations' main goals have been to provide an environmentally safe and useable body of water for Lake residents and the general public. The three Lake organizations believe the level of commitment is much higher now than it has ever been in the past, and a special opportunity exists to have watershed residents become truly engaged in seeking out and implementing a long term watershed management and lake restoration program.

At the most recent COLAP conference/workshops, Secretary Durand requested that any lake organization proposing a project grant should note their presence in such a proposal. We are pleased to state that all three organizations were represented by the eight Lake Boon participants at the conference.

In the efforts to save the lake, these organizations in conjunction with both town governments have contracted studies of the phosphorous loading and consequent weed problems. These studies have been conducted on Lake Boon and its watershed evaluating various in-lake management techniques and the long-term management of the water body as follows:

- Boons Pond, Diagnostic/Feasibility Study undertaken by the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) Division of Water Pollution Control in April 1979 - July 1980.
- Diagnostic/Feasibility Study Lake Boon in 1987 undertaken by Camp Dresser & McKee in association with IEP, Inc.
- A Nutrient and Limnological Investigation of Lake Boon undertaken by Environmental Science Services, Inc. in 1999.
- Lake Boon, (Boons Pond) Hudson and Stow, MA. (MA 82011) TMDL, Sept. 22, 1999.
- Lake Boon Wildlife Habitat Study 2000 undertaken by Environmental Science Services, Inc., in 2000.
- Lake-Level Drawdown Study undertaken by Lycott Environmental, Inc. in 2000-2001.
- Lake-Level Drawdown Well Impact Report undertaken by Lycott Environmental, in 2000-2001.

## **Attachment B**

### **LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

#### **SUMMARY**

The 59 attached letters to support this grant were received from the following:

- Hudson Board of Selectmen
- Stow Board of Selectmen
- State Senator Pamela P. Resor
- State Representative Patricia A. Walrath
- SuAsCo Watershed Community Council
- Stow Conservation Commission
- Friends of Lake Boon, Inc.
- Stow Board of Health
- Hudson Park Commission, Division of Recreation
- Stow Board of Assessors
- Stow Historical Commission
- Stow Cultural Council
- 47 private citizens



**Paul W. Blazar**  
*Executive Assistant*

December 4, 2001

Department of Environmental Management  
Lakes & Ponds Program

Dear Sir or Madam:

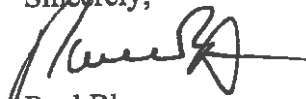
I am writing on behalf of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hudson to express its strong support of the application of the Lake Boone Commission and the Lake Boone Association's application for funding for its proposed weed control program.

The issue of weed control in the lake has long been a matter of concern to the town of Hudson, and it is one, which has been studied extensively for nearly half a century. It is critical that we act now.

The proposal put forward by the Commission and Association makes use of multiple funding sources, which is evidence of the widespread support it engenders, and the broad agreement on what it proposes to accomplish.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please don't hesitate to contact me if there is any additional information, which I can provide.

Sincerely,



Paul Blazar



**Town of Stow  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
380 Great Road  
Stow, Massachusetts 01775-1122  
(978) 897-4515  
FAX (978) 897-4534**

December 19, 2001

Lake Boon Commission  
Lake Boon Association  
C/O Don Hawkes  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

At its meeting held on December 11, 2001, the Board voted unanimously to support your integrated grant application efforts to restore Lake Boon's waters to clean and viable status. The Board encourages state approval, first of a Lake and Pond Grant for safe, licensed herbicide treatment, and subsequently, of a "319" Grant for Watershed Management.

Lake Boon is extremely important to Stow and area residents. Beside those who reside there (and contribute to our tax base), it is equally valued by all who enjoy the Pine Bluffs Beach area, and those visitors from across the state who enjoy access to this Great Pond for active and passive recreation.

It is widely recognized that Lake Boon is in a state of deterioration. This fact has been acknowledged by a series of private and publicly funded studies over a period of decades. Taxpayers of the Town of Stow, as well as those of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts generally, deserve to see this valuable natural resource restored, and then preserved for future generations.

Thank you for your community efforts directed to this invaluable natural resource within Stow's and Hudson's borders.

Respectfully,

*John Clayton, Jr.*  
John Clayton, Jr., Chairman  
Board of Selectmen





COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
**MASSACHUSETTS SENATE**  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

**SENATOR PAMELA P. RESOR**  
MIDDLESEX AND WORCESTER  
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FAX (617) 722-1089

DISTRICT OFFICE  
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COMMITTEES:  
ETHICS, CHAIR  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
AND AGRICULTURE, VICE CHAIR  
TRANSPORTATION  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

December 13, 2001

Steve Asen, Lake and Pond Grant Program  
DEM Office of Water Resources  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 700  
Boston, MA 02114-2104

Dear Mr. Asen:

I am writing to show my support for The Lake Boon Commission and the Lakes Boon Association and their efforts in obtaining a Lake and Pond Grant from the Department of Environmental Management.

Lake Boon is one of the commonwealth's historic natural lakes and is shared by two communities, namely Hudson and Stow. The Lake Boon Commission and Association are taking a holistic approach to the long-term maintenance and preservation of the lake. However, in order to preserve this historic water area, it must be restored. As you are aware, Lake Boon is infested with an overgrowth of vegetation. Through preservation and rehabilitation of the Lake, long-term studies will be put in place to study not only what is occurring at the Lake during treatment but follow-up studies will be conducted to measure the effects of the treatment on the wildlife, water quality and environment Both associations have local government and community support for these actions.

If I can be of any further assistance on this issue, feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing the results of the Lakes and Ponds Grant project.

Sincerely,

Pamela P. Resor  
State Senator



*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1054

**REP. PATRICIA A. WALRATH**  
3RD MIDDLESEX DISTRICT  
BOLTON · HUDSON  
LANCASTER · SHIRLEY · STOW

DISTRICT OFFICE:  
TEL. (978) 897-9088

Chairman  
Committee on  
Long Term Debt and  
Capital Expenditures

ROOM 466, STATE HOUSE  
TEL. (617) 722-2017

December 18, 2001

Peter C. Webber  
Department of Environmental Management  
100 Cambridge Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02202

Dear Commissioner Webber:

I am writing to express my strong support for the application being submitted by the Lake Boon Commission (LBC) and the Lake Boon Association for a Lake and Pond grant of \$25,000. The money will be used to treat the non-native weed infested portions of the lake with safe, licensed herbicides. Unless this action is taken soon, the water body will be rendered useless for swimming, boating, fishing and other forms of recreation. The lake must be cleared up and restored to a more livable condition. The property values for homeowners and the property tax revenue for cities and towns will be greatly decreased unless the lake is restored.

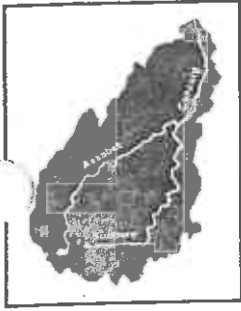
The Lake Boon Association has raised \$25,000 in contributions from the Stow and Hudson residents who are part of the LBC, Friends of Lake Boon, and the Lake Boon Association as the matching local share of the grant. We will also seek appropriations of \$5,000 from Stow and Hudson at their annual town meetings.

Please give every consideration to this grant application. I am looking forward to hearing your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Walrath".

PATRICIA A. WALRATH  
State Representative



## **SuAsCo Watershed Community Council**

*A community-based alliance that promotes the sustainable economic and environmental well-being of the Sudbury-Assabet-Contord River Watershed*

**Don Hawkes, LBA President**  
c/o Lake Boon Association  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

December 20, 2001

Dear Lake Boon Association and Lake Boon Commission:

On behalf of the SuAsCo Watershed Community Council, I am writing to express our support for the Lakes and Ponds Program grant application being submitted by the Lake Boon Association and the Lake Boon Commission to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management (DEM).

Significant efforts and studies have been undertaken to better understand and control the eutrophication of Lake Boon, including the recent total maximum daily load study conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). All of these studies indicate that riparian land-use education and weed control measures need to be expedited in order to achieve the long-term goal of protecting Lake Boon as a recreational resource and wildlife habitat. The award of a Lakes and Ponds grant application would enable the Lake Boon Association and the Lake Boon Commission to undertake a weed control program using the licensed application of safe herbicides and to begin cooperative work on a watershed management plan.

The existing and growing collaboration between DEM, DEP, the towns of Stow and Hudson, citizen environmental organizations, the SuAsCo Watershed Team and the SuAsCo Watershed Community Council will be a strong asset in designing an overall watershed management plan, once sufficient funding is acquired. In the meantime, the Lakes and Ponds grant would initiate the planning process while taking much needed weed control action in the year 2002.

The Lake Boon Lakes and Ponds grant application demonstrates many of the key elements of the Massachusetts Watershed Initiative including: partnership building, education, water quality, habitat and biodiversity, land use, and recreation. I hope that DEM will give the

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Lake Boon Lakes and Ponds grant application favorable consideration as the protection of the lake is important to the overall ecological integrity of the SuAsCo Watershed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy A. Bryant", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nancy A. Bryant  
Executive Director

cc: Lake Boon Commission  
Stow Board of Selectmen  
Hudson Board of Selectmen  
Barbara Clancy, Lake Boon Association  
Kathy Farrell, WCC Steering Committee  
Dick Gelpke, WCC Steering Committee  
Mike Fleming, SuAsCo Watershed Team Leader



**Town of Stow  
Conservation Commission**

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FAX (978) 897-4534**

December 18, 2001

Lake Boon Commission  
Lake Boon Association

Dear Commission Members & Association Members:


The Stow Conservation Commission supports the Lake Boon Commission and the Lake Boon Association in their efforts to restore Lake Boon. The Stow Conservation Commission (SCC) has cooperated with the Lake Boon Commission and the Lake Boon Association for many years in support of their efforts to enhance water quality and habitat conditions at Lake Boon in Stow and Hudson, MA. Lake Boon has long suffered from advancing eutrophication in each of its three distinct basins. Most recently, the SCC reviewed two permit applications filed by the Lake Boon Commission aimed at addressing these problems. Following a series of public meetings and close coordination with the Lake Boon Commission's lake management consultant, the SCC approved permits for (1) targeted herbicide application, and (2) limited lake drawdown. We understand due to a lack of funding, the project is presently on hold.

The combined physical and chemical approach to lake management was projected to improve, but not solve, Lake Boon's continued eutrophication. Notably, as a part of the recent approvals, the SCC encouraged a broader, watershed approach to restoring this valuable resource.

As indicated above, subject to a series of special permit conditions; both the limited lake drawdown and herbicide have previously been permitted, though the independent effectiveness of the two treatments was not specifically considered. In short, the SCC strongly supports the restoration of Lake Boon.

Sincerely,

STOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
Daniel del Sobral  
SCC Chairman

cc: Lake Boon Commission  
Lake Boon Association

201 Barton Rd.  
Stow, MA 01775

December 22, 2001

Steve Asen  
Lake and Pond Grant Program  
DEM Office of Water Resources  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 700  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2104

Dear Steve,

We at Friends of Lake Boon, Inc. are writing to express our support for the Lake Boon Association and Lake Boon Commission's application for a Lake and Pond Program grant for 2002. Although drawdown, and not herbicide treatment, was our first choice for remediation of the weed problem, we realize there are a sufficient number of drawbacks to a drawdown to make herbicides a viable alternative. We are confident that the Commission and Association will insist that herbicides be used properly, and will educate all interested parties as to their safety, safe application, and any potential risks to lake residents or the lake environment.

We are also pleased that both organizations have taken a much more active interest in water quality issues over the last few years, and will be using this grant to address long-term watershed management issues. The Lake Boon Association is particularly well positioned to help out with community education, through the publication of the Lake Boon Gazette, which is mailed to every household around the lake, and through regular meetings and social activities.

Sincerely,

*Deborah Sekeman*  
*David King*

CC: Don Hawkes, Lake Boon Association  
JT Toole, Lake Boon Commission

Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association  
c/o Don Hawkes, President  
Lake Boon Association  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

To the Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association:

The Stow Board of Health would like to offer its support to a grant application submitted under the Lakes and Ponds Program to begin treatment of the weed-infested portions of Lake Boon.

As you know, we supported the Association's grant application of one year ago, which monies were used to fund the scientific study of the problem, and to outline appropriate steps towards solving this long-standing issue. The Board has been pleased with the results to date, and look forward to the successful completion of the next steps outlined by this study, namely:

- To begin treatment of the most infested portions of the Lake, and
- To develop and implement a long-term Watershed Management Plan

We thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of the Lake, an important and multi-faceted resource for the Towns of Stow and Hudson.

Sincerely,

Gordon Landis  
Stow Board of Health



TOWN OF HUDSON  
PARK COMMISSION  
**Division of Recreation**  
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December 12, 2001

Lake Boon Commission and  
Lake Boon Association

The Hudson Park Commissioners would like to offer their support of your efforts to seek grant funding for the restoration of Lake Boon, in Hudson.

The lake is a great recreational resource, used by many residents in Hudson, Stow and surrounding communities for boating, swimming, fishing, and ice skating.

The weed situation, at this point, in the two small basins, prohibits the use of motor boats and in some areas, swimming. Treatment of the lake and the development and implementation of a Watershed Management Plan is necessary to the continued use for recreation purposes.

Unfortunately, for many years cities and towns did not take the initiative to combat these problems in a timely manner, rendering smaller bodies of water useless as recreation areas.

Hopefully, your applications will be met with success and Lake Boon will continue to bring many years of enjoyment to the individuals that use this area.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Ghiloni  
Director of Recreation





Town of Stow  
**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

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December 12, 2001

Lake Boon Commission and  
Lake Boon Association  
C/O Don Hawkes, President  
Lake Boon Association  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Lake Boon Commission and Association Members:

The Stow Board of Assessors has consistently supported efforts by your organizations to study methods of dealing with the profusion of weeds in Lake Boon. It now appears that both short-term and long-term solutions are within the reach of your organizations, given the proper funding.

The Board of Assessors wholeheartedly supports your grant application to the Department of Environmental Management, which, together with your matching funds, will provide the financial assistance to move forward with remedial action. The weed situation on Lake Boon, if ignored, has the potential to decrease property values on the lake. This could have a direct effect on property tax revenues and far-reaching effects on the town of Stow as a whole.

We look forward to the day that Lake Boon is clear of weeds, and we support your efforts to seek the money needed to fund this effort.

Sincerely,  
Board of Assessors

  
Richard W. Bernklow, Chairman

  
John E. Smith

  
Thomas H. Ruggiero

December 16, 2001

Lake Boon Commission  
Lake Boon Association

Don Hawkes, President  
C/o Lake Boon Association  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, Ma 01775

Re: Department of Environmental Management Grant

Dear Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association:

We hereby support your efforts to obtain a grant from the Department of Environmental Management for weed eradication from Lake Boon. Lake Boon is an historic site, which has served as a prominent recreational area and power and water sources. We support the efforts necessary to preserve this site so that future generations may study its past uses and build upon its available resources.

Sincerely,



*l* The Stow Historical Commission

Stow Cultural Council  
C/o Barstow  
99 Pine Point Rd.  
Stow, MA 10775  
December 20, 2001

Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association  
c/o Don Hawkes, President  
Lake Boon Association  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

To the Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association:

The Stow Cultural Council would like to offer our support to the grant applications being submitted by the Lake Boon Commission and the Lake Boon Association under the Lakes and Ponds Program to begin treatment of the weed-infested portions of Lake Boon.

We feel that a healthy lake is important to the cultural and social life of Stow. The Pine Bluffs Recreation Area is a valuable cultural resource in our Town, promoting community cohesion through the various events that take place there, such as beach activities, family gatherings, concerts and soccer games. The Lake provides a focal point for this area, and thus it is imperative to keep the Lake environmentally healthy.

Best wishes for a successful grant application process.

Sincerely,

Eva K. Barstow  
on behalf of Eva K. Barstow and Nancy Dickson  
Co-Chairs, Stow Cultural Council

December 12, 2001

Lake Boon Commission & Lake Boon Association  
C/O Don Hawkes President  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Lake Boon Commission & Association Members;

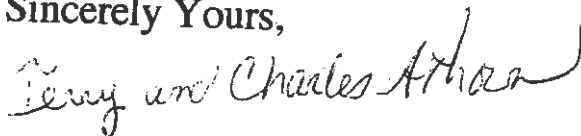
As a long time visitor and past resident of the Lake Boon community I am writing to you in support of the Lake and Pond grant.

My parents purchased a cottage on the lake in 1968 and we spent many summers living on the lake. Since then both my family and myself have enjoyed the many recreational activities that the lake provides.

Unfortunately over the years I have also seen the Columba weed grow and proliferate. As it stands now the weed is taking over and I fear that the lake does not have much more time before it is rendered useless.

I urge everybody to vote for this grant and to do whatever is necessary to save the lake before it is too late.

Sincerely Yours,



Terry and Charles Athorn  
1 Taylor Road  
Maynard, MA 01754

10 Northshore DR  
STOW MA 01775

Lake Boon Commission/Lake Boon ASSO  
c/o Lake Boon Association  
Don Hawkes - President  
9 Dawes Rd  
STOW MA 01775

Gentlemen

Since I moved to the shores of Lake Boon 22 years ago, I have become ever increasingly concerned with lake quality and, particularly, the greatly increasing weed growth. It has been years since I have been able to swim off from my own dock. It won't be long before boats will not be able to utilize the third and fourth basin.

Studies upon studies of the weed invasion have taken place over the past four decades but no meaningful action has yet taken place.

Gentlemen: Lake Boon is dying!! I realize there are many applications for monies that are available, but Lake Boon needs it now; any delays may be too late.

Thank you for your consideration

Don Ball

# The BAYRD'S

Dec. 12/2001



Lake Boon Commission and  
The Lake Boon Assoc.

To Whom it may concern,

I am a member of the Lake Boon Assoc.  
and also a registered professional  
Chemical Engineer, in the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts.

Although I do not live in Stow or Hudson,  
my daughter, her husband and my granddaughter  
do, and when I visit them with <sup>my</sup> wife we  
enjoy the lake and all the activities  
associated with it.

Over the years I have watched the different  
Basins of the lake eutrophy and slowly  
become unusable. Unless responsible  
people react very soon to stop this  
slow process, ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> beautiful lake will  
become nothing more than another  
Swamp !!!

Please preserve this natural beauty !!!

Do not be afraid of using chemicals to help alleviate the conditions caused by weeds. There are many safe and state approved materials designed expressly for this purpose. When applied correctly, with licensed personnel, the lake will certainly benefit.

I am whole heartedly in favor of applying for any and all grants, or other means, large or small, that will preserve and infuse new life into a priceless natural resource ~~that~~ not only I or anyone ~~else~~ can enjoy for many years to come.

Respectfully

Hon. Richard O. Bursd, Jr., P.E., P.C.  
(Lic # 12708)  
May 1960

Subj: Grant Program  
Date: 12/9/2001 5:55:18 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: ELLIEBEAUDETTE  
To: LHawkes105

Dear Don,

Like all who enjoy Lake Boon, I am very concerned regarding the quality of the water. In our 40 plus years living by the lake, we have seen the weeds increase and the water quality deteriorate.

We definitely need help in preserving this beautiful lake which is so important to the towns of Stow and Hudson.

Sincerely,

Joe an Ellie Beaudette



December 12, 2001

Lake Boon Commission & Lake Boon Association  
C/O Don Hawkes President  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Lake Boon Commission & Association Members;

As a long time resident of Lake Boon I am writing to you in support of The Lake and Pond grant. Over the years tremendous work has been done to try and solve the problem of the Cobomba, only to find that the Cobomba has gotten worst and spread to more of the lake than ever before.

Approximately thirteen years ago I wrote a similar letter supporting the application for the Lake Boon Phase II restoration grant. At that time the weeds were primarily found in the late summer and only in some sections of the lake. Now the Cobomba has spread throughout the lake and is threatening to render the lake useless for recreation.

I urge everybody to vote for this grant and to do whatever is necessary to save the lake before it is too late.

Sincerely Yours,



Winfield W. Bemis  
49 Hunter Ave  
Hudson, MA 01749

Erica P. Bigelow

13 Temple Ave, Hudson, MA 01749

978-562-3597

December 17, 2001

Lake Boon Commission  
Lake Boon Association  
C/O Don Hawkes, President  
Lake Boon Association  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

RE: Application for Lake and Pond Grant for treatment of Lake Boon;  
Implementation of Watershed Management Plan

Gentlepersons:

I have been an abutter/resident to Lake Boon for almost ten years, first as a renter, and now as a property owner of lakefront property. Each year, I have watched the lake deteriorate from infestation by foreign weeds – infestation that has gone unchecked for far too long. The infestation in the cove where my property lies has made it virtually impossible to even launch a one-person canoe, and threatens to turn it into a mere swamp. While the infestation has undoubtedly had a negative effect on the property value of my home, far more important to me is the threat to the continued health and existence of the lake itself.

The need for both treatment and a long-term management plan is both immediate and pressing. I strongly urge the DEM to award the Grant for which the Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association have made application. The Commission and Association have my complete support, and I sincerely hope that their long and diligent efforts will bear fruit so that our beautiful lake can be saved, and its future insured.

Please feel free to include this letter in any application materials, and to provide my name, address and phone to the Massachusetts DEM.

Very truly yours,

  
Erica P. Bigelow

Letter of Support

6 December 2001

To: Lake Boon Commission  
Lake Boon Association

To whom it may concern:

We Tatiana and Alex Bobrovsky residing on the shore of Lake Boon respectfully urge you to implement the preservation of the environment by pursuing approval of the two grant applications.

The time to save Lake Boon has come! If not now, when? We cannot wait till the deterioration of the environment reaches a stage when remedies are no longer possible, no matter what the expense.

The problems, environmental impacts, and bio-chemical causes have been studied in depth. Now is the time to implement the solutions, both the much needed immediate weed treatment and a comprehensive long range Watershed Management Plan that, by its exemplary far-sightedness would make you, as leaders and elected representatives of the people, proud of the common good you have achieved.

Please help us restore and preserve the natural beauty of Lake Boon. The whole community will thank you for it!

Sincerely,

Alex and Tatiana Bobrovsky



38 Lakeside Av  
Hudson MA 01749

December 12, 2001

Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association  
Don Hawkes, President  
C/O Lake Boon Association  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association:

As long time residents of Lake Boon we wish to add our voices in support of the local initiative on the Lake and Pond Grant, as well as the upcoming Watershed Management grant process.

So much discussion, research and studies have taken place over the past decades that time is running out to Save Lake Boon. Each year the weeds become more prolific and at this point many sections of our Lake are unfit for use.

In the 1960's the State Board of Health successfully treated the waterfront area (1-acre water) in front of our residence with herbicide - with no ill effects. We were weed free for several years. Now, however the treated area is densely infested with weeds and unusable.

We feel strongly that the entire Lake can be treated safely with licensed herbicides and urge the Department of Environmental Management to recognize the importance of taking action now before it is too late to save Lake Boon.

We appreciate the enormous amount of time and effort the Association and the Commission have put into trying to Save Lake Boon over the years and trust the powers that be will recognize the critical nature of your grant applications and allow us to move forward with saving the Lake.

Please let us know how we can assist you in future efforts to save Lake Boon.

Sincerely yours,



Bill and Louise Butler  
34 Hallock Point Road  
Lake Boon  
Stow, MA 01775

Subj: Grant Program Support Letter  
Date: 12/15/2001 11:10:05 AM Eastern Standard Time  
From: Dm4chapman  
To: LHawkes105  
CC: Dm4chapman

To; Lake Boon Commission and the Lake Boon Association,

Please represent my wife's and my support for both the Lake and Pond grant, and the Watershed Management grant. We have been residents on the lake for thirty years and the weed growth has slowly spread to a significant part of the lake. The worst is that its spread has speeded up, appearing in new and remote places from the main growth. In spite of our efforts to keep a clear area in front of our property I can look out now and see the tops of the weeds in the water.

There is no doubt that unless treatment is done there will be a lessening of the desirability of lake front property and a decrease in property values, to the detriment of both residents and town.

Don and Martha Chapman  
25 Hale Rd.  
Stow Ma. 01775

Subj: Support for grant proposal  
Date: 12/4/2001 9:50:29 AM Eastern Standard Time  
From: cindyc1@ma.ultranet.com (Cindy Curley)  
Reply-to: cindyc1@ma.ultranet.com (Cindy Curley)  
To: lhawkes105@aol.com (Lori Hawkes)

Don,

I strongly support the joint effort of both the Lake Boon Commission and the Lake Boon Association to obtain a Lake and Pond grant from the Department of Environmental Management.

I have lived on Lake Boon for 38 years and have been a member of the Lake Boon Commission for over five years. The Lake is one of the area's best recreational resources and it is imperative to resolve the weed infestation issue.

I applaud your efforts for the critical funding need.

Cindy Curley  
Lake Boon Commission

Subj: Grant Program Support Letter  
Date: 12/7/2001 3:37:06 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: Axel.Dougan@compaq.com (Dougan, Axel)  
To: Lhawkes105@aol.com

I fully support the initiatives by the Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association in seeking grants for Watershed Management.

Lake Boon is a focal point for the towns of Stow and Hudson.

As a lakefront resident I do of course derive personal enjoyment from the lake and the various activities available. However the lake is a public resource and I am aware of many non-residents taking advantage of fishing, swimming, boating, skating and cross-country skiing opportunities. Most of these pursuits rely on a clean, live lake environment. The continuing encroachment of weeds is removing an ever larger percentage of the lake from residents and non-residents alike.

The time for action, and therefore funding, is now. Leaving the problem to escalate will result in exponentially higher costs - to the residents, the towns and probably the state - in the future.

Sincerely,

Axel Dougan  
112 Barton Road  
Stow MA 01775

Roger Duchesneau  
98 North Shore Drive  
Stow, MA 01775

December 26, 2001

*Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association*

Dear Members of the Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association:

I support the DEM grant application for which you are currently preparing. The grant, should it be awarded, will be a major help in dealing with the invasion of the lake by non-native aquatic vegetation that, if left unchecked, will significantly reduce the recreational viability and wildlife habitat of the lake.

The Lake community has gained much momentum in recent years for dealing with the problems confronting the Lake. Over the past couple of years, countless hours by many volunteers in conjunction with financial support from the DEM and the towns of Hudson and Stow have brought us to the point where we are today – at the point where real, definitive action can be taken.

Treating the Lake to combat the noxious vegetation that has invaded Lake Boon is one component in a comprehensive Lake Watershed Management plan that has been proposed by recent studies from Environmental Science Services and Lycott Associates.

Sincerely,  
Roger Duchesneau



December 27, 2001

Lori and Don Hawkes  
Lake Boon Association  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Lake Boon Association and Lake Boon Commission:

Thank you for all of the work you have done on behalf of the Lake Boon Watershed Community. For decades and generations we have enjoyed and shared a unique and much loved body of water. Now more than ever, this active and involved community is anxious to learn what we can do to take care of our watershed.

Favorable consideration of funding from the Department of Environmental Management will make possible the need to educate the watershed community and address the weed problems at Lake Boon. The endorsement most importantly will be recognition of and support for all the groundwork done by wonderful volunteers like you, further encouraging you to move forward on developing a Lake Boon Watershed Management Plan.

Sincerely,

Kathy Farrell, Stow Selectman

KATHLEEN KING FARRELL  
267 SUDBURY ROAD  
STOW MA 01775

John-Paul Fitzpatrick

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From: John-Paul Fitzpatrick <jpfitz@ma.ultranet.com>  
 To: <LHawkes105@aol.com>  
 Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2001 7:31 PM  
 Subject: Salvation proposition

John Paul FitzPatrick  
 30 Pine Point Road  
 Stow, Massachusetts 01775  
 978-562-6335  
 Fax 978-562-2788  
 "A Rather Unorthodox Fellow"

**NOTE TO:**

Lake Boon Commission  
 Lake Boon Association

**SUBJECT:**

*A modest proposal that will result in the salvation of our beloved habitat...*

*To introduce myself to those of you don't know me, I am a 31 year resident of Pine Point Road....I have literally "seen it all" over here, families forming, growing, maturing..Children leaving, only to return with friends and new family members, all of whom marvel at the place we call Lake Boon, home..."you actually live on a lake !!" and "wow" !! are you lucky !! WELL.....*


*It is no news to those of us fortunate enough to be "old-timers" that this lake, our lake, our home, is very sick, dieing in fact, right in our faces as we watch..What to do..*

*How can a place that has been so good to so many be allowed to slowly fade away, for the sake of Money alone..*

*What does this say about us as "keepers of the lake" and what hope do the new families here have of becoming future "old timers".*

*Supporting the Pond and Lake grant and Watershed Mgt programs is a "no-brainer" for any soul fortunate enough to be called a "lake BOON person"... past, present or, God and grant money willing... future ??*

John-Paul FitzPatrick 30 Pine Point Rd Lake Boon, MA  
 Official "OLD-TIMER"



12/4/01

52 Lakeside Avenue  
Hudson, Massachusetts  
December 8, 2001

Lake Boon Commission  
Lake Boon Association  
Stow, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs,

I am writing this letter in support of the application for funding to treat weed infested portions of Lake Boon with safe, effective herbicides, as well as the development and implementation of a Watershed Management Plan which is essential for a long-term solution to the increasing infestation of non-native weeds in the lake. As a homeowner, I am acutely aware of the importance of a healthy lake to the value of my property. As a taxpayer in Hudson, I also know that, as my property value increases, so does the economic health of our town. In my forty-eight years, Lake Boon has been the source of countless joyous memories for my family and me. It is the place where we learned to swim, fish and water-ski and is the root of my continuing love for many water-related sports and activities. It is also where I learned to appreciate the natural beauty of a lake and the wildlife that depend on it for their habitat. I feel that the Lake and Pond grant is essential for the continued health of Lake Boon. It's time to invest in *our lake and repay it for the enjoyment it has provided for countless people like myself.*

Sincerely yours,

Peter G Fontaine

TO: LAKE BOON COMMISSION & LAKE BOON ASSOCIATION  
FROM: DENNES & MARK EUGEN FORSMO  
72 LAKESIDE AVE.  
HUDSON, MA .01749

Dear Don & Lori,

We thank you both for your tireless efforts to make something happen to combat the continually increasing weed problems in Lake Boon and for the opportunity to support the efforts of LBA & LBC to take action on the weed problems.

The support letter we wrote in 1988 for the Lake Boon Phase II application reminds us that there has been no concrete action taken to actually mitigate the weed problems although there have been numerous studies & discussions. I wonder how much additional damage to the lake environment and how much more costly it will be now to combat the weeds because of our inability to take decisive action over the intervening 13 years.

We fully support the LBA/LBC local initiative in both the Lake & Pond grant and the upcoming Watershed Management grant processes. As a measure of our support we enclose a check for \$200 to LBA to apply to action on mitigating the weed problems. We hope that our contribution, which you can inform other lake residents of without attributing the gift specifically to us will encourage other residents to also contribute financially. We will also be willing to contribute further. If there can be a plan devised whereby all lake residents contribute equitably, residents who actually live on the water already contribute in Hudson through our increased property valuations and so the Town should recognize that our increased taxes should be applied to the health of Lake Boon.

We also strongly urge a go-ahead to treatment of the lake with herbicides in 2002 to start in the lake recovery process. Now is the time for action rather than more talk.

Best regards

Mr. & Mrs D. Forsmo

12/16/01

Subj: Re: Grant Support Letter  
Date: 12/21/2001 9:06:30 AM Eastern Standard Time  
From: PBFrechett  
To: LHawkes105

To: Lake Boon Association  
Lake Boon Commission

From: Rev. Phyllis Frechette  
Russell Frechette

Re: Support for Grant Money to Save Lake Boon

When we bought our home in the Town of Hudson, on the Second Basin of Lake Boon, in the early 1970s, we had no concerns about the condition of the lake water, either in our own area of the lake, but for all basins. When we moved here for our year-round home in the mid-1980s, there was a noticeable change. The third, fourth and fifth basins were becoming disaster areas. Now, in the beginnings of the new century, I have major concerns, too, about the second basin in which I live.

These concerns, of course, are strictly personal. However, my greater concern is to see a precious resource in both towns of Stow and Hudson become useless for recreation and a wasteland in which none of us wants to live. As property values go down in one part of town, it affects property values in the whole town.

Many people have spent endless hours over several years studying the problem. Many "solutions" have been offered. Some have been tried. It is time to bite the bullet, find the money and finally begin to attack the problem in ways that will stop the advance of the destructive weeds and, hopefully, to reverse the damage already evident in much of the lake. To this end, I support those who have put together the grant proposal and support its implementation.

113 Hunter Ave.  
Hudson, MA 01749  
978-562-7490

**Subj:** Support of grant applications  
**Date:** 12/19/2001 4:40:06 PM Eastern Standard Time  
**From:** BOSTONMICK  
**To:** LHawkes105

This is to voice my support for the approval of the \$50,000 grant to kill the weeds in Lake Boon and the \$200,000 grant to implement a Watershed Program to reduce nutrient loading which contributes to the weed problem.

Michael Garrity  
55 Hunter Ave  
Hudson, MA 01749

December 4, 2001

Lake Boon Association  
Lake Boon Commission

To whom it may concern:

Both my husband and I have lived at Lake Boon for the past 37 years. As a young boy my husband spent many a summer swimming and boating on Lake Boon. Even at that time there was a problem with the weeds in the lake and every summer he would rake the small beach in front of the our Lake property and fill wheel barrels full of the weeds just to keep the beach area clean every day. Not a small task for a little boy back in the 1940's.

Over the years we have seen this situation get worse and hardly a day goes by without noticing the weed problem. We are strong supporters of the Lake Boon Association and Lake Boon Commission's combined initiative for The Lake and Pond Grant from the Department of Environmental Management. We are also strongly supportive of both parties working on the development and implementation of a Watershed Management Plan.

We need to save the Lake for recreational, educational, and environmental resources. It is very important that the weed infestation issue be acted upon as quickly as possible. The longer we continue to do nothing but studies, the more expensive and intrusive the solution to cleaning up Lake Boon. The time is now.

Thank You,

Richard & Linda Gelpke  
53 Lakeside Ave.  
Hudson, MA. 01749

201 Barton Rd.  
Stow, MA 01775

December 22, 2001

Steve Asen  
Lake and Pond Grant Program  
DEM Office of Water Resources  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 700  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2104

Dear Sir,

We are writing to express our support for the Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association application for a Lake and Pond Program grant for 2002. We understand that the grant will be used to fund an herbicide treatment of Lake Boon in order to start to control the invasive weed problem here, and to begin to put together a watershed management program to reduce run-off and septic system pollution in the lake.

Our family has been members of the Lake Boon Association since moving to the lake nine years ago, and have participated in several of the community events LBA has organized, including the annual Walkathon, street clean-up, and end-of-summer beach party. We have been extremely impressed by LBA's dedication to making the lake a better place to live, both socially and environmentally. We have every confidence that the Association and Commission will work with the towns of Stow and Hudson and the lake community to thoroughly research the herbicides to be used, and to educate all interested parties about how they work.

Thanks for your consideration,



Dave Handrick



Barbara Clancy

CC: Don Hawkes, Lake Boon Association  
JT Toole, Lake Boon Commission



December 14, 2001

Dear Department of Environmental Management,

I am writing in support of The Lake Boon Commission and Association's application for your Lake and Pond grant. I have lived on Lake Boon for the last 6 years and over that short time-frame have been witness to the alarming profusion of non-native weeds. These weeds are spreading exponentially, with obvious changes noted on a yearly basis. As an active outdoor enthusiast and lakefront homeowner this is a major concern of mine and of my neighbors, friends and family.

Lake Boon is a very special place, it has a rich long history in eastern Massachusetts. As a former long-term resident of northern Michigan I was spoiled thinking that every area of the country must have a similar distribution of beautiful public lakes and ponds. Upon moving to this area I was shocked at how few public lakes are available to Massachusetts residents. Please assist us with your Lake and Pond grant so this precious resource does not become a weed-choked unusable swamp.

Sincerely,



Michelle Harris M.D.  
116 Northshore Drive  
Stow, MA 01775

9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

978 562-6630  
[Lhawkes105@aol.com](mailto:Lhawkes105@aol.com)

December 27, 2001

Lake Boon Association  
Lake Boon Commission

Subject: Lakes and Ponds Grant 2002

Dear Members:

Lake Boon is at a crucial time in its life-cycle to begin receiving the much needed weed control methods and watershed initiatives that have been studied and recommended over the past 40 years.

This grant plays a vital role in that it will plant the seeds for current and future generations to learn how to take care of Lake Boon, as well as, begin to turn the clock back on the eutrophication process that is exponentially taking place due to non-native invasive nuisance weeds.

Applied correctly, herbicides are a safe and necessary weed control method at this time to destroy the Cabomba that is currently taking over almost half the Lake. For 30 of the last 40 years, the weeds were primarily in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> basins (less than 1/3 of the 163 acre area of Lake Boon). Within the last 10 years, the weeds spread throughout the 2<sup>nd</sup> basin at an incredible rate covering approximately 1/2 the entire Lake. They now threaten to continue their journey into the 1<sup>st</sup> basin which is the largest portion of the Lake, representing the other 1/2 of the Lake, unless they are stopped.

With this grant, implementation of the total watershed management plan can begin; starting with the weed issue and it is with great hope, that for the first time in 20 years since I've come to this Lake, my family and I can be swimming in front of our own house next summer.

Sincerely,

  
Lori L. Hawkes

Diane Heffner  
172 N Shore Dr  
Stow, MA 01775-1508

Dear Lake Boon Commission  
and Lake Boon Association,

December 9, 2001

I support the local initiative in both the Lake and Pond Grant and the upcoming Watershed Management process.

It is crucial to correct the weed problem now before it gets worse and to educate residents and boaters who visit (by having them remove "foreign" weeds from their propellers) to protect the lake and its environment for future generations of people and wildlife who can live in balance in and around the lake.

Sincerely,

Diane Heffner

December 6, 2001

Dear Don,

Am writing this letter to support the Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association to obtain a Lake and Pond grant to help to eradicate the weed problem in Lake Boon.

My daughter has lived in Hudson at Lake Boon for 37 years and I moved here five years ago, so would like to have the lake in a healthful condition for swimming and boating, etc.

It would be wonderful to receive the grant to help in getting the lake clear and open for all now and for future generations.

Sincerely,

Margaret Hillner  
18 Rock Avenue  
Hudson, MA 01749

Subj: Grant Program Support Letter  
Date: 12/6/2001 4:12:14 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: tyrods@turquoise.net (Mat Hurwitz)  
Reply-to: tyrods@usa.net (Mat Hurwitz)  
To: Lhawkes105@aol.com

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Dear. Mr. Hawkes:

I agree 100% with your effort to seek a grant to stop the eutrication of Lake Boon. You are right when you point out that this problem has been studied to death. Meanwhile we watch as our wonderful little lake dies before our eyes. If nothing is done, Lake Boon will deteriorate to a swamp. Parts of the lake have become swampy already. This causes health hazards stemming from mosquitoes breeding in such waters and from certain noxious effluents that can be traced to the overgrowth of weeds.

A resource as beautiful as Lake Boon must not be neglected and allowed to go downhill. Many residents around the lake have upgraded their septic systems to stop pollution of the lake. Many have stopped using fertilizers where run-off might carry nutrients into the water. Many have curtailed use of harmful detergents. But what is really needed is a program to kill the weeds.

An ambitious weed killing program, in combination with the ongoing efforts of the surrounding residents to stop the introduction of nutrients into the lake will stop the eutrication of Lake Boon. The lake will rejuvenate itself if it is given a chance. Lake Boon can be saved.

I hope you are successful in getting some financial support from the Commonwealth, the LBA, and the towns of Stow and Hudson. I support you fully in your efforts.

Respectfully,

Mathew Hurwitz  
156 Barton Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Subj: A "Grant Program Support Letter ""  
Date: 12/5/2001 8:53:53 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: Pkjone  
To: LHawkes105

To: The Lake Boon Association and the Lake Boon Commission

% Lori and Donald Hawkes

Thanks for keeping us posted on the Lake Boon applications for aid with our weed control problems. As you may know, we've spent our summers up there for over " four score years " (at 68 Pine Point Rd.) We have watched the weeds take over during many of those years and have helped in the weed-harvesting years, and a few chemical application attempts. Additionally, we have witnessed many years of meetings trying to anticipate how to rid the lake of the rapid investation of the weeds Bailey's Brook is a fine example of what happens if nothing is done. Now, one has "to pole " his way to the Assabet and it's becoming harder and harder each year.

We strongly support the need for the two grants the LBA and the LBC are requesting, so that the required treatment for the necessary control of our weed infestation at Lake Boon can be implemented as soon as possible.

Respectfully, Paul and Shirley Jackson

December 18th, 2001

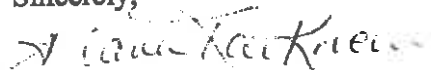
Lake Boon Association & Lake Boon Commission:

I am writing to support the funding that is needed for the implementation of weed control through grants. Please institute a total watershed management plan.

As a home-owner with lakeside property, I have grown up on Lake Boon, and count it among one of the treasures of my life. The decreasing quality of life the lake has experienced due to the proliferation of weeds throughout the 2nd and 3rd basins must be stopped. Steps must be taken to ensure the continued existence of Lake Boon as a provider of seasonal beauty, water recreation, and an instrument of environmental harmony.

Please feel free to contact me with how I can assist the LBA, LBC, and community to end the proliferation of weeds in Lake Boon.

Sincerely,



Alana Karkman

December 19th, 2001

To: Lake Boon Association & Lake Boon Commission

I am writing on behalf of my sister and myself to support the funding that is needed for the implementation of weed control through the use of grants. I have closely followed the efforts of the lake community to meet this end, and feel very strongly about this matter.

As a third generation resident, I have witnessed the decreasing quality of life the lake has experienced due to the proliferation of weeds throughout the 2nd and 3rd basins. Step must be taken to ensure the continued existence of Lake Boon as a source of year-round pleasure and an environmental asset.

We are willing to contribute time and personal funds to support a watershed management plan. Please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

  
Rainer Karkman



Subj: Grant letter  
Date: 12/9/2001 10:18:20 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: Alankatt  
To: DHawkes@DOS.EOL.STATE.MA.US, LHawkes105

Dear Sir/Madam:

As a third generation resident of Lake Boon, with children who look forward to retiring someday to the family enclave, and grandchildren who delight in vacations here, I am particularly saddened at the dismal future the Lake seems to be facing. I refer of course to the ever-worsening weed growth that, in the case of the fourth basin where I live, has made swimming absolutely impossible, with fishing and boating nearly so. In fact, the weed growth is so dense that it now presents a definite safety hazard. Should a child, or perhaps even an adult, fall overboard in one of the thick patches of lily pads and cabomba, the likelihood of a drowning would be greatly increased.

Accordingly, I heartily endorse the Lake Boon Commission's initiative in applying for both a Lake and Pond Grant and subsequently a "319 Grant" for watershed management to address the Lake's problems.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Kattelle  
50 Old County Road,  
Hudson, MA 01749

**December 4, 2001**

**Lake Boon Commission  
Lake Boon Association**

**Dear Sir or Madam:**

**This letter is written in support of the Lake Boon Commission and the Lake Boon Association's combined initiatives for The Lake and Pond Grant from the Department of Environmental Management and work towards the development and implementation of a Watershed Management Plan.**

**My family and I have lived on Lake Boon for the past twenty years. During that time I have read the results of studies dating back to the 1960's and 1970's up through the present. I have participated in community actions and have spoken out for action involving deterring the eutrophication process of this most treasured and valuable resource. I served for many years as the vice-president of the Lake Boon Association and saw many initiatives to deal with this pressing problem come and go.**

**The time is now. There is new energy mixed with old knowledge, please continue working towards the common good of both towns.**

**Sincerely,**

*Steven J. Katz*

**4 Davis Road**

**Stow, MA 01775**

**978-562-9785**

**casaok@aol.com**

19 Lakeside AV  
Hudson, MA 01749  
December 5, 2001

Dear Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association,

I am writing to express my support for the local initiative in both the Lake and Pond grant and the upcoming Watershed Management Plan grant. Both are vital to help restore Lake Boon and prevent it from becoming useless for swimming, boating and other forms of recreation. The smaller grant, which will enable us to attack and kill the weeds with the use of Sonar next May/June, will provide some immediate relief. The larger grant, which will help the Town of Stow and Hudson implement a total Watershed Management Plan to reduce the nutrient loading problem aggravating the weed issue, is even more vital. I truly believe without a comprehensive management plan the lake will continue to degrade further. We need a long-term resolution of the problem that takes into account the increasing development of new housing in the area, the increased number of year-round homes on the lake, and various other factors that may be impacting the quality of Lake Boon.

Our family has lived on Lake Boon for thirteen years. During this time, we have witnessed a marked increase in weeds in certain areas, rendering them nearly inaccessible to canoeing, fishing, and swimming. We plan to continue to live here, and recognize that appropriate action must be taken to protect this resource, Lake Boon. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ellen Kisslinger

Barbara LeBlanc  
204 Barton Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Lake Boon Commission  
and Lake Boon Association

December 5, 2001

To Whom it May Concern:

As a resident of Stow I am in favor of taking the remedial action needed to reverse the environmental disaster of Lake Boon. The application for a Lake and Pond grant from the Department of Environmental Management has my total support.

After so many years of studies it is time to protect this resource from neglect from good intentions. This neglect and continued lack of response and activity to the problem will impact both Hudson and Stow with decreased property values and the loss of public recreation.

Sincerely,

Barbara LeBlanc

John V. Luedeke  
16002 Campden Court  
Spring, TX 77379

December 26, 2001

*Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association*  
c/o Don Hawkes, President  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Re: Action Needed to Address Weed Problem

As part of the extended Jackson family at Pine Point, I am fortunate to be part of the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of family that has both enjoyed and contributed to Lake Boon since the late 1800's. I understand that the growth of weeds has been an ongoing problem for many years and was fought by various methods in the past only to have the infestation return. This is a pervasive problem that is quickly reaching a point where the quality and viability of the lake is endangered.

We strongly support the efforts of the LBC and LBA to secure grants to address this problem and hope that we can remove the current weeds and find a longer-term solution to prevent re-occurrence.

Sincerely,

John V. Luedeke

Subj: Grant Program Support Letter  
Date: 12/18/2001 5:28:10 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: dan\_nick@hotmail.com (dan nick)  
To: LHawkes105@aol.com

To Whom it May Concern:

As residents of Stow, lakefront home owners, and active members of the Lake Boon Association, we are writing this letter to show our concern about the weed infestation of Lake boon.

We have lived on Lake Boon for three and a half years. Although we hope to live here much longer, we are very concerned about the future of this precious lake. The Lake Boon Watershed has not been spared by the rapid growth of this region. In the next two years, when all 67 homes are constructed in the Wildlife Woods Development (all of them within the watershed), it is certain that the lake as we now know it will not be able to survive without action.

We support the grants that are being applied for by the Lake Boon Association and the Lake Boon Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Dan Nicholson and Julie Siftar  
281 Sudbury Rd.  
Stow, MA 01775  
(978) 562-0237  
dan\_nick@hotmail.com

To members of L.B.C and L.B.A.

As fifteen year residents of Lake Boone my wife, children and I are very "fond" of Lake Boone. It is so to speak part of us or we are part of it, whichever, it is a big part of our lives and many other peoples lives to, sure!

So we feel something "deliberate" needs to be done now, to preserve this "treasure chest of nature" for future generations to enjoy as people before us did.

So please give your full "attention" and thought to helping our lake come back to "real life" for us and for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,  
Joe Susan  
Lindsay  
Samantha Ormond

12-6-01

Lake Boon Commission  
Lake Boon Association

I have written the following letter in support of your grant applications regarding Lake Boon.

Lake Boon has WEEDS! Four decades of studies confirm this indisputably. Weed growth continues unabated. The many residents of this state who use this Great Pond need no study to observe the obvious.

To free itself of its insidious problem, Lake Boon needs help from many pockets: the Lake Boon Association, the towns which envelop its borders, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This Great Pond is a valuable asset. We must restore and preserve it for the future generations.

Sincerely, Aldo Parker



47 Plymouth Rd  
Holden, Ma 0152  
6 Dec 01

Lake Boon Commission  
Lake Boon Association

Dear member,

I am writing this letter to support the application of the Lake Boon Commission and the Lake Boon Association for a Lake & Pond grant from the Dept. of Environmental Management.

Our family have been summer residents of Lake Boon since 1969. We have enjoyed the pristine beauty of the area and the purity of the lake for all these years.

Our children have learned to swim, water ski, life saving, boating safety etc.

Now our lake is challenged by a profusion of nuisance weeds.

Without your help with a grant, we will eventually lose a special place in our local environment and an important place in our lives.

Sincerely,  
Arthur F. Powell ms

December 11, 2001

Mr. Don Hawkes, President  
Lake Boon Association  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Mr. Hawkes;

First, let me commend you and your organization for the continued effort you have put forth for the preservation of our beautiful Lake Boon. I know I speak for all eight families of our own Sudbury Road Association when I say that the lake is a primary reason none of us has moved in the past 30 years!

We are genuinely concerned with the increased weed infestation in the lake. We can no longer put our boats into the lake in the eastern basin (the "Stumps") due to weeds fouling the propellers and the shallowing of the water, and if left unchecked we foresee the entire lake similarly fouled in the future.

We all support the local initiative to gain a Lake and Pond grant from the Department of Environmental Management to treat infested portions of the lake with safe, licensed herbicides. Further, we agree with the need to develop and implement a Watershed Management Plan to assure the health of the lake in the future.

Please keep us informed of the progress seeking both the Lake and Pond Grant and the Watershed Management Grant.

Sincerely,

Peter and Inger Rhoads  
375 Sudbury Rd.  
Stow, MA 01775

PH: 978-562-7647  
e-mail: pkrhoadssr@aol.com

Subj: Grant Program Support Letter  
Date: 12/13/2001 10:43:26 AM Eastern Standard Time  
From: grock@davis-art.com (Georgiana Rock)  
To: Lhawkes105@aol.com

Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association,

As home owners on Lake Boon we are very concerned about the infestation and spread of weeds in our beautiful lake. Our concern is three-fold.

(1) The idea that the ability to enjoy the lake for swimming, boating, fishing, etc. will gradually be destroyed is a horrible thought. The weed problem has gone on without treatment and we now see large parts of the lake choked with a destructive weed.

(2) Our second concern is the value of our home and property. If the weed infestation goes on untreated we, and everyone else with property on or around the lake, will end up with a homes on a swamp. Swamp front property is not a big seller. Therefore the value of all homes on Lake Boon go way down.

(3) And lastly . . . All too often we wait too long on matters such as this. Time passes, nothing is done, and the problem gets worse and harder to fix. Something needs to be done now!

Therefore, we are fully in support of the local initiative to obtain grants that will enable us to do what is needed to attack this problem. We are fully in support of herbicide treatment to begin the process of ridding our loved Lake Boon of obnoxious, foreign weeds. And we support further action needed to maintain the beauty and vitality of the lake.

Georgiana Rock  
Fred Rock  
Members of the Lake Boon Association  
114 Barton Rd.  
Stow, MA 01775

Subj: LBC / LBA Lake and Pond Grant  
Date: 12/18/2001 7:33:33 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: adinsmore@att.net  
To: LHawkes105@aol.com (Lori Hawkes)

December 15, 2001

FROM: Mr. John Sandblom, Ms. Alison Dinsmore  
25 Hallock Point Road  
Stow, MA 01775

TO: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Environmental Management

SUBJECT: Lake Boon Commission / Lake Boon Association  
Lake and Pond Grant

To whom it may concern,

As residents of the town of Stow, Massachusetts, we are concerned about the build-up of non-indigenous plant life in Lake Boon. This infestation will eventually disturb the ecosystem of this wetland resource. As these weeds choke the lake, the fish die, the food chain is altered. Without the fish, our precious wetland birds will not return to nest, breed and fish.

We strongly urge you to support the towns of Stow and Hudson in their grant request to improve the quality of the water in this important aspect of the ecological, economic and social well-being of this area.

Though a drop in property values is a concern for us all, at greater risk here is the loss of a once-flourishing natural wildlife habitat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Subj: Grant Program Support Letter  
Date: 12/16/2001 10:28:07 AM Eastern Standard Time  
From: YecastDJ  
To: LHawkes105

Dear Sirs:

12/16/01

I am writing in support of The Lake Boon Commission and Lake Boon Association Initiative in both the Lake And Pond Grant process.

In the 13 years I have lived on the lake I have seen a dramatic increase in the weed problem in Lake boon. Some sections are so over grown with weeds that they have become unnavigatble.

The problem has been studied to death. It's time to take action.

Sincerely,

James D. Stacey

Richard E. Stiles, Sr., M.D.  
58 Pine Point Rd..  
Stow, MA 01775

December 12, 2001

Department of Environmental Management  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To whom it may concern:

I write in support of the application of the the Lake Boon Commission and the Lake Boon Association for a Lake and Pond grant to address the very serious problem of weed infestation in our lake. For seventy years I have been privileged to enjoy the beauty and recreation of this lovely place. But in recent years I have been saddened by the progressive infestation of weeds in the lake. Something needs to be done to arrest this process before this environmentally sensitive spot is irreparably damaged. Local residents through their local Association have raised \$25,000 as the matching share of the grant, and it is expected that the towns of Hudson and Stow will also appropriate funds in support of this grant application. Please come and visit our lake and see for yourself how a wonderful gift of nature needs your help. I would like future generations to enjoy what I have had.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Stiles, Sr., M.D.

Don Hawkes, President  
C/O Lake Boon Association  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

December 3, 2001

Dear Mr. Hawkes,

On behalf of my wife Shannon and myself, I would like to express our support for the Lake and Pond grant application from the Department of Environmental Management which the Lake Boon Association and the Lake Boon Commission are currently jointly applying for. We do not live right on the lake but near to it and enjoy access via the Stow Town Beach. We have seen the effects of the weed infestation in the smaller basins and wish to have this threat to the lake stopped now before it progresses any further up toward the 1st basin of the lake where the town beach is.

Shannon is a registered Democrat and I am a registered Republican and we both support this funding grant effort.

Thank you,

Roger and Shannon Temple  
278 Sudbury Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Rtemple1@aol.com

22 Wildwood Road  
Stow, MA 01775  
December 14, 2001

Don Hawkes, President  
Lake Boon Association  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

John Toole, Chairperson  
Lake Boon Commissioners  
34 Pine Point Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Mr. Hawkes and Mr Toole:

We want to express our support for the measures your organizations are taking to remedy the weed situation in Lake Boon. We support immediate action to treat the infested portions of the lake with herbicides and work toward a Watershed Management Plan.

We strongly support your efforts to obtain funding through the Lake and Pond grant and the Lake Watershed Management grant.

As neighbors of Lake Boon, we are dismayed at the profusion of non-native weeds, which seriously threatens recreational use of the lake. Already we find the public landing of the lake to be useless. It is nearly impossible to navigate through the weeds at the end of the lake surrounding the public landing. This situation threatens to completely close off lake accessibility to the public. Additionally, it would be impossible (or extremely unpleasant) to swim in the weedy areas.

As residents of Stow, we are also concerned at the potential reduction in property values for homeowners and consequent reduction of tax revenue.

Yours truly,



Anne VanTine  
Robert Evans



Mr Leslie F. Wetherell  
16 Davis Road  
Stow, MA. 01775

Don Hawkes  
President Lake Boon Association  
9 Dawes Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Re: De-weeding Lake Boon

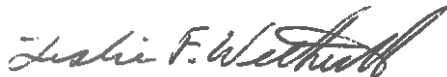
Dear Mr. Don Hawkes

I have been a stow resident for the past 31 years. During this time my family and I have enjoyed living on Lake Boon a great deal. We have enjoyed swimming, skiing, skating and all the other wonderful activities of lake living. In the past I was also the Lake Patrol Officer for several years which gave me yet more understanding of how this lake is used and loved. Seeing the steady decline of the condition of the lake is heartbreaking to us all.

I strongly support efforts to upgrade the lakes condition by chemical or lowering of the water table as long as it does not interfere with the use of my well. Since so many of us here have to rely on wells that are pure and drinkable to survive it is a great concern to me and should be to others. What effects will the use of the above mentioned procedures have on our wells? Will the chemical's used contaminate them? We have been told no. Will lowering the water level dry up our wells? We have been told "TO BAD" put in a new well. That is not good enough for us. The water level should not be dropped so severely that it effects anyones wells. This can be done by not dropping the level below the two foot line. Replacing everyones wells would be costly and almost impossible because of the size of the house lots here. We should not be asked to have to save one thing and destroy another.

In closing, I will support efforts to save our lake however, the procedures used must not make other problems and inconveniences to people who live here in the process.

Sincerely,



Leslie F. Wetherell



Barbara A. Wetherell

**LINDA WININ**

**72 NORTH SHORE DRIVE STOW,MA 01775**

December 12, 2001

Dear Lake Boon Commission Members and Lake Boon Association Members,

I am writing this letter in support of the application and associated processes for the Lake and Pond Grant and the Watershed Management Grant. Our community has invested time, money and countless volunteer hours over the years to research, study and educate the public about the problems and care of our lake.

My family has been a part of the lake community since 1965. During the past 36 years I have watched the lake suffer from the encroachment of the weeds. Swimming, boating and sunbathing have become less fun and more limited. The incidences of ear infections, allergy suffering and eye irritations have increased due to the ill health of the lake. More people, more boats and now jet skis have contributed to the problem.

We need state assistance, a management plan and clear regulations that can and will be enforced to bring our lake back. I would like for my daughter to inherit a beautiful property on a beautiful lake. I certainly enjoyed it in my youth, she is enjoying it now in a more limited sense, and the future is of grave concern.

Thank you for your good work and timely grant requests.

Sincerely,



Linda Winin

December 25, 2001

To the members of the Lake Boon Association and the Lake Boone Commission:

I am a year round resident of Lake Boon. I have been here for three summers and observed the difficult problems that we face with respect to the non-native weed infestation. The occasions that I spend removing them from my shoreline gives me time to contemplate what the eventual outcome of this situation must be: the death of our beloved lake.

I am writing to indicate my full support for the two initiatives that are currently being pursued to help eliminate these problems, namely:

1. **The application for a grant to match funds that the LBA itself is providing from its own pocket for an herbicide treatment program. The fact that the LBA is willing to expend such a large percentage of its resources indicates that it is willing to "put its money where its mouth is"**
2. **The application for a grant to create a comprehensive watershed management program. I view this as a crucial step towards proper management of our lake resource.**

In general, I would like to thank both of you for your hard and diligent work towards creating a healthy and safe lake. Clearly, your efforts to obtain the matching funds for weed treatment and a watershed management program is in keeping with your long standing traditions. I want to commend you and give my full support to you in both of these initiatives.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Yagusic  
68 Lakeside Ave  
Hudson, MA 01759

