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## **FINAL REPORT**

Dear John,

Pursuant to Task 2.2 of our 2022 Watershed Steward Program contract with CRISP and DEC this year we are submitting this Final Report.

We are proud to report that, in large part due to your support, we had another very successful year of our Canadarago Lake Watershed Steward Program.

Highlights:

- The contract required us to operate the program from May to October. Due to staffing, we were able to operate from May 20 to September 10, a total of 113 days.
- During those 113 days, our stewards made a total of 1,877 contacts and inspections, an average of 16.61 contacts and inspections per day, with those numbers typically being much higher on weekends and holidays, and lower on rainy weekdays.
- A total of 64 species, invasive, potentially invasive, and native to Canadarago Lake, were intercepted by our Watershed Steward Program, with specific totals as listed below:
  - Coontail = 13
  - Zebra Mussels = 10
  - Elodea = 15
  - Eurasian Watermilfoil = 11
  - Starry Stonewort = 13
  - Curly Leaf Pondweed = 11
  - Native Pondweed = 1
  - Water Chestnut = 2
  - Other Unidentified = 1
- During these 1,877 contacts and inspections, a total of at least 993 remediation actions were taken, as detailed in the excel detail submitted with this report. Examples of remediation actions taken include but are not limited to those listed below:
  - Cleaned e-motor
  - Had boater remove electric motor prop
  - Had boater remove fishing line
  - Had boater remove weed fragments
  - Water removed from kayak paddle
  - Potassium Chloride crystals placed in both ends of kayak

- Dead vegetation removed from fishing motor
- Had boater clean mud from anchor
- Water drained from motor
- Wiped inside/outside of kayak with Potassium Chloride
- Removed dead algae slime from trailer
- Educated boater about clean, drain, treat
- Checked fishing tournament boats
- Educated boater about role of watershed stewards
- Brushed down bunks of the trailer with stiff bristle snow brush
- Washed boat with pressure washer
- Drained bilge
- Drained live well
- Drained bait bucket
- Inspected fishing gear
- Inspected watercraft
- An additional highlight, is that we were, in conjunction and with approval from NYS Parks, able to establish electrical power to the shelter put in place in the previous year so that stewards are able to have fully charged tablets and phones for both data collection and emergency purposes at all times. Bright lights were also installed on the exterior for safety. Lastly, the boat washing station's capacity was tripled by installing two additional water tanks.

We hope that this report overall pleases you and satisfies your expectations, and we sincerely thank you for your generous and crucial support. Please let us know if you should need anything further.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Dombrowski, President