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Consortium,

The team from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) met with key representatives over a two day meeting / trip in early July. On July 2nd, the team met with Eagle Lake Association members led by Mr. Rolf Tiedeman and Schroon Lake Officials represented by Mr. Steven LaMere. The meeting was held in the Village Offices of Schroon Lake. Briefings on our process and upcoming activities was the focus of the meeting. The team Biologist explained the process of developing the Preliminary Restoration Plan (PRP) and what it includes. A sample is attached for your use. This is not specific to the three lakes, but submitted for your knowledge. In addition to the PRP, several concerns were raised regarding the process before and after the development of the PRP. The next day, July 3rd, we met with Saratoga Lake Association Member - Mr. Bob Macmillan, who expressed many of the same concerns as the representatives from the day prior.

In order for us to proceed, there are several preliminary tasks that we must do before we can develop a comprehensive plan for restoration. Two valuable resources within the USACE have been contacted and they are: The Aquatic Plant Control Operations Support Center in the Jacksonville District and Waterways Experiment Station, Center of Aquatic Plant Research and Technology. The guidance we receive from these two resources will enable us to better develop a plan that is acceptable by all involved and to reach the desired result. The tasks are summarized below:

Preliminary / On-going Tasks for 3 Lakes

- Continued coordination with our Aquatic Plant Control Operations Support Center in the Jacksonville District for guidance with the Aquatic Plant Control program and how to obtain their services for the Feasibility Phase. If response is favorable, they will provide a Scope of Work of tasks to be performed in the Feasibility phase along with an associated cost estimate. May also be able to provide a rough estimate of construction costs and any post-construction monitoring costs.

Time line for Scope of Work and Cost estimates: 2-3 months; receive by Oct.

- Continued coordination with our Waterways Experiment Station, Center of Aquatic Plant Research and Technology to look into obtaining their services for the Feasibility Phase. If response is favorable, they will provide Scope of Work of tasks to be performed in the Feasibility Phase and an associated cost estimate. May also be able to provide a rough cost estimate of construction costs and any post-monitoring costs.

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- Researching for current laws on transportation of invasive species in New York state along with a literature research for management plans, to include adjacent state's invasive plant management plans.
- Will draft the Preliminary Restoration Plan according to information gained through research and coordination with APCOSC and WES.

Estimated completion- November

These tasks are only the beginning of the coordination and input needed for developing a comprehensive restoration plan for the three lakes.

In addition to this task listing, a Sample PRP and information regarding Section 206 of Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), 1996, is included . Section 206 will be the authority by which we will develop the PRP, conduct the study, and implement the conclusions of the study, if, within compliance of National Policy.

There is a Section of the Flood Control Act, 1954 that may be applicable to a specific problem at Saratoga Lake. The river restrictions observed may be removed under Section 208, provided that the lands adjacent to the river are public (please verify) and flood damages have been recorded (please verify). More research, in particular - ownership of adjacent lands and the river itself, will need to be done in order to develop a plan for implementing a Section 208 study / action. The original authority and problem identification did not list flow restriction as a component to the original request and may need to be addressed under a separate authority.

In closing, the team would like to extend our thanks to all who met with us and took the time out of your busy holiday schedule to meet and show us around and describe the conditions of each of the lakes.

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