

Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc.

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Ms. Donna L. Wadsworth
Manager of Communications
International Paper Company
568 Shore Airport Road
Ticonderoga, New York 12883

Dear Donna:

I am pleased to submit to you the Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. 2007 request for support from the International Paper Company Foundation. Our proposal seeks funds to help support our continued efforts in monitoring, documenting and maintaining the water quality of Eagle Lake, which is located in the Towns of Ticonderoga and Crown Point.

Established in 1907 and incorporated in 1993, ELPOI is a not-for-profit organization that serves to protect the mutual interests of its property owners, and to maintain the environmental and recreational quality of Eagle Lake for all users. As a volunteer organization, ELPOI relies heavily on its membership, governmental agencies and various grant opportunities to assist us in supporting these goals.

Just some of the major issues that ELPOI is involved in presently are: the monitoring of the environmental quality of the lake through participation in the Citizens State Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP), including milfoil management and fecal coliform analysis; working in cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Essex County Fish Hatchery in maintaining and restocking healthy populations of native fish in the lake; the ongoing efforts of an Adopt-A-Highway Program to keep Route 74 and areas around the lake trash free; the monitoring and adjustment of Eagle Lake's water level, as covered under the NYS DEC's Adopt-A-Natural Resource Program; and the educating of ELPOI members and guests to the lake in regards to NYS Boating Rules and Regulations.

Should you require any additional information, or have any questions regarding our organization, please feel free to contact ELPOI Water Quality Project Chair, Mr. Rolf Tiedemann. We hope that you act favorably on our request. Thank you for this opportunity.

Most Sincerely,

Tonya L. Condon
Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. Member

Mission Statement

Established in 1907, and incorporated in 1993, ELPOI is a not-for-profit organization that serves to protect the mutual interests of its property owners, and to maintain the environmental and recreational quality of Eagle Lake.

Objectives

In 1907, owners of property at Eagle Lake, Essex County, New York, organized to form the Eagle Lake Property Owners Association. In 1993, the organization was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of New York State, and in 1996, was approved for treatment under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The organization continues to meet and maintain the same objectives as established by its founders:

The re-stocking of Eagle Lake from state and local hatcheries.

The regulation and control of a uniform lake level.

The prevention of pollution of Eagle Lake's waters.

The protection of spawning beds.

The protection of the mutual interest and property of its members.

In 2007, ELPOI celebrates its 100th year of responsible lake stewardship.

ELPOI Officers 2007

President	-	Jere Paddack
Vice-President	-	Rolf Tiedemann
Secretary	-	Todd Condon
Treasurer	-	Rinaldo Fraize

ELPOI Board of Directors 2006

Andy Belkevich
Lloyd Burroughs
John Pynn

Jim Schultz
Lewis Zankel

Audit Statement

As a 501 (c) (3) corporation that has an annual operating income under \$25,000, we are not required to complete a Form 990.

- A copy of our current operating budget is attached.
- A copy of our 501 (c) (3) letter is attached.

Proposed International Paper Company Foundation Grant Budget

• ELPOI Water Test 2007	\$150.00
• CSLAP Water Testing Program	\$250.00
• Communications Expenses Including Educational Mailings and Website Hosting*	\$605.00
• Purchase Cost for replacement and upgrades to milfoil marker buoys	\$300.00
TOTAL IP Grant Request:	\$1,305.00

* ELPOI pays for 50% of the website hosting cost, while the other 50% is donated by the ELPOI member who runs this site.

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Grant Proposal

This grant application seeks funding to help support ELPOI's continuing efforts in monitoring, documenting and maintaining the water quality of Eagle Lake, which is located in the Towns of Ticonderoga and Crown Point.

1.) To help ELPOI cover the cost that has been imposed upon us for the continued test monitoring of Eagle Lake waters in conjunction with the NYS CSLAP (Citizens State Lake Assessment Program) and NYS FOLA (Federation of Lakes Association). This is a volunteer program in which lay citizens perform the collection of lake water samples over a 12-week summer period for the testing, analysis and reporting at NYS DEC facilities. In prior years, this program was offered at no charge. Due to budget constraints at the NYS DEC, continued participation in this program requires a cost deferral payment. The members of ELPOI complete supplemental water testing for Fecal and chemical analysis not covered in the CSLAP testing program. Both test analysis provide for a good picture of the current health of the lake and will hopefully provide advance warning to problems before they become major items.

2.) To help ELPOI expand the monitoring of the exotic invasive plant species known as Eurasian Water milfoil and to combat its spread. This builds on previous work done with International Paper Company Foundation Grant money that was used to purchase a global positioning unit to identify and map the locations and sizes of the Milfoil patches in Eagle Lake. An underwater video camera with light and VCR, were purchased with the 2006 IP Grant funding. The results of the pictures that were obtained with this equipment were instrumental in documenting and showing the extent of the milfoil density and absence of any native vegetation in one patch in the center of the lake. As a result of the monitoring and documentation of the spread of milfoil this year, ELPOI is planning to further marker the milfoil beds around the lake to alert boaters as to its locations.

3.) To help cover the mailing and web page hosting costs for ongoing education communications with the members of ELPOI and the various local, state and national agencies that help with the management of Eagle Lake. Approximately 50% of the ELPOI membership has access to the Internet, and ELPOI maintains an active and up-to-date e-mail list of these people. In addition, all of the people that work at the local, state and national agencies have e-mail. In the fall of 2000, ELPOI established a web page at www.eaglelake1.org to better inform people of the actions that the corporation is involved in regarding lake management. This site gets regular hits as several of the pictures showing milfoils unchecked growth were taken by local lake resident Janie Stevens on Eagle Lake. The pictures are the "poster child" for showing what mature milfoil beds look like at many conferences. ELPOI communicates regularly with it membership about the happenings with regards to lake monitoring, etc. A copy of the Spring 2007 Newsletter is attached for reference.