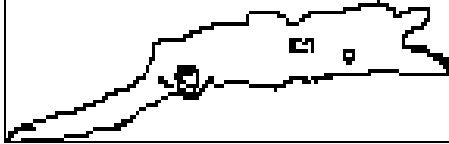


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January 11, 2006

Hello, Eagle Lake Residents,

Happy New Year!

It is with great excitement that I write to you today on behalf of Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. to share some good news! We now have in our hands the application to seek New York State matching funds for use in milfoil eradication on Eagle Lake. The Fall 2005 Newsletter describes this opportunity in more detail.

The Towns of Crown Point and Ticonderoga will be the applicants, with our input. They will apply for funds to use all possible methods to eliminate milfoil. Today, the approved methods include hand harvesting and mats; in the future, they may include herbicides such as Sonar if the Adirondack Park Agency defines the conditions under which they will allow herbicides to be used. If the Towns are successful with this Grant application, this will launch a two to three year effort to eradicate milfoil on the lake.

Obtaining this grant requires matching funds. For every \$1.00 the applicant requests from New York State, the Towns need \$2.00 to be provided in match. This can be done in two ways:

1. cash contributions
2. volunteer labor (hand harvesting in front of your property, or participating in a volunteer crew working elsewhere on the lake) valued at New York State minimum wage of \$6.75/hr. during 2006, and \$7.15/hr. after January 1, 2007.

In order to apply for the Grant, the Towns need a realistic idea of how much match money we can commit. Our experience this past summer was that hand harvesting milfoil is time consuming and expensive when using paid labor. There is no experience with using herbicides

in the Adirondack Park, but we know it will not be cheap. We need all the money we can get to have the greatest possible impact removing milfoil from the lake. Therefore, lake residents and friends are encouraged to pledge support at this time. The application is due the last week of February, so we are asking that pledges be submitted by January 31st.

Tentatively, the Grant Application budget is as follows:

\$25,000.00	Funding previously received through NYS Senator Stafford (now held by the Town of Crown Point). \$5,500.00 was spent during 2005 on diving equipment and divers; however, these funds still can be used as match.
\$ 5,000.00	Current ELPOI restricted milfoil control funds
\$20,000.00	Target for funds to be raised by donations and in-kind volunteer labor
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\$50,000.00	Sub-total amount that ELPOI and the Town of Crown Point can contribute to project match
\$25,000.00	Amount of Grant being requested based on 2:1 match
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\$75,000.00	Total amount proposed for milfoil eradication on Eagle Lake, using all approved methods

If we do not receive pledges for the \$20,000.00 in donations and in-kind labor that we are targeting, or if we receive more, we will adjust the Grant application accordingly. The minimum grant for which we can apply is \$10,000.00. The extent of the problem on Eagle Lake, however, can definitely use more funds.

Attached are two forms for you to use in making pledges of money or time. Another form is attached for you to report any volunteer time that you have already spent since April 1, 2005. Please return them to me at [couchrock@isunet.net](mailto:couchrock@isunet.net), or 236 Trail Ridge Road, Ames, IA 50014 at your earliest convenience.

Also attached is an ELPOI membership form for those of you who have not previously joined and for those of you who would like to renew your memberships for 2005-2006 and have not done so. It will help our cause if our association shows broad membership and support!

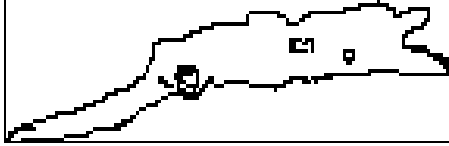
Let's all get involved to ensure the good quality of Eagle Lake!

Sincerely,

*Sue*  
Susan G. Barwig, President

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## Cash Pledge

In support of milfoil eradication on Eagle Lake, I hereby pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc., payable in 2006. **Note:** At this time, we are requesting pledges only. You can make your actual contribution any time during 2006.

ELPOI is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Contributions to ELPOI are tax deductible.

\_\_\_\_\_ My pledge is contingent upon receipt of an Aquatic Invasive Species Eradication Grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. If the Grant is not received, this pledge is null and void.

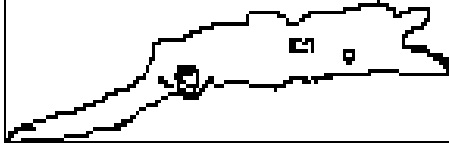
\_\_\_\_\_ My pledge may be used by ELPOI for milfoil eradication activities outside the grant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Volunteer Pledge**

Any time spent removing milfoil can be used as in-kind services toward the 2:1 match. Volunteer time is valued at New York State minimum wage, \$6.75 per hour during 2006 and \$7.15 per hour after January 1, 2007.

In support of milfoil eradication on Eagle Lake, my family, friends, and/or I hereby pledge \_\_\_\_\_ hours of volunteer time during 2006.

In support of milfoil eradication on Eagle Lake, my family, friends, and/or I hereby pledge \_\_\_\_\_ hours of volunteer time during 2007.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will hand harvest milfoil in front of our/my property in accordance with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and Adirondack Park Agency rules. (Copies of the rules will be made available.)

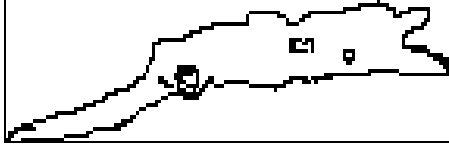
\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will participate with other volunteers in harvesting milfoil in other parts of the lake through activities such as raking, transporting, and disposing of harvested material.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**VOLUNTEER TIME REPORT**

**(Please note that volunteer service is defined as: “Individuals performing work exclusively for the project who are not reimbursed in any manner.”)**

Since April 1, 2005, we/I have spent \_\_\_\_\_ hours hand harvesting milfoil from Eagle Lake, or participating in group milfoil removal activities as follows (If additional space is needed, use the back of this sheet.):

Date	Hours worked
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_____	_____
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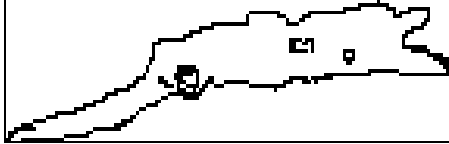
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**2005-2006 Membership**

(Membership in ELPOI runs from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting -  
July to July. So, this membership runs from July 2005 to July 2006.)

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Name (Please print)

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Winter Address (Please print)

Winter Telephone

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Summer Address (Please print)

Summer Telephone

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E-mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_ Owner Membership    \$20.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership    \$10.00

(An associate member is a non-property owner. An associate member has the privileges of membership except for voting.)

Membership dues are payable to:    Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc.  
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