

WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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VOTE

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Grant Application – Aquatic Invasive Species Control

WHEREAS, Washington County Code Section 4.27 requires that grant applications be approved by the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Program set forth in NR 198 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and §23.22(2)(c), Wis. Stats., establishes a cost-share grant to public and private entities for up to 75% of the cost of projects to control invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the lakes and rivers of Washington County are an important natural resource used by the public for recreation and enjoyment which should be afforded protection from infestations of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Land and Water Resources Management Plan (2nd Revision 2011-2020) identifies the need to promote the identification, control and management of invasive plant and animal species in order to protect and preserve land and water resources of the County; and

WHEREAS, Washington County may apply for an Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant not to exceed \$200,000 to assist local efforts to provide information and education on the types of existing and potential aquatic invasive species in the County, threats posed to the County's aquatic resources and the techniques available for control and prevention of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has grant funds available up to a maximum award of \$150,000 and 25% matching funds from the County (\$50,000), which will be fully satisfied with no levy increase and by the in-kind services of the County and public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts and lake owner associations; and

WHEREAS, the Final Draft of the Washington County Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Plan sets forth recommended planned actions for the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator including continued funding and support of a coordinator position; and

WHEREAS, Washington County was successful in obtaining a similar grant in 2010 which utilized a vacant Project Technician Position in the Planning and Parks Department making this position responsible for carrying out the duties outlined in the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Agreement and the associated Wisconsin Statutes and Wisconsin Administrative Code; and

