

ATTACHMENT A

I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING PROPOSALS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

Applicant status: Applicant is a municipality. *Only municipalities are eligible to submit grant proposals. Not-For-Profit conservation organizations (with 501(c)(3) status) and local interest organizations such as unincorporated lake associations can develop project proposals but they must be submitted by the municipality in which the target site is located.*

Target species: Target plants are not native to Connecticut, and considered invasive, listed by the Invasive Plants Council and/or listed in CGS 22a-381d (see Attachment E).

Access: Target properties and water bodies are publicly accessible. *Areas must be open to public access and use. Sites do not have to be developed for public use (i.e. sites that do not have restrooms, picnic tables, parking lots, boat launch areas, etc. are still eligible for funding).*

Project type/goal: Project goal is the eradication, permanent removal or long-term control of the target plant(s). *Routine periodic maintenance projects are not eligible.*

PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE:

- Submission of a complete application package (see Attachments B, C, and D), including free-form responses to questions 9-18 and all required maps and documentation materials in hard copy. *Note that an electronic version of the cover sheet (Attachment C) and the narrative of the Scope of Work (Attachment B, question # 15) in either MS Word or PDF file formats either emailed or saved on CD or DVD will be required from all applicants approved for funding following notification of decisions.*
- Demonstration that the funding requested will provide funding for a project that addresses a new or immediate threat, and not for on-going or continuing maintenance efforts.
- Demonstration that the project will have long-term benefits.
- Demonstration that any applicable federal, state and/or municipal authorizations (i.e. permits) have been obtained, or are obtainable in a timely fashion.

II. REVIEW CRITERIA

Proposals will be ranked and ultimately selected based upon the following considerations:

- Compliance with all eligibility requirements listed above.
- Degree of access available to the public.
- Amount of public use and potential for people to spread target species.
- Does the project target a new infestation (first observed with the last 3 years).
- Degree and imminence of threat posed by target species.
- Does the project target multiple species.
- Ecological benefits of project.

- Recreational benefits of project.
- Benefits to rare/endangered/threatened/species of concern.
- Effectiveness of control measures (completeness & duration).
- Effectiveness of site rehabilitation/re-vegetation component.
- Quality of post treatment monitoring plan.
- Quality of long-term management plan. (*Applications which demonstrate a commitment to continue the proposed project beyond the initial year of its implementation without additional DEP support will be viewed more favorably.*)
- Ability of applicant to implement and complete project in a timely fashion. (*This includes the extent to which proposals would be completed within one year from the contract execution date. It also takes past performance of the applicant into consideration if previously provided funding by DEP or other state source).*)