

Invasive Aquatic Species Sign Project Summary Report

Project Name: Invasive Aquatic Species Sign Project

Originator: St. Lawrence County Water Quality Coordination Committee

Date: October 18, 2007

Funders: Brookfield Power, New York Power Authority

Background:

The St. Lawrence County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) is a consortium of several different agencies, institutions, organizations and individuals. Membership is comprised of 54 groups or individuals with a core group, including:

St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District – Dawn Howard,
Acting Chair

St. Lawrence County Planning/Environmental Management Council (EMC)

USDA Farm Services Agency

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

Cornell Cooperative Extension

St. Lawrence County Public Health

NYS Department of Health (DOH)

NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee

USDA Natural Resources Conservation
Service

Federation of Lake Associations

St. Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT)

League of Women Voters

Association of Code Enforcement Officers

St. Lawrence University

Clarkson University

New York Power Authority (NYPA)

Lake Ozonia Association

Black Lake Association

One of the projects of this committee for 2005-2006 was the placement of informational signs at boat launches and other water access points within St. Lawrence County that inform the public about steps they can take to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic species. In order to cover these sites in the County, the WQCC applied to the Raquette River Fund and the St. Regis River Fund (Brookfield) in late September 2005 and the St. Lawrence River Fund (NYPA) in 2007 for the cost of the signs, posts and mounting hardware that have been located in each of these watersheds. The cost of signs at sites that fall outside these watersheds, such as the Oswegatchie and Indian Rivers, for example, will be covered by the WQCC account on-hand balance.

One hundred (100) signs were made by Voss Signs of Manlius, NY and are heavy

polyethylene plastic (0.110 gauge), 18" X 24", white background with two-color printing on one side. The signs were bolted to 8-foot galvanized U-posts and placed after consultation with the property owner. In some cases, signs were affixed to existing kiosks as appropriate. A sample sign and photos of a couple of installed signs are included in this document below under the "Photos" section. ***Spare signs, posts and mounting hardware are being stored and are available at the St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District, 1942 Old DeKalb Road, Canton, NY 13617. Phone: 315-386-3582.***

Distribution:

Candidate sites for the signs were initially identified from the Map For All Seasons (St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce), with additional sites added.

Signs were delivered to NYPA for placement at:

1. Hawkins Point Boat Launch
2. Robert Moses State Park Marina
3. Massena Intake Boat Launch
4. Wilson Hill Boat Launch
5. Coles Creek State Park Boat Launch
6. Whittaker Park Boat Launch, Village of Waddington

Signs were delivered to non-NYPA boat launch sites along the St. Lawrence River from Hammond through Lisbon Beach. Signs were delivered to Brookfield Power for placement at all sites under their control. The St. Lawrence County Youth Conservation Corps placed 11 of the signs.

A complete listing of sites under this project appears at the end of this document.

Photos:



Sign at Hawkins Point Boat Launch Kiosk, St. Lawrence River



Sign at Blake Reservoir, Raquette River

Sign Distribution Summary as of 10/18/07:

Date	Location	Site Control	# Signs Provided
8/2/06	Postwood Park	Town of Potsdam	1
8/2/06	Parmeter Site launch	Brookfield	1
8/2/06	Carry Falls launch	Brookfield	1
8/2/06	McNeil Campground launch	Brookfield	1
8/2/06	Stark launch	Brookfield	1
8/2/06	Blake launch	Brookfield	1
8/2/06	Rainbow launch	Brookfield	1
8/2/06	Five Falls launch	Brookfield	1
8/10/06	South Colton canoe launch	Brookfield	1
8/2/06	Flat Rock launch	Brookfield	1
8/2/06	South Colton launch	Brookfield	1
8/2/06	Norwood launch	Brookfield	1
8/2/06	Higley launch	Brookfield	1
8/2/06	Colton canoe launch	Brookfield	1
9/14/06	Sylvia Lake launch	Sylvia Lake Assoc.	1
10/3/06	Chub Lake launch	DEC	1
10/24/06	Black Lake State launch	DEC	1
10/24/06	Black Lake Lakeside Lodge	Black Lake Lakeside Lodge	1
10/24/06	Black Lake Fish & Game Club	Black Lake Fish & Game Club	1
12/1/06	Pleasant Lake	Lyle Hotis	1
3/8/07	Black Lake (Edwardsville)	Leslie Wilson	1
4/19/07	Eel Weir SP launch	OPRHP	1
4/19/07	Brandy Brook launch	OPRHP	1
4/19/07	Cedar Island SP launch	OPRHP	1
4/19/07	Coles Creek SP Marina	OPRHP	1
4/19/07	Higley Flow SP launch	OPRHP	1
4/19/07	Jacques Cartier SP launch	OPRHP	1
4/19/07	Robert Moses SP launch	OPRHP	1
4/19/07	Sandy Beach cartop boat launch	OPRHP	1
6/07/07	Hawkins Point launch	NYPA	1
6/07/07	Robert Moses SP Marina	NYPA	1
6/07/07	Massena Intake launch	NYPA	1
6/07/07	Wilson Hill launch	NYPA	1
6/07/07	Coles Creek SP launch	NYPA	1
6/07/07	Whittaker Park launch	NYPA	1
6/2/07	Mt. Arab Lake	Mt. Arab Lake Assoc.	1
6/2/07	Eagle Crag Lake	Mt. Arab Lake Assoc.	1
8/8/07	Grass River Canton State launch	DEC	1
8/13/07	Cranberry Lake State Campgr.	DEC	1
8/13/07	Fowler Sullivan Rd. launch	Town of Fowler	1
8/13/07	Fowler Rt. 58 launch	Fowler Rod & Gun Club	1
7/20/07	Hammond Town launch	Town of Hammond	1
7/20/07	Hammond Town dock	Town of Hammond	1
8/8/07	Lake Ozonia launch	Lake Ozonia Assoc.	1

8/18/07	Madrid Municipal Park	Town of Madrid	1
8/18/07	Madrid River St. boat launch	Town of Madrid	1
7/20/07	Greenbelt	City of Ogdensburg	1
7/20/07	Patterson St. boat launch	City of Ogdensburg	1
9/15/07	Lisbon Beach launch	Town of Lisbon	1
Total			49
Work in Progress (permission and installation needed):			
2007	Grass River State launch Clare	DEC	1
2007	Schermerhorn Landing	Commercial marina, Hammond	1
2007	Morristown Marina	Village of Morristown	1
2007	Heuvelton launch	Village of Heuvelton	1
2007	Grandy's (Russell)	Commercial campground	1
2007	Waddington Community Dock	Village of Waddington	1
2007	Yellow Lake	"Semi-public" launch	1
2007	Little River, Canton	St. Lawrence University	1
2007	Lehman Park	SUNY Potsdam	1
2007	Ives Park	Village of Potsdam	1
2007	Norwood Village Beach	Norwood Village	1