

March 20, 2015

Robert Minarich, General Manager
Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District
1805 Burlington Beach Road
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Dear Mr. Minarich:

On behalf of DNR Director Cameron F. Clark, I am pleased to inform you that your organization's application for maintenance treatment for Long Lake in Porter County has been conditionally selected for FY 2015-2016 funding from the Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program.

The grant will cover up to 50% of the project cost up to a total amount not to exceed \$2,500 for maintenance treatment of Eurasian watermilfoil on Long Lake. The grant funds must be used as described in your application with the remaining 50% of the matching contribution to be addressed by your organization. You will have up to one year to complete the project and submit claims.

The grant will be finalized when the funds are encumbered in the state's accounting system to your organization with an approved purchase order. We are working with DNR accounting to make sure this is accomplished. You will be notified when the funds are encumbered and the project may commence.

Exact details and a scope of services for the proposed project will need to be finalized with the assistance of your LARE project manager, Ashlee Haviland. Ashlee's e-mail address is ahaviland@dnr.IN.gov and her phone number is 317-234-8348.

She will contact you in the near future to discuss project details and initiate a Request for Proposals (RFP). Please do not solicit project proposals from consultants prior to communicating with Ashlee. She will work to assist you with this process and other organizational details.

Thank you for your interest in Indiana's Lake and River Enhancement program. We look forward to working with your organization on this project.

Sincerely,

Gregory L. Biberdorf
LARE Program Manager
cc: Ashlee Haviland, LARE Project Manager