

# DNR News

## Division of Fish & Wildlife

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## DNR grants address invasive aquatic plants in lakes

Department of Natural Resources grants totaling more than \$447,000 will be used to fight invasive aquatic vegetation in Indiana's lakes.

The grants were awarded by DNR director Cameron F. Clark through the Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program in the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

The 36 projects involve 55 lakes in 13 counties. They were selected from applications submitted by local sponsors who share at least 20 percent of the total cost. The LARE grants are "user-funded/user-benefiting" generated through the LARE fee paid by boat owners annually when they register their boats with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

These grants allow for the completion of projects that would be difficult for local organizations to fund on their own.

"By targeting treatments to address invasive plants in lakes, we achieve goals of improving aquatic habitat while enhancing recreational opportunities for fishing and boating," said Mark Reiter, director of DNR Fish & Wildlife.

Lake users will benefit from efforts to control or manage aggressive non-native species, including Eurasian watermilfoil, curly-leaf pondweed, and starry stonewort, that can take over and clog lakes. The grants can also provide economic benefits to lake communities by improving and increasing public access opportunities for those who fish or pleasure-boat.

The list of projects by water body, county and grant award:

Water body (County)	Grant award
Adams Lake (LaGrange)	\$14,140

Atwood Lake (LaGrange)	\$6,000
Backwater Lake (Kosciusko)	\$2,500
Barbee Lakes Chain area: Kuhn, Barbee, Little Barbee, Irish, Sawmill, Banning and Sechrist lakes (Kosciusko)	\$5,000
Bass Lake (Starke)	\$18,800
Beaver Dam & Loon lakes (Kosciusko)	\$2,555
Big Long Lake (LaGrange)	\$18,000
Big Turkey and Henry lakes (Steuben and LaGrange)	\$31,000
Bruce Lake (Fulton and Pulaski)	\$5,000
Center Lake (Kosciusko)	\$16,600
Chapman Lakes area: Big Chapman and Little Chapman lakes (Kosciusko)	\$22,112
City of LaPorte area: Clear Lake (LaPorte)	\$7,200
City of LaPorte area: Pine and Stone lakes (LaPorte)	\$28,972
Crooked Lake (Steuben)	\$11,500
Four Lakes area: Mill Pond, Kreighbaum, Cook and Holem lakes (Marshall)	\$14,800
Hamilton Lake (Steuben)	\$8,000
Hudson Lake (LaPorte)	\$12,200
Jimmerson Lake (Steuben)	\$22,500
Koontz Lake (Marshall)	\$8,800
Lake George (Steuben)	\$10,875
Lake Lemon (Monroe and Brown)	\$5,000
Lake of the Woods (Marshall)	\$12,400
Lake Pleasant (Steuben)	\$9,280
New Lake (Gibson)	\$14,800
Oliver, Olin and Martin lakes (LaGrange)	\$5,200
Pretty Lake (LaGrange)	\$13,600
Skinner Lake (Noble)	\$4,000
Stone and Brokesha lakes (LaGrange)	\$11,880
Sylvan Lake (Noble)	\$5,000
Tippecanoe Lake Chain: Tippecanoe, James and Oswego lakes (Kosciusko)	\$31,500
Valparaiso area-Flint Lake (Porter)	\$20,000
Valparaiso area-Long Lake (Porter)	\$2,500
Wall Lake (LaGrange)	\$11,720
Wawasee and Syracuse lakes (Kosciusko)	\$20,875
Webster Lake (Kosciusko)	\$5,000
West Otter Lake (Steuben)	\$7,700
Total	\$447,009

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