



STAFF REPORT

Title: Letter of Support - Lakeland Industry & Community Association (LICA) Beaver River Watershed - Aquatic Invasive Species Fund

Meeting Date: August 8, 2023

Executive Summary:

Attached is an email from the Lakeland Industry & Community Association (LICA) asking for a letter of support for the Beaver River Watershed to include with their grant application to the Aquatic Invasive Species Fund.

The intent of this multi-year grant funding is to increase the prevention, early detection, and response efforts of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in our region. If LICA is a successful recipient of this grant, this funding will support increased disbursement of AIS educational resources, will implement a monitoring program for various AIS and where/if AIS are detected, the implementation of necessary control efforts.

LICA is seeking letters of support to accompany this grant application, and are hoping we find value in the following project components that will benefit our municipality located within the Beaver River watershed:

- Implement an Aquatic Invasive Species monitoring program at a variety of lakes in the watershed. Testing will be completed for a variety of invasive species.
- Offer a voluntary public boat cleaning station at different locations during high-traffic weekends for lake users.
- Increased dispersal of educational resources.
- Installation of AIS educational signage at priority lakes.
- Implement AIS control measures where necessary.

Priority lakes for the monitoring program will be determined based on the threat of AIS spread due to public access/boat launch and the number of residents around the lake.

Background:

Alternatives:



Recommended Action:

Administration recommends that Council authorize a letter of support to the Lakeland Industry & Community Association (LICA) for the Beaver River Watershed to include with their grant application to the Aquatic Invasive Species Fund.

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

No

Submitted by:

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