

**Dane County Land & Water Resources Department**  
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## **CONTRACT AQUATIC PLANT HARVEST APPLICATION**

### **BACKGROUND & GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

As time, budget and harvesting priorities allow, Dane County may be able to provide contracted mechanical aquatic plant harvesting to private individuals and organizations as long as that harvesting is consistent with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) permits, or the proposed harvesting is approved by appropriate WDNR staff.

**NOTICE:** Dane County operates mechanical harvesters on various county waters pursuant to WDNR required and approved Aquatic Plant Management Plans and 5-year permits issued to the County pursuant to requirements found in NR 109, Wis. Adm. Code. County harvesting priorities are to provide for the public interest in recreational use access and to maintain Yahara River flow. Harvesting needs to be done according to conditions identified in both the plan and the issued permits.

This application must be used to request contract harvesting services and must be filled out as completely as possible in order to determine the applicant(s) area proposed for harvesting and extent of cutting requested. Yahara Chain of Lakes, property identification numbers have been issued for this chain of lakes. These identifying numbers should be included on the application and be clearly visible when viewed from the lake (i.e. the number visible on a pier) so that harvesting operations know where they need to cut. County lakes not included in the property identification program must be described in sufficient detail to enable application review and potential harvest operations.

A lake map which shows the area proposed for harvesting should be included with this application. The Dane County website DCiMap may be used to help prepare a detailed project map: <https://dcimapapps.countyofdane.com/dcmapviewer>.

An application requires a **\$20** non-refundable fee to cover administrative costs and coordination. A county plant scout or designee will do an on-site visit to determine the scope and range of harvesting and targeted plant species. **NOTE:** Harvesting typically targets aquatic exotic plant species although at times certain native plant species growth may result in recreational conflict and be cut.

The County estimates on-site review (which to the extent possible will be done in conjunction with the permit applicant or designee) will take approximately 5 hours and cost **\$250**. This fee includes contact and coordination between the County and appropriate WDNR staff. Large projects may require longer evaluation and internal coordination, and if so, these fees will be determined prior to the review and added to the overall final contract.

The following includes general cost information for harvesting and may vary depending on whether or not equipment is found on the proposed lake since changing lakes will require mobilization and transportation costs. Additionally, changing lakes also results in equipment cleaning and decontamination to minimize the opportunity for aquatic invasive transport. The following table identifies the general costs for harvesting which may apply to the proposed project. In most cases, the costs listed in the table presume that two harvesters and crews are available.

Contact John Reimer, Water Resource Engineering, at 608-224-3612 with questions.

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| <b>Mobilization costs*</b> | <b>\$340</b> (relocation from one lake to another including elevator crew for plant removal/power wash) or<br><br><b>\$140</b> within lake cost |
| <b>Harvest cost*</b>       | <b>\$650</b> Full day (4-8 hours)<br><b>\$325</b> Half day (up to 4 hours)  |

## Section 1 – Applicant Data

Permit Applicant Name:

Permit Applicant Address:

Lake Property Number (where applicable):

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

## Section 2 – Location of Aquatic Plant Removal

Waterbody (lake name):

Map of proposed harvest area or areas (use map requested or download from county DCiMap website).

Brief description of the problem resulting from plant growth and the type of harvesting the applicant(s) are seeking to resolve the conflict:

## Section 3 – Fees

Note: Initial fees for proposed harvesting will only include the non-refundable application fee and the fee for aquatic plant scout or county designee site evaluation. Following the site visit and coordination with the applicant(s) the county will identify more specific project costs. The applicant will then be notified of the proposed project costs and is then responsible for submitting at least one-half of the cost prior to harvesting and the remainder within a week following completion of harvesting

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| Non-refundable application fee included. | \$20  |
| Plant scout or designee fee              | \$250 |
| Total                                    | \$270 |

**Section 4 – Applicant Responsibilities.**

1. The applicant has identified all the properties proposed for harvesting, included their lake property identification numbers, provided a description of what they are proposing for harvesting, included a map of the proposed project area, has included a check to cover appropriate fees and agrees to have the lake property numbers clearly displayed so that harvest crews know where harvesting activities are to occur.
2. The applicant understands the County is required to comply with the conditions specified in both the WDNR approved Aquatic Plant Management Harvest Plans and the current NR 109 Wis. Adm. Code permits.
3. The applicant understands that a site visit is required by the county plant scout or designee and that the nature, extent and amount of harvesting is dependent on the site visit, compliance with approved management plans and permits and/or coordination and comments received by contact with appropriate WDNR staff.
4. The applicant understands that the County has a WDNR approved priority system (found on the county website at <http://danewaters.com/management/AquaticPlantManagement.aspx> or available from the county upon request) established for harvesting operations. This priority system is a part of the overall harvesting program and is implemented to deal with problems associated with excessive aquatic plant growth. Using the priority system is key to county planning and budget issues. As such, contract harvesting will only be done when time and opportunity allows.
5. The applicant agrees to hold Dane County, its boards, commissions, officers, agents and employees harmless from and against any and all losses, liabilities, demands, claims and damages of any kind to persons or property except those caused solely by the county's negligence or willful misconduct.

I/we hereby certify that the above information is true and correct and that I/we agree to comply with the applicant requirements.

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Applicant signature

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Date Signed