



# Town of Sudbury Community Preservation Committee

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## PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

Applicant: Jeff Winston

Submission Date:

10/6/2023

Group or Committee Affiliation (if any): Hop Brook Protection Association

Applicant Address:

c/o HBPA, Box 707, Sudbury, MA 01776

Purpose (please select all that apply):

- Open Space & Recreation
- Community Housing
- Historic Resource

Applicant Email & Phone Number:

jeff@hopbrook.org 978 443 2589

Project Manager Email & Phone Number: As submitter

Project Name: Project Water Chestnut Remediation

Project Description: Remediation of Water Chestnuts from Hop Brook Pond System.

### Costs:

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources (Amount and Source)
2025	30935	30935	
2026	25286	25286	
2027			
2028			
2029			
<b>Total</b>			

How does this project meet the General Criteria and Category Specific Criteria for Community Preservation Committee projects (see attached)?

See attached.

Does this project fall within the jurisdiction or interest of other Town Boards, Committees, Commissions, or Departments? If so, please list the boards, committees, commissions, or departments, whether applications and/or presentations have been made, and what input or recommendations have been given.

Approvals from the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen for this program have been obtained

For Community Preservation Committee Use:

Form Received On: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Presented to CPC On: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Determination: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOP BROOK PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Restoring and Preserving Sudbury's Ponds

Box 707, Sudbury, MA 01776

### Attachment to CPC Project Submission Form 10/6/2023

The Sudbury portion of the Hop Brook watershed includes a series of three connected ponds with a history of environmental degradation. As a result of prior phosphorus loading, uncontrolled vegetative overgrowth, and stagnation, these lakes have become highly eutrophic. Compounding this problem, water chestnut emerged as a dominant invasive species 30 years ago, entirely covering the ponds each summer. They produce seeds with sharp, dangerous barbs, and plants that provide breeding grounds for mosquitoes carrying dangerous viruses. When the water chestnuts die each fall, they fall to the bottom of the ponds. One acre of water chestnut plants produces over 40 cubic yards of biomass each year, further degrading water quality. These plants effectively suppress all native plant species growing in the ponds.

Prior attempts to control these plants with mechanical harvesting and hand-pulling were ineffective. Thanks to a CPC grant in 2019, the HBPA initiated a program of chemical treatment that has been very effective, resulting in significant reductions in the amounts of water chestnut. We use an environmentally-friendly, rapidly-decaying chemical treatment, applied multiple times annually, in decreasing amounts over a number of years. The safety and effectiveness of this approach has been well-documented by successive aerial photographs and in-pond surveys. This treatment is used successfully in Framingham, Wayland, Concord, Acton, and elsewhere. We previously investigated other approaches (vacuuming, ultrasound, benthic barriers), and found them to be ineffective or impractical.

We are requesting funding for two additional years of treatment. In 2019, we applied to CPC for a 5-year grant to control the water chestnut using this approach. Because of the lack of clarity of what would be required in years 4 and 5, CPC generously gave us a 3-year grant, and told us to apply for a new grant for years 4 & 5 when the requirements were more clear. We used the first grant for treatments in 2020, 2022, and 2023. In 2021, our vendor failed to deliver, and no payments were made. Starting in 2022 we switched to a new vendor who did not previously exist and we are very happy with their work. Our current vendor has demonstrated that they can execute the process in a practical, feasible, timely, and effective manner for the quoted cost. Because of their success, less treatment is needed each year. (Our original grant was for \$60K/year, this request is for less than \$30K/year).

This treatment is a key component of a comprehensive multi-modal approach to improving water quality in the Hop Brook watershed, with the goal of restoring water quality in the ponds and stream to class B (suitable for recreational purposes). Since the historical source of phosphorus pollution (the Marlboro Easterly water treatment plant) is now in compliance with

strict EPA discharge limits, we now can focus on solving the problems within Sudbury that contribute to excess nutrients in the stream and ponds.

To that end, a separate 2022 CPC grant has allowed us to work with a consultant to develop a comprehensive watershed-based plan, which will provide Sudbury with guidance on how to achieve this goal. The plan will provide an integrated, multi-year plan for water quality remediation, of which water chestnut removal will be only a part. However, that's a year or two in the future, and in the meantime, we must continue our annual treatment of water chestnut so that we do not throw away the progress we have made. Accordingly, with this application we are requesting funds for an additional two years (years 4 & 5) of water chestnut treatment.

The treatment program allows us to preserve the essential character of the town by preventing these otherwise-threatened recreational waterways from turning into smelly swamps. This is especially important for Grist Mill Pond as the Wayside Inn complex is Sudbury's largest tourist attraction.

Attached is a quote from our new vendor. (Note, the quote includes some items for FY 2024 which will be paid out of existing HBPA funds). In addition to this quote, we have budgeted \$700/year for drone photos of the ponds. We have found that taking these photos before and after each treatment makes it much easier for ourselves, and the vendor, to assess the effectiveness of treatment. The breakdown of funding sources and expenses is in the table below.

	2025 treatment	2026 treatment	photos	Total	Grant Request
FY 24 Funding (HBPA)	2000			2000	
FY 25 Funding (CPC)	28235	2000	700	30935	30935
FY 26 Funding (CPC)		25076	210	25286	25286
Totals	30235	27076	910	58221	56221

Note that there is ~\$37K from our original 3-year grant that will be reverted.

This program has the strong support of the Wayside Inn, the Sudbury Conservation Commission, and Lori Capone, the Conservation Coordinator (letters of support attached). The initial 5-year grant request also had the explicit support of the Selectboard and the Ponds and Waterways Committee.

Please give this application serious consideration. The Hop Brook Pond system is an essential part of Sudbury's character and a valuable town asset. Without control and eventual eradication of this invasive species, 80 acres of ponds and wetlands currently used for recreation and wildlife would be turned into a stagnant and unattractive bog.

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Prepared For

Hop Brook Protection Association  
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**Water & Wetland, LLC**

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Web: www.waterandwetland.com

Estimate # 20759  
Date 09/15/2023  
Business / Tax ID: 85-1677147, CT Bus  
Tax # Reg #: PMBR.03620

Description	Total
<b>2024 Hop Brook Ponds Water Chestnut Control Program</b>	<b>\$30,235.00</b>
Prepare and File State Pesticide Use Permit (WM04) (FY2024)	\$400.00
<p>In February/March, Water &amp; Wetland, LLC will prepare and file the required State Pesticide Use Permits (WM04) with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA-DEP). As required in the Order of Conditions, copies of the WM04 Permits will be provided to Sudbury Conservation Commission and all work will be performed in accordance with the permits. Price includes filing fees paid to the State.</p>	
Pre-Management Survey & Water Quality Collection (FY 2024)	\$1,400.00
<p>In early-mid June, Water &amp; Wetland, LLC will conduct a pre-management survey of the ponds. The pre-management survey will be conducted from a motored jon-boat and will utilize visual observation and a standard throw-rake, as necessary. GPS will be used to document locations of the species within the ponds. The purpose of the pre-management survey is to determine native and non-native plant populations and their abundances throughout each of the three waterbodies. Additionally, the pre-management survey is used to determine effects of the management activities on both native and non-native populations.</p>	
<p>During the pre-management survey, water quality data will be collected. As required in the Order of Conditions, each pond will be sampled (one sample per pond) for: nitrate nitrogen, total kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), ammonia, total phosphorus, dissolved phosphorus, algae ID and enumeration, E. coli enumeration, turbidity, true color, apparent color, alkalinity. These samples will be sent to the appropriate laboratories for analysis. Additionally, secchi disk clarity will be measured, temperature and dissolved oxygen profiles, and pH will be measured on-site using calibrated meters.</p>	



Work Plan Preparation and Submittal (FY 2024) \$200.00

Following the pre-management survey, prior to the commencement of vegetation control, Water & Wetland, LLC will prepare and submit a 2024 work plan to Sudbury Conservation Commission. The work plan will show the expected treatment areas via polygon maps. A letter will also be included addressing potential impacts on non-target native vegetation, water quality, fish, invertebrate and aquatic life that could result from the 2024 work.

Pre-Work Site Visit Attendance (FY 2024) \$0.00

Prior to chemical treatment, Water & Wetland, LLC will set a pre-work site visit with the Sudbury Conservation Coordinator (if elected). The purpose of the pre-work site visit is to review the scope of work, access points, and conditions contained in the Order of Conditions.

Water Chestnut Treatments (FY 2025) \$23,685.00

In early July, Water & Wetland, LLC will initiate the initial treatment of water chestnut in all three waterbodies. Clearcast (imazamox) herbicide will be paired with a non-ionic surfactant and applied directly to the water chestnut in the ponds. An airboat or other most appropriate boat will be launched in the ponds. The herbicide mixture will be applied to the water chestnut plants through foliar application from the airboat/treatment boat, which is equipped with a calibrated pump/spray system. Treatment will occur once the leaves of the water chestnut plants have reached the surface. One follow-up treatment will occur later in the season targeting any remaining water chestnut or water chestnut non-impacted from the initial treatment due to boat passes, splashing, etc. The second application will occur prior to the water chestnut plants setting seed (typically mid-August). Prior to treatment(s), brightly colored posters will be hung around the shoreline noting the treatment, affiliated water-use restrictions, and Water & Wetland's contact information. The Conservation Commission will be notified a minimum of 48 hours in advance of any treatments.

\*All equipment will be inspected and cleaned prior to being launched within any of the Hop Brook Ponds. No treatment will occur during periods of heavy winds and/or with precipitation forecasted during the day of treatment.

\*\*Notwithstanding the foregoing, all services provided by Water & Wetland, LLC will be performed in compliance with The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection – Form 5 – Order of Conditions (“OOC”) as attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A and as incorporated by reference into this Agreement. The OOC outlines all services to be provided to Hop Brook Protection Association (“HBPA”) by Water & Wetland, LLC.

\*\*\*The cost breakdown for each treatment is \$16,660 for the initial treatment, and \$7,025 for the follow-up treatment.

Post-Management Survey & Water Quality Collection (FY 2025) \$3,550.00

In September, Water & Wetland, LLC will conduct a post-management survey of the ponds. The post-management survey will be conducted from a motored jon-boat and will utilize visual observation and a standard throw-rake, as necessary. GPS will be used to document locations of the species within the ponds. The purpose of the post-management survey is to determine native and non-native plant populations and their abundances throughout each of the three waterbodies. Additionally the post-management survey is used to determine effects of the management activities on both

native and non-native populations.

During the post-management survey, water quality data will be collected. As required in the Order of Conditions, each pond will be sampled (one sample per pond) for: nitrate nitrogen, total kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), ammonia, total phosphorus, dissolved phosphorus, algae ID and enumeration, E. coli enumeration, turbidity, true color, apparent color, alkalinity. These samples will be sent to the appropriate laboratories for analysis. Additionally, secchi disk clarity will be measured, temperature and dissolved oxygen profiles, and pH will be measured on-site using calibrated meters.

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Year-End Reporting (FY 2025) \$1,000.00

Prior to December 1st, Water & Wetland, LLC will submit a year-end summary report to both Hop Brook Protection Association and Sudbury Conservation Commission. The year end report will meet the specifications required in the Order of Conditions and will include a summary of all work conducted, area/acreage treated, chemicals and quantity used, relative effectiveness of treatments, monitoring results, water quality summary, impacts of the treatment, and 2025 recommendations.

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**2025 Hop Brook Ponds Water Chestnut Control Program \$27,076.00**

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Wetland, LLC will prepare and submit a 2025 work plan to Sudbury Conservation Commission. The work plan will show the expected treatment areas via polygon maps. A letter will also be included addressing potential impacts on non-target native vegetation, water quality, fish, invertebrate and aquatic life that could result from the 2025 work.

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\*\*\*The cost breakdown for each treatment is \$14,370 for the initial treatment, and \$6,156 for the follow-up treatment.

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Post-Management Survey & Water Quality Collection (FY 2026) \$3,550.00

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During the post-management survey, water quality data will be collected. As required in the

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<b>Subtotal</b>	\$57,311.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57,311.00</b>

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**Notes:**

Work will be invoiced upon completion according to the costs provided above. The quoted price does not include crane costs.

In an effort to provide timely permitting, planning, and treatment, we kindly ask that all quotes be signed by December 15, 2023. Quoted price is valid until December 15, 2023.

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Please note our new mailing address for all payments (top left corner of invoice)



1) The Parties acknowledge that the existence and the terms of this Agreement and any oral or written information exchanged between the Parties in connection with the preparation and performance this Agreement are regarded as confidential information. Each Party shall maintain confidentiality of all such confidential information, and without obtaining the written consent of the other Party, it shall not disclose any relevant confidential information to any third parties, unless required by law.

2) Water & Wetland, LLC will maintain general liability insurance coverage for the term of this agreement in a sufficient amount given the scope and nature of its services under this Agreement. Water & Wetland, LLC will be responsible for all damages, claims, causes of action, injuries and/or legal costs to the extent of its own negligence or misconduct in performing the services under this Agreement. In addition, as required under Section 11c. of the OOC, Water & Wetland, LLC is jointly liable with HBPA for any violation of the OOC resulting from a failure to adhere to its conditions. To the extent that Water & Wetland, LLC is responsible through any act or omission for a violation of the OOC, Water & Wetland, LLC will indemnify HBPA for any losses resulting from such violation.

3) Unless otherwise specified in writing, all payments for permitting, surveys, water quality, and reporting are due within thirty (30) days of receiving an invoice. All payments for herbicide treatments are due within (60) days of receiving an invoice.

4) Water & Wetland, LLC and HBPA agree that HBPA will assess the quality of Services performed by Water & Wetland, LLC following each task. In the event any service is deemed unsatisfactory by HBPA, this shall be brought to the attention of Water & Wetland, LLC immediately. No invoice will be paid by HBPA until the task has been performed at an acceptable level as determined by HBPA. Water chestnut treatments shall be deemed "acceptable" based on the "actual control provided".

"Actual control provided" will be determined as follows:

a) Water & Wetland, LLC will provide to HBPA a pre-treatment map identifying those areas of each pond to be treated. The pre-treatment map will be provided by Water & Wetland, LLC to HBPA no later than 2 weeks in advance of each treatment to permit HBPA sufficient time to capture drone footage of the treatment area prior to the initial treatment.

b) HBPA will, at its own expense, take drone footage of the areas to be treated before the first treatment each year and within approximately 7 days following each of the first and second treatments in each year.

c) Treatment will be considered "acceptable" if the "actual control provided" in each pond, as determined by a comparison of the pre-treatment and post-treatment drone footage, is at least 80% of water chestnuts killed before viable seeds have developed.

In the event that HBPA has paid for services and "effective control" of at least 80% is not achieved in each pond, Water & Wetland, LLC will provide an additional year of treatment to HBPA for each pond in which "effective control" was not achieved, at no additional cost.

5) Any alteration or deviation from the provided scope of services that may involve extra costs will be executed only upon written change orders and will become an extra charge over the final contract price determined by mutual agreement between the parties.

6) The provided pricing shall expire 30 days from the date submitted unless extended in writing by Water & Wetland, LLC.

7) Water & Wetland, LLC will not be held liable for delays that may be caused by weather, site conditions, or regulatory process. We are committed to timely filing of any necessary permits, as provided in the scope of services. The Customer understands that by signing, once filed the permit review process is solely dependent on the State or local municipality responsible for issuance.

8) Unless specified in the scope of services, all quotes provided include labor and materials, as well as any equipment necessary to complete the quoted project in a timely and safe manner.

9) By signing, the Customer understands that some products that may be used hold restrictions on irrigation. It is the Customer's responsibility to notify Water & Wetland, LLC of any irrigation uses of the pond or lake.

10) Herbicides and algaecides used by Water & Wetland, LLC are both EPA and State approved. Although there is no direct toxicity to fish and wildlife, the Customer understands that fish kills can occur naturally due to lack of dissolved oxygen, spawning stress, or otherwise. In this case, Water & Wetland, LLC shall not be held responsible.

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Water & Wetland, LLC

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Hop Brook Protection Association



# Town of Sudbury

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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ConCom@sudbury.ma.us

October 4, 2023

Hop Brook Protection Association  
Attn: Jeff Winston  
118 Barton Drive  
Sudbury, MA 01776

Dear Mr. Winston,

I write on behalf of the Conservation Commission who voted unanimously at their regularly scheduled meeting of October 2, 2023 to support the Hop Brook Protection Association's CPA grant proposal to continue treatment for water chestnut in Grist Mill, Carding Mill, and Stearns Mill Ponds, for an additional two years.

The Conservation Commission has watched this project closely over the past four years and has witnessed a dramatic reduction in water chestnut, following decades of unsuccessful manual removal. No negative environmental impacts have been observed and significant areas of open water can now be seen, once besieged by water chestnut plants. The Hop Brook Protection Association has used allotted funds judiciously and has hired a consultant that is taking great care to make sure treatments are successful while ensuring our resource areas are protected. Whereas water chestnut seeds are viable for at least a decade, additional years of treatment are needed. Ceasing treatment at this stage will allow water chestnut to quickly reinfest these ponds, which once had 50 acres of their surface area covered with water chestnut.

The Commission greatly appreciates all the continued remarkable efforts the Hop Brook Protection Association is putting into protecting some of Sudbury's greatest aquatic resources.

The Conservation Commission enthusiastically supports this initiative and respectfully requests the Community Preservation Committee vote to fund this proposal.

Respectfully on behalf the Conservation Commission,

Lori Capone  
Conservation Coordinator



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*Ice House*

*Old Barn*

*Longfellow Memorial Gardens*

*The Wayside Inn Foundation  
is a Massachusetts 501(c)(3)  
nonprofit organization.*

**Submitted with CPC Funding Application**

September 26, 2023

Community Preservation Committee, Town of Sudbury  
278 Old Sudbury Road  
Sudbury, MA 01776

Dear Committee:

This letter is written in support of the proposed October 6, 2023, application by the Hop Brook Protection Association ("HBPA") for additional CPC funding for continued treatment for mitigation of invasive species in the Hop Brook watershed in Sudbury, Massachusetts.

Since the first phase of the HBPA treatment program began in 2020, we have seen a phenomenal reduction in invasive vegetation in the waterways on The Wayside Inn Historic Site. The previously uncontrolled proliferation of the water chestnut vegetation alone presented not just an aesthetic and malodorous problem for visitors to our property, but a serious threat to the indigenous plants and water life we work hard to protect, and to our historic Grist Mill, which uses water diverted from Grist Mill Pond to power our mill. Our mill, built by Henry Ford in 1928-29, is a fully functioning stone mill used to grind cornmeal and flour, still used in our kitchens today, and it serves an important role in our interpretive history educational programs.

We are immensely proud of the work HBPA is doing to improve our waterways, and fully support their application for additional funding to continue the treatment program through this grant application.

Thank you, and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Christelis  
President, Board of Trustees

cc: Jeff Winston, HBPA

Steve Pickford, GM & Innkeeper, The Wayside Inn Foundation

Sally Hild, Director of Community Engagement, The Wayside Inn Foundation