

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
JANUARY 26, 2026**

**STAFF REPORT
AGENDA ITEM 21.C.
RESOLUTION 2026-02 – REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR MILFOIL
TREATMENT OF PAUGUS BAY AND LAKE OPECHEE**

Discussion: The NHDES Exotic Species Program has awarded the City of Laconia a grant to fund up to 50% of project costs for aquatic plant control remediation in Paugus Bay and Lake Opechee. This is an annual project that removes invasive species currently present in Paugus Bay and Lake Opechee and mitigates their recurrence. NHDES works with the Planning Department to identify locations for plant control to be completed, hires contractors to complete work, and returns for post remediation testing.

The City’s share of the grant is \$57,100 which is 50% of the total cost of the project. The Lake Opechee Preservation Association (LOPA) has offered to reimburse the City for 50% of its share for remediation work in Lake Opechee. This effectively makes the total cost to the City \$52,407.81 which is a \$7,407.81 increase from last year’s appropriation of \$45,000. The cost breakdown is as follows:

Project Cost:	\$114,200.00
NHDES Grant:	(\$57,100.00)
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City Share:	\$57,100.00
LOPA Reimbursement:	(\$4,692.19)
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Total Cost to City:	\$52,407.81

Fiscal Impact: The total cost to the City is \$52,407.81. The City’s share will be expended from the FY27 Administration Non-Departmental budget.

Staff Recommendation: The Planning Department recommends moving this grant acceptance and appropriation request to a Public Hearing on February 9, 2026.

This Report Submitted By: Tyler Carmichael, Assistant Planner

Proposed Motions:

“I move to waive a reading of Resolution 2026-02 in its entirety and to read by title only.”

“I move a first reading of Resolution 2026-02, relative to the acceptance of a 2026 NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant in the amount of \$57,100.00 and appropriate \$57,100.00 to the Administration Non-Departmental account.”

“I move to schedule a Public Hearing on February 9, 2026 during the regular Council meeting to gather public input prior to adoption of Resolution 2026-02.”