

LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
FEBRUARY 9, 2026

STAFF REPORT  
AGENDA ITEM 22.A.  
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

At the January 26, 2026 City Council meeting a motion was approved to schedule a Public Hearing on this matter; that Public Hearing was held earlier this evening.

**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 approving this grant acceptance and appropriation request as presented.

**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 second 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, as presented.”*

*“I move to approve 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 as presented, and to authorize the City Manager to sign all documents related to this matter.”*