

# Maine Citizens' Guide to Invasive Aquatic Plant Management

## **Invasive Aquatic Plant Action Plan**

**FOR**

**Name of site and location**

**20\_\_ - 20\_\_**

*A 5-year time span is recommend for plan development.*

PREPARED BY \_\_\_\_\_

*Prepared \_\_\_\_\_, Updated \_\_\_\_\_*

*Update recommended annually*

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Tasks	Priority	Equipment	Time	Lead Person	Completion Date	
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2: Building program support

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### 3: Surveying your lake

Activity 1:						
Tasks	Priority	Equipment	Time	Lead Person	Completion Date	
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### 4: Fundraising

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**Activities & Tasks for 20\_\_ YEAR of\_\_**

**4: Fundraising (continued)**

<b>Activity 1:</b>						
<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Lead Person</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	
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<b>Activity 2:</b>						
<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Lead Person</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	
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<b>Activity 3:</b>						
<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Lead Person</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	
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## Activities & Tasks for 20\_\_\_ YEAR of \_\_\_

### 5: Sustaining the effort

Activity 1:						
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**6: Evaluating the infestation**

<b>Activity 1:</b>						
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**7: Setting site-specific control objectives**

<b>Activity 1:</b>						
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### 8: Determining control strategies

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**8: Determining control strategies (continued)**

<b>Activity 1:</b>						
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**9: Staffing considerations (Paid & Volunteer)**

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**10: Planning for safety**

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**11: Recordkeeping and permit requirements**

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### 12: Assessing your readiness

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