

# Lakes, AIS & River Grants Streamlining (Surface Water Grants)

- Take actions over the next 2 – 4 years to streamline (consolidate) Lake, AIS and River Grant programs into a more comprehensive and integrated “surface waters” grant program.
- Improve quality outcomes, customer service and reduce staff workload. Set ground work for comprehensive code revisions in next biennium.

# Main Tenants

- Consolidate Application Deadlines - Eliminate year round grant activity
- Single Electronic Application
- Update and Improve Application and Project Guidance
- Stream-lined Lake Health Grants
- Administrative Code Revision / Consolidation

# New Surface Water Grant Deadlines

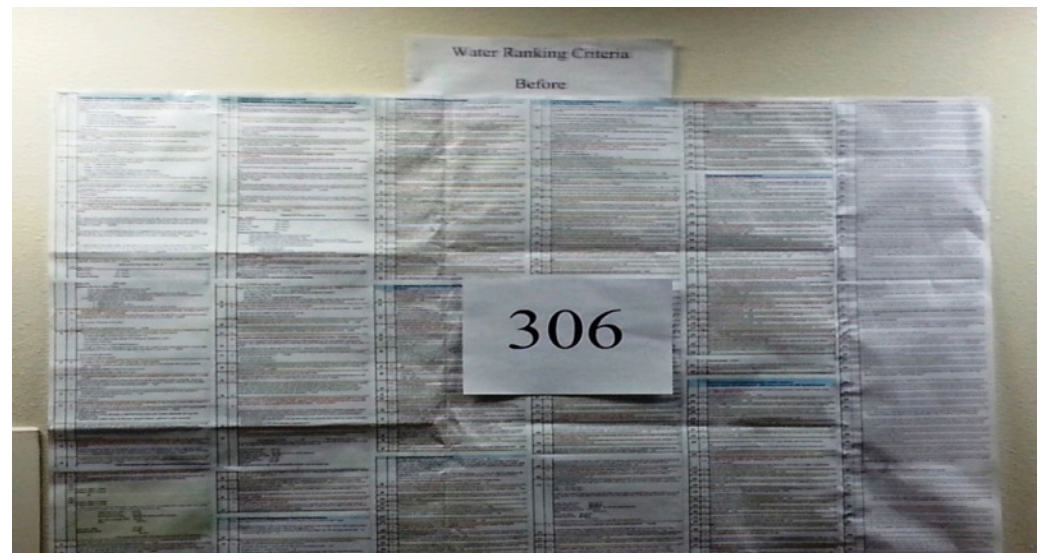
Program Name	Administrative Code	Application Deadlines	Grant Award
AIS Education, Planning & Prevention; AIS Clean Boats, Clean Waters	Ch. NR 198, sub. II	Dec 10	Feb 15
Lake Planning	Ch. NR 190	Dec 10	Feb 15
Lake Classification & Ordinance Development	Ch. NR 191, sub. IV	Dec 10	Feb 15
River Planning	s. NR 195.04	Dec 10	Feb 15
AIS Established Population Control, Maintenance & Containment, Research & Demonstration	Ch. NR 198, subs. IV, V & VI	Feb 1	April 15
Lake Protection	Ch. NR 191, subs. II, III, V	Feb 1	April 15
River Management	s. NR 195.05	Feb 1	April 15
AIS Early Detection & Response	Ch. NR 198, sub. III	Continuous	Continuous

# Lean Goals for Grant Applications

Goal	Baseline (Current State)	Target	Expected (Future State)	Success?
Reduce DNR staff workload.	78 - 336 hours	Reduce 10%	100 hours avg.	Yes – Track some grants
Reduce Lead (delivery) time.	~ 300 hours max	Reduce applicant's time 15%	80 hours avg.	Yes – Ask in Survey 2/16
Improve customer satisfaction	What Problems?	Raise 15%	15% or more	Survey 2/16
Simplify the process	33 steps (39 Initially)	Decrease 10%	28 Steps!	Yes! 16% Decrease

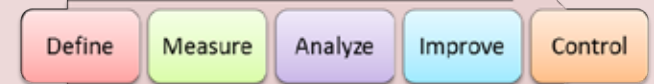
# New Grant Forms

- Goal - Simplify the grant application process for the applicant and DNR.
- Fillable PDF that can be E-mailed with attachments
- Unified Main Form
- Plus Grant Type Form
- One Budget
- Links to guidance & look ups



# Lean Goals for Shoreline Restoration (AKA Lake Health)

Goal	Current	Target	Future	Success?
Reduce grant administration time by 30%.*	41+ hrs, not including EGS	30% reduction		
Improve customer satisfaction.	Unknown	Increase		
Simplify the process.**	17+ steps	30% reduction		
Positive environmental outcome.		100% increase in single-parcel participation in 3 years		
Ensure staff and customer safety	Be safe.	Be safe.		



## STATEWIDE LAKE HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- Top 5-6 best practices across in-lake, transition, and upland zones
  - Cost ranges and averages set
  - Fact sheets and guidance with technical detail

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Adopt as is by  
resolution

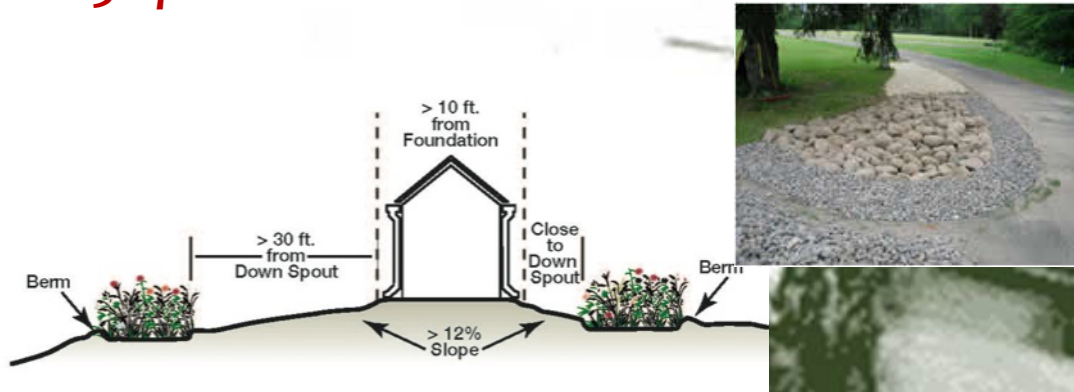
Integrate into  
existing plan

### Eligible for Lake Protection – Plan Implementation Lake Health Sub-category

- Same eligible applicants
- \$25,000 state share with 75/25 state/sponsor match
  - Practice caps based on averages
- 2-year timeline to encourage committed participants and shovel-ready projects

# LAKE HEALTH BEST PRACTICES

## Zone 3 Upland: Rain Garden and Rock Infiltration Pit



**Zone 2 Transition: 10 x 30  
Native Plantings**

**Zone 1 In-lake: Fish Sticks**



## TIMELINE – New Surface Water Grants

**May 15** - Draft Application Form and Guidance: Send to small group of grant applicants for two week review

**June 16** –Post proposed Form and Guidance on DNR Guidance Webpage for 21 day public comment.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/guidance.html>

**Sept 1** – Post final Forms and Guidance on DNR Grants Web site - Revised Application Form & Guidance Materials <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Grants.html#tabx8>

**Dec 10** – Planning Grants Deadline

**Feb 1** – Management Grants Deadline