

Lake Gaston Weed Control Council



Cost Share Opportunity

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Concept

- A program which leverages financial and technical resources to help control invasive and/or nuisance aquatic vegetation on Lake Gaston.
- Available to eligible Dominion permit holders for shoreline herbicide treatments.

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- Incentivize Promote permit holders' participation in weed control efforts.
- Allow for sustaining consistent herbicide treatments.
- Possibility to increase treatment acreage.
- Start with a minor increase in treatment area(s), increase over time, determine effectiveness and public buy in

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1. Requires a multiyear approach to be effective.
2. Survey results will need to be available earlier, used to set priorities.
3. Establish eligibility requirements.
4. Funding would need to be available through an objective award system (a lottery system).
5. NC Extension Associate will need to approve areas for treatment, designate protocol.
6. Cost Share Agreement Administration
 - Execute contracts with permit holder(s), possibly using HOAs.
 - Designate and utilize separate accounts for funds.
 - Execute applicator contract(s) with amendments or special provisions.
 - Herbicide availability, 2-3 year agreement.
7. Liability

A significant increase in complexity of program administration and resources. Will require transparency and stakeholder engagement.