



## REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Chester is soliciting bids for removal of invasive plants from separate, non-contiguous portions of Cedar Lake. Acceptable methods of removal include diver assisted harvesting and hydro-raking. Vendors should submit sealed bids based on the following specifications by 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 to the Office of the First Selectman, Town of Chester, Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT 06412.

### SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

1. A pre- and post- inspection of the areas to be harvested is to be conducted by a team consisting of a representative of the contractor and a representative of the Town of Chester.
2. Deployment of equipment and personnel to the State-owned boat launch area at the north end of Cedar Lake and removal of invasive plants in an area from the boat launch out to the weed-free area of the lake at a depth of approximately ten (10) to twelve (12) feet, an area of approximately 15 feet by 300 feet; and
3. Removal of invasive plants in the swimming area of the Town-owned swimming area on the west side of Cedar Lake along Cedar Lake Road to a depth of approximately ten (10) to twelve (12) feet, an area of approximately 200 feet by 100 feet, including a specific area approximately twelve (12) feet in diameter around the intake of the standpipe at the southern end of this beach area.
4. Removal of invasive plants in front of residences located along Cedar Lake Road, adjacent to the above mentioned Town-owned swimming area to a depth of approximately ten (10) to twelve (12) feet, an area of approximately 700 feet by 100 feet. Property owners will have the opportunity to voluntarily participate in this program and will be responsible for payment for service. The town will assist in contacting, coordinating and collecting funds from property owners.
5. All material removed during these operations shall be placed in areas designated for each section of operations for removal and disposal by the Town.

It will be the Town of Chester's responsibility to secure applicable permits from the Chester Inland Wetlands Commission and the Connecticut DEP (required for use of the State boat launch). All permits must be secured prior to commencement of work.



TIMING:

While timing of work will be part of the bid selection process, the recommended window of operation is to occur between May and mid-June 2010, with plant growth and use of public facilities as considerations. All work should be performed in such a way and on such schedule as to have maximum effective removal of invasive plants and minimum impact on the use of public beach areas.

Documentation including empirical data, and testimonials indicating the advantages of the removal method to be incorporated should be a part of any proposal.

Further information may be obtained from a report entitled "Survey of the Submerged Aquatic Vegetation and Vegetation Management Recommendations for Cedar Lake, Chester, Connecticut", which may be found in the Town website:

<http://chester.org/townhall.htm#lakes>

Lake Survey Report & Management Recommendations.

This report contains information about the layout of the lake, water depths, the prevalence of invasive weeds, and shows the location of the boat launch area and houses along the western shore of the lake.

Additional information about the lake and details of the areas to be addressed may be obtained from Elizabeth Netsch, Director, Parks & Recreation, Town of Chester: [ElizabethNetsch@chesterct.org](mailto:ElizabethNetsch@chesterct.org) or 860-526-0013 ext. 223 and the Office of First Selectman for the areas associated with the State-owned boat launch area and work done for private property owners.

Selected contractor shall provide the Town of Chester with all appropriate insurance certificates and such other documents as may be required to ensure compliance with all safety and liability standards.