

# Lake George Watershed Coalition

## Project Proposal Submission (Completion) Instructions

Applications for review by the committee should contain the following information:

- **Project / Initiative Title**

**Floating Classroom Program**

- **Submitting Organization and Contact(s)**

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- **Lake George Watershed Conference priority**

Clarify the project's alignment with the *LGWC – Future Priorities* document; reference the priority advanced by the project.

Continuing the LGWC's education activities, E-2 – Education – pg. 35, as listed in the Future Priorities of the LGWC.

- **Project Summary (Benefits) Statement**

Include project concept, goals, objectives, deliverables, as well as expected outcomes; identify any critical environmental issues addressed.

Identify the project's environmental benefits as well as its educational and research benefits; include its impact to the watershed. Denote whether the project uses innovative technologies, if it can serve as a model for other projects and/or whether the project uses proven technologies and resources with previously demonstrated success in past practices.

Traditionally, the Floating Classroom has been reserved for middle school students in and around the watershed. The concept and goal of this aspect of the Floating Classroom is to provide this program for municipal, community member and homeowners from around the lake.

The object of this program would be to invite adults from around the lake and provide them with a full itinerary on the Floating Classroom on Lake George. It is anticipated that we will reach about 200-300 adults on 10 separate trips.

Our current funding for this program is for school students, so we are seeking funding to be able to educate adults to foster public ownership and responsibility for stewardship of the Lake.

This hands on education experience has taught thousands of students about some of the basics of water quality showing them what is done on land directly impacts the water quality. This program will engage adults reaching a different audience that will have a positive impact on Lake George.

- **Project Description**

Describe the project, including deliverables, key resources (labor and non-labor), time line and evaluation measures (success criteria); demonstrate project readiness in terms of staff, resources, project schedule, permits and other funding.

The Floating Classroom is an aquatic adventure for the students interested in learning about the Lake George watershed and the exceptional quality of the lake's water. Students investigate different aspects of the lake's ecosystem and learn how to protect and preserve this living water body.

The deliverable of this project is that the adults from the communities surrounding the lake will be educated on the water quality of Lake George while participating on the Floating Classroom.

The Floating Classroom operates from May through October. The adults will attend scheduled trips throughout the time the boat is in the water. No changes to the program will be needed and is ready to go upon approval of the funding.

Funding will be used to supplement the use of the boat.

- **Project Budget**

Provide the project budget information, including major costs (labor and non-labor); identify multi-year funding requirements (e.g. long term O & M) and the potential for phased implementation. Include the % of total budget requested from LGWC and how the local match will be provided.

We are asking for \$4,000 from the LGWC with funding and staff time match coming from the LGA. The estimated cost of the proposed 10 trips is \$7,600.

The project task is for the summer of 2010. If successful, this could be an annual program offered to the adults in the community.

This request from the LGWC represents 53% of the total project cost.  
It is 0.4% of the total award of \$900,000.

**Also attached is the Project Assessment Worksheet that contains the evaluation criteria (with weightings) for projects.**