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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Oneida County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee

RE: CRESCENT LAKE DISTRICT FINDINGS/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Based on additional review of the Crescent Lake District Petition the Conservation UWEX Education (CUW) Committee still hereby finds:

1. ***That the Petition is signed by the requisite number of owners of land in the proposed district.*** The total numbers of signatures needed to achieve at least 51% of landowners in the proposed district is 175. The total number of valid signatures obtained is 192.
2. ***That the proposed district is necessary.*** The Committee heard testimony describing the necessity to have the District assume responsibility over invasive species control in and around Crescent Lake. In addition, testimony was also given on how the District could increase capacity to address other priority objectives listed in their lake management plan such as habitat preservation and restoration, fisheries and wildlife populations, as well as those activities deemed appropriate by the property owners within the District.
3. ***That the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity, or public welfare will be promoted by the establishment of the district.*** The Committee heard testimony describing the benefits to public welfare by controlling Eurasian water-milfoil, improving fisheries, and protecting the overall health of Crescent Lake. The Committee believes the formation of the district provides the best opportunity to address water quality issues, aquatic invasive species, and other lake concerns.
4. ***That the property to be included in the district will be benefited by the establishment thereof, and that formation of the proposed district will not cause or contribute to long-range environmental pollution.*** On the whole, parcels included in the proposed district will benefit by its formation. Property owners within the proposed district are afforded representation to establish plans, priorities, and an annual budget to promote improved water quality, fish and wildlife habitats, control aquatic invasive species, and to promote collaboration among stakeholders.

Therefore, the CUW Committee hereby recommends to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that an Order be issued to establish the boundaries as presented and to declare the district organized and be known as Crescent Lake District.