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**RE: FY2010 FEDERAL §604(b) WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM –
FOREST LAKE, METHUEN, MA**

Association Members:

The City of Methuen is seeking your support in its Request for Response (RFR) proposal due on March 17, 2010, for the above referenced grant. The City is applying for these federal funds to assess water quality problems that may exist at Forest Lake, Methuen, MA. The proposed project for Forest Lake will consist of:

- **A comprehensive biological survey of the lake's aquatic plant species. This would involve developing a transect map to establish transects in the littoral zone as well as utilizing GPS and other methods of identifying and mapping the vegetation.**
- **A thorough assessment of the effectiveness of the water level drawdown that the City has constructed and as part of instituting the Forest Lake Diagnostic/Feasibility Study that was developed in August 1990.**
- **The review of the recommendations instituted by the Community for the lake, as well as a review of recommended management techniques that the City should consider in the future.**
- **Finally, this grant request will allow the City's consultant to conduct a study that should develop and submit an acceptable quality assurance project plan (QAPP).**

Your quick response in this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact Joseph Giarrusso, Conservation Officer at (978) 983-8650 or myself, Monday through Thursday, 8:00am till 4:30pm and Fridays 8:00am to 12:00noon.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Antoon
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