

TEAMWORK TIPS!



Everybody needs a little help now and then! Teaming with others will help you succeed with the Exotic Aquatic Plant Watch, but sometimes it's hard to ask for help, and harder still to know *how* and *where* to ask for help. Use this quick, informative guide as you embark on improving teamwork within your EAPW volunteer sampling effort.

Step 1) Understand why teamwork is important.

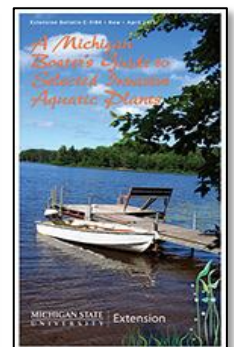
- a) Volunteers are more likely to complete sampling, submit data and continue in the program if work is distributed among multiple volunteers.
- b) Some of the most successful EAPW volunteers have extensive support & help networks!
- c) Volunteering can be more fun and feels less like work with more people.

Step 2) Acknowledge what kind of help you need.

- a) Long-term assistance – recruiting another volunteer(s)?
- b) Short-term, for one event – do you just need some extra hands right now to complete sampling?

Step 3) Use materials & resources to advertise and recruit!

- a) Brochures, field guides and factsheets can be presented to your lake association to attract new monitors
- b) Emphasize that the EAPW Program is not only important, but fun!



Improving overall teamwork: CLMP Staff can help you!

- We can provide materials for advertising & recruiting
- We may be able to visit your lake & help with training you and your team.
- Find our contact information on the other side of this flyer!



Need a hand?

Try contacting some of these organizations if you need some short-term help with your sampling!

Organization Name	Web Address
Master Gardeners - By County	http://mg.msue.msu.edu/contact_us/michigan_master_gardener_groups
4-H	http://www.mi4hfdtn.org/
Boy Scouts	http://www.scouting.org/
Girl Scouts of Michigan	https://www.girlscouts.org/councilfinder/results.asp?STATE=MI
Michigan Garden Clubs	http://michigangardenclubs.org/
Michigan Botanical Club	http://michbotclub.org/



Words of wisdom from successful volunteers!

- *Sampling on a clear day with nice weather, with flat water and sunshine, makes it a LOT easier to sample and see plants.*
- *Get help from garden clubs...they will give you the confidence for identifying plants.*
- *Start a boat wash operation and committee, there will be overlap with folks that contribute to that in the EAPW programs. These early actions are important for lake health.*
- *Tell yourself and everyone that volunteering DOES matter...monitoring and inspection can prevent the green carpet!*
- *Feel good about what you're doing!*
- *If you don't know what you are looking for or doing, just keep at it and keep going, don't give up!*
- *As you're going ...take photos and press specimens for reference collections.*
- *Try to get 2-3 committed people to help you.*

Should you need help identifying an aquatic plant or have questions during sampling please contact:

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