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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Department of Public Works is requesting the approval to enter into a municipal agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County for invasive species removal at Ann Lee Pond. Capital/Mohawk Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM), is hosted by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County. The agreement would allow PRISM to manually remove Lesser Celandine from Ann Lee Pond this spring as well as educate Department staff on how to identify the invasive plant. Their service is at no cost to the County.

Lesser Celandine is an aggressive invader of wetlands that propagates in the spring and dies back in the summer. If left unchecked, it chokes out wetlands and leaves little room for native plant species.

Removal requires completely digging out the bulbils from the soil and disposing of the in dark plastic contractor bags.

If you have any questions or additional information is needed, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Ramundo
Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
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