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## SENATOR NOZZOLIO ANNOUNCES STATE FUNDING AVAILABLE TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

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State Senator Michael Nozzolio today announced that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has initiated a \$2 million grant program to assist organizations with projects to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in the state's waterways. The grants through DEC are part of the State's ongoing efforts to combat aquatic invasive species and aim to foster outreach to users of water bodies, install decontamination stations and provide steward training programs in high priority areas.

“The Finger Lakes Region is known world-wide for its magnificent lakes, rivers, and waterways. Preserving and protecting the beauty and purity of the Finger Lakes region waterways will benefit local residents, businesses, farmers, boaters, sportsmen, vacationers, and all those who visit and live in our region. By investing in preservation and minimizing the harm aquatic invasive species cause, we are investing in the region’s economy and in the future of our communities,” said Senator Nozzolio.

The New York State Environmental Protection Fund is providing the \$2 million funding in the form of grants ranging from \$25,000 up to \$100,000 with a 25-percent match by the organization. Applicants will have to show a statewide or regional focus to their plan.

Grants will be awarded with a priority given to projects located near bodies of water where the shoreline is 50 percent or higher in public ownership. Complete details, including the application for Invasive Species Consolidated Funding, are available online by [clicking here](#). The deadline to submit an application is January 29, 2016.