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***CT DEEP AIS Grant Report:***

***The Lantern Hill Valley Alliance is excited to receive CT DEEP's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant for 2026. This grant funding will support hiring a certified lake manager to evaluate Lantern Hill Valley's three lakes: Lantern Hill Pond, Long Pond, and Bush Pond. For more on the CT DEEP AIS Grant and to read more about what this means for your lakes.***

***CT DEEP staff provided positive feedback, with the Grants Review Team considering our project highly valuable and worth backing. The CT DEEP grant will support hiring a certified Lakes and Watershed Manager to create a comprehensive lakes management plan for the connected lakes in Lantern Hill Valley: Lantern Hill Pond, Long Pond, and Bush Pond.***

***This project includes a detailed aquatic plant survey of these three water bodies, searching for plants listed in the Natural Diversity Database (NDDB), and analyzing water quality data from the 2025 and 2026 spring-to-fall water testing seasons, including pathogen and water chemistry tests. After gathering and analyzing all the data, our contractor will collaborate with the community to create a lakes' management plan, a Rapid Response Plan if Northern hydrilla appears in Long Pond, and a plan for 2027. Stay tuned for updates!***