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NEWS RELEASE

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HCF rakes support toward local invasive species monitoring initiative

MIDLAND, ON, August 10, 2022 – Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) received a grant from Huronia Community Foundation's (HCF) Environment Fund, and Tom and Lucille Gay Memorial Endowment Fund to purchase aquatic plant rakes that will help local citizen scientists monitor for invasive species. Aquatic plant rakes are an important sampling tool for early detection and rapid response to priority invasive species.

Aquatic invasive species monitoring is a major component of the Invasive Species Spotters project, one of several initiatives of the SSEA's Citizen Science program. Citizen science involves community members as volunteer scientists, drawing on local knowledge and passion for important places.

To find out more information or how you can get involved in the SSEA's Citizen Science program visit: <http://www.severnsound.ca/programs-projects/monitoring/Citizen-Science>.

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About the SSEA

The Severn Sound Environmental Association is committed to ensuring exceptional environmental quality and exemplary stewardship of the Severn Sound area through sound science, collaboration, and partnerships. For more information about the SSEA, visit www.severnsound.ca.

Images included:

Photo1 - HCF Executive Director, Scott Warnock presents cheque to SSEA Executive Director, Julie Cayley while Emily Edgley, SSEA's Citizen Science and Water Quality Coordinator (left), holds one of the aquatic plant rakes purchased.



Photo 2 – SSEA Invasive Species Program Coordinator, Tamara Brincat and HCF Executive Director, Scott Warnock demonstrate how the aquatic plant rake collects plants for identification.

