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Laura,

We're excited to submit this proposal to work with lake groups to discuss potential governance models. Based on several other programs we have run, we have a few different options for what could work for your setting.

We agree that an initial meeting with engaged lake associations and other interested parties is a crucial first step to:

- Identify the needs of these associations
- Discuss opportunities afforded by further organizing (whether as a lake improvement district or coalition of lake associations), and what that would entail
- Choose which route, if any, lake groups want to take

Freshwater Society would host the meeting using proven facilitation methods. The outcome of the meeting would be a draft action plan of what the group has agreed to regarding purpose of their collaboration and next steps. If desired, Freshwater could then provide one year of additional support, guiding the group of associations through the implementation of their plan. This additional support has proven to be effective, and would be our recommendation.

Estimates for the two different options (subject to change based on further conversation) are below:

- Meeting alone: \$2,000
- Meeting and guidance: \$7,500

Please let us know if you have any questions about this proposal. We look forward to hearing your response.



Jen Kader, Program Manager



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