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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Funding Available for Water Quality Improvements and Restoration of Pennsylvania Lakes and Reservoirs

**Who:** Pennsylvania Lake Management Society (PALMS)

What: Funding for water quality and restoration efforts on Pennsylvania lakes and

reservoirs

Where: Pennsylvania lakes and reservoirs When: Deadline to apply is August 17, 2018

Why: To assist local entities in restoration efforts on their lake

The Pennsylvania Lake Management Society (PALMS), with funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, is pleased to offer assistance to county and state agencies, municipalities, non-profits, and landowners to address lake-related issues of critically eroded shorelines, excess nutrient loading, and/or aquatic invasive species that degrade the quality of lakes in the Commonwealth. Through this program, we are offering a limited number of mini-grants on a competitive basis of up to \$24,000 to correct identified lake problems. To be considered for funding, the application must demonstrate that the project can be fully implemented and all paperwork submitted for reimbursement by November 1, 2019. Special consideration will be given to lakes located in a watershed with an approved TMDL and/or are listed on the Commonwealth's 303(d) list of impaired waters. Projects that maximize funding toward implementation costs (i.e., not administrative costs) will receive high priority in award decisions.

For application information, go to <u>www.palakes.org</u> and follow links for 2018 Mini-Grants. The deadline for application submission is August 17, 2018.

The Pennsylvania Lake Management Society (PALMS) mission is to promote the further understanding of ponds, lakes, reservoirs and impoundments and their watersheds; the ecosystem of which they are a part; and their protection, restoration and management.

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