



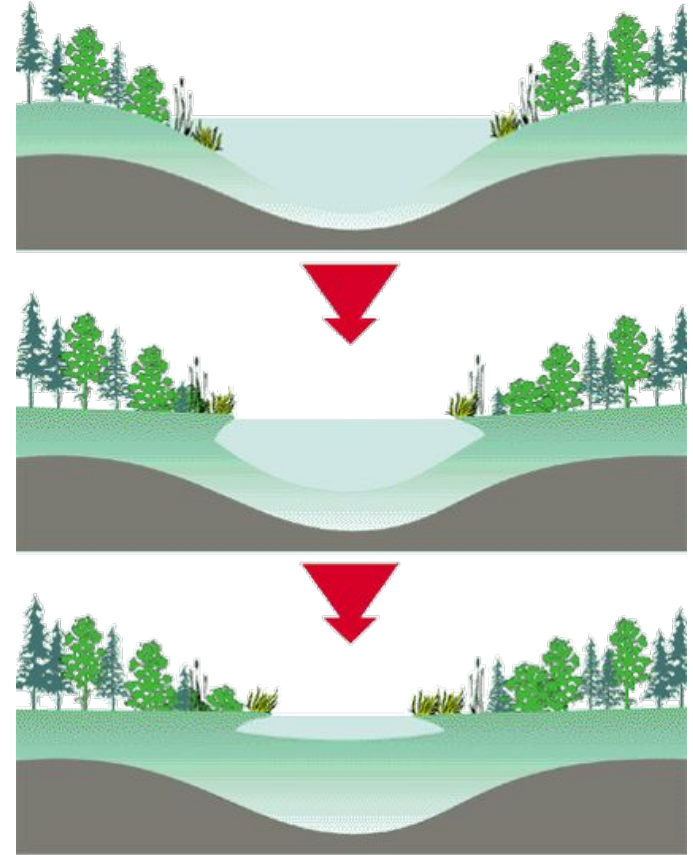
# LakeSmart - Where to Start?

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Lakes, like people, age over time.

They fill in with decayed plants, algae, and sediment.







Human activities speed up the aging process.



Changing land use, changing weather patterns...





...it is no wonder our lakes are suffering.



In 2019, NH LAKES  
launched the LakeSmart  
Lake-Friendly Living  
Program.



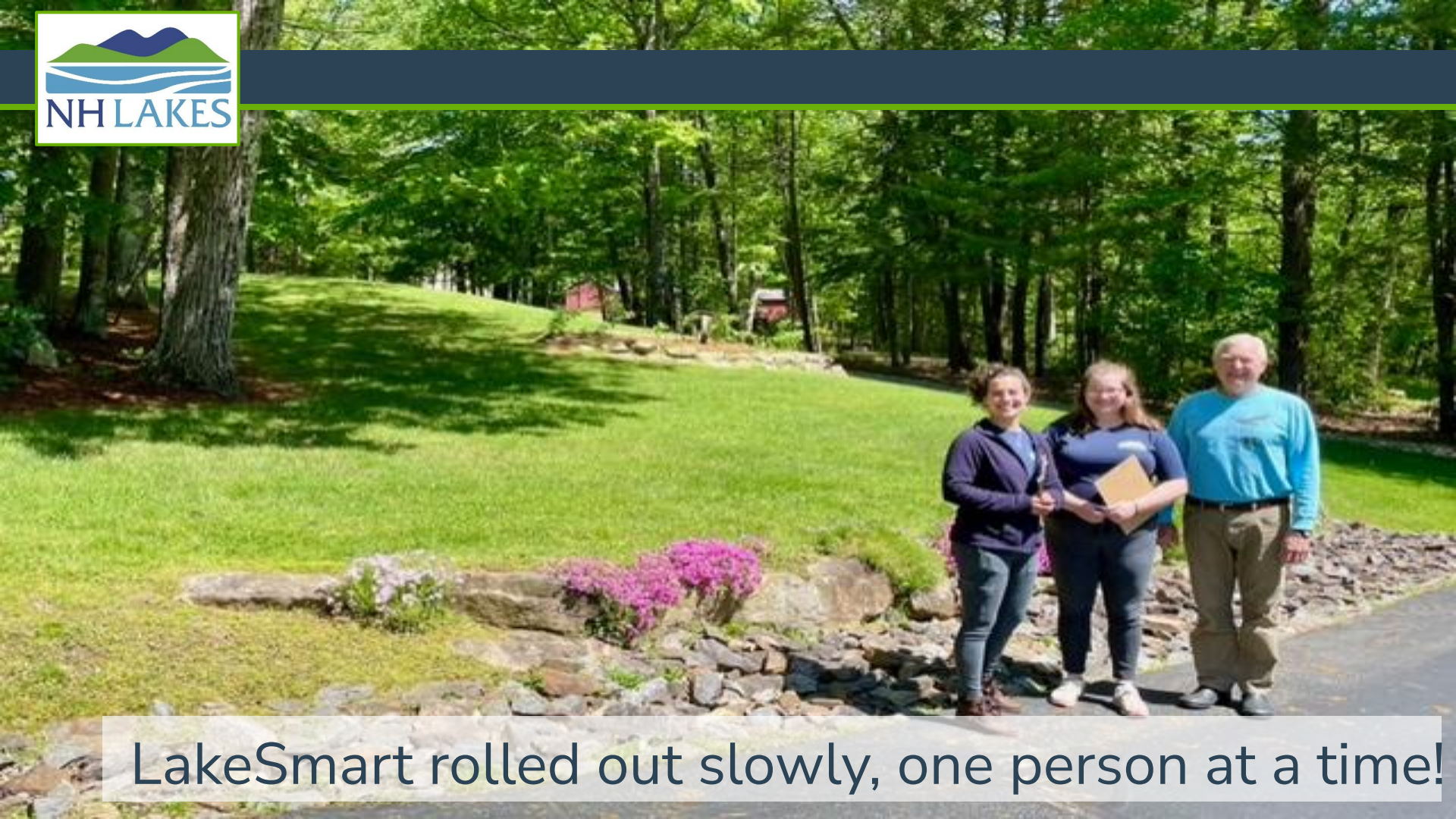




The goal isn't to get people in trouble...

...but to educate and equip property owners with the knowledge to make the right choices.





LakeSmart rolled out slowly, one person at a time!





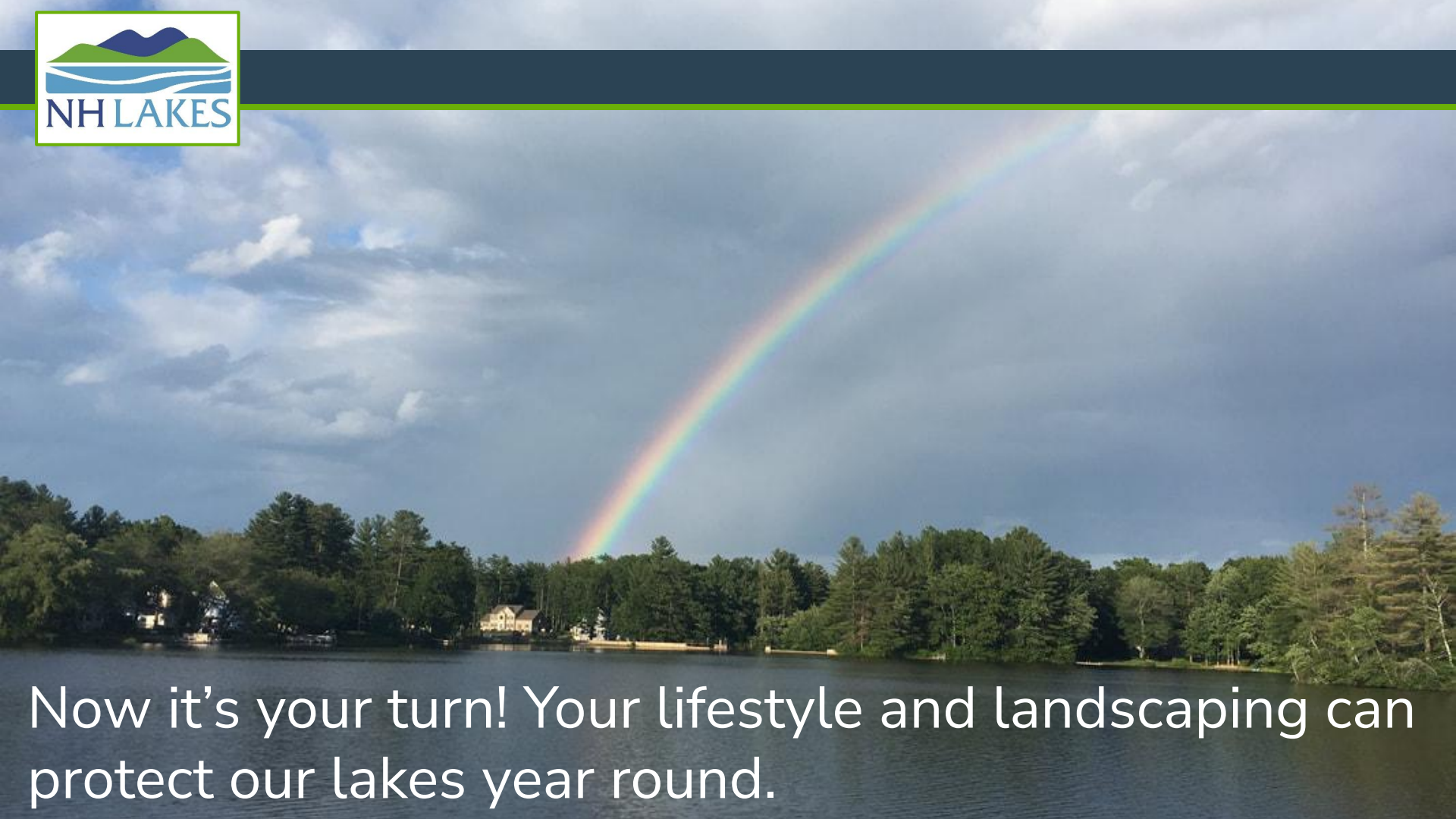
Local lake association partners joined in!





Workshops, community outreach events, and more!





Now it's your turn! Your lifestyle and landscaping can protect our lakes year round.





What is lake-friendly living?



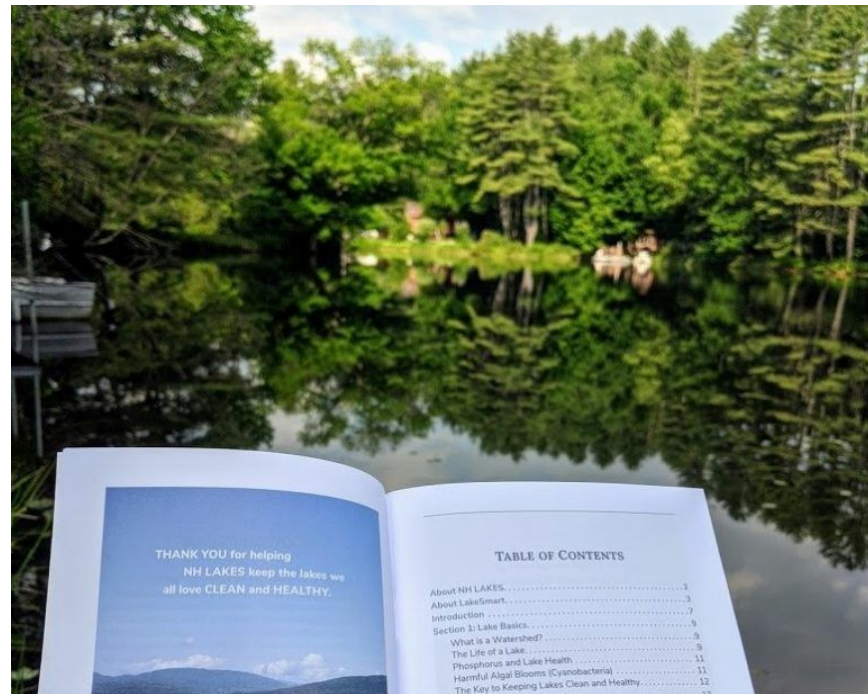


It is living in a way that minimizes your contribution to lake aging.



You can take small steps  
to protect the lake.

Start your lake-friendly  
living journey by taking  
the LakeSmart Start  
online survey!







**Join your local lake association.**



**Or, if you are already a supporter, increase your donation amount!**



## Are YOU local lake association leadership?

- Promote LakeSmart in your community.
- Consider attending our trainings coming up in July!
- Reach out to [lakesmart@nhlakes.org](mailto:lakesmart@nhlakes.org) to start the conversation.







Think about how you treat your septic!

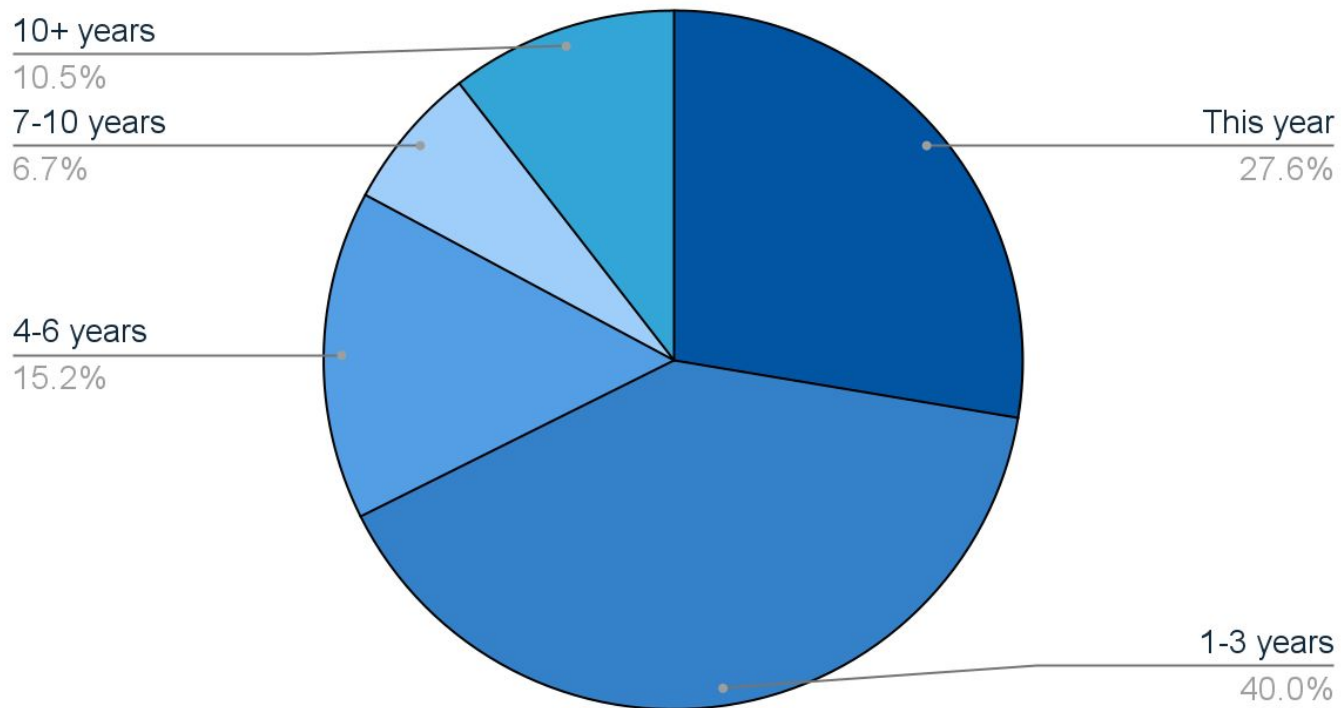
- What are you putting down your drains?
- Water usage?
- Maintenance and inspections?

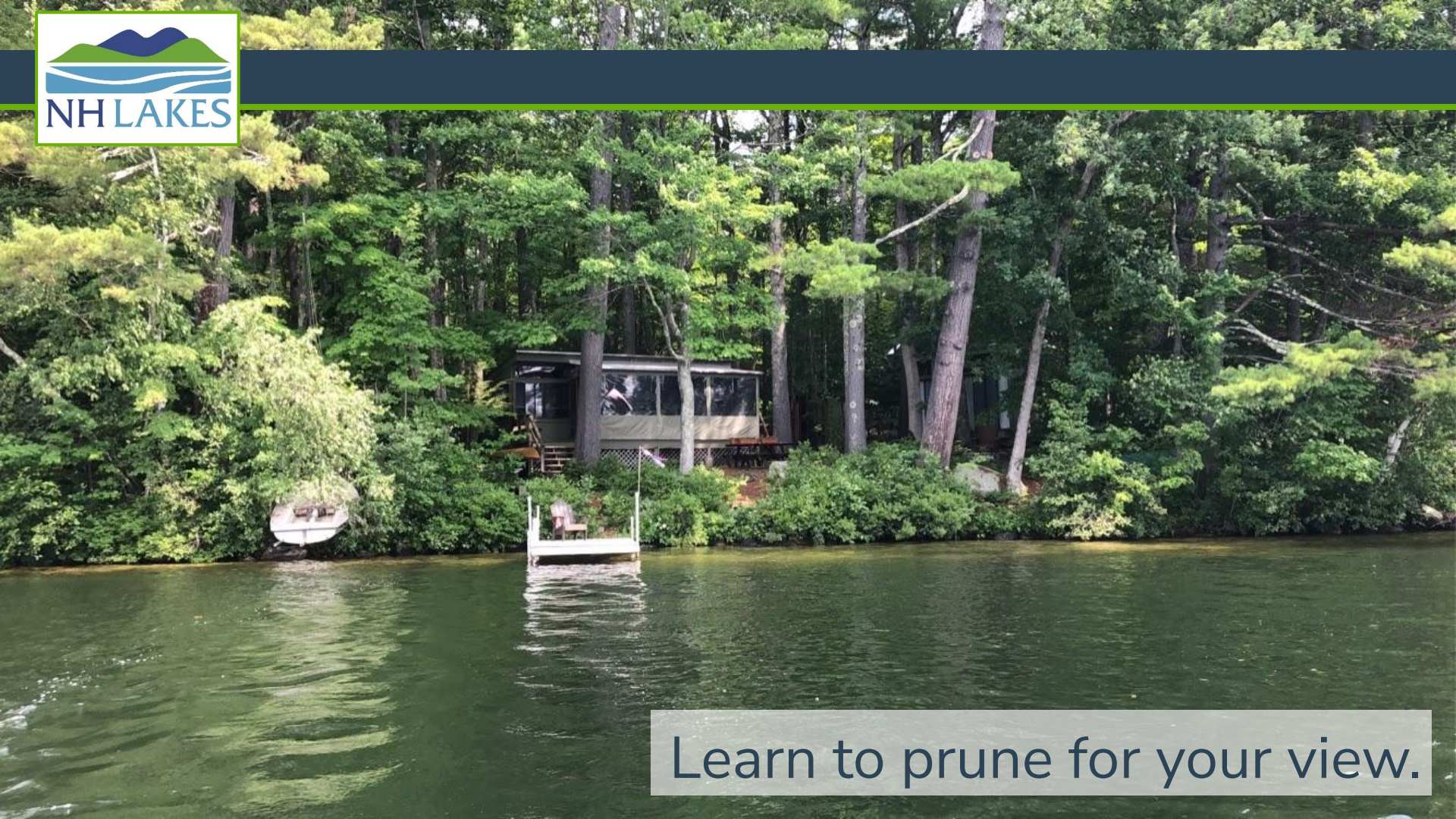






## Self-Reported Time Since Last Septic Inspection





Learn to prune for your view.





Embrace a natural lawn.

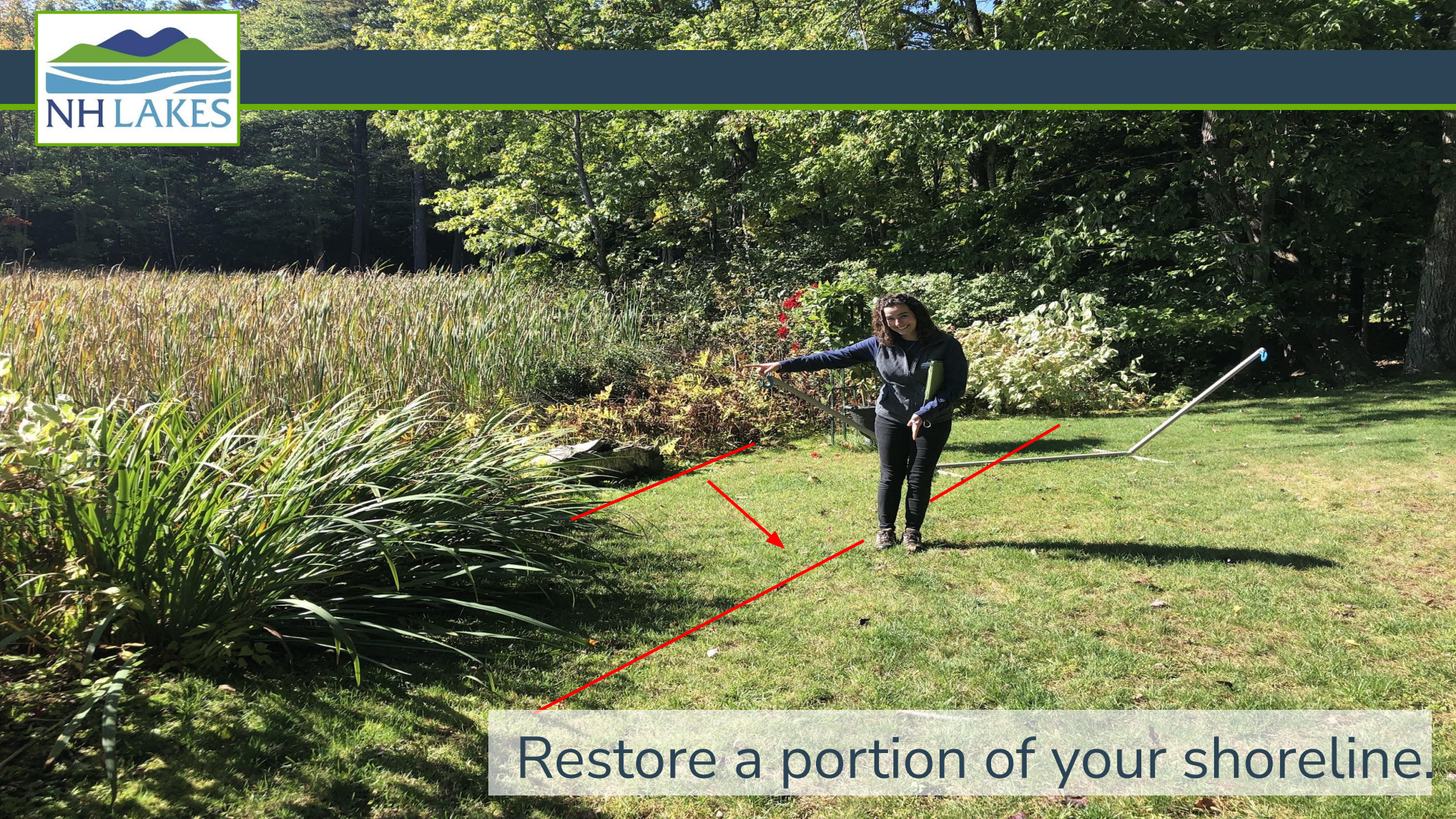






Consider ditching the sand or minimize beach areas.





Restore a portion of your shoreline.





Embrace native lake weeds.





Get rid of the geese.



Consider an alternative pest control plan.



Treatments for mosquitos, ticks, etc. are toxic to aquatic organisms and travel into our lake through wind and rain.





## Prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species



Clean, drain, and dry your boats, trailers, and recreational gear!



## Overhaul your winter maintenance...

- Plan out next year's snow storage area.
- Consider alternative deicers.
- Work with a Green SnowPro certified snow removal company.



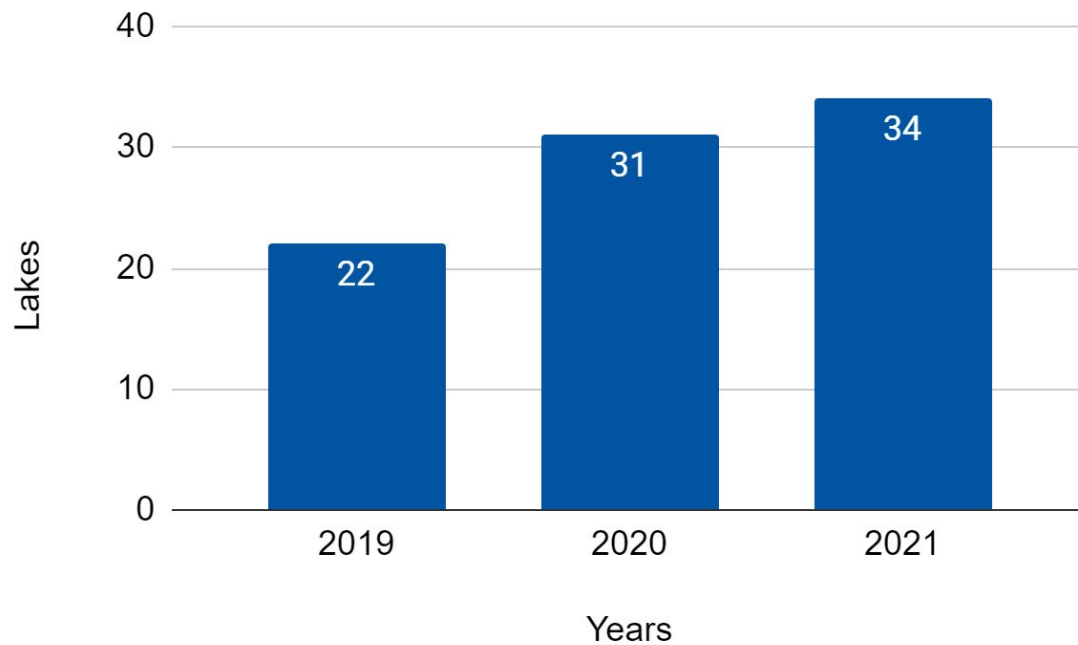




Work with professionals who care about the lake.



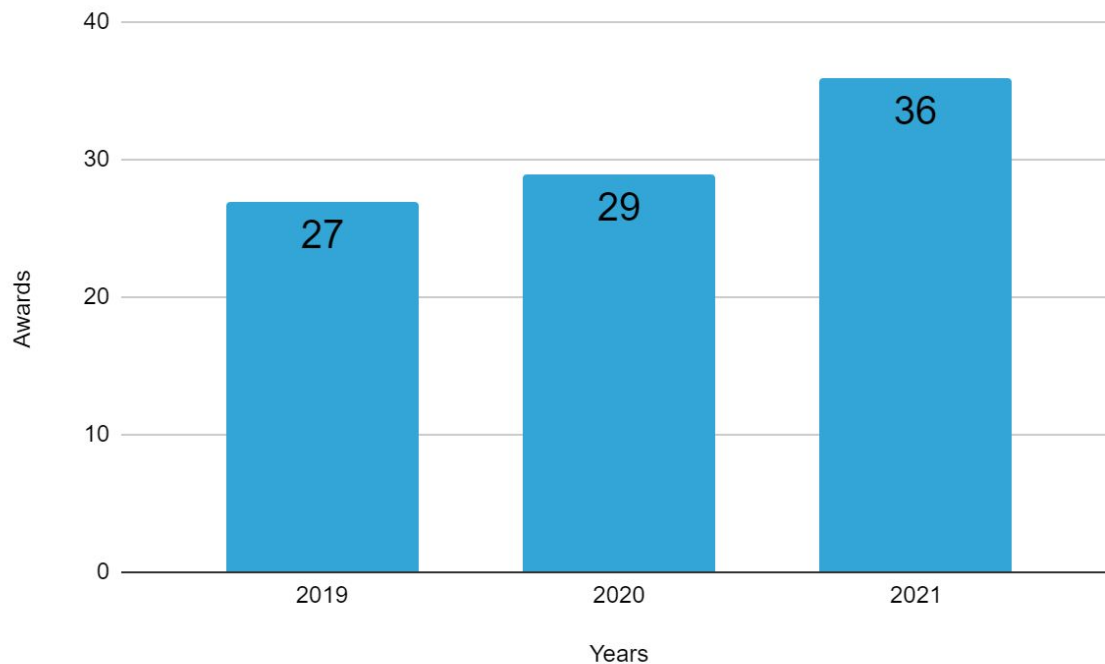
## Number of Lakes Visited, 2019-2021





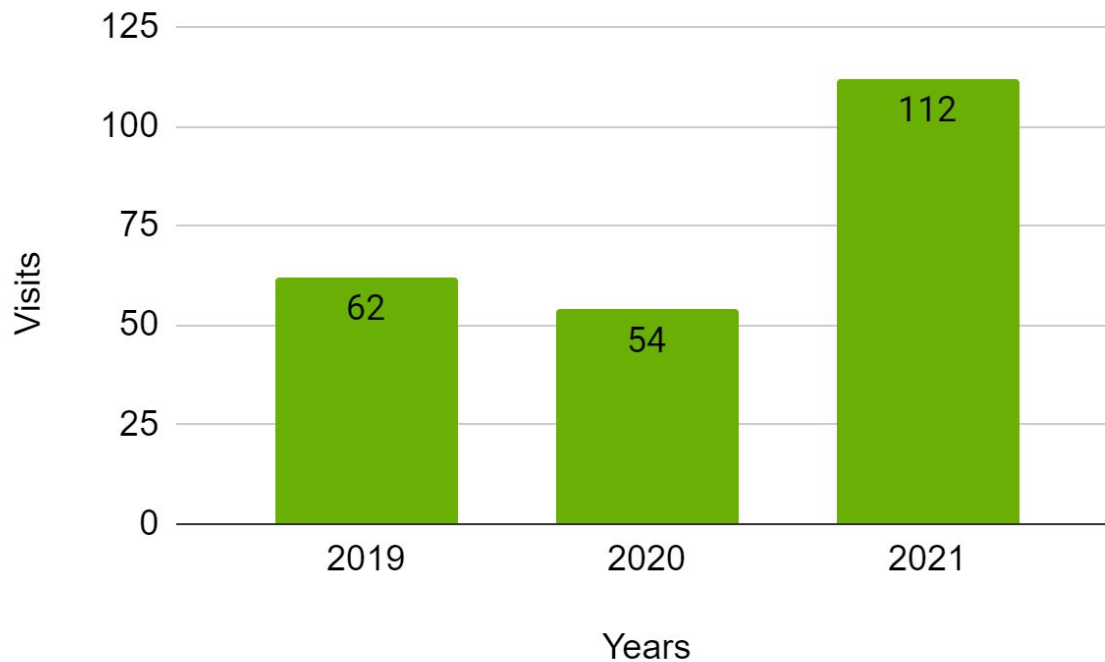


## Number of LakeSmart Awards Given, 2019-2021





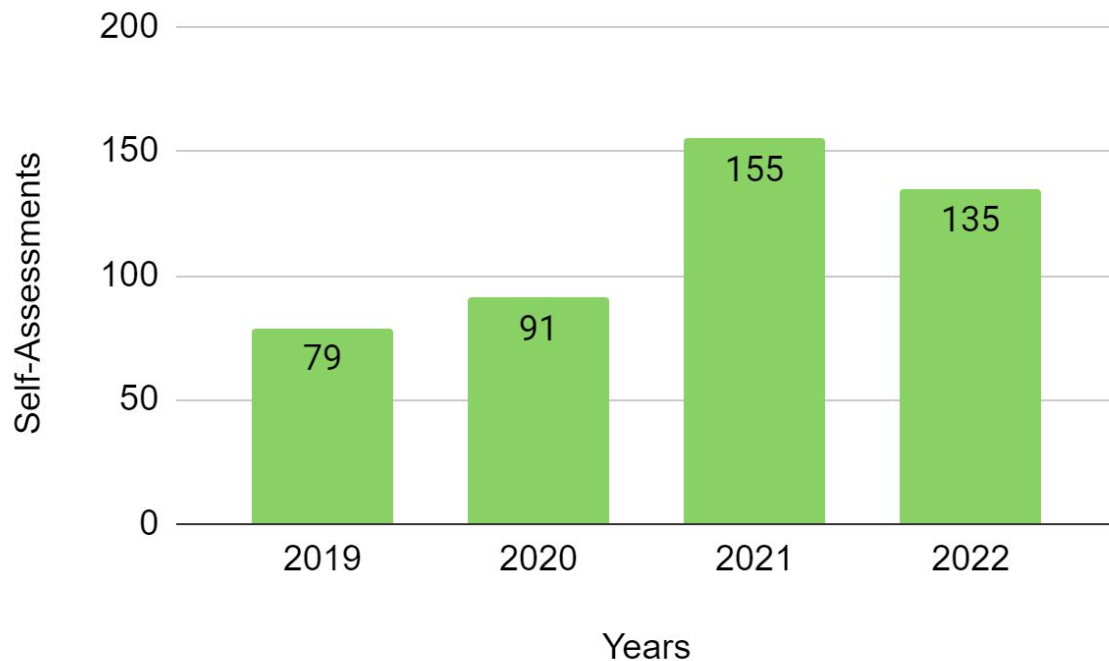
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## Number of Self-Assessments, 2019-2022





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