



# LAKE SIDE

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## Lake-Friendly Living Goes Statewide!

A few years ago, we were told by our members and partners that NH LAKES needed to do more to keep our lakes clean and healthy. Our board and staff accepted that challenge and we raised money, hired more staff, and developed new programs. This past summer, NH LAKES did more—in fact, more than ever before! By launching our LakeSmart Living Program, we also inspired community groups and property owners throughout the state to do more!

The NH LAKES LakeSmart Program is an education and reward program that assists property owners in managing their activities and the landscape in ways that keep our lakes clean and healthy. The program is free, voluntary, and non-regulatory. It begins with an online survey asking property owners questions about their property and activities. Property owners can then request a confidential follow-up site visit with a LakeSmart evaluator. Property owners that don't wish to have a site visit can submit photos for evaluation.

Owners of properties that score high on the evaluation receive the LakeSmart Award—two LakeSmart yard signs and a dock sign. Property owners are asked to display their awards to pique the interest of their friends, neighbors, and others in the community. (LakeSmart signs are also

posted in community gathering places in LakeSmart communities to raise awareness.) If a property doesn't initially score high, the owner will receive recommendations for achieving LakeSmart status.

As of mid-September, 75 property owners at 21 lakes had taken the LakeSmart survey and 64 property visits had been conducted. Of these properties, 23 received the LakeSmart Award. In addition, two local associations—the Clough Pond Association and the Deering Lake

Improvement Association—were trained to deliver the program in their community!

We have received tremendous positive feedback on the launch of LakeSmart, and it's clear we have just scratched the surface of making lake-friendly living the norm in New Hampshire! Stay tuned—this winter we will be building a LakeSmart program for service providers. In the meantime, we invite you to visit [nhlakes.org/lakesmart](http://nhlakes.org/lakesmart) to take the property owner survey.



**Gerry Cooper (right) of the Kolelemook Lake Protective Association and Andrea LaMoreaux (left) of NH LAKES were pleased to tell Nancy Bower (center) she was the first in the state to receive the NH LAKES LakeSmart Award!**

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# From the President...



What a summer we had! It's safe to say, we were the busiest we've ever been working for clean and healthy lakes. We launched two new

programs (LakeSmart and AmeriCorps), more than doubled the size of our Watershed Warrior program, inspected 85,000+ boats through the Lake Host Program, and expanded our aquatic invasive species prevention efforts to include the CD3 watercraft cleaning station. We did this while also growing our membership and preparing for the upcoming 2020 legislative session. This work was powered by your support, the efforts of hundreds of volunteers, the skills of our talented board and staff, and the service of our AmeriCorps volunteers.

Speaking of the AmeriCorps program, many of you met our members Hollyn and Julia this past summer. While they were hosted by NH LAKES full-time for nearly 23 weeks, they were part of the 20-person Lakes Region Conservation Corps AmeriCorps team administered by the Squam Lakes Association. In addition to the important work Hollyn and Julia did for NH LAKES, they became certified Weed Control Divers and Wilderness First Aid responders, and participated in land conservation projects throughout the Lakes Region. We're grateful to have been invited to

participate in the AmeriCorps Program and look forward to expanding our team next year.

One recent evening in Wolfeboro, meeting with a group of lakefront property owners, I mentioned our team included two AmeriCorps volunteers. I briefly explained that two of my children had served with AmeriCorps. I added that one is now a forest firefighter on an elite helicopter crew in the Pacific Northwest and the other is a sailor aboard a wood-masted tall ship on the Great Lakes. Afterwards, a woman came up to me and commented that the most meaningful part of my story was the part about my children. She was impressed by their AmeriCorps service and what they have gone on to do. I was humbled and reminded how important it is to share our personal stories, especially as they relate to our conservation ethic for our lakes and beyond.

Throughout the summer, I heard stories from many of you about your efforts to conserve our lakes. Thank you for sharing your stories with us and for being part of the NH LAKES team doing more than ever for clean and healthy lakes.

On behalf of NH LAKES,

Tom O'Brien, President

## Leave a Legacy

Please remember NH LAKES in your will. To do this, simply share this sentence with your attorney or financial planner:

I bequeath \$\_\_\_ or \_\_\_% of my estate to: New Hampshire Lakes Association, Inc., 17 Chenell Drive, Suite One, Concord, NH 03301.

Our tax identification number is 22-2668396. If you have chosen to include NH LAKES in your estate plans, please let us know. Thank you!



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# NH LAKES Advocacy Update

by Kelly Buchanan, Advocacy Program Coordinator, NH LAKES



NH LAKES is taking the lead to strengthen New Hampshire's Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (SWQPA) during the upcoming 2020 legislative session. We're working with key legislators to submit a bill designed to reduce polluted runoff water in the protected shoreland area. NH LAKES needs the support of New Hampshire's legislators and you and your community to move this water quality protection initiative forward.

**Polluted Runoff Water:** According to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), over 90 percent of the water pollution problems in the state are caused by runoff water. Lakes with poor water

quality affect us all in many ways. Poor water quality in our lakes can cause reductions in property values, increases in algal blooms, and increases in toxic cyanobacteria blooms. Woodland buffers and shoreline vegetation are the best lines of defense against polluted runoff water. Under the existing standards of the SWQPA, some woodland buffers have been reduced or removed to a point where our lakes are not adequately protected, especially on or below steep slopes. Our legislative proposal would strengthen vegetation standards for new development in the protected shoreland area and address several administrative clarifications for NHDES.

## 2019 Legislative Session Impacts

As you may remember, the 2019 legislative session gave NH LAKES the opportunity to develop and support three lake-friendly bills. Those bills, which became law this past summer, will help New Hampshire's lakes stay clean and healthy for years to come. As these new laws go into effect, here is what they will accomplish:

## Funding for AIS Prevention and Management:

House Bill 625, relative to an aquatic invasive species (AIS) decal, requires boaters who register their watercraft in other states, but who use their boats in New Hampshire's freshwater, to purchase the \$20 decal each calendar year.

NHDES is responsible for administering the decal program and will make an announcement when the decals are ready to purchase.

## Best Available Technology for Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):

House Bill 325, requiring boaters to use the best available technology to prevent the spread of AIS, became law and goes into effect January 1, 2020. Boaters will only be required to use technologies or tools if they are available at public access sites.

## Wake Boat Study Commission:

House Bill 137 established a study commission to examine impacts of wake boats on shoreline erosion, private property, the safety of swimmers and other boaters, the spread of AIS, and the recreational boating economy. The first meeting of this commission was held on September 23. Please let NH LAKES know if you would like to make your voice heard on wake boats during this study.

## It's Time to Take the NH LAKES Legislative Advocacy Survey!

The NH LAKES 2019 Legislative Advocacy Survey is now live! Please weigh in on our legislative properties so that we can better represent you and our lakes at the State House. To access this quick and easy survey, visit [nhlakes.org/advocacy](http://nhlakes.org/advocacy).

## In Memoriam

**Evelyn 'Evie' Hammerman**, passed away on July 1, 2019. Evie was a longtime coordinator for the Lake Host Program with the Thorndike Pond Conservation Program in Jaffrey. "One of the things that inspired me most about Evie was her determination to help foster the next generation of conservationists," commented Andrea LaMoreaux of NH LAKES. "Year after year, she visited the local high school and camps recruiting students and counselors to work at boat ramp—she always fielded a great team."

**Patricia 'Pat' Morten**, passed away on August 14, 2019. Pat was the wife of John F. Morten, one of the founding members of the New Hampshire Lakes Association (now known as 'NH LAKES'). John passed away in 1989, and in 2002, NH LAKES established the Morten Award in his honor and memory.



## MAKING AN IMPACT THROUGHOUT THE STATE!

Summer 2019

### LAKESMART PROPERTY SITE VISITS

Visited 64 properties around 21 lakes performing free and voluntary evaluations to encourage lake-friendly living.

### CD3 WATERCRAFT CLEANING STATION

Deployed our mobile, solar-powered CD3 at six public boat ramps, helping boaters prevent the spread of invasive species.

### LAKE HOST INSPECTIONS AT BOAT RAMPS

Staffed 106 ramps with 604 Lake Hosts, helping 85,000+ boaters stop the spread of invasive species.

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & TRAINING

Conducted our 26th annual Lakes Congress education, training, and networking event with 234 attendees, and led 17 Lake Host trainings with 338 attendees.

### ADVOCACY MEETINGS

Participated in or led 18 meetings with legislative and municipal leaders and stakeholders.

### FRIENDRAISING GATHERINGS

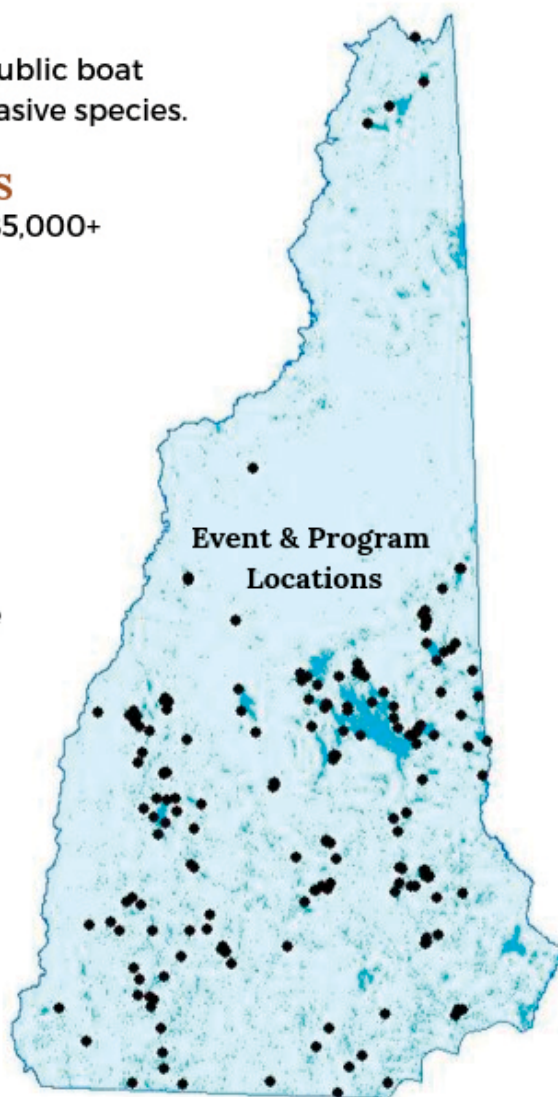
Coordinated two events attended by 59 individuals, thanking members and recruiting new members.

### WATERSHED WARRIOR EVENTS

Attended 26 events, engaging over 1,000 kids with hands-on activities learning about lake ecology and simple everyday things that can be done to promote lake health!

### LAKE ASSOCIATION AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Presented at 26 local meetings with 885 attendees learning how to enhance lake protection efforts.





# NH LAKES is Leading the Charge in Preventing the Spread!

Did you know that the threat of aquatic invasive species spread into New Hampshire's lakes is bigger than ever? The invasive plant hydrilla and the invasive spiny waterflea are moving closer to our border from the west. Other invasive species are closing in on us from the south as waters are warming with climate change. This is alarming! It can take just one boat being launched with an invasive plant fragment on the hull, or with a few drops of water containing invasive animal larvae in the bilge, to cause a widespread problem in a lake.

We know that our Lake Hosts have helped slow the spread of invasive species into our lakes over the past nearly 20 years, but they can't be at every boat ramp all the time reminding boaters to clean, drain, and dry their boats, trailers, and gear. We know more must be done to prevent the spread of invasive species and NH LAKES is leading the charge.

This past summer, NH LAKES deployed the first waterless watercraft cleaning unit in the Northeast—the CD3 Clean, Drain, Dry & Dispose Unit. Our mobile, solar-powered CD3 visited public boat ramps helping boaters prevent the spread of invasive species. This self-service station is free and easy to use. It is equipped with hand tools to help boaters remove plant fragments and other debris. A wrench is provided to help open drain plugs to remove trapped water that may contain microscopic invasive animals. A wet/dry vacuum allows boaters to remove standing water trapped in bilges, live wells, and storage

compartments. A blower is also provided to help fully dry any areas that came in contact with the water. And, the unit itself has attractive and informative graphics—it simply can't be missed when a boater pulls up to the ramp.

Providing boaters with technologies and tools to prevent invasive species spread is not only more important than ever, it's more timely than ever, too. In January 2020, a new law goes into effect requiring boaters to use the best available technology provided at a public boat ramp to clean their boats, trailers, and gear to prevent invasive species spread. This new law is a "carrot" for boat access facility owners and local partners to invest in invasive species prevention technologies—like waterless cleaning stations—as it helps ensure that their investment will be used. This is an important addition to existing clean and drain requirements and will further help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in New Hampshire.

This new law provides for flexibility, but we know that every boat access site is different. Boat access facility owners could choose to provide towel drying, waterless cleaning stations and tools, or even boat wash stations. The new law also provides boaters flexibility. If a boater arrives at a ramp and the prevention tool or technology is not available, functioning, staffed or otherwise usable, the boater is not required to use it—and they are not prevented from launching.

NH LAKES is available to help boat access site owners and local partners determine what invasive species spread prevention practices are best for a specific site. We can even help find funding to install tools and technologies. It's important to remember, however, that access site owners have the final say on whether or not prevention tools and technologies are allowed at each specific site.

The launch of the NH LAKES CD3 unit during summer 2019 was a success and we plan to continue to tour it around the state next summer. By seeing how easy it is for boaters to use this innovative technology, we believe communities will be inspired to provide such tools at local boat ramps. We sincerely thank the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and several generous donors for their support which allowed us to be the first to bring the CD3 waterless cleaning station to the Northeast!

Interested in exploring new invasive species prevention options at your local boat access site? Contact us at 603.226.0299 or [info@nhlakes.org](mailto:info@nhlakes.org) to discuss the possibilities!



**Tom O'Brien, NH LAKES President (left), and Amy Smagula, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Exotic Species Coordinator (right), demonstrated the CD3 waterless watercraft cleaning station for the DES staff in late-September.**

# Fostering the Next Generation of Conservation Leaders

The conservation field is challenged today by an aging workforce and a younger generation of potential talent that is increasingly disconnected from the natural world. This is concerning. What will happen to our lakes if there aren't people passionate about the natural world and conservation to take our places in the future?

NH LAKES is committed to helping foster the next generation of conservation leaders. This past summer, in addition to hiring approximately 300 individuals (most of them high school and college students) to work as Lake Hosts throughout the state, we were joined by three recent college graduates and one rising college senior at our office in Concord. They wanted to share with you, in their words, what their work and experiences with NH LAKES meant to them.

## **Devin Hogan, Senior at Dickinson College**

As a senior attending Dickinson College pursuing a degree in Earth Science, I chose to intern with NH LAKES because the organization is a strong advocate for conservation, is involved with local communities, and because I have always been interested in freshwater ecology. Before joining NH LAKES this summer, I spent the previous four summers working as a Lake Host at Lake Warren in Alstead.

During my internship with NH LAKES, my goal was to learn about nonprofit organizations and to acquire useful skills that would help me in the workforce. I worked with several state agencies in nearby states to build a regional database of waterbodies with aquatic invasive plants and animals. The database covers the Northeast, containing information on every waterbody in New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New York. This project advances efforts to keep our waterbodies healthy by showing that the threat of aquatic invasive species doesn't stop at state lines. Before summer 2019, the Lake Host Program could only educate the boating community on infested waterbodies in New Hampshire. Now, we are able to share information relatively easily on every infested waterbody in New England and New York! There are over 1,400 infested waterbodies in the region, and 41 percent (589 waterbodies) contain one or more aquatic invasive plants or animals.

I'd love to share my project with you—check out the user-friendly map on the NH LAKES website at [nhlakes.org/preventthespread](http://nhlakes.org/preventthespread).



**Devin Hogan.**

## **Jessica Sayers, Recent Graduate of New England College**

I joined the NH LAKES staff in May, working with the well-established Lake Host program and the brand new LakeSmart program. To see the LakeSmart program unfold before my eyes has been amazing and humbling. I was grateful to be a part of this new project, but also aware that we were stepping onto someone's land and giving them recommendations, and, in some cases, asking them to change their ways. I was pleased to find property owners truly wanted to improve the health of the lake. They welcomed us to their homes with excitement, an eagerness to learn, and, oftentimes, warm coffee.

This experience has given me the chance to visit some beautiful lakes and meet their residents—it has been the residents that have made me smile the most. I have enjoyed hearing about the history of their homes and why they chose 'their' lake out of all the lakes in New Hampshire, while getting a sense of their passion for this way of life.

As the LakeSmart program improves and grows over time, I am confident that the relationships between NH LAKES and local residents will be the bridge helping keep our lakes healthy and beautiful.



**Jessica Sayers.**

**Julia Cline, AmeriCorps Member with the Lakes Region Conservation Corps**

When I came to NH LAKES, I wasn't sure what to expect. I was excited about the possibility of scuba diving to remove invasive weeds and working with kids around the state, but, other than that, I really had no idea what I was getting myself into. Boy, am I glad that I took the leap!

At NH LAKES, I dove headfirst into the thriving community surrounding lake conservation in the state, and I've made some amazing connections along the way. Everyone at NH LAKES and the other AmeriCorps members serving in the Lakes Region are super passionate about conservation, which I fully expected. What I did not expect was how passionate 'lake people' are about their lake community. Through LakeSmart visits and Watershed Warrior events, I've been to many of New Hampshire's lake communities, and I continue to be amazed by the unique culture at each lake. It is exciting to talk to locals about their passion for 'their' lakes and 'their' loons, and to be reminded that, even though conservation may sometimes be shed in a negative light, many people really do care about conservation immensely.

As a byproduct of experiencing so much of New Hampshire, I've also learned some cool things about lakes. For example, did you know that loons are most closely related to penguins? I didn't, until I started working on a conservation trivia project! I've also picked up some diverse sets of skills, from the random (driving a truck with a trailer, public speaking, and the best way to get the attention of a group of rowdy children) to the incredible (helping to launch a new statewide program with a nonprofit organization). Each day feels like a new adventure, and I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to travel throughout the state, work with kids, educate adults, be outside doing LakeSmart evaluations, and spend time inside writing pieces like this.

**Hollyn Walters, AmeriCorps Member with the Lakes Region Conservation Corps**

Once out of undergrad, I signed up for the Lakes Region Conservation Corps AmeriCorps opportunity with NH LAKES and moved back home from Washington D.C. Having grown up in the Dover area, I was only familiar with the community and culture of life on New Hampshire's seacoast. My experience with AmeriCorps has helped me tap into a side of New Hampshire life I never knew existed—lake life. It also opened my eyes to different perspectives of older folks and children that I hadn't considered before when speaking about conservation issues. I have come to realize that everyone is connected to the land in some way—it doesn't matter what age you are. AmeriCorps helped me to understand that those generational perspectives are all as relevant as mine are as a young adult emerging into the 'real world.'

I learned how to scuba dive, drive a trailer, maintain trails, how to remove invasive species, apply wilderness first aid, and drive a boat. I also learned how to talk to all sorts of people, weigh in on all sorts of problems, and consider issues from different perspectives. Being an AmeriCorps volunteer is a challenging experience, but it is an experience that helps you grow up. It teaches you how to network, budget, put yourself out there, and find what your limits are. The program can be hard, but life is hard. I think my AmeriCorps experience has been excellent practice for the 'real world' and it's an experience I encourage people of all ages to get involved with, especially new graduates. When you give back to your community, your community will give back to you.



NH LAKES AmeriCorps Members Julia Cline (left) and Hollyn Walters (right).



# Franklin Resident Wins NH LAKES 2019 John F. Morten Award for Exemplary Lakes Stewardship

Mark Lorenze, resident of Franklin and long-time steward of Webster Lake, was recently awarded the 2019 John F. Morten Award for Exemplary Lake Stewardship. On August 3, Andrea LaMoreaux, NH LAKES Vice-President, along with Shirley Green, NH LAKES Board Member, presented this prestigious award at the Webster Lake Association annual meeting.



**Mark Lorenze (right), was awarded the 2019 John F. Morten Award for Exemplary Lake Stewardship by NH LAKES Board Member Shirley Green (center) and NH LAKES Vice President Andrea LaMoreaux (left) on August 3.**

In September 2002, this award was created in honor of the late John F. Morten (1914-1989) in recognition of his lifelong work protect New Hampshire's lakes and ponds. It was his vision and grassroots efforts that helped create the Lakes Region Federation, which merged with the New Hampshire Lakes Legislative Coalition, eventually becoming the New Hampshire Lakes Association. Today, this organization is known as NH LAKES. John Morten saw the value of a statewide umbrella organization to represent lake interests with the legislature and state agencies. This

award is given annually to an individual nominated by their peers who exemplifies the values, commitment, and hard work that John Morten brought to the cause of lake protection.

"Volunteer lake stewardship, in all its forms, is how we keep our lakes clean and healthy for future generations," said NH LAKES Board Chair, Stu Lord. "There are many people doing great work on a voluntary basis at many of New Hampshire's 1,000 lakes. Mark's commitment to Webster Lake has spanned years and has included every conceivable role. He truly is the go-to person at Webster Lake, and, in our eyes, most deserving of the 2019 John F. Morten Award."

The people who volunteer alongside Mark at Webster Lake, and nominated him for the award, had this to say: "Mark does it all, making sure that we are collecting water samples and monitoring lake health, checking the lake for invasive plants, serving as volunteer Lake Hosts educating boaters about the importance preventing the spread of invasive species, working with Franklin town officials on runoff water issues, getting grants to do a septic survey, raising money and helping build recreation facilities, and holding community events at the lake. He is either doing the work or helping someone get it done."

Tom O'Brien, NH LAKES President added, "Once again, we had the challenge of choosing the best from the best of New Hampshire's volunteer lake stewards. Mark's commitment to Webster Lake and the Franklin community has spanned years and is truly exemplary."

Congratulations, and, thank you, Mark!

## John F. Morten Award Recipients

2002	State Senator Carl Johnson (Meredith)
2003	Laura and John Nichols (Wolfeboro)
2004	Nancy Earle (South Conway)
2005	William B. Martin, Jr. (Enfield)
2006	W. Wallace Francis (Nelson)
2007	Courtland Cross (New London)
2008	Hallock Richards (Moultonborough)
2009	Philip Parsons (Sandwich)
2010	Shirley and Glyn Green (Enfield)
2011	John ('Jack') Sheehan (New London)
2012	Richard ('Dick') Clayton (New London)
2013	Tom Duffy (Nottingham)
2014	Marge and Dave Thorpe (Meredith)
2015	Robin Loveland (Antrim)
2016	William ('Bill') Schroeder (Windham)
2017	John B. Wilson (New London)
2018	Midge Eliassen (Sunapee)
2019	Mark Lorenze (Franklin)

It's not too early to submit nominations for 2020! Visit [nhlakes.org/awards](http://nhlakes.org/awards) to submit your nomination.



# New Hampshire Citizens and Organizations Recognized by EPA for Environmental Achievements

For more than forty-five years, EPA New England has honored individuals who have made outstanding contributions to protect New England's environment. EPA's Environmental Merit Awards Program has honored teachers, citizen activists, business leaders, scientists, public officials, and others. We thought you would like to know about three of the 2019 Merit Award recipients with direct connections to lake conservation work in New Hampshire!



**Boyd Smith, past Executive Director, Newfound Lake Region Association.**

## **Boyd Smith, Newfound:**

As executive director of the Newfound Lake Region Association, Boyd Smith spearheaded the development of a watershed based plan to protect Newfound Lake, the state's fifth largest lake. He secured several rounds of funding to implement the plan—a plan that included looking to informed voters and taxpayers to advocate for sustainable watershed policy. He collaborated with state and regional agencies to increase land

conservation, completing 11 land conservation projects in nine years and facilitating \$3.9 million in donations for conservation easements. Boyd has been at the hub of efforts that have increased conserved acres in the 96-square mile watershed from 12 percent to 30 percent in a decade. Newfound Lake will reap the benefits of Boyd's hard work for generations to come.



**David Ford, Director, Town of Wolfeboro Public Works.**

## **Town of Wolfeboro,**

**Wolfeboro:** In recent years, the Town of Wolfeboro has prioritized projects to maintain and protect its water resources. In 2017, with David Ford as director of Public Works, the Town put in place one of the first asset management plans in New Hampshire. Asset management planning allows water managers to

make informed decisions on how to best operate and maintain systems, while maintaining infrastructure at the

lowest cost possible. The Town of Wolfeboro is responsible for maintaining both town and state-owned stormwater facilities—there are 918 such structures (including catch basins and culverts) in town. David embraced this project with vigor and passion. As a result, the Town of Wolfeboro now has an effective tool to help prioritize the replacement of water management infrastructure, the ability to better maintain high water quality, and efficiently use staff time.

## **Baboosic Lake Association, Amherst/Merrimack:**

Over the years, the Baboosic Lake Association—a volunteer driven organization—has helped to greatly improve the health of Baboosic Lake. Surrounded by dense development, the water quality of the lake suffered over the years. Working with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, the association developed a restoration plan, and built a network of federal, state, and local partners, and residents to implement the plan. As a result, the Town of Amherst connected 30 homes with failing septic systems to a community septic system. The association has also worked on a variety of projects to stabilize slopes, reducing runoff water and controlling road erosion. Thanks to these efforts, Baboosic Lake is no longer listed by the state as being degraded for recreation or aquatic life.

**NH LAKES extends its congratulations and thanks to Boyd Smith, the Town of Wolfeboro, and the Baboosic Lake Association for helping keep New Hampshire's lakes clean and healthy!**

For more information on EPA's Environmental Merit Awards, visit [epa.gov/environmental-merit-awards-new-england](http://epa.gov/environmental-merit-awards-new-england).



**Baboosic Lake, Amherst, New Hampshire.**

# Deering Lake Goes LakeSmart

by Steve Avery, LakeSmart Local Coordinator, Deering Lake Improvement Association

The Town of Deering and its residents have considered Deering Lake their crown jewel since incorporation in 1774. Today, over two-thirds of the land is held in several conservation easements and over 2,000 feet of the Deering Lake shoreline is conserved. The lake has attracted visitors from all over New England and other states for its convenient location and, more importantly, its pristine water quality.

Recognizing the need to continue and enhance the conservation of the lake, the Deering Lake Improvement Association and the Deering Conservation Commission have implemented several initiatives over the years. In July, NH LAKES helped us form a LakeSmart Team, providing training and ongoing support. Our three evaluators spent a couple of

days this past summer and early-fall visiting with property owners, helping them become aware of things they're doing, or could do, to minimize the amount of eroded soil and other pollutants their property and activities contribute to the lake.

To date, over 13 percent of property owners around the lake have invited our LakeSmart Team to their property! Our goal is to evaluate all 125 shoreline properties within a five-year timeframe. With dedicated volunteer LakeSmart evaluators and a strong support system from NH LAKES, there should be no reason why Deering Lake will not continue to remain the crown jewel for many future generations to come.

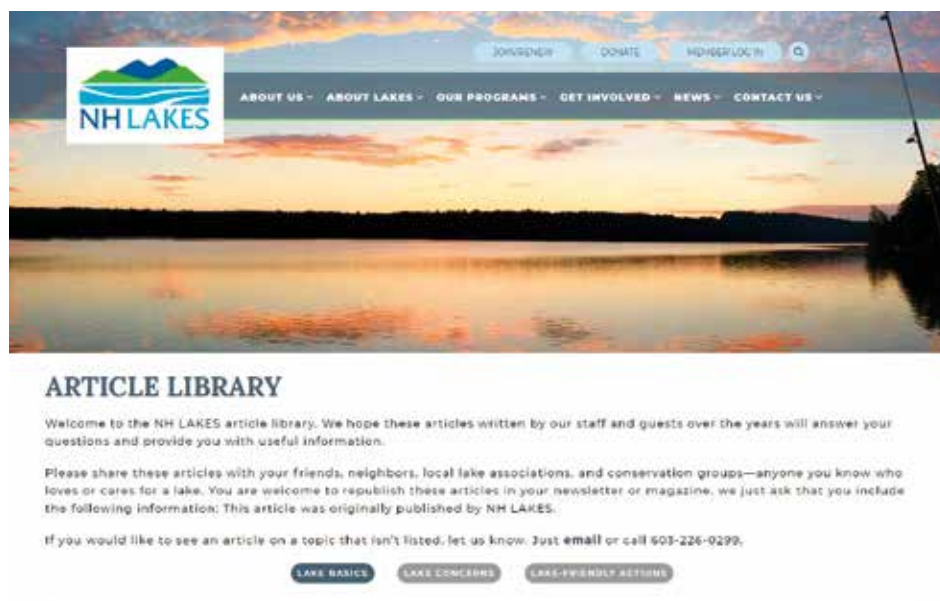


**The Deering Lake Improvement Association LakeSmart Team (from left to right – Steve Avery, Deb Degan, and Betsy Holmes).**

## Our Website is Filled with Resources to Help You Prepare for Fall!

As the seasons change, so do the needs of our lakes. As you begin to prepare for fall, make sure to check out the article library on our website. With fall comes crisp air and beautiful foliage but also more rain and falling leaves. We've included helpful articles like 'Don't Let Leaves Litter Lakes' and 'Lake Friendly Actions on Your Property' to help you reduce the amount, and improve the quality, of water running off your property. You might also be interested in learning about 'fall turnover' which replenishes the lake just in time for winter—you can find this article in the 'Seasonal Changes of a Lake' category.

Whatever lake-related topic it is you are looking for, chances are you'll find it in our article library! And if you don't, please let us know—we are always looking for more topics to include. You can find the NH LAKES Article Library at [nhlakes.org/article-library](http://nhlakes.org/article-library).





## Do YOU Have a Story to Tell?



Have you or your local group taken action to successfully address a concern or problem in the lake or watershed? If yes, we bet there are other groups in a similar situation that would like to hear and learn from you! Consider sharing your story at our 2020 Lakes Congress!

The NH LAKES 2020 Lakes Congress—our annual education, training, and networking event—will be held on May 28 and 29. Be sure to save the date, and, if you have a success story to share, let us know. Email us at [info@nhlakes.org](mailto:info@nhlakes.org) or call 603.226.0299.

## Your Vehicle Purchase Could Support the 2020 Lakes Congress!

Fourth Generation Steward, Amanda Grappone Osmer, has committed Grappone Automotive's support to the 2020 Lakes Congress if they can tie the sale of 10 vehicles to NH LAKES! If you have purchased a vehicle from Grappone since June 2019, please let us know—contact us at [info@nhlakes.org](mailto:info@nhlakes.org) or 603.226.0299.

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## Membership Matters

**New Members: June 15, 2019 – September 10, 2019**

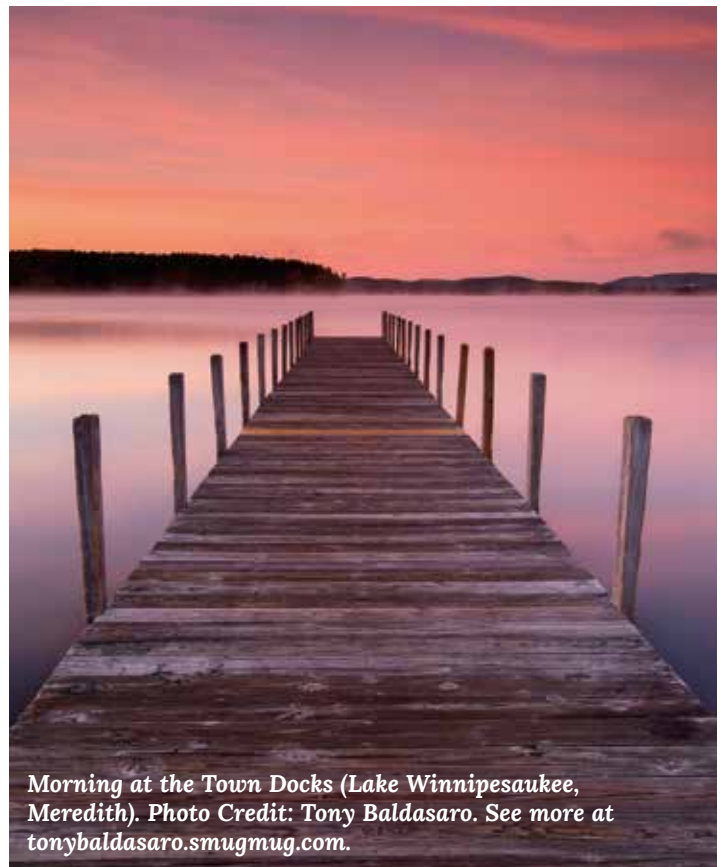
### Individuals

Robert R. Beck  
Christopher Burns  
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Pat and John Dowst  
Nancy Doyle  
James Edwards  
Maureen Enos  
Craig and Martha Fraser  
The Gaj Family  
Chris Good  
Suzanne Jahn  
Kristin Kohorst  
The Kondrat Household  
Peter Lane  
Dann Lewis  
Joanna Lucy  
Jeff Marsh and Caren  
Maynard

Patricia Masterson  
Penny and Jim Morrison  
Brian and Peggy Mullen  
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Barbara Peabody  
Barb and Wes Thompson  
George and Sharon  
Vanderheiden  
The Honorable Joyce  
Weston and Sally  
Widerstrom  
Jane Hilder and Robertson  
Williams  
Deborah Wolk  
Nancy Fey-Yensan and Chip  
Yensan

### Foundations

Houston Family Charitable  
Fund



*Morning at the Town Docks (Lake Winnepesaukee, Meredith). Photo Credit: Tony Baldasaro. See more at [tonybaldasaro.smugmug.com](http://tonybaldasaro.smugmug.com).*