



# LAKESIDE

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## The Lake Host Program Celebrates its “One in a Million!”

**NH LAKES’ mission to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species hit a major milestone!** Going into summer 2018, we knew that the Lake Host Program was projected to perform its one-millionth courtesy boat inspection and we knew that we wanted to celebrate this accomplishment. But, we couldn’t possibly know exactly when and where the one-millionth inspection would occur, so the NH LAKES Board of Directors and staff put their heads together and came up with a plan to select an honorary ‘one-millionth boater.’ In the end we decided on a friendly competition between participating Lake Host groups in the form of a raffle!

Between Saturday, July 28, and Sunday, August 5, Lake Hosts at 45 locations across the state invited boaters to enter the “One-Millionth Boater Raffle” if they participated in a courtesy boat inspection. Boaters were excited to enter and Lake Hosts enjoyed adding this task to their duties. From the completed entries, NH LAKES randomly selected one raffle grand prize winner and two runner-up winners. The grand prize winner of \$500 had their boat inspected by a Lake Host working with the Merrymeeting Lake Association. And, the two runner-ups who won NH LAKES prize packs (valued at \$50) received their complimentary inspections from Lake Hosts working with the Lovell Lake Association and Bow Lake Camp Owners Association.

But that’s not all! The Merrymeeting Lake Association—the group that conducted the grand prize winner’s inspection—received a \$500 bonus to extend their paid Lake Host coverage and provide more protection against aquatic hitchhikers! NH LAKES staff paid a surprise visit to Merrymeeting Lake to give long-time Lake Host Sara Kowalski the honor of announcing the winners (actually, we played a friendly trick on her) and we gave her a small gift for her many years of hard work and dedication to the program. To see the video of NH LAKES Conservation Program Coordinator Krystal Costa and Lake Host Sara

Kowalski presenting the Merrymeeting Lake Association Lake Host Coordinator with their cash bonus, visit [www.nhlakes.org](http://www.nhlakes.org) and look under “What’s New.”

We are grateful to all of the local lake associations who made this raffle possible through their participation, for the Lake Hosts who work diligently to provide inspections, to the NH LAKES Board of Directors and staff who generously donated the prizes for the raffle, and especially to boaters who always take the time to clean, drain, and dry their boat, trailers, and gear between waterbodies. Together, we are preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species, one boat at a time!



**Krystal Costa, NH LAKES Conservation Program Coordinator (left), presented Lake Host Sara Kowalski (right) with the Merrymeeting Lake Association’s \$500 bonus for conducting the Lake Host Program’s honorary one-millionth courtesy boat inspection.**

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# From the President...



Summer 2018 was another remarkable time of engagement for NH LAKES as we hosted programs and events and attended meetings throughout the state. We

entered the summer with a challenge—to ramp up our efforts in order to truly achieve the mission of ensuring clean and healthy lakes for future generations. We know we need to broaden the conversations and the programs and resources we provide to you, beyond aquatic invasive species prevention. We must address the other major threat to lake water quality—polluted runoff water from the land we live on.

The history of lakes is that when people develop the land around them, the health of lakes deteriorates, unless this development and ongoing actions are conducted in a manner designed to safeguard water quality. In fact, with the right information, resources, motivation, and action, people can and do live around lakes while being protective of the lake's health. It takes an intentional and consistent effort to do this and that is what NH LAKES staff talked about with people all summer.

When we talk about the impact of lakeside development on the health of the lake, we are primarily talking about the impact of roads, rooftops, driveways, walkways, and other impervious surfaces that don't allow water to soak into the ground. The rain and snowmelt water that comes across these surfaces is what we refer to as 'runoff water.'

This runoff water may carry with it various pollutants, such as sand and salt and plant nutrients, like phosphorus and nitrogen. Our conversations have revealed that many people don't understand that it is important for water to soak into the ground (versus 'running' over the top of it) so that the soil microbes can filter pollutants out and plants can absorb excess nutrients.

We need roads and we need rooftops. We do not, in my opinion, need hardened walkways and manicured lawns. But, regardless of what has already been built, we can modify it to be more lake-friendly. We can add vegetated buffers of native shrubs and shade trees between driveways and walkways and the water's edge. There is so much that we can do to become more lake-friendly that it is downright exciting!

NH LAKES is intent on helping you to do this—to become more lake-friendly on your property. These are the conversations we are having, and we ask that you have, too. Talk about this with your family, with neighbors along your road, within your association, and at town meetings. If we live intentionally and all do our part to reduce runoff pollution to our lakes, they will remain clean and healthy long into the future. This is what NH LAKES is committed to achieving at all lakes in New Hampshire.

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:*

NH LAKES, 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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# Remembering and Honoring Those Who Loved Lakes

It is with sadness that we mark the passing of three remarkable members of the New Hampshire lakes community.

## In Memoriam: Courtland Cross

Courtland (Court) Cross, a founding member of NH LAKES and active member of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA), died peacefully on June 23, 2018, at 92 years of age. A celebration of life service was held at the First Baptist Church of New London on Friday, July 13, with many of Court's friends from the Sunapee area in attendance along with his wife, Midge, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Court's family 'discovered' the Lake Sunapee area in 1963 and purchased their first home on the lake at that time. After moving to New London around 1980, he became active in many local organizations. He served as the president of LSPA from 1982-1988 and was a founding member and first chairman of NH LAKES (originally named the New Hampshire Lakes Association), becoming an honorary director in 2006. Court was an effective and powerful advocate for lakes statewide and he remained engaged in support of lakes and many other causes dear to him throughout his life.



**Court Cross**

The family asks that any memorial contributions made in his name go to the Lake Sunapee Protective Association or the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association.



**Phil Parsons (right)**

## In Memoriam: Philip B. Parsons, Jr.

Philip (Phil) B. Parsons, Jr., founding and honorary board member of NH LAKES, passed away on March 15, 2018. Phil and his wife, Barbara (Ginger), lived in Center Sandwich and, for many years, had a summer cottage on Long Island on Lake Winnepesaukee. Phil's ancestors had first come to Long Island in 1821. His father, Philip B. Parsons, Sr. was a well-known watercolorist whose prints were made available by Philip Parsons, Jr., the proceeds often going to various charitable organizations. Phil was a key member of the Lakes Region Federation which came together with the Lakes Legislative Coalition to form, in 1992, the New Hampshire Lakes Association (now known as NH LAKES). Both Phil and Ginger (who passed away in 2003) participated for many years in the University of New Hampshire Lakes Lay (water quality) Monitoring Program.

## In Tribute: Kittie Wilson

On Saturday, September 1, there was a ceremony at the dam on Pleasant Lake in Elkins for the unveiling of the granite bench the Pleasant Lake Protective Association installed as a tribute to Kittie Wilson and her years of service to Pleasant Lake. Kittie, referred to by many as "Our Precious Loon Lady," passed away on May 3, 2018. She had a passion for loons and photography and worked to maintain the quality and neighborliness of Pleasant Lake.

If you happen to be in the New London area, the association invites you enjoy a peaceful moment sitting on the bench to observe the beauty of the lake that meant so much to Kittie.



**Kittie Wilson's husband, John (right), and her sister, Karen (left).**



## WE HAD AN EVENTFUL SUMMER IN 2018!

### LAKE HOST INSPECTIONS AT BOAT RAMPS

Staffed 106 ramps with 758 Lake Hosts helping 80,000+ boaters stop the spread of invasive species and conducted the program's one-millionth inspection

### WATERSHED WARRIOR EVENTS

Brought activity circuit to 18 communities engaging 549 kids of all ages in hands-on activities learning how to take action to keep lakes clean and healthy

### LAKE ASSOCIATION & COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Presented at 18 local meetings with 553 attendees learning how to enhance lake protection efforts

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & TRAINING

Conducted our 25th annual Lakes Congress education, training, and networking event with 203 attendees, led 13 Lake Host trainings with 280 attendees, and participated in eight visits with local groups to provide technical assistance

### ADVOCACY MEETINGS

Participated in or led 20 meetings with legislative and municipal leaders and stakeholders

### FRIENDRAISING GATHERINGS

Coordinated four events attended by 96 individuals, thanking members and recruiting new members



**Working for clean and healthy lakes**

# Watershed Warrior Program: Fun for Kids of All Ages!

by Erin Mastine, NH LAKES Outreach Program Coordinator

What a whirlwind the past four months have been! I started working at NH LAKES in May and hit the ground running with a very busy Watershed Warrior season ahead of me. As I prepared for my first event with Megan English, our Outreach Program Assistant, I quickly became excited to put my teaching hat on. Through the Watershed Warrior activity circuit, kids of all ages (parents, too!) participate in a series of hands-on activities while learning how everything is connected to the health of our lakes and what they can do to keep them clean and healthy.

## Station 1 - How Are Lakes Formed?:

After learning a little history about the lakes in New Hampshire, participants become detectives. Like a Limnologist—a freshwater scientist—they use a series of clues to determine how four New Hampshire lakes were formed. They are usually shocked to hear that there are approximately one thousand lakes in New Hampshire and that they are nearly 15,000 years old!

## Station 2 - How Does Water Move

**Around?:** Always a crowd favorite, participants imagine they are water molecules traveling through the water cycle. Rolling a die and adding colored beads to a pipe cleaner at each stop they make, they create a colorful bracelet to describe their journey, illustrating the cyclic nature in which water moves. Participants learn that there's a limited amount of freshwater on Earth and that's why it's important to conserve water and help keep it clean.

## Station 3 - Reduce Watershed Runoff and Pollution!:

Kids and adults alike are usually surprised to learn that they live in a watershed,

even if they can't see a lake or other waterbody from their home. Participants create a watershed by shaping sand into mountains, rivers, and lakes. Then, using a spray bottle, they make it rain to see how water runs across the landscape as 'runoff.' After talking about what a healthy watershed looks like, we introduce pollutants to show how easily they can be carried by runoff from the land and into waterbodies.

## Station 4 - Prevent the Spread of

**Invasives!:** Participants make a model of an aquatic food web by using yarn to connect photographs of plants and animals according to who eats whom. They see what happens when one



**The NH LAKES Watershed Warrior Program is hands-on fun for kids and their parents!**

species is removed from the web and the effect that has on all the other plants and animals. While playing a card game based on the traditional game of War, participants learn that invasive plants and animals can disrupt the food web and also make lakes unsafe for swimming and boating. And, of course they learn how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species!

## Station 5 - Take the Watershed Warrior Pledge!:

At the end of the circuit, participants have the opportunity to become a 'Watershed Warrior' by pledging to incorporate at least one lake-friendly practice into their daily routine. Participants receive an official badge, certificate, and activity packet to take home to share what they learned with family and friends.

One of my favorite moments from this summer came in the form of an email from a grandmother. She wanted to let me know that I had made an impression on her 10-year-old grandson at an event we were at in Enfield. She has branded him the "fertilizer police" as he now notices all the fertilized lawns along Mascoma Lake as they boat by. I love that a 10-year-old boy now knows the effect of fertilizing lawns along the water's edge.

Along with our new "fertilizer police," we issued **549** Watershed Warrior patches to kids of all ages—including a few adults too—over the summer! We are still scheduling events for the fall, if you are interested in having Watershed Warrior at your event, please contact me at [emastine@nhlakes.org](mailto:emastine@nhlakes.org).

# NH LAKES Advocacy Update

by Kelly Buchanan, NH LAKES Advocacy Program Coordinator



As the legislative session approaches, our advocacy work at the State House kicks into high gear. NH LAKES has four legislative priorities for the upcoming 2019 session. We'll need the support of New Hampshire's legislators to move our initiatives forward and your help in gathering that support. Our four priorities include:

**Funding for AIS Prevention and Management:** We are pursuing an aquatic invasive species (AIS) sticker program for New Hampshire, similar to Maine's "Preserve Maine Waters" sticker program, to increase revenue for the prevention and management of AIS. Maine's sticker program is cost-effective to administer, demonstrates

high rates of compliance, and has provided dedicated funding for preventing and managing AIS for 17 years. We think that New Hampshire can implement a similar program, tailor-made for our boating community.

**Best Available Technology for Preventing AIS:** NH LAKES is seeking enabling legislation that would allow public boat access facility owners (such as state agencies and municipalities) to require that boaters utilize the technology made available to them at these areas (e.g. garden hose, cleaning tools, decontamination unit) for the purposes of preventing the spread of AIS. The state of New York employs a similar statute (6 CRR-NY 576.3). We envision a law that is broader than that of New York's and more akin to adjusting to the different ramp conditions and communities in New Hampshire. This would be complimentary to the current clean and drain law.

**Effects of Wake Boats:** In conjunction with a high volume of inquiries from our members, we are pursuing the establishment of a commission to study the effects of wake boats on the spread of AIS, on the safety of swimmers and other boaters, and on shoreline erosion. NH LAKES recognizes these boats may be important to tourism, recreation, and our lake-based economy, but we also believe that they must be used responsibly. Although wake boats provide users with a unique recreational experience, the larger than

average wake they produce and the potential for them to transport AIS in ballast systems, raises concerns. We believe that it is necessary to study and document the potential impacts, both positive and negative, of these watercraft in New Hampshire.

**Polluted Runoff:** NH LAKES is exploring possible modifications to the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act to improve the vegetation standards and the corresponding functionality of woodland buffers to help prevent polluted runoff from entering adjacent waters. Polluted runoff has a significant negative impact on the quality of our surface waters, on public health, and on our state's economy. Woodland buffers are an essential line of defense against polluted runoff. Within the existing standards of the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act, some woodland buffers have been removed to a point where our lakes are not adequately protected, especially on or below steep slopes.

In other areas of the NH LAKES Advocacy Program, we're working hard to ensure our influence grows around the state.

**Lake-Friendly Ordinances:** NH LAKES is developing its municipal advocacy program. Do you have a local policy challenge, a bright idea for a local policy change, or a policy that works really well for your town? Let us know! We need your input, ideas, and calls for help. I can be reached at [kbuchanan@nhlakes.org](mailto:kbuchanan@nhlakes.org).

## Time to take the NH LAKES Legislative Advocacy Survey!

Our Legislative Advocacy Survey is now live! Please weigh in on our legislative priorities so that NH LAKES can better represent you and our lakes at the State House. To access this quick and easy survey, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/NHLAKESLegislativeSurvey>.

# Swimming Squirrels?

If you have recently seen a squirrel swimming across your favorite lake, you are not alone. We have received and heard of numerous reports from people throughout New Hampshire witnessing this relatively unusual phenomenon during the last several weeks. Even our very own Kelly Buchanan, NH LAKES Advocacy Program Coordinator, witnessed a squirrel swimming between two islands on Squam Lake over the Labor Day weekend.

"We stopped the boat to let him pass, but the squirrel was shivering and moving slowly. We tried to throw him a life jacket so he could take a rest, but his paws kept sliding off," recounted Kelly. "Then the squirrel figured out we were trying to help and went straight to the stern to climb aboard. Our guest waited patiently and calmly in the back of the boat while we paddled to shore. When we got to someone's dock and pulled up, he instantly scurried to that side of the boat and zoomed from the dock into the woods!"

For many, watching a squirrel swimming across the lake this summer was the first time they had ever seen such a sight, which begs the

question—what's going on? Having done some research, Sam Evans-Brown, reporter for New Hampshire Public Radio, suggests that swimming squirrels are a sign of the apocalypse—or at least a sign of a squirrel apocalypse. Here's why...

Summer 2017 was a 'mast year' for oak tree acorns—meaning there were more acorns than usual. Since squirrels had more of their favorite food to eat, many female squirrels had two litters instead of one, which meant that more squirrels survived through winter. When spring 2018 kicked off, there were many more squirrel mouths to fill than usual. Sam explains that as summer 2018 progressed and the bumper crop of squirrels ate their way through the bumper crop of acorns, the squirrels were "willing to take any risk to find a spot with enough food to support them." Apparently, these risks include crossing roads AND crossing water, which exposes the furry critters to danger—being eaten by predators, being hit by vehicles, and, yes, even drowning.

If you saw a squirrel swimming across the water recently, it was likely hungry. And, although we received

many reports of kind souls saving these daredevils, it's likely that not all squirrels were so lucky (if you have seen the state many of our roadways, you know this to be true). As nature takes its course, it's reasonable to expect that there will be fewer squirrels next year which means it may be several years until we witness the curious phenomenon of swimming squirrels in our lakes again.



**Kelly Buchanan, NH LAKES Advocacy Program Coordinator and wildlife rescuer!**



*On several occasions, squirrels were seen swimming in New Hampshire's lakes during summer 2018.*



*A lucky squirrel hitching a ride to shore!*

# Lake Host and Boater Work Together to 'Save' Lake Waukewan!

Thanks to the efforts of a Lake Host and a boater earlier this summer, Lake Waukewan in Meredith was saved from the introduction of an invasive plant that could have caused serious harm. During the early evening hours on Friday, July 20, Jenan Hays, the Lake Host on duty, found and removed a European water chestnut seed that was attached to the underside of the boat trailer that was about to be launched into the lake. Lake Waukewan is the public drinking water supply for the Town of Meredith and it provides a variety of recreational opportunities for local residents and visitors.

The European water chestnut is an invasive aquatic plant inadvertently released into waters of the Northeast in the late 1800s which has been slowly spreading from waterbody to waterbody, becoming a significant nuisance in areas of the Nashua and Connecticut Rivers in New Hampshire. The plant can quickly form nearly impenetrable floating mats of vegetation which create a hazard for boaters and others recreating in the water. The density of the mats can severely limit light penetration into the water reducing the growth of beneficial native aquatic plants. The reduced plant growth, combined with the decomposition of the water chestnut plants which die back each year, can result in reduced levels of oxygen in the water, impacting aquatic organisms and potentially causing fish kills, and taste and odor problems for the drinking water supply.

"Water chestnut seeds have sharp barbs which help them spread from

waterbody to waterbody, particularly by attaching to the carpeted bunks of trailers," commented Andrea LaMoreaux, NH LAKES Vice President. "In addition, these spiny seeds, once in the water, can result in puncture injuries to people swimming or wading."

While the boater didn't know exactly when and where the trailer picked up the water chestnut seed, it's likely that it could have started growing once in Lake Waukewan. Studies have shown water chestnut seeds that have been out of the water for nearly 12 years can sprout when introduced back into the water!

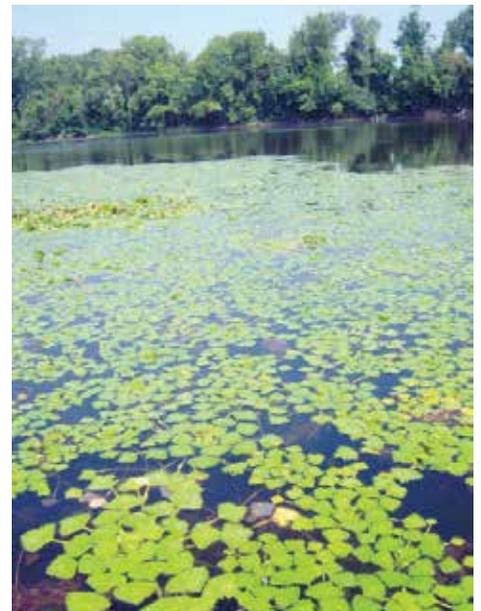
"If I hadn't bent way down to thoroughly inspect the underside of the boat and trailer, I would have missed it," commented Jenan. "The boater was surprised to see the seed and went to a local car wash to give the boat and trailer a thorough rinsing. Ultimately, the boater decided not to launch into the lake that night."

As of the writing of this article, our Lake Hosts have made a total of 25 'saves' during summer 2018—with eight of these saves occurring at waterbodies that are not known to contain infestations of invasive species (Eastman Pond, Great East Lake, Lake Waukewan, Lovell Lake, Merrymeeting Lake, Silver Lake-Chesham/Nelson, Silver Lake-Madison, and Webster Lake).

Great job, Jenan, and to our entire Lake Host Team!



**The European water chestnut seed has spiny barbs that help it attach to boats and trailers.**



**The European water chestnut can quickly form impenetrable floating mats of vegetation which create hazards for boaters and others recreating in the water. (Photo credit: US Fish and Wildlife Service)**

## Check it out!

Many local groups participating in the Lake Host Program will continue staffing boat ramps through Columbus Day weekend. To see the most up-to-date listing of aquatic invasive species 'saves' made through the program, visit [www.nhlakes.org](http://www.nhlakes.org) and look under "What's New."

# Gravel Roads and Driveways: How to Prevent Runoff Water and Save Money

by Russ Lanoie, Owner, Rural Home Technology

**Fact or fiction?** An unpaved gravel road allows rainwater to percolate into the ground more readily than a paved road allows.

**Consider this:** Increasingly intense rain events are threatening the quality of New Hampshire lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams by creating large volumes of runoff water that erode the surface of poorly maintained gravel roads and driveways. While runoff water typically deposits relatively large soil particles at the foot of steep grades, finer soil particles can stay suspended in runoff for great distances, carrying with them harmful nutrients into surface waters.

**The fact:** A properly built unpaved gravel road sheds water just about as well as a road that is paved—meaning a well-functioning gravel road does not allow more runoff water to soak into the ground than a paved road allows. Although having water run off any roadway rather than soak in may seem like a disadvantage (by creating more runoff), a well-compacted gravel surface resists the forces of erosion that would otherwise wash a paved road away, sending silt into surface waters.

**Characteristic #1 of a well-built gravel road:** The material that forms the surface of unpaved roads and driveways should have enough small rocks to provide adequate structural support for vehicles and enough fine silt and clay particles—referred to as ‘binder’—to hold it together. With the proper mix, the gravel will compact

down and dry hard—almost like a brick—enabling the unpaved roadway to shed water and stay put when it rains. Ironically, without enough binder, road surfaces remain loose and erode easily, allowing the small amount of silt and clay that is there to wash out and be carried long distances into surface waters.

**Characteristic #2 of a well-built gravel road:** The other factor necessary to keep unpaved roads (and driveways, too!) in place is a proper shape—called a ‘crown’—that sheds water to the sides. Given proper shape and materials, unpaved roads allow water to run off in a sheeting action, although vigilant attention is required to keep runoff water from forming channels, particularly on hills. Road surfaces should be smoothed at the first sign of little channels forming, as little channels will become gullies during future rains.

**Fighting human nature to help foil Mother Nature:** On narrow roads and driveways everyone tends to drive in the center. This results in car wheels forming tracks as they wear away only these two narrow sections of the surface. This is particularly troublesome on hills. Even the best crowned road can eventually become shaped like a “W,” which, during rain events, invites water to run in the ruts, further washing them out. By drivers simply varying their path, much of this phenomenon could be prevented. The challenge is not driving in the center requires a change in human nature.

**What’s your idea?** I think a simple sign, either with just a few words or a pictorial or combination of the two, posted at the beginning of a hill, might spur drivers to vary their path and not always drive in the center of the gravel road. I’ve been thinking about this for a long time but haven’t come up with anything catchy—do you have an idea? You can help prevent one of the greatest problems that those of us trying to maintain gravel roads and driveways face to keep them from washing into our rivers, ponds and lakes—send your ideas to NH LAKES at [info@nhlakes.org](mailto:info@nhlakes.org). Thank you!

**About the author:** Russ Lanoie will be presenting a gravel roads workshop on October 29 entitled “Getting Your Dirt Road Ready for Winter and Spring!” at the Tin Mountain Conservation Center in Albany, New Hampshire. He also offers free workshops to lake and other conservation groups. To download his manual “A Ditch in Time: An owner’s manual for those who live and travel on dirt and gravel roads,” visit <https://tinyurl.com/Ditch-in-Time-Road-Manual>. He can be reached at [russlanoie@gmail.com](mailto:russlanoie@gmail.com).



*If your gravel road or driveway has fully developed ruts like this, surface waters nearby are in danger of being polluted with silt and nutrient laden runoff water.*

# Sunapee Resident wins NH LAKES 2018 John F. Morten Award for Exemplary Lakes Stewardship

Midge Eliassen, resident of Sunapee and long-time steward of Lake Sunapee, was recently awarded the 2018 John F. Morten Award for Exemplary Lake Stewardship. On August 9, Tom O'Brien, President of NH LAKES, along with Board members from NH LAKES and representatives of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA), gathered at the LSPA Learning Center in Sunapee Harbor to present NH LAKES' most prestigious annual award.



**Midge Eliassen (second from right), was awarded the 2018 John F. Morten Award for Exemplary Lake Stewardship by NH LAKES Board Member Shirley Green (left), LSPA Executive Director June Fichter (second from left), and NH LAKES President Tom O'Brien (right) on August 9.**

In September 2002, this award was created in honor of the late John F. Morten (1914-1989) in recognition of his lifelong work to 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, now known as NH LAKES. It was John Morten who saw the value of a statewide umbrella organization to

represent lake interests with both the legislature and state agencies. This award is given annually to an individual nominated by his/her peers who exemplifies the values, commitment, and hard work that John Morten brought to the cause of lake protection.

"As in the past, the role of volunteers in achieving our clean lakes mission is critical," says NH LAKES Board Chair, Stu Lord. "There are many deserving volunteers but Midge's commitment and achievements are extraordinary and longstanding, which is why she is so deserving of the 2018 award."

June Fichter, Executive Director of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, describes Midge's lake stewardship service this way: "Midge has been working behind the scenes for years at Lake Sunapee and throughout the watershed, with both the Lake Sunapee Protective Association and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire's Forests. She has also been our resident historian, photographer, and citizen scientist. And, she was the primary driver behind the placement of an instrumented buoy in the lake that collects data continuously—as a result of this work, we hosted a scientific meeting with more than 130 lake researchers from 30 countries at Lake Sunapee!"

Tom O'Brien added, "Midge's dedication to Lake Sunapee, her work with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, her commitment statewide to New Hampshire's forests, which protect all of our lakes, make her our very best choice for the 2018 Morten Award for Exemplary Lake Stewardship."

Congratulations, and thank you, Midge!

## 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)

It's not too early to submit nominations for 2019! Visit [www.nhlakes.org/Morten-Award](http://www.nhlakes.org/Morten-Award) to submit your nomination.

## Have you gotten your NH LAKES sticker yet?

At the start of the summer, we unveiled the new NH LAKES logo at our 25th annual Lakes Congress and attendees loved it! Then, we took our logo on the road to various meetings and events and the response continued to be overwhelmingly positive—people LOVE our new logo.

So, we made our logo into a cool sticker and have been handing it out to lake lovers throughout the state. If you haven't gotten your NH LAKES sticker yet, don't delay. It's FREE and easy to get—just go to our website at [www.nhlakes.org](http://www.nhlakes.org) and look under "What's New" to fill out a simple order form.

Display your sticker proudly on your car, water bottle, laptop, or window near your front door—wherever others will see it!



## Donate your old vehicle for clean and healthy lakes!

Thinking of getting a new boat for next summer? Did you know you can donate your old boat to NH LAKES and avoid winter storage charges? In addition to boats, the NH LAKES vehicle donation program will accept your old car, truck, motorcycle, or airplane!

Make your vehicle donation now, before January 1, 2019, and you may qualify for a 2018 tax deduction. An agent will handle the process from start to finish, and you will receive a tax receipt when your vehicle is picked up. Call the NH LAKES vehicle donation hotline at 855-500-RIDE (7433) and you will be guided through the donation process. It's easy and makes a difference to us.

## Membership Matters

New Members: June 14 – September 10, 2018

### Individuals & Families

Anonymous  
Bill and Denise Andrus  
Paul and Evelyn Ardito  
Jill Baker  
Karen and Paul Bemis  
Paul and Heidi Blais  
Jay Buckley  
Carol and Roger Carlson  
Ronald and Suzan Cheetham  
Christopher Clark  
Robert Cole  
Maureen Criasia  
Ken and Martha DeBlieu  
Elizabeth DesJardins  
Mark F. Diette and Mary G. DiMaria  
Susan Donovan  
Lisa and Ralph English  
Jennifer Esten  
Richard and Harriet Fingerroth  
Marcia French  
Jake and Pam Gehret  
Tony and Diane Giamberardino  
Joan Gorga  
Neil and Elizabeth Hause  
Cheryl and Lee Haydon  
Joe and Kim Henley  
Mark Herbert  
Louise and Doug Herrick  
Cathy Hill

Lauren Hill  
Richard and Marybeth Hillard  
Onni Irish  
Sue Jackman  
Peter and Margaret Kelly  
Clifford King  
Donald and Phebe Kirkham  
Carolyn Kobsa  
Mark LeCompte  
Christina and Doug McAllister  
Dennis McCafferty  
Stephen McGrath  
George and Jane Metzger  
Jeff Miller and Carol MacKinnon  
Rob and Laura Moore  
The Neary Family  
Sherri and Curt Oberg  
Fred and Susan Orkin  
Patty Philbrook  
Jim and Patti Potter  
Steven and Jane Steiner  
Julie and Jack Swatt  
Jean G. Tate  
Barry and Terri Tiedt  
Jan Townsend  
Bayard Tracy  
Robin and Van Webb  
Jack and Lory Weekes  
Jennifer West  
Leigh Westlake

Cheryl Weston  
Mark Whary  
Tod and Kathy Wicker  
Jim and Valerie Wickham  
Kimberly Ziegele

### Organizations

Winnisquam Watershed Network  
Country Pond Lake Association

### Foundations

Thomas P. Wright Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

### Memorial Donations for John W. Cutter, Jr.

Donna and Jim Betz  
Barbara Langone  
Cheryl Marco

### Memorial Donations for Emery Grace Lessard

Shirley and Glyn Green

### Memorial Donations for James B. Walker

Mary Ellen Kalled  
Susan Kalled

### Donations in Honor of Pam and Og Young

Jill Baker



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*A spectacular late-summer sunrise over Lake Winnepocket in Webster. (Photo credit: S. Carlson.)*