



LAKE SIDE

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Doing More for Clean and Healthy Lakes!

New Hampshire is home to some of the cleanest and healthiest lakes in the country. But, we know that they are threatened by invasive species, polluted runoff water, and much more. In fact, nearly three years ago, our members, partners, and friends, told us that NH LAKES needed to do more to ensure that our lakes remain clean and healthy, now and in the future. Our board and staff accepted that challenge and we got to work raising money, hiring more staff, and developing new programs.

Now, it's your turn to do more! By reading about our new programs and resources highlighted in this article and throughout this issue of *Lakeside*, we hope you'll be inspired to do more for clean and healthy lakes. As our members, we count on YOU to be the first to adopt our new programs and resources. We also count on YOU to be our ambassadors—please tell your family, friends, neighbors, and others in your lake community about all that NH LAKES now has to offer!

NH LAKES LakeSmart Lake-Friendly Living Program

In July, NH LAKES will kick off the LakeSmart Program—an education and reward program that assists home owners in managing their property in ways that contribute to a clean and healthy lake.

We are looking for up to 10 local groups and up to 50 property owners to participate in this summer's pilot

program. Local groups will be asked to volunteer a team of at least two individuals (but preferably three—one local coordinator and two evaluators) to be trained to deliver the LakeSmart Program in their local community.

We are also looking for individuals to participate on their own as property owners.

How the LakeSmart Program Works

The evaluation process is simple and it starts with a user-friendly self-evaluation that can be completed online by the property owner. For all properties, the evaluation covers the driveway and parking areas, structures and septic systems, and the yard and play areas. For shoreline properties, the evaluation also covers the shoreline and nearshore areas of the lake. From there, property owners can elect to have a confidential site visit from a LakeSmart trained individual (either from NH LAKES or the local participating lake association) to complete a full property evaluation with the owner.

Owners of properties that score high in all categories will receive the LakeSmart Award sign for posting on their property (and piquing the interest of their neighbors).

For properties that don't score high, site specific recommendations and a 'tool kit' of information for incorporating additional lake-friendly living practices will be provided. Once

upgrades are made, property owners can request re-evaluations.

There is also an option for properties to be certified as LoonSmart.

Interested?

You can make being LakeSmart the cultural norm in your community just by leading through example and encouraging your neighbors to do the same.

If you are interested in bringing the LakeSmart lake-friendly living program to your community or your property, contact us—email info@nhlakes.org or call (603) 226-0299. More information will be posted on our new website soon!



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From the President...



When I last wrote to you in these pages I described how we were planning to do more to keep our lakes clean and healthy. I am proud to say that, even

in this brief time from winter to spring, we have done more and our impact has been measurable. Let me tell you a little of that story...

For the past couple of years, we have been working on a joint project with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) to do more to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). We conducted extensive research and then developed recommendations and guidance for introducing tools and technologies that can be used to more thoroughly clean and drain boats, trailers, and gear to prevent the spread of AIS. In the past few months, we have introduced legislation to make the use of AIS spread prevention tools at public boat access facilities a requirement, when they are made available. And, with the help of DES and many of you, we raised the money to buy a state-of-the-art aquatic invasive species spread prevention technology—a CD3 (Clean, Drain, Dry, and Dispose) unit. This waterless, solar-powered cleaning station will be deployed and demonstrated around the state this summer.

Another part of our story occurred the day before I wrote this article. On that day, we learned of our first success from another new initiative—supporting the development and passage of local lake-friendly zoning ordinances. In the Town of Barnstead, voters passed a 'steep slope' ordinance by a two-to-one margin—an ordinance that NH LAKES staff helped craft that will ultimately reduce runoff water pollution into local lakes. We provided examples of lake-friendly ordinances from other towns (maybe even yours!) and worked closely with the Barnstead Planning Board to develop the best ordinance for the community.

Then there is our communication impact—most notably our new website to be launched in early April. We have long-desired to provide you with a 'tool box' of helpful lake information and resources. We think this new website is the answer. Please check it out and let us know what you think.

Of course, the most important part of this 'greater impact' story is that it was a group effort. We are doing more only with your help. Thank you for all that you do to help us keep our lakes clean and healthy. I look forward to sharing many more stories with you!

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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NH LAKES Advocacy Update

by Kelly Buchanan, NH LAKES Advocacy Program Coordinator



The New Hampshire 2019 legislative session is a busy one. The House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee had almost 40 bills to review. Last year, they had less than 20 to consider! NH LAKES remains involved every step of the way, advocating for legislation to keep our lakes clean and healthy. This year,

we've been more proactive than ever. Through legislative sponsors, we submitted three bills: House Bill (HB) 137 relative to a wake boat study commission; HB 325 relative to best available technologies for aquatic invasive species prevention; and, HB 625 relative to a decal program to increase funding for aquatic invasive species prevention and management. Each of these bills were voted 'ought to pass' by the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee. We are thrilled to have gotten this far, but we'll need your help supporting these bills in the Senate, too. Stay tuned for calls to action by signing up for our Advocacy Alert at www.nhlakes.org.

In other Advocacy Program work, we surveyed our members last fall to determine NH LAKES' legislative and public policy priorities for 2019. We distributed surveys in two areas of scope: legislative and municipal.

Respondents to our municipal survey expressed the most interest in pursuing the passage of local ordinances for polluted runoff water

management, expendable trust funds for aquatic invasive species prevention and management, and low salt use areas on public roadways. Survey respondents requested examples of lake-friendly ordinances and guidance on what towns can regulate. Respondents also expressed interest in increasing state-level enforcement of the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act and introducing regulations on wake boats.

Keeping our lakes clean and healthy can start at the municipal level.

Often, state regulations are not protective enough of our water resources. Enacting a lake-friendly ordinance is an effective way to ensure your lake is well-protected, and NH LAKES can help! We provide research assistance, model ordinances, and advice on local policy and government.

Please reach out to us if you're interested in protecting your favorite lake through a local ordinance. Contact Kelly Buchanan, NH LAKES Advocacy Program Coordinator, at kbuchanan@nhlakes.org or (603) 226-0299.

In Memoriam



Joe Goodnough (1931 - 2019)

Joseph B. Goodnough passed away on February 2, 2019, at his home in Newbury, New Hampshire. 'Joe G.' as we affectionately called him, was one of (if not the) longest-standing board member of NH LAKES to date, having served three, three-year terms, twice—that's 18 years of service to this organization! And, his service to the Lake Sunapee Protective Association was even longer.

Joe and his wife Sue Williamson, who predeceased him, cared deeply for Lake Sunapee. They moved to the lake in 1963 and became year-round residents in 2000. Joe was a sailing enthusiast and he enjoyed racing with the Lake Sunapee Yacht Club. He served NH LAKES in many capacities as a Board member, including serving for several years as the organization's representative to the State of New Hampshire Public Water Access Advisory Board.

Joe was a man of vision and ideas. He brought character and passion to his volunteer work at NH LAKES. We will miss you, Joe G. Sail on.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lake Sunapee Protective Association, P.O. Box 683, Sunapee, NH 03782.

Kick off Summer at Lakes Congress!



What: Our annual education, training, and networking event.

When:

- **Thursday, May 30: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
Steam Over 'Winnepiseogee' – a presentation by historian David Warren
- **Friday, May 31: 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.**
The day will kick-off with the keynote presentation "Voices of the Land" by Eric Eckl. In this inspiring keynote, you will hear what it takes for local grassroots efforts to succeed in getting more conservation practices implemented on the ground to protect our waters, including our lakes.

Where: Church Landing at Mill Falls in Meredith

Session Tracks and Topics Include:

- Association Services
 - Brand recognition and improving membership support
 - Organizing for lake protection
 - Membership best practices for recruitment and retention
- Advocacy & Public Policy
 - Lake advocacy in New Hampshire
 - Working with local government
 - Training to become a lake advocate
- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
 - Identifying and managing AIS
 - Tools and technology for AIS spread prevention
 - Courtesy boat inspection programs
- Lake-Friendly Watershed Actions
 - NH LAKES LakeSmart Lake-Friendly Living Program
 - Working with land trusts
 - How to build a rain garden
- Hot Topics
 - Cyanobacteria
 - What our water is worth
 - Climate change and New Hampshire's water and loons

For More Information & to Register: www.nhlakes.org/lakes-congress

Schedule an Appointment with Eric Eckl!

**2019 Lakes Congress
Keynote Presenter &
Communications Expert**



Do you have an outreach project or piece—a brochure, website, newsletter, social media channel—that you need expert help with?

If yes, take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet with Eric Eckl, owner of Water Words That Work and nationally-recognized communications expert for water conservation issues.

You, or your small group of up to four individuals, can schedule a 20-minute appointment with Eric to get what is sure to be invaluable guidance and feedback.

Only seven appointments are available and you must pre-register. Once registered, we will reach out to you to get some basic information about your project so Eric can prepare to meet with you.

Stay the Night in Meredith!

Lakes Congress registrants are encouraged to stay the night in Meredith before Friday's program. Registrants will receive a special discounted rate to stay at any of the Mills Falls Inns on Thursday, May 30. To reserve a room, call (800) 622-6455 and mention that you will be attending Lakes Congress.

Join Us at Lakes Congress on Thursday Night!

“Steam Over ‘Winnepiseogee’”

Kick off Lake Congress with us on the evening of Thursday, May 30, and hear how the railroads and their steamboats changed the Lakes Region into the mecca for tourists, vacationers, and summer residents that it is today. Historian David Warren will explain how no other development in our history has had a greater impact on our economy and culture. Stories and diaries left by folks who lived and worked here during that time, as well as steamboat logs and newspaper articles, will help paint a picture of life here during this most interesting era. David will also highlight the fascinating and convoluted story of the Mount Washington, and you will learn why the vessel we know and love today almost didn't happen. This discussion will be held from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Register at www.nhlakes.org (\$5 per person).



B & M Rail Road Station, The Weirs, Lake Winnepesaukee, NH
(Source: www.winnepesaukee.com)

Your Vehicle Purchase Could Support the 2019 Lakes Congress!

Fourth Generation Steward, Amanda Grappone Osmer, has committed Grappone Automotive's support to the 2019 Lakes Congress if they can tie the sale of 10 vehicles to NH LAKES! If you have purchased a vehicle from Grappone since June 2018, please let us know—contact us at info@nhlakes.org or (603) 226-0299.

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On a Screen Near You!

In early April, NH LAKES is launching a new website! This website is designed to be your go-to place to find out all you need to know about lakes and what you can do to keep them clean and healthy. Some of the features include:

- Frequently asked questions about lakes
- An extensive article library with downloadable articles you can use in your local publications
- Resources for lake associations
- Information on how to report a problem or concern
- and, so much more!

Our address is the same, but the content is so much more! Check it out and let us know what else you would like to see.
www.nhlakes.org



Are You Ready for an Infestation?

by Amy Smagula, Exotic Species Program Coordinator, NH Dept. of Environmental Services

Good news—summer is just around the corner! And, soon, plants will be sprouting in the lake. Most of these, thankfully, will be welcomed native species that are beneficial for a variety of reasons. Unfortunately, in the case of invasive plants, they will not be welcomed. Invasive plants not only crowd out and out-compete native plants and animals for food and space, they pose dangers for humans and decrease shoreline property values. In this article, I will provide you with a crash course in what you and your community need to know (and do) to be ready for the discovery of a new invasive species in a waterbody.

Identification of New Infestations: New infestations of aquatic invasive species (AIS) are discovered in our lakes in a number of ways. While biologists from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) are out several days a week from late-spring through early-fall monitoring on our lakes, they cannot visit every waterbody in the state every year. DES relies on a network of trained volunteers to survey local waters to find and report possible new infestations of AIS. You can help by becoming a Weed Watcher and/or starting a program on your local lake. Weed Watchers look for more than just plants—they look for algae and animals, too. But, whether you are a Weed Watcher or not, if you ever think you have found a new invasive plant or animal in a lake, make a note of the location, take a digital photo, and forward this information (along with your phone number) to me at Amy.Smagula@des.nh.gov.

Surveying and Mapping: Once an infestation is reported and the specimen is identified as being an invasive plant, DES will conduct a field survey to assess and map the location of the infestation. Maps are updated at least annually and often multiple times during a growing season.

Planning Control Actions: Once the location and extent of the invasive plant growth is mapped, DES will review

available control techniques for the type and size of infestation, and identify actions that are scientifically suitable. We will work closely with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the Natural Heritage Program of the Department of Resources and Economic Development to identify the presence of any Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species, or any habitat or natural communities of concern. If identified, we will work with these agencies to find a way to avoid or minimize risk to these special species or habitats while work is done to control the invasive species.

Typical Control Method Categories: The control practices used will be as specific to the invasive species as possible. No control of native plants or animals is intended. Invasive plant management relies on a combination of proven methods, including physical, chemical, and biological controls (where they exist), and habitat manipulation.

Local Infrastructure: Generally, when an invasive species has been identified, many local entities become involved in the control strategy. It is important to bring people together so they understand the management actions that may take place. Having a local group organized to serve as a local liaison with DES and other state agencies and contractors is critical to the success of any AIS control project. Many projects have failed due to lack of local interest and support.

Project Funding: DES will pay 100 percent of the control costs for a new invasive plant infestation. For repeat control projects, DES will match up to 50 percent of the cost. Program funds are generated through boat registration fees and grants are awarded to local lake associations and municipalities. It is expected that local dollars will be available to support on-going control efforts. Local dollars come from a variety of sources. On the town or municipal level, warrant articles or specific line items included in annual budgets, or local conservation funds, are often earmarked for funding AIS control activities. However local funding is generated, the local entity should establish a trust fund so that unspent funds in a given year can be rolled over to the next year.

Is Your Community Ready? If your community doesn't have an invasive species committee, an existing AIS spread prevention program at major boat launches, a trust fund for exotic species control, trained Weed Watchers, and certified Weed Control Divers, then your community isn't ready to respond to an AIS infestation. To learn more, and to read the comprehensive document that this article was excerpted from, please contact me at Amy.Smagula@des.nh.gov.



Coming to a Boat Ramp Near You!

Despite state laws and education activities, boaters continue to arrive at New Hampshire access sites with boats, trailers, and gear that have not been cleaned, drained, and dry. Considering that it can take just one boat with a fragment of an invasive plant, or a boat with a few drops of water trapped in a livewell with a single invasive animal larva, being launched into a waterbody to cause a widespread infestation, this is alarming!

We know that the operation of a mandatory watercraft inspection and decontamination program at every boat access site in the state would provide New Hampshire's waters with the highest level of protection from the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Mandatory inspection programs with provisions for high-pressure, hot water decontamination washes are implemented in many regions of the western United States, and in some regions in New York and Vermont. We also know that this approach, however, is not currently practical to implement in New Hampshire for many reasons.

The good news is that there are many opportunities for boat access site

owners (and their local partners) to offer best available practices and technologies to help boaters prevent the spread of invasive species in New Hampshire. Here at NH LAKES, we are committed to sharing examples and ideas, and inspiring and empowering action.

As of the writing of this article, NH LAKES had just placed an order for a trailered, solar-powered CD3 (Clean-Drain-Dry-Dispose) Waterless Cleaning System. A variety of CD3 models are available that provide boaters with self-service tools and information to help them take action to prevent the spread of invasive species. While the CD3 technology does not provide disinfection that kills organisms, studies have shown that it does provide a more effective approach for preventing the spread of AIS—particularly when it comes to the removal of trapped water. CD3 units may serve as a practical AIS spread prevention tool in New Hampshire as they don't require the infrastructure and site footprint needs that a wash station requires, and they are much less expensive to operate.

Our CD3 unit will be shared with boat access site owners and local partners



NH LAKES will be deploying and demonstrating a solar-powered version of the CD3 (Clean-Drain-Dry-Dispose) unit at boat access sites throughout the state.

at boat ramps around the state. We believe if more people see how easy it is for boaters to use this innovative and effective technology, then they will be inspired to install a permanent station at their ramp. We will keep you posted on where you can find the traveling CD3 as it makes its tour around the state.

Meet Dr. Ed Rudberg, one of the CD3 Founders, at Lakes Congress!



As the third generation of his family in the boating industry, Dr. Ed Rudberg has a passion for outdoor recreation and conservation. His Ph.D. in Natural Resources Science and Management blended communication and psychological theory to help catalyze individuals' adoption of conservation behaviors on lakes. Attend the session "Tools & Technologies for Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention" at Lakes Congress on Friday, May 31, and hear how the CD3 Waterless Cleaning Station was piloted in Minnesota to 'capture a unicorn' and change boater behavior.

Have You Spread the Word Yet?

If there's a boat ramp in your community, NH LAKES can help you spread the word about what can be done at the site to better protect the lake from invasive species. Our recent publication, "Best Available Technologies for Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention: A guidebook by NH LAKES for boat access site owners and partners" can be downloaded from our website at www.nhlakes.org. Or, we can email it directly to you (or someone in your lake community)—contact us at info@nhlakes.org or (603) 226-0299.

Removing More than Just Milfoil

by Allison Flint, Mascoma Lake Association

Meet the SS Milfoil—a working barge owned and operated by the Mascoma Lake Association on Lake Mascoma, a 1,158-acre lake located in Enfield and Lebanon, New Hampshire. Our multi-purpose vessel, based on a pontoon platform, has been used for several years collecting water samples and patrolling the lake for invasive plant removal. It often makes an appearance in our Fourth of July boat parade, too!

The SS Milfoil's primary function is to serve as the platform for our certified Weed Control Divers to remove Eurasian milfoil growing in the lake.

An active group of volunteers from our association are in and on the lake all summer long looking for and removing stems of the invasive plant. Volunteer Weed Watchers survey the shoreline and mark the milfoil plants. Then, divers remove the plants with support from teams aboard the SS Milfoil. For years, divers have also removed pieces of trash and other debris here and there while removing plants. A few years ago, one of our active milfoil divers, Bud Lynch, wanted to do more.

In 2017, Bud gathered volunteers to collect trash and recyclables along the shoreline at four sites around the lake—the two boat launches, a sandbar popular with picnickers, and at the inlet to the lake (the mouth of the Mascoma River).



The Mascoma Lake Association's SS Milfoil in the annual Fourth of July Boat Parade.

In 2018, using the SS Milfoil, we expanded our trash clean up to include underwater debris. To gather as much trash as possible from the lake, first we had to find it. Just as we mark our milfoil plant sightings in the lake with yellow foam buoys, marker-maker Tom Potter gave us red foam markers to mark trash. Volunteers went out on the lake the week before the clean-up to identify trash sites for removal.

On Saturday, August 19, Milfoil Captain David Kelman skippered the SS Milfoil with divers Bud and Dave Michael and his helpful (and strong)

son-in-law to pick up trash and tires from the Livingstone Lodge area on the east side of the lake. Crossing the lake, the team then picked up Bob Barr at his dock to retrieve a 55-gallon drum, which seemed intact but was cut in two by the rope. With sediment blocking full viewing, they plan to go back another day to finish the job.

In all, the SS Milfoil dive team removed several tires, assorted cans, portions of barrels, and bottles from the lake and river. Also removed was an ancient mooring that had not been used for many years and two truck wheels. Several bags of trash and recycling from the shoreline clean-up sites were added to the haul. We are grateful for the Town of Enfield Public Works crew for picking up all we collected. We are planning another shoreline and deep water clean-up in August 2019!

To learn more about our group and programs, please visit www.mascomalakeassociation.org.



The Mascoma Lake Association 2018 shoreline and deep water clean-up haul!

Need Help with a Lake Clean-Up or Other Volunteer Event?

Then you may be in luck! NH LAKES is planning to expand its team this summer to include two members participating in the Lakes Region Conservation Corps—an AmeriCorps service program that develops skills and provides experiences for conservation professionals. Our team may be able to help your group host a clean-up or other volunteer-led community event. If you are interested in this potential opportunity, contact us at info@nhlakes.org.

What is Our Water Worth and What Does it Cost?

We know that the surface waters of New Hampshire—our lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams—are worth a lot. But, have you ever wondered how much is ‘a lot’? Have you ever wondered what it costs to keep our waters and water supply clean and plentiful? If you’ve been one of our long-time members, you may recall that nearly 18 years ago, NH LAKES collaborated with several local association partners and other conservation organization to initiate a series of studies to estimate the economic value of our lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams.

Conducted between 2001 and 2007, these studies estimated that the main uses of our freshwater in New Hampshire contribute significantly to the state’s economy—\$247 Million in property taxes and up to \$1.5 Billion in total sales annually. These studies also estimated that decreases in the clarity and purity of our lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams would have significant negative impact on the state’s economy—\$51 million in lost

sales and \$18 million in lost income.

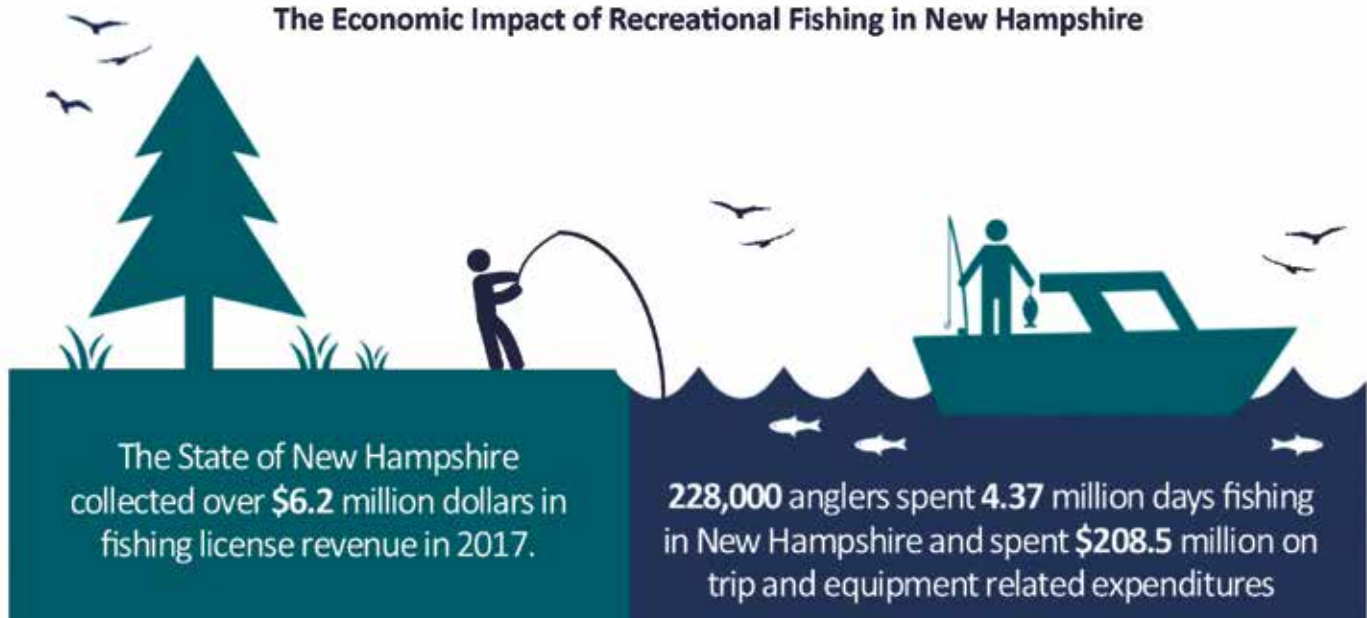
Many of the findings from this work have been central to our message with the New Hampshire legislature and other audiences over the years. And that message is this: clean lakes are important to all who live and visit New Hampshire, they support local economies and the state economy, and they are worth protecting. In the words of Tom O’Brien, NH LAKES President, “our waterbodies are the lifeblood of New Hampshire.”

In 2012, the New Hampshire Water Sustainability Commission was created to develop a plan to “ensure that the quality and quantity of New Hampshire’s water in 25 years is as good as or better than it is today.” The Commission produced a report recommending several initiatives. NH LAKES began meeting with a loose coalition of groups—a group which evolved into the public/private partnership we now call ‘New Hampshire Lives on Water’ (NH LOW)—to address the

recommendations. They decided that the highest priority was to broaden and update the ‘value of water’ studies that NH LAKES and its partners had last sponsored back in 2007. After conducting a successful fundraising campaign, two researchers from the University of New Hampshire— Dr. Alison Watts and Dr. Shannon Rogers—were hired to do the work.

This spring, the report, *What Is Our Water Worth and What Does Our Water Cost? A review of economic data on water in New Hampshire*, will be finalized. In mid-March, Tom O’Brien, and Dr. Watts rolled out the final draft of the report at the Water and Watershed Conference at Plymouth State University. And, on Friday, May 31, at our Lakes Congress, Dr. Watts and Dr. Rogers will present the final report—if you want to be one of the first to learn the final results, attend this session! (Lakes Congress registration will open in mid-April at www.nhlakes.org.) We’ve provided a sneak peek of the results with this article!

The Economic Impact of Recreational Fishing in New Hampshire



Source “Nature Economy Values of Freshwater Recreation in NH, Fact Sheet #2.” <https://extension.unh.edu/tags/water-values-costs>.

Call for Nominations: 2019 Morten Award for Exemplary Lake Stewardship



**John F. Morten
(1914–1989)**

In September 2002, a special 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 later became the New Hampshire Lakes Association (NH LAKES) upon its merger with the New Hampshire Lakes Legislative Coalition. It was John Morten who saw the value of a statewide umbrella organization to represent lake interests with both the legislature and state agencies.

Mr. Morten exemplified selfless dedication to the lakes he loved so much, giving generously of his time, talents, and financial resources to help protect them. He was a person who made things happen—the creative idea man, leader, and activist who was organized, determined, and persistent in the achievement of any task. It is in tribute to his vision,

dedication, commitment, and vigor that NH LAKES established the John F. Morten Memorial Award for Exemplary Lakes Stewardship.

If you would like to nominate an individual for the 2019 Morten Award, visit the NH LAKES website at www.nhlakes.org to download a nomination form, email info@nhlakes.org, or contact the office at (603) 226-0299.

All nominations must be submitted by June 1, 2019. You can also re-nominate someone who has been nominated before.

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)

Inspire the Next Generation of Lake Caretakers in Your Community!

Through the NH LAKES Watershed Warrior activity circuit participants experience hands-on fun while learning about lake ecology and simple everyday things they can do to help keep lakes healthy. All Watershed Warriors earn a multicolored patch and certificate. This is the perfect activity to bring to your local parks and recreation camp, an association family fun day, community festival, library children's program, and more.

Bring this program to your community this summer in one of the following ways:

- **Option 1:** Schedule NH LAKES staff to run the program at your community event, free of charge!
- **Option 2:** Borrow the activity station kit from NH LAKES and recruit volunteers from your group to run the program. NH LAKES provides training free of charge and the kit comes complete with all materials and simple instructions.
- **Option 3:** Purchase your own activity station kit and run the program with your own group whenever you want! NH LAKES staff provides training for free and you purchase your own kit for \$250.

If you're interested in participating or learning more, contact our Outreach Program Coordinator, Erin Mastine, at emastine@nhlakes.org.



Membership Matters

New Members:
December 14, 2018 – March 8, 2019

Individuals

Betts and C.D. Armstrong
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Meet Anne and Bob Shaw, Members of the NH LAKES Legacy Society



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It took Anne and Bob Shaw three years to find the perfect spot to spend the rest of their days. When their kids had grown, they decided to move Bob's venture capital business out of Washington, D.C. The city was just getting too crowded and noisy.

Thus began an exhaustive search of the Northeast for a lake property. Bob had grown up in Ithaca, New York, among the Finger Lakes and spent summers in the Adirondacks. They decided on the Lakes Region of New Hampshire because of its proximity to good skiing. Then they chose Lake Winnepesaukee because it was big enough to allow for serious sailing with their sleek Beneteau First 235.

Once they found the perfect spot, it took another three years to find an

architect, approve plans, and have the home built. Interestingly, Anne had spent time during several summers as a child not far from the property they ended up purchasing.

Being at a lake was so much a part of Bob's childhood that now Bob and his two brothers all have homes on lakes. "We all ended up with lake-love," as Bob puts it.

The Shaws have been members of NH LAKES almost since its inception over 25 years ago. They have given to the Annual Fund since that time, and are members of the NH LAKES Leadership Circle—a special group of dedicated individuals who support NH LAKES with annual contributions of \$1,000 or more.

Anne and Bob have also joined the NH LAKES Legacy Society. They have chosen to name NH LAKES as a beneficiary in their estate plans. "It's important to invest in the good work of NH LAKES now and in the future—for the benefit of our children and grandchildren," says Bob.

Thank you, Anne and Bob, for doing your part to keep New Hampshire's lakes clean and healthy, today and in the future!

If you are interested in learning more about the NH LAKES Legacy Society, contact Martha Lovejoy, Director of Finance and Development, at mlovejoy@nhlakes.org or (603) 226-0299.



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This Tote Could be Yours!

NH LAKES has contracted with Enviro-Tote, a New Hampshire company, to make our new Lake Keeper tote out of 'Bottle Bag' fabric. This fabric is made in the USA from recycled soda bottles. In addition to being made from post-consumer waste, this tote launders beautifully and will look wonderful for years to come.

You can get your very own tote by signing up to support NH LAKES as a Lake Keeper with monthly donations of at least \$10. Sign up today at www.nhlakes.org or contact us at info@nhlakes.org or (603) 226-0299. Or, even easier, check off the Lake Keeper box on the envelope provided in this issue and mail it back to us!



Thank you, Jim!



Jim McElroy

Jim McElroy stepped down from the NH LAKES Board of Directors this past December, after a three-year term, to devote more time to the lakes that he loves most and is connected to—Danforth Ponds, where he and his wife Jeanne live—and the Ossipee Lake system, to which Danforth Ponds flow. Jim has been a stalwart organizer in his local lake community for

several years, with a special focus on aquatic invasive species spread prevention. For several years he has served, and continues to serve, as the volunteer local coordinator for NH LAKES Lake Host Program. We are grateful for all Jim has done for NH LAKES and all our lakes. Thank you, Jim!