



LAKE SIDE

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HB 1066 Is a Major Victory for Our Lakes! New Law to Stop Dangerous Blooms in Our Lakes

Your support helped legislators take swift action to get our lakes the help they desperately need. Because you gave our lakes a voice (a loud one.), House Bill 1066 has been signed by the Governor.

Hundreds of stories reached our legislators illustrating how worried you are about the poisonous blooms you are seeing in our once pristine lakes.

Thanks to you, the voice of our lakes was heard loud and strong in the State House.

This bill directs the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) to take **immediate action** by creating a plan to address cyanobacteria blooms, as well as funding, and an advisory committee to ensure the plan's success. This was so much better than we hoped for, and all because of you.

And, now the bill has been signed into law by the Governor. None of this would have been possible without YOU. Every phone call made, every email sent, every friend and neighbor who acted, was all because you supported this effort. And, it started a ripple in our State Legislature that will begin statewide changes to save our lakes. The lakes we all love thank you.

Because of your support, members of the New Hampshire Legislature learned how:

- Cyanobacteria is poisoning our once pristine lakes.
- Many families have children and grandchildren who are afraid to visit the lake in the summer for fear of becoming sick from spending time in the water.
- Dogs have become sick after swimming through a bloom.
- **This bill is good for our lakes, our health, and our state.**

So they ACTED!



Because of your support, experts will begin to identify ways to stop dangerous cyanobacteria blooms like this one on Tucker Pond. Photograph by Steven Crisp.

Header: Your support is helping to stop the dangerous blooms in our lakes. And, is helping to keep people, pets, and wildlife—including loons—from getting sick.

Meet Your LakeSmart Service Providers

When you start your lake-friendly living projects, you want expert help from people who care about the lake as much as you do. Because you care so much about protecting the lake, you've made the LakeSmart Service Provider Program a reality!

Like you, LakeSmart Service Providers are committed to doing work in a way that supports clean and healthy lakes.

If you need help with your lake-friendly projects, please reach out to our community of LakeSmart

Service Providers. You can find landscapers, septic services, contractors, and more, all dedicated to working in ways that safeguard the health of our lakes.

Read on to discover how a few of these Bald Eagle Partners put the health of our lakes first in their work, embracing the lake-friendly living lifestyle—just like you.

Visit nhlakes.org/lakesmart to see a full list of providers.

Exclusive Bald Eagle Partners



Clason Remodeling Company

Kurt Clason, President of Clason Remodeling Company, has been an active remodeler for lake homes around Winnepesaukee since 2006. "Our specialty is not mega mansions, but making the old camps work and function like new, while retaining the older look. Working with great landscapers, nearly all of our houses feature a woodland look so that fertilizers don't get into the lake." Visit them at kaclason.com.

This historic remodel was built before setbacks. The goals for this property were to enhance the vegetated buffer and the grounds surrounding the house to reduce runoff water.



Belknap Landscape Company

Hayden McLaughlin, Owner of Belknap Landscape Co., was instrumental in helping NH LAKES set up the LakeSmart Service Provider Program. He had this to say about why he was on board, "One of the best things about living in and visiting New Hampshire is the benefit of enjoying the outdoors. The lakes provide us with recreational, relaxation, and economic opportunities. Lakes are woven into the fabric of the lifestyle we enjoy here, but they are vulnerable. We became LakeSmart partners to help drive change that'll protect our lakes and way of life. It's the right thing to do." Visit them at belknaplandscape.com.

Lake-friendly designs can be good for the lake and serve as beautiful and functional spaces for your home.



Advanced Onsite Solutions

Gary Spaulding, Principal of Advanced Onsite Solutions, has more than 25 years experience working in the wastewater and site planning industries. Gary explains, "We strive to represent the best available technology, and we work closely with homeowners and contractors to assure that our designs and products are installed properly and perform as designed." Visit them at aosne.com.

In addition to wastewater treatment, Gary has worked throughout New Hampshire to minimize polluted water flowing into our lakes through projects like rain gardens, bio-retention areas, and permeable pavers.

Your 2022 Lovett Award Winner

A Voice for Our Lakes: Representative Suzanne Smith

When she's not out paddling, Representative Suzanne Smith spends her time advocating tirelessly to support and enact lake-friendly legislation. In her seven terms in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, Suzanne has been a powerful voice for our lakes, making her the perfect candidate for the first Reverend Sidney Lovett Memorial Award for Exemplary Lake Advocacy.

"Representative Smith is well-respected on both sides of the aisle, and shows compassionate leadership to protect land and water resources," says Michelle Davis Farnham of NH LAKES. "She has been a leader and voice for all our lakes, especially inside the State House."

Suzanne was inspired to advocate for our lakes through local volunteer opportunities, like being a Weed Watcher on Newfound Lake.

"When I became a legislator, I was determined to pass bills that would

"Advocating for our lakes is as easy as spreading the word, chatting with a neighbor, or teaching our children and grandchildren how to care for the lake they love." –Suzanne Smith

help keep invasive weeds out of our waters," Suzanne said. "Some of those bills seemed really minor, but they've had a big impact for the places I care about."

Like you, Suzanne knows that clean and healthy lakes are not a partisan issue, and that everyone can do their part to preserve our lakes for the future.

"I worked with Sid Lovett for two years, and when he spoke, it was profound. I learned a lot from him about gathering people together to find common ground on the issues that affect our lakes."

Congratulations Suzanne, and thank you for all you do for our lakes!

The Reverend Sidney Lovett Memorial Award for Exemplary Lake Advocacy



NH LAKES created a special award in 2022 to honor of the late Reverend Sidney Lovett (1928 – 2021), who served many as a pastor, politician, and an environmentalist.

It is in tribute to Sid's enthusiasm for education, politics, and the environment, his kindness, and his unparalleled ability to connect people that NH LAKES has established this award to honor his memory.

Learn more about the Lovett Award at nhlakes.org/awards.



Members of the Lovett Family were thrilled to present Representative Suzanne Smith with the Lovett Award. From left: Kim Godfrey, Suzanne Smith, Eileen Lovett, Campbell Lovett.



Sid Lovett and Suzanne Smith on the campaign trail representing healthy lakes. Election Day, 2014.

See How Marc & Laurie Transformed Their Beach

Your Small Changes Are Protecting Our Lakes

For Marc and Laurie Brown, the moment they realized their lake needed their protection was when they joined their local lake group, Captains Pond Protective Association in Salem. Marc is a “doer,” so before long, he became the president of the association, doing all he could to protect the pond.

“We felt the best way to lead was to take steps at our own home, share the information with our neighbors, and hope others will want to learn about it and try things for themselves.” Marc and Laurie Brown, Captains Pond in Salem

At an association meeting, the Browns learned about polluted runoff water and how it could threaten the pond that they love, making it unsafe to use. When they discovered the LakeSmart Lake-Friendly Living Program, which helps minimize runoff, they wanted to try it!

After taking the online LakeSmart survey, Marc and Laurie invited the NH LAKES LakeSmart Team to their property. They had already stopped fertilizing their lawn and made repairs to their septic system, but they were eager to learn more about their lake-friendly living opportunities.

“We were pleased with the detailed feedback they provided during our visit, outlining simple ways to improve how our property impacts the pond,” the Browns commented.



The Browns' LakeSmart experience began with a few simple steps. Here, Marc, Laurie, and their dog, Rigatoni, relax by Captains Pond.

You Can Be LakeSmart Too!

Get started today at lakesmart.nhlakes.org.



Top photo (Before): Marc and Laurie inherited a wide, sandy beach that allowed water to run off into Captains Pond. Because of you, they found the LakeSmart Program and learned simple steps to make their property more lake-friendly.

Bottom photo (After): Allowing the vegetation to grow in naturally, the Browns made a vegetated buffer for their shoreline to reduce runoff into the lake, while keeping their excellent lake views.

They were surprised to learn they had an infestation of invasive purple loosestrife on their property, pushing out beneficial native species and reducing food and habitat spaces for wildlife. With help from the LakeSmart Team, Marc eagerly learned to identify the plant, and he hand removed it.

“There are lots of small things anyone can do to become more LakeSmart, like picking up pet waste, adding plants near the water’s edge, or using less or no de-icer on the driveway,” Marc and Laurie explained. “These are the simple things we want to share with everyone who cares about Captains Pond—and our lakes.”

For Marc and Laurie, their LakeSmart experience means sharing their knowledge and inspiring others who might worry that taking care of the lake means putting in a lot of time or money. Marc told NH LAKES, “If everyone did one small thing each year, the benefits to our lakes would be enormous.”

LakeSmart is about more than just an award. For Marc and Laurie, getting their award in the future will be a milestone. Like you, they know lake-friendly living is a lifestyle, and they’re taking it one simple step at a time.