

Collaborating to Care for Lake Winnisquam

The Evolution of the Winnisquam Watershed Network

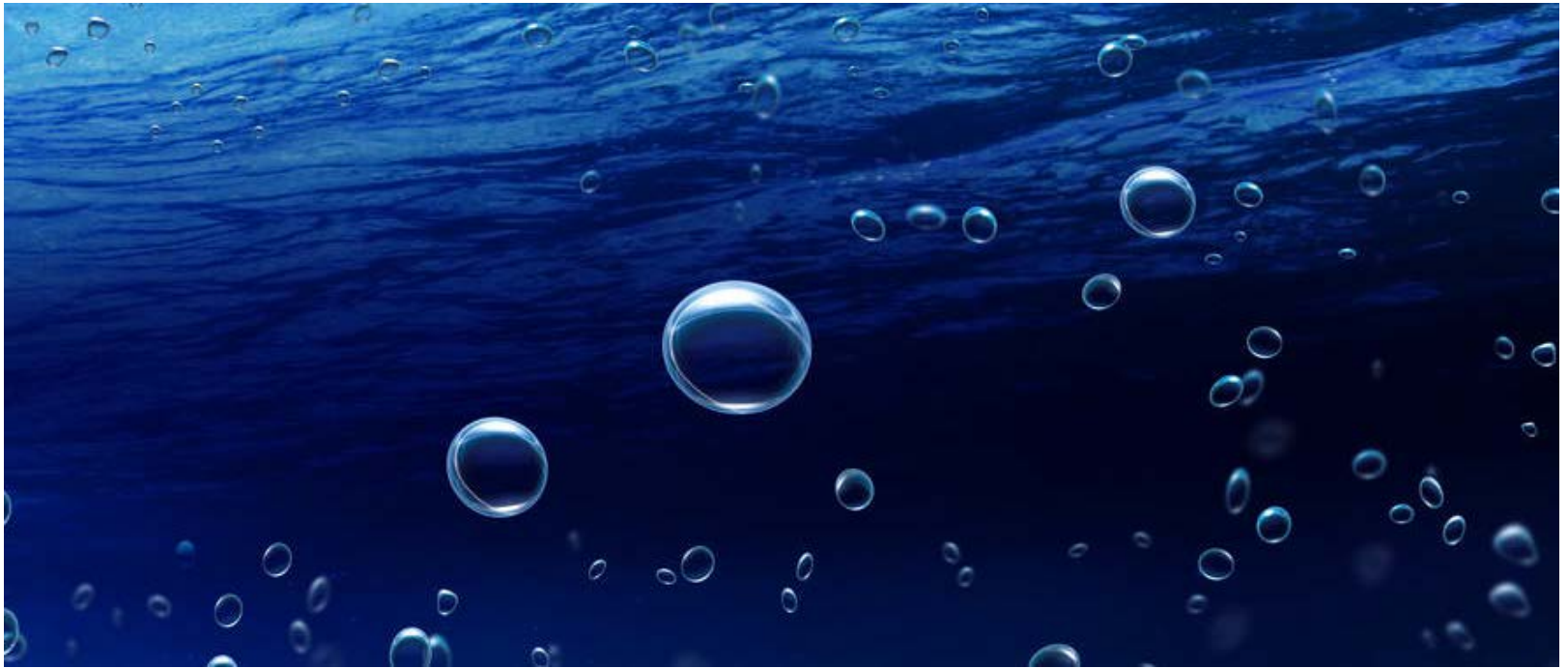


Lake Winnisquam



- 💧 Fourth largest lake entirely in NH
- 💧 4,214 acres
- 💧 30 miles of shoreline
- 💧 5 municipalities

We Were Operating in a Bubble!



Steering Committee

- ◆ Collaborative network
- ◆ Mission to preserve and protect Lake Winnisquam now and for future generations
- ◆ Watershed focus
- ◆ Coordination of water quality monitoring & invasive species management
- ◆ Education & Advocacy

Forming the Winnisquam Watershed Network



Kickoff meeting
July 29, 2017

Spreading the word

Draft bylaws

Board of Directors

Getting Our Ducks in a Row

- ◆ NH Nonprofit – Articles of Agreement
- ◆ Federal 501(c)3 designation
- ◆ Insurance
- ◆ Logo



Grants



- NH Department of Environmental Services
- NH Charitable Foundation
- New England Grassroots Foundation
- Pardoe Foundation

Comprehensive Tiered Water Quality Monitoring Plan



- ◆ Representative of entire lake
- ◆ Builds on existing data base
- ◆ Synchronous sampling & coordination of volunteers
- ◆ Tributary monitoring

Long-term Variable Milfoil Management Plan

- 💧 Treating milfoil comprehensively and consistently
- 💧 Herbicide treatment and diver/DASH
- 💧 Funded through NHDES grant, local matches & donations



Invasive Species Prevention

- 💧 Weed Watcher program
- 💧 Lake Host at public boat launch



Education & Advocacy

- 💧 Partner organizations
- 💧 Volunteer corps – training & engagement
- 💧 Brochure

Ongoing Challenges

- 💧 Building membership
- 💧 Funding
- 💧 Business sponsors
- 💧 Staying afloat!



Thank you!

