



The State of Lake Health & Advocacy in New Hampshire

Explore Lakes with NH LAKES Webinar
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How many lakes & ponds are there in New Hampshire?



There's something for everyone when it comes to
our lakes all year-round!































Lakes and ponds are an integral part of New Hampshire's quality of life, economy, and natural heritage and environment.



New Hampshire is home to some of the
cleanest & healthiest lakes in the country.



But, our lakes are becoming sick.





ADVISORY

High levels of potentially toxic
CYANOBACTERIA
have been identified in this water

**WATER CURRENTLY NOT
SUITABLE FOR WADING
OR SWIMMING!**

Exposure to blue-green scums may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or fever in humans and pets.

Anyone who comes in contact with blue-green scum should rinse off with fresh water

All current advisories posted at www.des.nh.gov.
Click "beach advisory" in left column

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One of the most irrational things we can do is pretend
our lakes will take care of themselves.



Founded in 1992, NH LAKES is a nonprofit organization that is the voice for all of New Hampshire's 1,000 lakes.



Mission: To restore and preserve the health of New Hampshire's lakes.



Vision: A New Hampshire where all our lakes are clean and healthy
and caring for them is a way of life.



**Ann
O'Connor**
of Lake Kanasatka,
Moultonborough



Protecting the Lake
Through Lake-Friendly Living







How does NH LAKES advocate for clean and healthy lakes?



- Lobbying
- Study commissions/standing committees
- Non-Profit roundtables
- Municipal support
- Lake Advocates Network
- State Agency rulemaking



What are NH LAKES' core advocacy issues?



Aquatic Invasive
Species Prevention &
Management



Polluted Runoff
Water



Shoreland & Wetland
Protection



2022 Legislative Summary





HB 1071 relative to wake surfing:



- Would regulate the activity of wake surfing, not the boat
- A much larger, more powerful wave is needed to for wake surfing to ride the boat's wake without a tow rope.



University of Minnesota Wave Action Study and HB1071



- Studied wave energy- maximum height, total energy, and power of waves.
- Findings:
 - Larger, more energetic waves need to travel a greater distance to decrease in wave height, energy, and power.
 - **At least 500 feet are needed for wakesurfing waves to attenuate to reference boat waves.**



What is next?



- Get creative in your community!
- We need data addressing environmental impacts.
- Keep sharing your stories.
- Continue to work with partners.



HB 1066: Cyanobacteria Bill



- Requires DES to prepare a plan relative to cyanobacteria blooms in New Hampshire
- Establishes an advisory committee
- Allocates money for outreach and research



HB 1454: relative to the siting of new landfills



- Only 1/7 of NH would be unsuitable for a landfill
- Would not impact current landfill expansion
- Lots of landfill capacity already in the state
- Vetoed by Governor



It's an Election Year!



You can give your favorite lake a voice whether or not you vote in NH!



Do you **pay taxes** in NH?

Do you **visit** NH and **spend** money here?

Do you **care about clean & healthy lakes**?



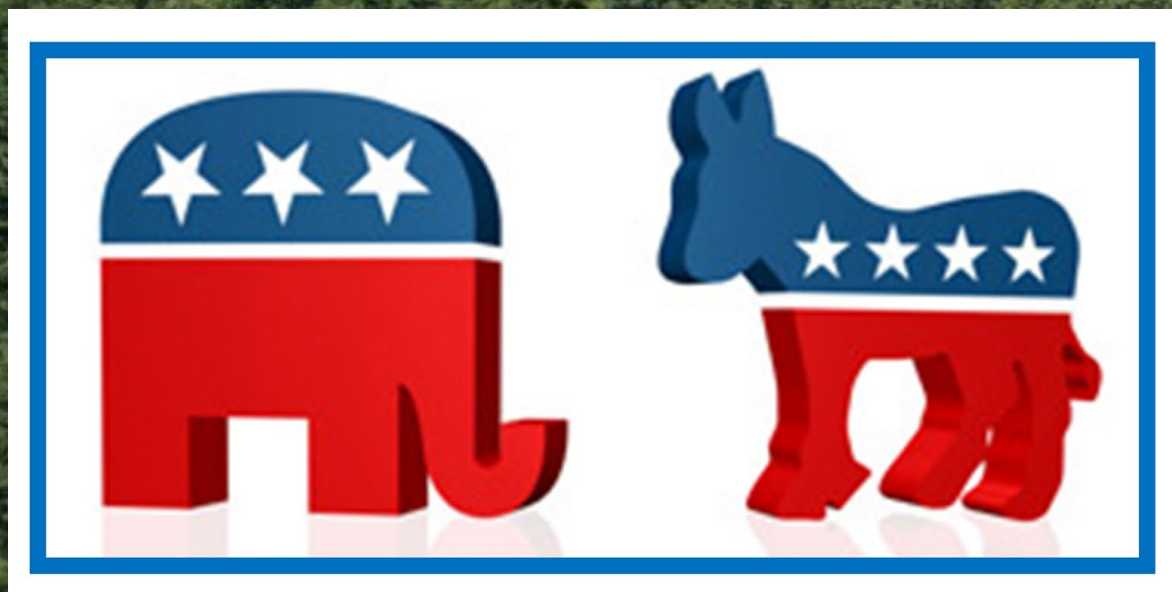
Vote Like Your Lakes Depend on It!



People taking action on their own and sharing their concerns with the state legislature is not enough to preserve and restore our degrading lakes.



Clean and Healthy Lakes
Should Not Be a Partisan Issue!





What are the goals of the campaign?



- ✓ To inform people's voting choices.
- ✓ To let those running for office know restoring and preserving the health of our lakes is important to their constituents and their communities.



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- ✓ To educate legislators and local leaders about the issues degrading the health of New Hampshire's lakes.
- ✓ To identify lake-friendly state representatives for the upcoming 2023 session.



What are the elements of the campaign?



- Questionnaire and talking points for conversations with candidates
- Social media posts
- A simple survey to report on candidate conversations
- nhlakes.org/VOTE



Check out Citizens Count!



- Candidate Bios
- Candidate Survey
- Voter Registration Information
- Election Information
- Issue-focused discussions
- nhlakes.org/VOTE



Important Upcoming Dates:



- November 8: General Election
- Nov 9-Nov 22: LSR filing period 2





Questions?