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Storm Water Runoff

Storm water runoff. That sounds innocent enough, doesn't it? After all, nature provides the storms and the water has to go downhill to somewhere. Did you realize studies show that 90% of the pollutants entering our lakes come from storm water runoff across shoreline properties? Nitrogen, phosphorous, pesticides, fertilizers, oil, grease, etc. all contribute negatively to the health of our lakes.

What can be done about storm water runoff? The water flow has to be reduced, detained, slowed down or better yet, removed. The idea is to replicate natural processes provided by indigenous vegetative cover. There are many techniques that can help such as: rain gardens, rubber

razors, infiltration steps, dry wells, rain barrels, swales and infiltration bars. At the end of this article you will find links to good resources for dealing with storm water runoff on your property.

The good news is that these projects generally are not too difficult, and generally, do not involve a lot of money, BUT, to make things easier, Windy Waters Conservancy has its 2019 Windy Waters Storm Water Grant Program in full swing. You can find all of the details at

www.waukewan.org but suffice it to say that Windy Waters will help you with the financial part of your project at the rate of 50% of your expenses to a total grant of \$500. This should make the financial end more palatable, so it is just the labor and materials that may slow you down.

Please take some time next time it is raining and investigate whether or not your property has a storm water runoff issue. If yes, it is possibly having a negative effect on our lake and it would be worthwhile to take the steps necessary to remediate the problem, especially given the funding grant available. We are all in this together and we all want to preserve the beauty and cleanliness of our lakes for future generations. Please call on Windy Waters Conservancy to help you do your share.

New Hampshire Homeowner's Guide to Storm water Management:
<https://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/>

LAVERACK NATURE TRAIL

The Meredith Village Pathways Committee is an advisory, volunteer committee comprised of residents appointed by the Meredith Select Board. In 2012 they began to explore the feasibility of a nature trail along Hawkins Brook. Following a presentation of the trail concept to the Select Board, the Pathways Committee gained community input and support for the project using public outreach.

Through fundraising efforts, the trail was designed and engineered in 2016 with construction beginning at the end of 2018.

When completed, the Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook will span the scenic Hawkins Brook wetland and join the forested section of the trail leading to Prescott Park. The trail offers a universally accessible, recreational and educational experience in the heart of Meredith Village and connects the trailheads at Meredith Village Savings Bank and Prescott Park. The trail is a short distance to the Inter-Lakes schools, community center and downtown.

Our Windy Waters Conservancy has donated \$2500, over several years, to support the completion of the trail. We hope you will enjoy this wonderful trail and we look forward to seeing you at the celebration and dedication on June 7, 2020.


A Message from the Board :

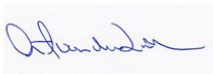
Our membership year runs from July 1st. 2019 through June 30th., 2020. If you haven't renewed your membership yet now is a good time to do it. Remember, your dues goes to protecting your lake!


As always, we are hoping to add more members and gain more volunteers to join our Board of Directors. We are rapidly approaching a critical point in board membership. We are now down to 5 members, the minimum allowed in our by-laws. Without new board members we will be unable to continue the important environmental work we do to protect our lake. Board membership is rewarding on a personal basis and the organization does wonders for the watershed. So please reconsider joining the board, you can make a difference.

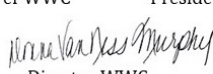
Welcome to the neighborhood: With properties turning over and new neighbors moving in, your board has decided to put together a welcoming package of information about the lake, the area, important contact info, and the WWC. We are also including two attractive slate coasters featuring Lake Waukegan. We know you're all jealous so we decided that all current members will also get them when they attend the next annual meeting. If you're thinking this is just a ploy to get you there, you're right!

Best Wishes, the Board


Secretary, WWC


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Memberships & Donations

Ever since our founding 31 years ago as the Waukegan Shore Owner's Association, we have worked to protect and preserve the quality of our beautiful lakes. It's your dues and contributions that have allowed us such great success with placing land in conservation, such as the Spear, Baird, and Bergeron properties. We also provide support for the Lake Host Program, the VLAP efforts, etc. Please renew your membership so this success can continue. Our membership year

has changed to July 1st. through June 30th. to coincide with our annual meeting in early July. You may send your dues or donation check made out to "Windy Waters Conservancy" to: Windy Waters Conservancy, PO Box 91, Meredith, NH 03253. You may also pay your dues or make a donation on-line with your credit card via PayPal. Go to waukegan.org and click on Membership or Donations. Contributions are tax deductible. Thank You.

Category	Amount	Operations Fund	Conservation Fund
Individual or Family (one vote)	\$50+	\$50	Balance
Protector	\$100+	\$50	Balance
Steward	\$250+	\$100	Balance
Conservator	\$500+	\$100	Balance
Life Member	\$1000+	\$250	Balance
Affiliate (Non-voting)	Donation Accepted		
Honorary	Donation Accepted		
Donations	Any	Specify	Specify
Unspecified Donation	Any	100%	0

Thanks to our VLAP Tester George Nassor!

We said goodbye to our long time VLAP sampler George Nassor in August. George and his wife, Christine, relocated to the Carolinas. Before he left, George trained our new VLAP volunteers, Frank Murphy and John DeMichaelis, both WWC members and alternates Ron Draper and Dave Correia, members of the Lake Waukegan Association.

Thank you to all our VLAP volunteers, who's sampling continues to give us invaluable data for the health of Lake Waukegan. 30+ years and counting!

For more VLAP information and Waukegan testing results visit our website at <http://www.waukegan.org>.

Chinese Mystery Snail Update

Thanks to everyone who participated in the three snail hunts this past summer. Divers, snorkelers, kayakers, swimmers and waders all contributed in removing 5504 snails. As in past years, snail concentration was found in the southern part of the lake, mostly between the ramp and beach areas. Individuals initiated their own snail hunts and there was notable participation from children and young adults.



A special thanks to Watermark Marine Construction for offering to refill diving tanks after each hunt.

A very special thank you to the AmeriCorps volunteers, Allison and Gloria, interning with the Lake Winnepausaukie Assoc. Not only did they participate in the snail hunts, they also evaluated a number of properties in and around the Lake for remediation of storm water run off.

Their evaluations coincided perfectly with the Windy Waters Stormwater Run off Grants, and helped property owners apply for grants. Do you have a runoff problem that Windy Waters can help with?

Thanks again to the Americorp Volunteers and to the Lake Winnepesaukee Assoc. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

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