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The 2019 Windy Waters Storm Water Grant Program Update

Below is a reprint of the grant program announcement last fall. We are now ready to process grant applications and by the end of May we will be assisted by two Americorps volunteers. The volunteers, trained environmentalists, will conduct site assessments, identify areas needing remediation, and develop plans to correct the runoff issues. Please consider how you, and the lake, can benefit from this program.

The mission of Windy Waters Conservancy (WWC) is to protect the waters and wetlands of the Waukewan watershed, preserve the natural resources, ecology and scenic beauty of the lakes, and combat and/or prevent pollution of all types. By providing financial assistance to The Lake Winnepesaukee Association, we helped develop the Watershed Restoration Plan for Lake Waukewan and Lake Winona ("the PLAN"), which is a professionally produced document. It is quite lengthy, with very specific documentation of potential pollution causing land situations around the lakes which need to be remediated to protect the water quality of the lakes. These are generally larger scale projects requiring heavy equipment in some cases.

Not addressed in the PLAN are situations on private properties where storm water run-off or other things happen which can lead to pollution of the lake. It has been determined that storm water management is a much bigger problem than failed septic systems. Often, property owners know they have an issue, but have no idea where to turn to investigate a solution, or don't have

the motivation or funding to get started.

WWC is very proud to announce THE 2019 WINDY WATERS STORM WATER GRANT PROGRAM (the PROGRAM) to assist property owners in resolving their property's run-off issues both financially and technically. WWC will use a portion of its funding set aside for Conservation to assist property owners in the cost of making remediation improvements to their properties. (WWC is also applying for additional funding from other sources, to increase our ability to help property owners.) Often, the solutions are rain gardens, rain barrels, trenching, directing water to a collection area, etc. Many of these solutions are relatively low in cost and can be found at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/wd/documents/nhdes-wd-10-8.pdf>

WWC will provide funding assistance up to 50% of the cost of the project, to a limit of \$500 per property. Applications will be approved by the Board of WWC and the projects need to be completed within one year of the application approval. For a complete understanding of the 2019 Windy Waters Storm Water Grant Program and its rules, please go to www.Waukewan.org and find a more thorough description of the program, as well as an application. If you would like to speak with someone about your property, or arrange a visit by a member of the Board, simply check the appropriate box and we will have someone call you to make arrangements.

This is a wonderful opportunity to correct properties with potential pollution issues, so that generations to come can enjoy the same peace and beauty that we enjoy today.

Rain Gardens: An effective way to combat stormwater runoff.



WWAC Outreach

The Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee will be hosting a storm water management program for private property owners on Tuesday, June 18th. The program will run from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at the Meredith Community Center (1 Circle Drive).

There will be three speakers as well as state and local organization tables. The format of the program will allow participants to “drop in” at their convenience, attend a presentation of interest and meet with representatives of state and local organizations for informal questions and answers.

Speakers:

4:30to 5:15 pm

The Importance of the Shoreline Buffer
Rick Van de Poll, PHD.

5:30 to 6:15 pm

Do It Yourself Stormwater Solutions For Your Home
Lisa Loosigian
NHDES Soak Up The Rain Program

6:30 to 7:15 pm

Landscaping And Lawn Care For Water Quality Protection
Julia Peterson, Water Resource Specialist
UNH Cooperative Extension

Information Tables:

UNH Cooperative Extension
Windy Waters Conservancy
Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee
New Hampshire Lakes (Andrea LaMoreaux)
Lake Winnepesaukee Association (Pat Tarpey)
Belknap County Conservation District
Meredith Conservation Commission
NHDES: Soak Up The Rain and Permitting

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

We hope you will join us at for this event. Whether you live on the lake front or in the watershed, this program will have something for everyone.

Hope to see you there.

House Bill 625 is coming!

This bill creates an aquatic invasive species decal for powerboats registered in states other than New Hampshire. The number of out of state boaters is estimated to be 10,000. The DES assumes it would enter into a no-cost contract with a company to set up an online system for the purchase of decals, tracking purchases and accepting payments, and to coordinate the printing and distribution of the decals, similar to the system used by the Department of Safety for boat registrations. The stickers would cost \$20 and the Department assumes there would be a transaction charge of \$3. The net of \$17 per sticker would be deposited in the Lake Restoration Fund. A small portion of the revenue would be used for the Department to administer the program and the vast majority of the funds would be granted to communities, lake associations, and other groups for the protection and restoration of their lakes.

Wake Boats & Wake Surfing:

The New Hampshire House and Senate have passed HB 137, a bill to study the effects of Wake Boats and wake surfing. Of particular note, they differentiate between large lakes and lakes under 1000 acres, such as Waukegan. This opens the door for separate rules for smaller lakes. We'll try to keep you posted as the study progresses. A full reprint of HB 137 follows:

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Subdivision; Commission to Study Wake Boats.

Amend RSA 270 by inserting after section 132 the following new subdivision:

Commission to Study Wake Boats

270:133 Commission to Study Wake Boats. There is established a commission to study the effects of wake boats in the state of New Hampshire.

I. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(c) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.

(d) The captain of the marine patrol division, department of safety, or designee.

(e) A representative of the New Hampshire Marine Trades Association, appointed by that association.

(f) A shorefront property owner from a lake smaller than 1,000 acres, appointed by the speaker of the house of

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representatives.

(g) A shorefront property owner from a lake 1,000 acres or larger, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(h) A representative from NH LAKES, appointed by that organization.

(i) A representative from a local lake association, appointed by the governor.

(j) A member of the USA Water Ski and Wake Sports New Hampshire club who is also a resident of New Hampshire, appointed by that club.

(k) A representative of the Water Sports Industry Association, appointed by that association.

(l) A representative of the New Hampshire Campground Owners Association, appointed by that association.

(m) Two representatives of the wake boat recreational community, appointed by the president of the senate.

II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

III. The commission shall gather the appropriate data and information on the positive and negative uses of wake boats, specifically regarding:

(a) The spread of aquatic invasive species.

(b) The relationship to shoreline erosion and impacts to private property.

(c) The economic impact of recreational boating and the popularity of water sports among families in New Hampshire.

(d) The safety of swimmers and other boaters.

IV. The commission may solicit input from any person or entity the commission deems relevant to its study.

V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Eight members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

VI. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before June 30, 2020.

2 Repeal. RSA 270:133, relative to the commission to study wake boats, is repealed.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2020.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

LOON NEWS (2018 season)



Lake Waukewan had two pair of loons this past summer, nest in place but no baby chicks. The rogue loon seems to be the problem and this

situation seems to be the case for the past few years.

Reporting from the Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) located in Moultonborough NH and celebrating 43 years of service. A record of:

309 territorial loon pairs

226 nesting pairs

224 chicks hatched

157 chicks survived to mid-August.

116 pair of loons were protected by LPC ropes, signs and floating nests.

These statistics come from all the lakes in NH.

The nesting period of a loon is very vulnerable. Due to heat stress when on the nest they are unable to regulate their temperature. Think about sitting outside in a dark colored down jacket for 28 days straight in the middle of June. Loons do a terrific job cooling when in the water.

When on the nest if they get over heated they will jump in the water to cool off leaving the nest vulnerable to predators.



Loons have become the bird to watch and photograph and with that comes overreach by humans. Please obey the rope lines, "Caution Loon Chicks". The number one cause of loon deaths is the ingestion of lead sinkers. Check your tackle box. Fishing line is also a big problem, dispose of it properly, don't just throw it overboard. LPC shared the loon nesting process with Granite Stators and the world via two webcams and live streamed them on YouTube. In total LPC'S webcam streamed for 79 days in 2018. This is such a wonderful way to watch the nesting period of the loon. These webcams are powered by solar.

"Loons are the soul of the lake. They fill it up with light and song. Without them the lake seems empty, lacking"
Harry Vogel

A Message from the Board


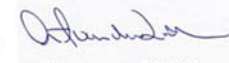

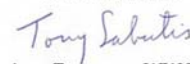
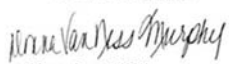
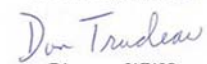
Save the date! Our 2019 Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 8th. Registration opens at 5:30 and the meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be served.

Our membership year runs from July 1st, 2019 through June 30th., 2020. If you haven't renewed your membership yet (30 of you have already) you can renew at the meeting.

Our guest speaker this year will be Pat Tarpey, Director of the Lake Winnepesaukee Association. Pat will be addressing remediation solutions and will be joined by the Americorps volunteers that will be working with us throughout the summer.

As always, we are hoping to add more members and gain more volunteers to join our Board of Directors. For those of you saying "I don't have the time", it takes less than 2 hours a month. And if you're thinking "But I'm not here in the winter", neither is our Treasurer, Art. But with his PC, networking, and a cell phone he continues to stay on top of everything. So please reconsider joining the board, you can make a difference.

Lastly, please consider joining Tim Whiting's Lake Host Program. Volunteers are needed for Monday through Thursday to provide coverage at the boat launch. It's an easy way to help protect our lake from Invasive species.

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MEMBERSHIPS & DONATIONS

Ever since our founding 30 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

Meredith's Best-Kept Secret Gets Better

The Greater Meredith Program has redoubled its efforts at Swazey Park, the eight acre town park on the south side of the outlet canal for Lake Waukegan. The easiest way to find the park is to go west on High Street across from the Post Office.



This runs right into the park where you will find a number of loop trails and paths to the water. On May 18th Trailwrights, a non-profit trail improvement group, worked with volunteers from the community under the leadership of Bill Gartner to improve trail drainage and harden areas where lots of traffic is expected. Another work party is planned for this fall. If you are looking for a short walk in a beautiful forest, come and tour Swazey Park.

Chinese Mystery Snail Update

In the summer of 2017, the Chinese Mystery Snail was discovered in Lake Waukegan. This aquatic invasive species is not native to our waters and is



cause for concern, not only for our water quality, but for our property values as well.

In 2017, 100 Chinese Mystery Snails were manually removed from the areas of the town ramp, the town beach and Monkey Pond. Last year close to 800 snails were removed from those same areas, so clearly we need to continue our efforts. The 2 snail hunts that were held last summer extended further out into the lake with volunteers diving, snorkeling and walking the shore line.

The only way to control the infestation of these snails is by manual removal. Checking your shoreline and joining in summer snail hunts will seriously reduce their numbers. You don't have to wait for an organized snail hunt. Feel free to snail hunt on your own. DES is tracking the infestation, so if you do go hunting on your own and find some snails, please contact Windy Waters with the area you found them in and the number of snails you found. It's up to each of us to be vigilant and proactive.

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