

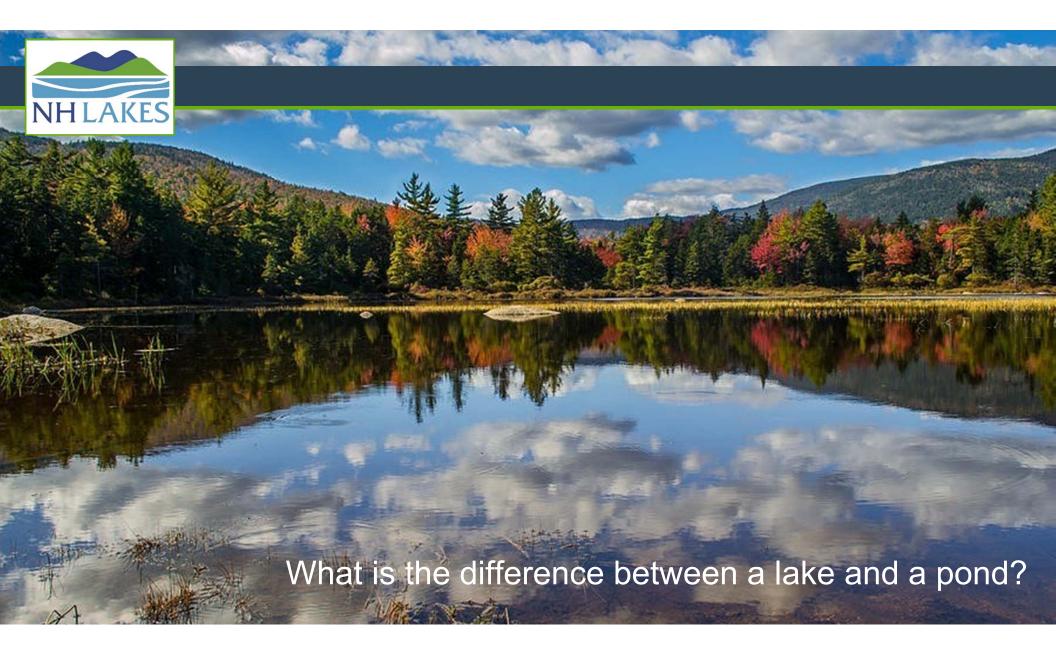
Joining Forces to Restore and Preserve the Health of Kingston and Newton's Lakes and Ponds!

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How many lakes & ponds are there in New Hampshire?

Include and statements







Talimoon pond Long Pond

Angle Pond

Greenwood Pond Great Pond Powwow Pond

Cedar Swamp Pond

Bartlett Mill Pond

Country Pond

Bayberry Pond





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





BLUE MIND

The Surprising Science That Shows How Being Near, In, On, or Under Water Can Make You Happier, Healthier, More Connected, and Better at What You Do

Clean & healthy lakes are good for us, the economy, and the natural environment!



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



But, our lakes are threatened.





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 bluegreen scum should rinse off with fresh water

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

CONTACT INFORMATION: NHDES Beach Program 29 Hazen Dr.; Concord, NH (603) 271-0698 beaches@des.nh.gov





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.



To keep NH's lakes clean and healthy, now and in the future. To restore and preserve the health of New Hampshire's lakes.









NH LAKES is a rapidly growing community of people who recognize we all must do more to restore and preserve our lakes!



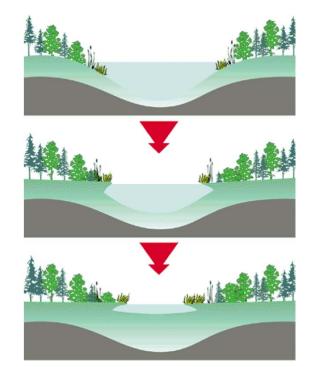
What are the trends in the health of New Hampshire's lakes?



Did you know?!

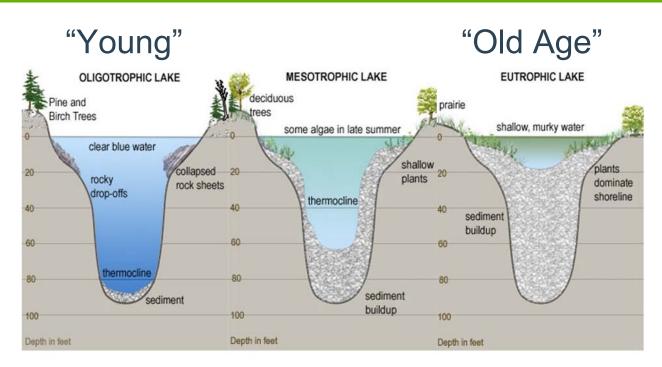
Lakes, like people, age over time!

They naturally fill in with decayed plants, algae, sediment.



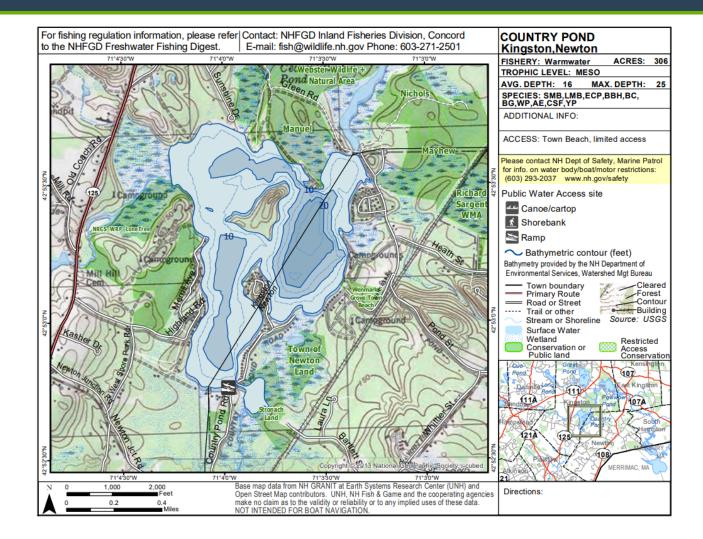
But, human activities speed up the lake-aging process (and bring in pollutants, too).



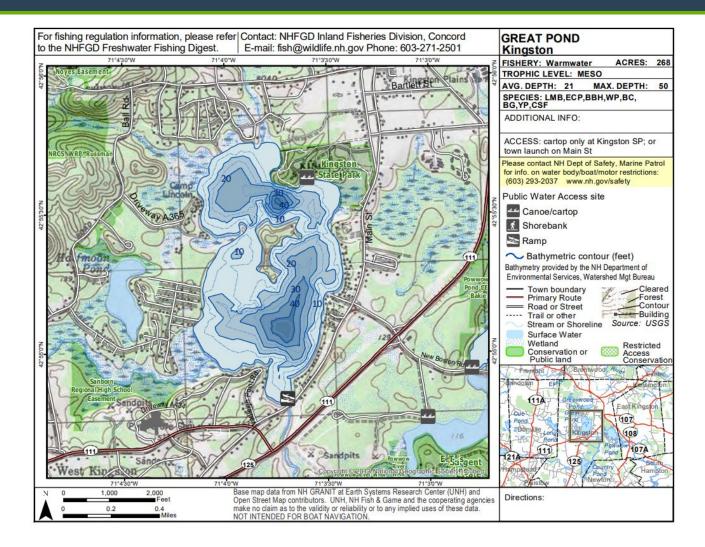


Country Pond: Mesotrophic Great Pond: Mesotrophic Greenwood Pond: Mesotrophic Long Pond: Mesotrophic Powwow Pond: Eutrophic

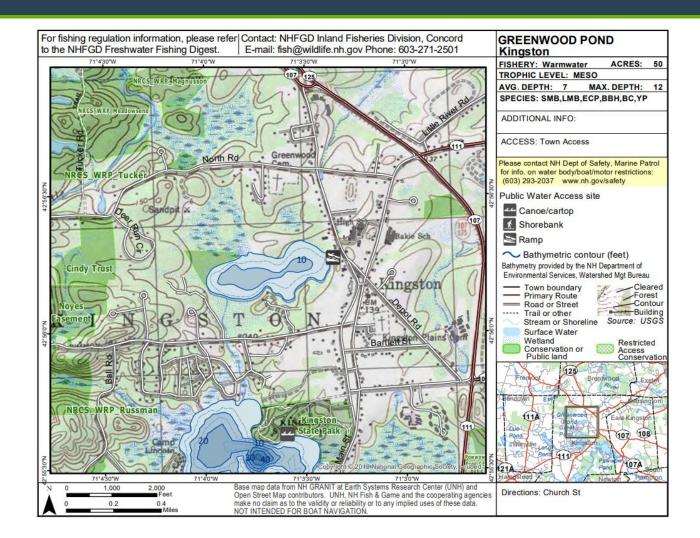




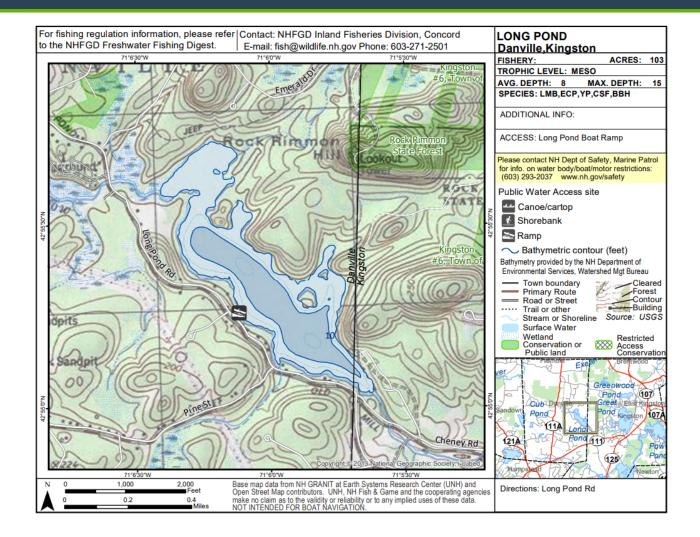




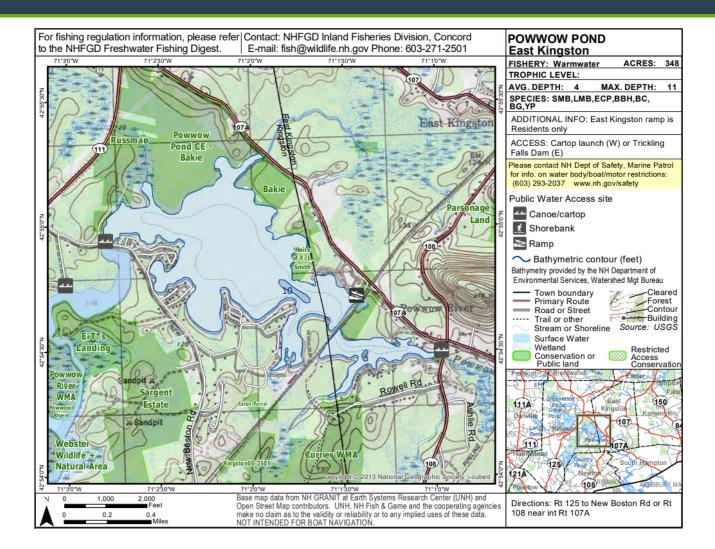








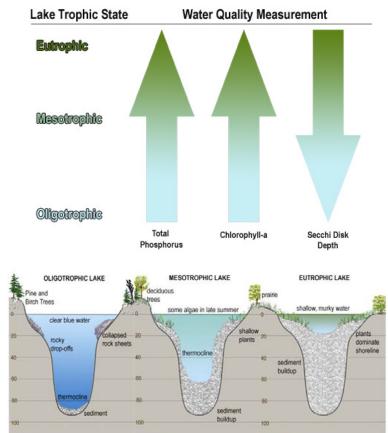






Statewide Lake Trends in NH

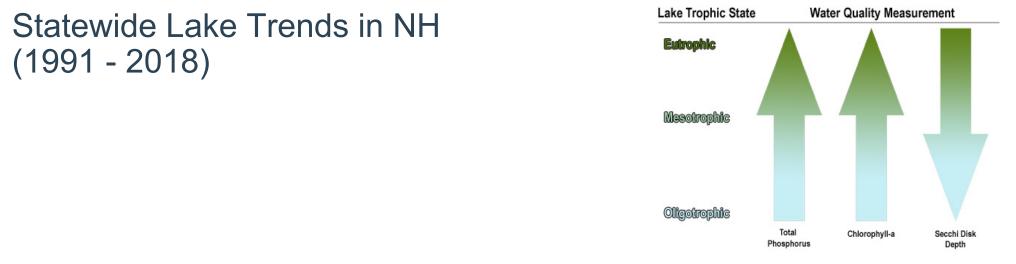
- Chlorophyll: Algae in the water
- Phosphorus: Nutrient for plant & algal growth
- Secchi Disk Depth: measure of lake clarity
- Conductivity: lons in the water (salt, iron)



Depth in fe

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- Chlorophyll: no trends
- Phosphorus: significant increase (worsening) in eutrophic waterbodies
- Secchi Disk Depth: significant decrease (worsening) in mesotrophic lakes
- Conductivity: significant increase (worsening) in mesotrophic and eutrophic lakes



How are the lakes & ponds in Kingston & Newton doing?





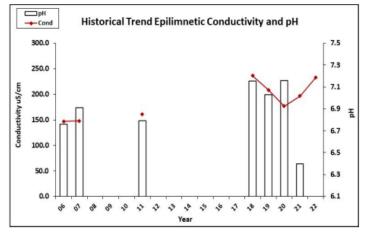
Dedicated volunteers partner with the NH Dept. of Environmental Services to assess the health of lakes and ponds in your community.

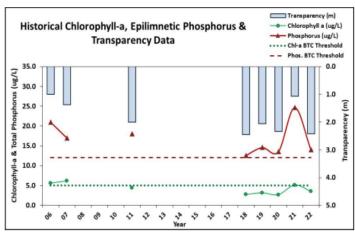


Country Pond (VLAP, 2022)

HISTORICAL WATER QUALITY TREND ANALYSIS

Parameter	Trend	Parameter	Trend
Conductivity	N/A	Chlorophyll-a	N/A
pH (epilimnion)	N/A	Transparency	N/A
		Phosphorus (epilimnion)	N/A





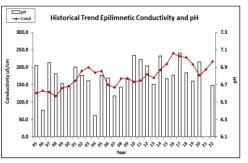


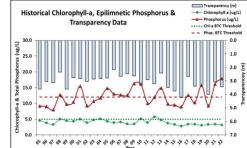
Great Pond (VLAP, 2022)

North Deep Spot

HISTORICAL WATER QUALITY TREND ANALYSIS

Parameter	Trend	Parameter	Trend
Conductivity	Worsening	Chlorophyll-a	Improving
pH (epilimnion)	Stable	Transparency	Stable
		Phosphorus (epilimnion)	Stable

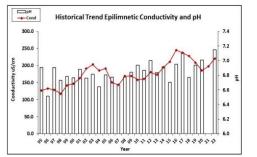


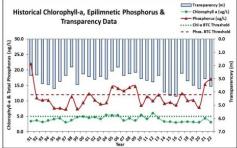


South Deep Spot

HISTORICAL WATER QUALITY TREND ANALYSIS

Parameter	Trend	Parameter	Trend
Conductivity	Worsening	Chlorophyll-a	Stable
pH (epilimnion)	Stable	Transparency	Stable
		Phosphorus (epilimnion)	Stable



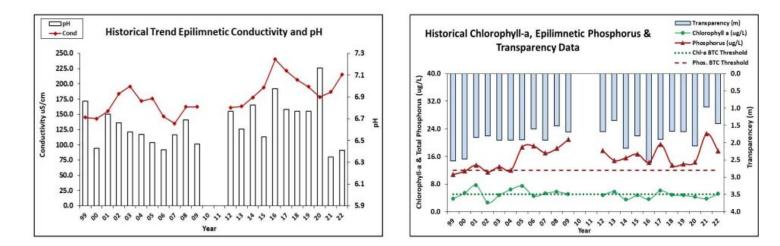




Powwow Pond (VLAP, 2022)

HISTORICAL WATER QUALITY TREND ANALYSIS

Parameter	Trend	Parameter	Trend
Conductivity	Worsening	Chlorophyll-a	Stable
pH (epilimnion)	Stable	Transparency	Stable
		Phosphorus (epilimnion)	Worsening





Cyanobacteria Bloom History:





Country Pond: 201 advisory days (2004 – 2021) Great Pond: 200 advisory days (2009 – 2021) Greenwood Pond: 200 advisory days (2004 – 2022)



What's the problem with invasive species?





Aquatic invasive species infestations in NH:

- 91 infested waterbodies
 - -11 Rivers
 - -80 Lakes and Ponds
 - Some waterbodies have more than one species, a few have as many as 6 different invasives!





Exotic Species Infestations:

- Country Pond: European naiad
 - Management plan developed

Great Pond: Asian Clam, Chinese mystery snail

- No management recommendation

Greenwood Pond: Chinese mystery snail

- No management recommendation

Long Pond: Variable milfoil, fanwort

- Management: herbicide treatment, suction harvesting

Powwow Pond: Variable milfoil, European naiad

- Management: herbicide treatment and hand removal







Variable Milfoil

European naiad

Fanwort



Asian Clam



Chinese Mystery Snail



Let's join forces to help restore & preserve the health of all the lakes and ponds in your community!



Ways to restore & preserve the health of your lakes & ponds!



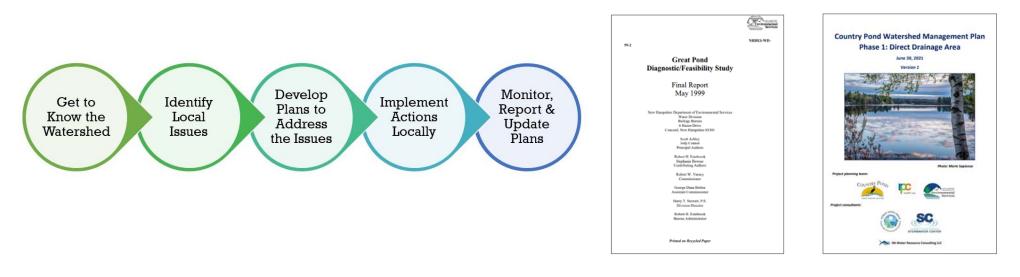




Continue to support and participate in the important work that is already being done!



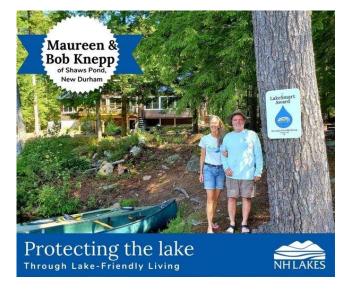
If a Watershed Management Plan has been developed, follow it!



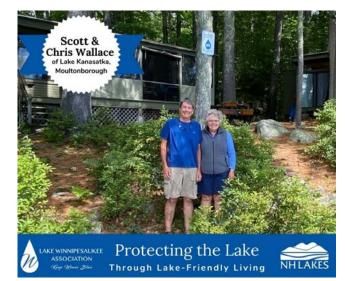
If there isn't a plan or it's outdated, work with DES to develop or update a plan!



Bring the LakeSmart Program to your property!









LakeSmart is an education, evaluation, & recognition program that helps property owners live and recreate in a lake-friendly way.







It is free, voluntary, and non-regulatory. No one will get "in trouble" by participating!



Driveway & Parking Areas



Driveway and parking areas are minimized. Water is diverted into stable areas where it soaks into the ground. Winter de-icing products are minimized and swept up.



Structures & Onsite Watewater Treatment Systems



Wastewater treatment system is regularly maintained.

Phosphate-free cleaning products & salt-free water softeners are used. Water runoff from roof soaks into the ground.



Yard, Recreation Areas, & Footpaths



Lawn area is minimized. Fertilizers, pesticides, & herbicides not used. Size & number of footpaths are minimized. They are stable & curved. Areas for socializing & recreation are identified & minimized.



Shoreline & Water Access



Healthy and diverse area of vegetation along the entire shoreline. Man-made beaches are perched. Boat storage areas are defined and limited.



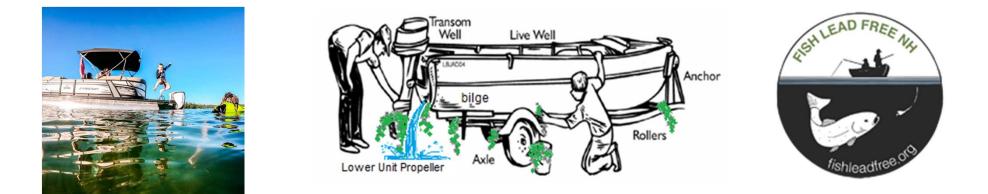
Shoreline & Water Access (in the water, too!)



The shallow water area is left natural. Ducks, geese, and wildlife are not fed. During the winter, bubblers only open small areas of water.



Shoreline & Water Access (in the water, too!)



Boating habits minimize wave disturbance to shoreline & lake bottom. Aquatic invasive spread prevention actions are taken. Lead-free fishing tackle is used.



Deliver the LakeSmart Program to Your Community!





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A New Hampshire where all our lakes, including the lakes in Kingston and Newton, are clean and healthy and caring for them is a way of life.