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A MESSAGE FOR ROBINSON POND RESIDENTS

Residents know there have been efforts over the years to encourage vegetation barriers on all waterfront properties. Planting a vegetation barrier, along with septic management and not using fertilizers, is one of the most important actions we can take to preserve the health of our lake.

A Vegetation Barrier is "a buffer of various plants, shrubs and trees strategically grown along the edge of a body of water intended to block undesirable runoff from entering the body of water." (For a fuller definition and the responsibility of each Member check our website w<u>ww.taconicshores.org</u> under <u>Rules and Regulations</u> in our Governing Documents, Section VI <u>Care and Cleaning of Lake and Waterfront</u>, #3 Prevention of Storm Runoff from Entering Lake.)

The Lake Committee has conducted a survey of waterfronts and will be making every effort possible to assist homeowners in their efforts to improve or begin building vegetation barriers.

A list of beneficial plants for this purpose is available in the office or on our website.

If we keep chemicals, road salts, fertilizers and phosphorous from running into Robinson Pond, we will improve conditions for recreation and fishing, and reduce harmful algae blooms. This is everyone's responsibility -- even if you are not directly on the lake.

Households with waterfront properties that require special attention, i.e. lacking trees, shrubs, plants, etc. will soon receive a personal letter from the Lake Committee and an offer of as sistance.

The Lake Committee is eager to hear from you. Please send a message through the office or check for the time of our next meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Lake Committee Lois Lovisolo, Chair