



MLPOA

Monomonac Lake Property
Owners Association

Stewards protecting the health of Lake Monomonac in Rindge NH

NEWS & UPDATES

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Thank you to all who joined us at our annual meeting! It was well attended and packed with information and education around the quality of our lake water. Here's a summary of that information—enjoy reading and learning about all the work underway, and become an advocate for lake health! [Read the full set of 2026 Annual Meeting Minutes.](#)

Our lake is healthy and robust, but is signaling to us that things require our attention. We are seeing increased levels of phosphorus, increased levels of algae, and more frequent and prolonged cyanobacteria blooms. Phosphorus is the driving pollutant that provides growth opportunities to cyanobacteria.

Lake Monomonac is not unique in this challenge as the majority of lakes in our state and beyond are showing signs of distress. This distress is caused by a multitude of factors, including the environment, pollutants, and human actions.

MLPOA and our Massachusetts partner, WSLA, are paying attention to those signals. We have embarked on a multi-year, multi-pronged approach to reversing this course. But it will take all of us to effect the necessary changes and this is why we are asking for everyone to help. Let's start with educating ourselves around what signals our lake is telling us. Read on...

MILFOIL UPDATE

In 2022, we used a new herbicide, ProCellaCOR, to treat our milfoil problem. It was developed to target invasive only, and did an excellent job in eradicating most of the milfoil weed. For the subsequent three years, we saw relatively little re-growth, which was controlled by divers harvesting the residual by hand. Over the last two years we have seen a significant increase in milfoil. Divers have removed 366.5 gallons of weed so far this year, and will return later this summer for two more days of harvesting. Our goal is to receive permission from NHDES to use ProCellaCOR next year. We anticipate the same excellent results we saw in 2022. However, it seems milfoil never completely goes away so we shall stay vigilant and prepared to deal with any recurrence. [Read more.](#)

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN PRESENTATION

You have heard us reference WMP often so here's a high-level overview of the Watershed Management Plan and the major steps:

- Build team—done
- Inventory watershed—completed
- Define problems—completed
- Set goals and develop solutions—completed
- Create action plan—next step
- Build public support—ongoing

- Implement and evaluate—ongoing as this is a multi-year project (estimated 10 years).

A more detailed report will be made available to the public and to our membership in September or October.

The primary issue facing the lake is a growing phosphorus problem, which fuels algae growth and cyanobacteria. Where is the phosphorous coming from?

- Watershed 74%
- Septic 14%
- Internal loading 4%
- Atmosphere 4%
- Waterfowl 2%

The goal is to reduce phosphorus levels over the next 10 years from the current 12.2 parts per billion to 10.5 parts per billion, thereby improving habitat quality and reducing the potential for blooms.

Much has already been accomplished—water quality monitoring, lake host program, lake education day—but this is just the beginning. Much more work needs to be done and all members can play a role.

Here are some recommended actions you can consider:

- Pump your septic tank/inspect your septic system,
- Protect your shoreline with proper plantings that serve as buffers,
- Don't use lawn fertilizers,
- Don't rake your leaves into the lake,
- Divert your stormwater through proper drainage.

[Read more](#)

LAKESMART

Have you ever wondered what one thing you could do to help protect Lake Monomonac?

The answer is different for every property. That's why the MLPOA is launching LakeSmart—a free, personalized visit by two trained NH LAKES volunteers who will walk your property, answer your questions, and suggest practical, affordable ways to reduce runoff and keep phosphorus out of the lake.

LakeSmart is:

- Free, confidential, and educational
- Non-regulatory (not an inspection!)
- Tailored to your property giving you specific ideas you can often implement yourself

Small improvements made by many property owners can make a big difference for the health of our lake.

Learn more and request a LakeSmart [visit here](#).

Available to ANYONE on the lake—NH or MA property owners.

Thank you for helping protect Lake Monomonac—one shoreline at a time!



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How else can you play a role in preserving our lake for generations to come?

- Volunteer
 - Sign up for LakeSmart
 - Share your knowledge about the issues
 - Get involved, do your part! Together we can accomplish much!
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VOLUNTEER AND ADVISORY GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

The MLPOA has significant work ahead and is looking for members who would like to help protect and improve Lake Monomonac. Opportunities are available through Board service and our new Friends of the Lake volunteer network, with current needs including WMP project coordination, LakeSmart program support, social media, video production, and other skills. To learn more and explore the opportunities, read the Volunteer Opportunities letter on our [website](#).

OTHER MLPOA NEWS:

WONDERING ABOUT PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS?

The BOS is just finalizing the appeals so everyone should be hearing soon. We suggest reaching out to the town if you haven't heard anything by August 7th as the deadline for appeal to the BTLA is September 1st. An appeal form has to be completed and can be found here: [Property Tax | Board of Tax and Land Appeals](#)

SUBTIDAL BUOY

Although you haven't heard much about the buoy, it is gathering data for us 24/7 which will be invaluable at the end of its season (pulled out this fall). The data will be useful in monitoring how the lake did all summer and be used for potential grants in our WMP work.

LOONS ON MONOMONAC

We are thrilled our pair of loons have continued to raise their pair of chicks. A quick reminder to give them space on the Lake. [Read more](#).

WINCHENDON SPRINGS LAKE ASSOCIATION (WSLA) GOLF TOURNAMENT DATE HAS BEEN SET!

MLPOA and WSLA work together cooperatively on Lake Monomonac issues. Please support their September 8th golf tournament whether as a sponsor or a golfer! For more information, [click here](#).

Follow Us on Facebook and join the [Welcome to Lake Monomonac](#) Facebook group to stay connected and up-to-date on lake news.

Thank you for supporting the health and future of Lake Monomonac.

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