



MLPOA

Monomonac Lake Property
Owners Association

Stewards protecting the health of Lake Monomonac in Rindge NH

NEWS & UPDATES

Watershed Management Plan Presentation

FB Environmental presented the final draft of our Watershed Management Plan on Monday, September 14. While this marks the completion of their consulting work, it is only the beginning of ours. MLPOA and WSLA will be working together to implement the plan to help the long-term health of Lake Monomonac for future generations.

The success of the Watershed Management Plan depends on the continued involvement of our lake community. For property owners, LakeSmart is a natural first step, offering programs, resources, and educational opportunities to help protect the lake. We encourage everyone to take advantage of all that LakeSmart has to offer as we begin the broader work of implementing the plan. Protecting our lake will require an ongoing commitment from all of us for years to come.

The WMP is now in its final review stage. If you would like to read the draft, [click here](#). Comments, due by October 14th, go to [Jeff Eisenberg](#), MLPOA president. You can also read more about the WMP on our [website](#).

LakeSmart

So far, 52 property owners around the lake have participated in LakeSmart visits, and we hope they have found the experience helpful. Congratulations to the 11 properties that have already earned the LakeSmart Award! You should be proud of this accomplishment.

We look forward to adding to the number of properties that earn the award next year. If you haven't had a visit yet, please consider taking advantage of this free, *confidential* walkthrough of your property. You can call or email our Lake Monomonac Lake Ambassador (Monomonac Lake resident Kelly Vernon Stutzman) for more information and to set up a LakeSmart visit: 203-695-3737, Kellyavs1964@gmail.com. Or visit our [website](#). The more property owners who participate and work toward earning the award, the more we can all contribute to the long-term health of Lake Monomonac!

We will let you know about upcoming lectures and send information throughout the year to help you with healthy lake implantation ideas. Read on...

Eco Landscaping • Wednesday, September 23 • 6:00 pm

Beals Memorial Library Auditorium • 50 Pleasant St., Winchendon, MA

This lecture complements LakeSmart by showing how the right landscaping can protect Lake Monomonac while creating beautiful properties.

MLPOA and WSLA are proud to help sponsor this presentation on eco-friendly landscaping. Learn how layering native plants, reducing fertilizer use, and leaving fall leaves as natural mulch can enhance your property while protecting our lake water quality. Come hear about a home landscaping approach that layers native plants for optimal aesthetic and ecological benefits, uses fewer fertilizers to protect our lakes & ponds, and uses fall leaves as a nutritional mulch while prioritizing our community's ecological health and three-season aesthetic beauty. We'll explore the many native groundcovers, perennials, shrubs, intermediate ornamental trees, and shade trees that offer more color, texture, and visual interest throughout the entire growing season.



Presenter: Michele Chalice is an environmental landscape educator and former landscape architect with a background in resource management, based in Keene, NH.

Tree Health

Rolf Briggs, consulting arborist for ARBOR LLC, gave an informative talk on beneficial native landscape practices and current threats to white pine, hemlock, and beech trees at our Annual Meeting. His many handouts are included below. Rolf is also available for individual site visits, best performed after the leaves fall, for a \$125 fee. If interested, contact him at rolf@arbor-llc.com.

White-Pine

Beech Bark Disease

Beech Leaf Disease

Hemlock Scale

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

Landscape Below Ground

Weekly Watering Guide

Septic Smart Week

NH DES tells us it is Septic Smart Week September 14–18th, but we think it is always wise to be septic smart! That works well with our WMP mission of protecting our lake water. For more tips, [read on](#).

Lake Levels

Boards at the dam are generally pulled mid-October to lower the level of the lake for winter. Be ready!

Closing up Camp/Getting Ready for Winter

NH LAKES offers these great [tips](#). They will help ready your property for that coveted LakeSmart award!

Milfoil Extraction Report

Monomonac Lake saw another successful round of milfoil management. On August 26–27, our dive team—Sarah MacNeilage Patey and Jamie Burleigh—completed targeted removal of variable milfoil, an invasive aquatic plant that can quickly spread and disrupt native habitat.

Over two days, divers logged 15.5 hours of underwater work and removed 42 gallons of milfoil from priority areas around the lake. Their efforts focused on both previously mapped patches and several new clusters identified during routine monitoring.

Divers reported that many areas showed reduced density compared to past seasons, a sign that ongoing management is making a positive impact. But our work is never done. Over the winter months, the Board of Directors will formulate strategies to further our work in the eradication of invasive species.

A more detailed report—including maps, logs, and photos—is available on our [website](#) for anyone interested in the full breakdown of the 2026 extraction effort.

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

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