

Frequently Asked Questions

Costs and Funding: What are the costs and funding for the Alum Treatment?

Response: Looking at the wide ranging costs to other lakes that have had an alum treatment, at this early stage our best estimate for Lake Kanasatka is \$350,000. The expenses associated with treating any lake is determined by size and water quality conditions. This makes a precise fundraising goal difficult to establish until we have a contractor bid(s)

The cost of the alum treatment will be determined by a state approved contractor. Careful measurements are taken to ensure that the right dosage is applied. Camp Quinebarge is helping to get a bid with a contractor/vendor as of this writing. If sufficient funds are not received by April 1, 2024, to enable us to sign a contract, the treatment will need to be delayed and a secondary plan will be put in place. (Due to environmental considerations, treatments can only be done in Spring or Fall). Any unused funds after treatment will go towards further testing in the next few years, which will be required by the state as a follow-up phase to the treatment itself. Funds may also be allocated to address septic system compliance if required.

Although we have submitted grant applications, there is no guarantee that we will qualify or that the funds will be available when payment for the alum treatment is due. Any of these monies, should they be available to us at a later date, will be used for further remediation work as per the WMP that will continue after the treatment.

The state manages the actual waterway, however they do not fund treatments such as this. That being said, some additional state funds have been approved specifically for cyanobacteria-related remediation projects. We will pursue these funds as well but again, it is not yet clear if this money will be available in the timeframe we need for a treatment in May.

Timing of Donations: No Later than April 1; Why these dates? Can I split my donation?

Response: If we are able to have the treatment in May 2024, we will need to sign a contract with the treatment service provider ahead of that time. We must have the funds in hand to be able to sign a contract. We may also have to make a deposit on the contract weeks ahead of the planned treatment dates.. You may split your donation between 2023 and 2024 provided all funds are received by April 1, 2024.

Timing of Treatment: The Annual Meeting indicated 2026 or 2027, why the change and urgency?

Response: LKWA and Camp Quinebarge have been working together with the state to expedite the permitting process to approve and move up the treatment date without risking the efficacy of the treatment.

Contributions: Where do you come up with the amount of \$3,000 or 3.8% and how will it be utilized?

Response: The total amount of money each donor contributes is completely up to the donor. There were multiple discussions regarding a fair and reasonable way to determine a goal for each homeowner. We recognize that not everyone will be able to contribute the same amount. You can consider the following in making your donation:

Based on the number of homes on the lake, if each homeowner donates a minimum of \$3,000 per property, we will reach our treatment goal of \$350,000.

An alternate suggestion is to contribute a minimum of .38% of the assessed value of each property, using 2022 town tax documents as a guide, to reach our treatment goal of \$350,000.

Both of these options rely upon nearly all homeowners contributing at these rates or greater in order to reach \$350,000.

This is not an assumption of anyone's ability to give. It is understood that not all homeowners will be able to contribute to the same degree. Some people will be able to contribute more while others will be able to contribute less.

Please donate what you can.

The financial details of the individual donations will be known only by the Treasurer and Secretary of LKWA for accounting and compliance purposes. Total amounts contributed will be shared with the Board as an aggregate number only and will be published in the LKWA *Water Matters* Newsletter.

Your contribution will be used to address the cyanobacteria situation. There is one primary goal: The Alum Treatment - See *Restoring Lake Kanasatka* Bulletin for further details. Prior to and after the treatment, there are other testing and monitoring

requirements and those expenses will also be paid with these funds, however, only after the treatment has been paid as the first priority.

Giving: How can I give?

Response: Checks may be sent to Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association, Inc. P.O. Box 774 Center Harbor, NH 03226.

Donations are tax deductible. LKWA is classified as a public charity under IRS Code s. 501(c)3 and its EIN is 85-3296994.

Continued Watershed Issues: What happens before and after the Alum Treatment?

Response: The treatment will take place over several weeks, in stages. More updated information will be provided as it becomes available. The lake can be used during treatment, subject to any cyanobacteria advisories at the time, and provided it does not interfere with the treatment being done. Remediation efforts will continue after the alum treatment has been applied. The process of eliminating external sources of phosphorus from entering the lake is ongoing. We will continue to work with property owners by sharing the steps needed to lessen the impact of stormwater runoff and erosion into the lake from individual properties. Each of us needs to take part in maintaining a healthy lake. Our goal is to have 75 % or greater number of LKWA property owners Lake Smart certified, setting the standard for all NH lakes.

Are there examples of other lakes being treated?

Response: There has been one treatment performed in NH to date and there are others being considered for approval. There have been treatments done in other states. We have spoken to and researched the projects undertaken by these and other other lakes.

You can read about examples such as:

Nippo Lake (NH) <http://www.nippolakeassociation.org/alum-project.html>

Long Pond (ME)

<https://www.longpondassociation.info/june-2022-alum-treatment>

Can our dues be included with our donation?

Response: No, dues and these donations must be accounted for separately under charity fund accounting requirements. Dues are used for ongoing operating expenses of the Association and are also very important to enable our ongoing operations. Dues for

annual membership in LKWA are \$50 for FY 2023 (ending June 30, 2024) and can be mailed to the same address above. Please specify dues separately from donations.

Can I get more information on LKWA membership? Treatment updates? Newsletters?

Response: Membership information is available on LKWA's website at www.kanasatka.org. You can join by sending in the form available on the website, or by including the information on the donor pledge page, and by mailing your dues check (\$50) to LKWA, P.O. Box 774, Center Harbor, NH 03226.

Treatment updates will be provided on LKWA's Facebook page and in the Water Matters Newsletter. You can sign up to receive the Newsletter through the website or by emailing the Communications team at LKWACommunications@gmail.com. Updates will also be sent, as available, to those who have signed up to receive email updates. If you'd like to join LKWA's Facebook group, contact the administrator at [Facebook.com/kanasatka](https://www.facebook.com/kanasatka).

How do you use my personal information?

Response: We will not share your personal information provided for the purposes of making donations with third parties except: (i) If, and to the extent, that you have given permission to do so; or (ii) With a third party payment processor as needed to receive your donation; or (iii) With the third party service provider that distributes our newsletters and other email communications.

LKWA may use your personal information to provide Newsletters and other informational updates or to contact you with regard to LKWA membership. If you do not wish to be included in further communications, please send an email to LKWAmail@gmail.com

Do I need to fill out the Pledge form?

Response: If you are not making a donation to the Capital Campaign now, but intend to donate at some point prior to April 1, 2024, filling out the Pledge form will help us know if we will be meeting our goal of \$350,000.

How many homes are there around the lake?

Response: There are 185 lakefront parcels on Lake Kanasatka, but many more properties that have shared access to the lake from associations like Kilnwood, Vonhurst/Birchwood, Sandy Cove and others. In addition, former residents and others with ties to the lake through family members and/or friends have also requested to have a packet mailed to them. As of November 10th, Capital Campaign packets have been mailed out to more than

275 addresses. The information in the packets will also be available on the LKWA website at kanasatka.org and in a mailing from Constant Contact which has over 300 subscribers.

What is your estimate of the participation rate for an alum treatment?

Response: We know that many people understand the need for an alum treatment, especially based on the most recent and enduring bloom this fall. Given our LKWA membership rate is less than 50%, we estimate that the participation rate may be somewhat similar. We will continue to distribute educational materials over the coming weeks and months so that everyone understands the need for an alum treatment and the request for funding.

Will the State of New Hampshire or any other non-abutting entity be assisting us financially?

Response: LKWA has applied for several state and federal grants. Unfortunately, it is likely that even if we are successful in receiving a grant, the funds will not be available to us in time to use for an alum treatment. This is a topic we are keeping a close eye on and will communicate any further information when it becomes available.