

LAKE KANASATKA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION INC.



November 15, 2023

Dear Lake Kanasatka residents,

Lake Kanasatka needs our help. This incredible natural resource is home to abundant wildlife and a source of recreation for boating, swimming, fishing and other pursuits. A series of cyanobacteria blooms over the past few years has significantly impacted our ability to enjoy this asset. Changes in climate, years of stormwater runoff and further development have led to a significant decline in water conditions.

We are working collaboratively with FB Environmental, NHDES, UNH, and our lake community, including Camp Quinebarge, to identify and remediate the external sources of phosphorus which promote the blooms and to implement best lake management practices around the lake.

- Our *Water Matters* newsletter, our website and Facebook provide useful information and suggestions for improving property conditions.
- Our LKWA grassroots initiative helps neighbors around the lake work on stormwater runoff issues.

These efforts have been very successful and we are pleased to report that a total of 20 homeowners have received the LakeSmart award.

After further study, analysis and discussion with NHDES, Lake Kanasatka has been deemed a strong candidate for an alum treatment which is intended to stop the cycle of nutrient release from lake-bottom, or, "legacy", sediment and restore a healthy lake. We are able to pursue an expedited permitting process based on the steady progress in reducing external phosphorous loading and our high level of commitment. **This treatment could potentially happen in the spring of 2024 with your support and financial help.**

The cost of the alum treatment itself could be upwards of \$350,000. To kick off the Capital Campaign, the LKWA Board of Directors has committed to making a combined pledge of \$30,000. Property owners are invited to make their own pledges using the pledge sheet included in this package. We understand that some homeowners will be able to afford more, while others will be able to afford less. As a frame of reference, if everyone donates a minimum of \$3,000 per property, we will make our goal! An alternate approach would be to donate .5% of your assessed property value. (See FAQs for more information)

Please act now and join us in pledging your support to restore Lake Kanasatka's water quality and to further protect the value of your property. Pledges need to be sent in prior to December 31, 2023. All donations need to be received prior to April 1, 2024 in order for us to contract for the treatment. Please send checks to: LKWA P.O. Box 774 Center Harbor, NH 03226. LKWA is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization. Check with your financial advisor regarding the potential tax benefits of a donation.

With appreciation and thanks for your support,

Lake Kanasatka

