



# Kanasatka Water Matters

## Fund Raising, Alum Treatment and other Updates

March 2024

### Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association latest updates:

The last couple of months have been incredibly busy ones for LKWA. To share just the highlights does not come close to capturing the spirit and the essence of the important work that has been ongoing. It has been an exciting few months full of potential and highly focused on seeing a healthy, crystal-clear Lake Kanasatka in the near future!

Photo by Collette Cooke



Our latest fundraising total, representing 176 donors, has plateaued at \$ 357,692.22, well short of the revised goal shared with us by NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). **IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SEND IN YOUR DONATION or donate using Apple Pay or a credit card using the payment portal on [kanasatka.org](http://kanasatka.org) ALL DONATIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2024.**

We are still hopeful that we will qualify for a Cyanobacteria Mitigation Fund grant. The required support documents that accompanied the application were very technical and involved, requiring many consultations and meetings with FB Environmental and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). If we are approved by NHDES, all grants must also be certified and signed by the Governor before funds are released and available for our use. As of this writing, any further information regarding the status of funding from grants is unavailable. We will keep you informed of any progress in this area as soon as we learn of it.

The alum treatment permit process has also been involved and lengthy, requiring a detailed permit application and collaboration between the vendor (SOLitude) and NHDES to first determine an appropriate dosing amount, based on data supplied by LKWA, and then a cost estimate. *A required public hearing will be held at Moultonborough Academy on March 19 at 6 PM.* David Neils, NHDES Chief Aquatic Biologist and Coordinator of Inland Surface Water Quality Monitoring programs will present the proposal to the public. A project overview will be given and questions from the public will be answered by consultants from FB Environmental and NHDES. Final approval is expected in mid-April.

Another issue that the board has been working on, is determining an appropriate staging area for the alum treatment vehicles, which include a large tractor trailer with the tanks containing the treatment materials, and a location to launch and dock the motorized barge which will apply the treatment. The staging and storage area for the tanks will be at the public boat ramp. Birchwood Beach Association has graciously agreed to allow their property to be utilized for launching the motorized barge.

- LKWA will mail out notification letters to all shorefront property owners around the lake within one month of the scheduled treatment (no later than mid-April)
- LKWA will post notification signs at all public access points around the lake within one week of the scheduled treatment (mid-April at the earliest)

> Posting sites will include the one public access point to the lake at the public boat launch and at all roads leading to the waterfront (both public and private).

> LKWA will post notification information on their Facebook page and via Constant Contact within at least one week of the scheduled treatment (early May at the earliest) and will supply at least weekly updates on treatment progress (with photos) throughout May via Facebook.

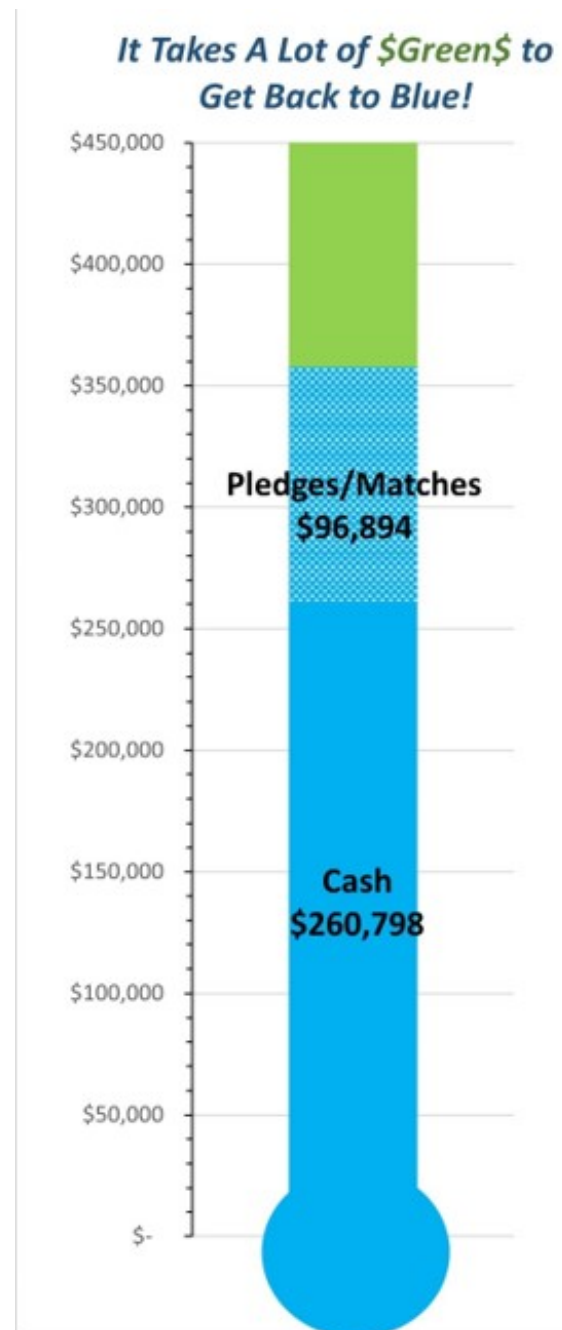
Lake access will not be formally restricted at any time, even during the alum treatment. The notifications will advise the public to refrain from recreational use of or water withdrawal from the lake during and within 24 hours of the completed treatment as a precaution; otherwise, users can still swim, fish, and boat as normal and even pull water from the lake for household use as normal, especially since many of these activities occur outside of the treatment (i.e., along the shoreline). If recreational boating or use of any watercraft occurs during the treatment, the users must maintain a minimum distance of 300 feet from the barge for safety.

Ongoing monitoring is a requirement of NHDES following an alum treatment. As currently proposed, NHDES requires that monitoring occur weekly for four weeks after the treatment is complete. The first of the weekly monitoring events shall occur the week after treatment is complete and continue for an additional three weekly monitoring events thereafter. After weekly monitoring is complete, monthly monitoring shall continue through October.

### Are you interested in becoming a member of the LKWA Board?

The LKWA Board will propose the "slate", a list of individuals standing for election, to be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting in July of 2024. Currently, the Board consists of 10 Directors with staggered 2-year terms. The LKWA membership will elect 4 Directors at the July meeting.

If you have an interest in becoming a Board member in fiscal year 2025 which begins July 1, 2024, please contact the nominating committee at [lkwamail@gmail.com](mailto:lkwamail@gmail.com) no later than April 1, 2024. Please provide your contact information, your qualifications and what you would bring to the organization in terms of your interest, experience and time commitment. A member of the nominating team will contact you soon thereafter.



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(received as of Feb. 23, 2024)**

**Please remember, all pledges are due by April 1.**

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