



Province Lake Association
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Dear Province Lake Watershed Landowner:

The Province Lake Association, the NH Department of Environmental Services, the towns of Wakefield, Effingham and Parsonsfield, FB Environmental and the Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance have teamed together to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan for Province Lake. Our lake has been experiencing frequent algae blooms and is listed on the State of NH Impaired Waters List and this project is intended to determine what we can do to reverse this trend.

As part of this effort, the Province Lake Association (PLA) and its partners will be conducting stormwater and septic surveys along the shorelines and any tributaries that feed into the lake. You are receiving this notice because your property is located within the Province Lake watershed which means that rain and runoff landing on your property drains towards the lake. Volunteers for the PLA will tour the watershed to locate erosion sites on the roads and other developed areas around the lake that may be having an impact on the lake's water quality and therefore decreasing your property value. We will also be distributing a survey to gather information to be used to estimate the extent of septic system use over the course of a year.

These surveys are **not** an enforcement mechanism – the information will simply be used to give us a better handle on the problems facing the lake, help us work together to address these problems, and enable us to apply for grant funds that can be used to fix priority problems.

Locally-led watershed surveys such as this to document possible threats to water quality have been used successfully on neighboring lakes in both Maine and New Hampshire and have resulted in successful grant funded projects to correct the problems.

Please contact Project Coordinator Carl Davis **if you would like to volunteer to help with the survey** or if you do not want us to survey your property. We hope that you will participate but will respect your property lines if you do not wish to.

We will conduct the training and initial field work for the surveys on

Saturday, May 18, 2013 beginning at 9am at the Province Lake Golf Club

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Sincerely,
PLA Watershed Survey Steering Committee

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