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LakeSmart Program

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The Association is in the process of entering into an agreement with NHLAKES to implement a new program of offering assistance to you, the property owners around Clough Pond. The LakeSmart Program will bring useful information and specific techniques to property owners who seek this service. Any improvements that a property owner might make as a result of this program will help to minimize or eliminate runoff heading toward the pond and thus reduce the pollutants it carries with it into the pond.

NHLAKES is modeling this program after the Maine Lakes Association's LakeSmart Program. The Maine Association already has several years of successful individual property projects under their belt. We are excited that NHLAKES is willing to bring this program to Clough Pond.

You may recall that the NHLAKES folks bring us the necessary tools and support it takes to run the Lake Host Program at the boat launch where we work to keep invasive species like variable milfoil away from the pond. NHLAKES has a proven track record for effective programs.

They brought us the Lake Conservation Program back in 2011 which demonstrated some rain water runoff management techniques at several properties around the pond. Most visible of those is the one at the Town Beach where large boulders were placed near the road to create a way of capturing rain water coming off the road and keep it from crossing over the beach and into the pond. Rain from the road now sinks harmlessly into the sand below those rocks.

The LakeSmart Program is a more robust version of the Lake Conservation Program.

This new Program will initially train a few folks from the Clough Pond Association on how to do a site evaluation of a property and produce site-specific recommendations on how runoff into the pond can be avoided or minimized. The recommendations will be based on a toolkit of information, think best practices, that they will be providing to us and training us on their use. In addition to our training we will have NHLAKES available to us for continuing support and advice and through them even more experts from UNH and other organizations if needed. We won't be alone.

We are looking to develop a list of individuals that would like to have their

This review is an entirely free offering and there is no obligation to do anything once the review is completed.

Should you decide to make any improvements after an evaluation is done, those efforts will by necessity be at your own discretion and expense.

property reviewed by our team. We hope to be able to start working on these reviews later this summer and are now seeking interested candidates. More information will be available as we ourselves are brought up to speed. Asking to be put on the list does not obligate you to continue with

this review later should you for any reason then decide not to participate. We expect to review properties on a first come first reviewed basis.

If you think you might be interested please let me know. My contact information is at the top of this letter. I will put you on the list. This is still very early in the process and NHLAKES has some significant preparations ahead of them before we will have much more specific information ourselves.