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CAPACITY-BUILDING TOOLS AND RESOURCES

- **The Lake Host Payroll Charitable Giving Program.** Want an easy way to raise money for the Lake Host Program at your lake? NH LAKES can help. Through this program, your supporters are able to make online or other forms of donations that will increase your Lake Host payroll budget. Donors to this program will receive a prompt thank you letter and tax receipt for their charitable contribution. Participating organizations will receive periodic reports on the donations received. ♦
- With groups like yours in mind, NH LAKES publishes *Member Matters*, an ePublication containing information and tools to assist with your lake conservation efforts. This publication is sent to all key people at member groups but if you missed an issue, as a current member, you can log in to our website to review back issues.
- **Year-round consultations** from NH LAKES staff and experts in the area of nonprofit administration and governance. If you are seeking assistance with any of the following, we can help ♦:
 - Obtaining IRS 501(c)(3) Charitable Status
 - Association Governance—Bylaws, Secretary of State Registration
 - Member Services—Communications, Record Keeping
 - Bookkeeping



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

- **Is your group looking for a way to foster the next generation of lake stewards in your community?** If “yes,” consider bringing the Watershed Warrior Program to your next association family-friendly event. The NH LAKES Watershed Warrior program is designed for youth and their families to “take action” to keep lakes and watersheds healthy. Traveling through the stations of the activity circuit, participants experience hands-on fun while learning about lake ecology and simple everyday things that people can do to help keep lakes healthy. At Participants have the opportunity to become a “Watershed Warrior” by pledging to incorporate at least one lake-friendly practice into their daily routine. All Watershed Warriors earn a multicolored patch and certificate. You can bring this program to your community in one of the following ways (for more information go to www.nhlakes.org):
 - **Option 1:** Schedule NH LAKES staff to help host the circuit at your community event.
 - **Option 2:** Borrow the complete kit from NH LAKES and recruit volunteers from your group to run stations. *(NH LAKES provides training and the kit comes complete with all materials and simple instructions to run each station.)*
 - **Option 3:** Make your own complete activity station kit and host events in your community. *(NH LAKES will provide training, all instructions and some materials.)*
- **NH LAKES Lake Host Aquatic Invasive Species Education & Prevention Grant Program.** Member groups are eligible to participate in this award-winning program. More information about participating in this program can be found on our website. ♦
- For over twenty years, NH LAKES has presented **Lakes Congress** to kick off our summer of lake stewardship activities. This conference provides educational, training, and networking opportunities to lake enthusiasts from all over New England.
- Member organizations are eligible to use the **NH LAKES Enviroscope** interactive watershed model to provide a unique educational experience in your community. NH LAKES staff will train members of your organization to successfully use this tool. ♦
- NH LAKES staff is available to consult with your group on **stormwater runoff problems.** ♦
- Member organizations have access to our **Speaker’s Bureau** for presenters at your next meeting.


ASSOCIATION MEMBER BENEFITS (continued)

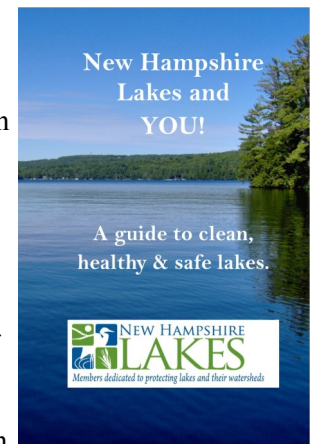
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ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

- NH LAKES surveys its members and member organizations in advance of the legislative session to help inform its legislative priorities. As a member of NH LAKES, your voice is important to us.
- The ***NH LAKES Advocacy Alert!*** is your periodic eNewsletter that provides information about the current status and actions needed regarding legislative processes addressing lake and watershed management and protection issues. ***You have our permission to forward the information in the NH LAKES Advocacy Alert! to your members as long as it is not altered in any way and NH LAKES remains named as the source.***

PUBLICATIONS

- ***NEW! New Hampshire Lakes and YOU! A Guide to Clean, Healthy & Safe Lakes.*** NH LAKES has revised and updated its 42-page publication filled with helpful tips for lake-friendly living. Member associations can order up to 50 copies to distribute to their community members. If you are interested in receiving this publication, please send an email to info@nhlakes.org and let us know how many copies you would like and delivery instructions. *This publication will also be available for download at www.nhlakes.org.* 
- **Monthly eNewsletter:** To keep you informed of all issues that affect you, your constituents and your lake, the New Hampshire Lakes Association (NH LAKES) produces ***Shorelines***, a monthly eNewsletter. Invite your members to sign-up to receive this informative publication. As a member group, you have our permission to reproduce any article featured in ***Shorelines*** in your own member publications. We also encourage you to forward ***Shorelines*** to every member of your association.
- **Quarterly Publication: *Lakeside*,** our quarterly print publication, provides in-depth articles on advocacy initiatives, lake community news, and more. As a member group, you have permission to reprint articles from this publication in your own member communications.
- **Periodic eNews:** Your group will also receive timely special eNews about upcoming events and hot topics including special issue surveys and more. The more you share our eNews with your fellow lake stewards, the stronger our collective voice will be.



OTHER BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- A link to your organization's **website** in a directory of member organizations on NH LAKES website.
- Connection to a statewide network of like-minded people and business leaders who are working for the health of our lakes.

***If you have any questions about any of these benefits,
please feel free to check out our website or give us a call.***

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