

# Lake Life

For Members of the Baboosic Lake Association  
August 2006 Edition

## **Grant Proposal Update**

Hello everyone. Hope you are enjoying the lake so far this summer season. I have some great news to report to you at this time. On June 21<sup>st</sup> 2006 The Baboosic Lake Stormwater Management Project was approved by Governor and Council. This process has taken almost a full year to get to this point. Thank you to everyone who has helped out so far on this project. We still have a lot of work ahead of us but at least we have a foot in the door. Here is an explanation of what's gone on up to this point.

The Department of Environmental Services issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the 2006 Watershed Assistance and Restoration Grants program. For 2006 the proposal process was divided into a two-part process involving pre-proposals, and full-proposals. Forty-four proposals were received. The pre-proposals were ranked based on the criteria included in the RFP: water quality benefits, commitment of local support, clarity of project outcomes, tasks matching goals, and overall quality of the proposal. The sixteen highest ranking Organizations were invited to attend an interview with DES staff to further discuss the proposed project. All sixteen were then selected to submit full proposals. Based on results of the interview, quality of the full-proposal submitted, and available federal grant funding, eleven projects were selected to receive funding.

The DES Watershed Assistance Section focuses on the reduction of nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. NPS pollution occurs when rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water runs over land or through the ground, transporting materials which are then deposited into rivers, lakes, and coastal waters, or introduced into the groundwater. Pollutants can include chemicals, sediments, nutrients, and toxics. These materials can have harmful effects on drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries, and wildlife. Land development or changes in land use can also cause NPS pollution by disrupting the natural hydrology of a water body, increasing impervious surfaces, and contributing to the loss of aquatic habitat. Watershed Assistance programs address NPS pollution by managing land use and drainage on a watershed scale.

Continued water quality monitoring over the past twenty-five years has revealed a deterioration of water clarity, including increased incidence of algae blooms, and bacterial pollution. While there are many possible causes for this, a two year study conducted by the Department of Environmental Services suggests that a major component of the high nutrient flow into the lake is NPS pollution from uncontrolled runoff. This project will develop a Watershed Based Plan, and address priority NPS

pollution areas through a combination of volunteer effort and professional contractors. The overall project goal is to reverse the trend of water quality deterioration.

The Baboosic Lake Association will work with project partners including the Towns of Amherst and Merrimack, and DES On-Call Consultant to develop the Plan, implement Best Management Practices (BMPs), and conduct outreach and public awareness activities including developing and distributing printed and web materials, and making public presentations.

The success of the project will be documented through Photo Documentations of BMPs as per the DES Photo Documentation Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). Sediment load reduction will be estimated as per an approved Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). Copies of all outreach materials produced under this grant will be provided to DES, along with a comprehensive final report which will include a copy of the Watershed Based Plan.

### **Boat Parade/ Ice Cream Social/ Cardboard Boat Race Recap**

We had a great turn out for the parade this year. The letter C was the theme for this year's parade. We had a cell block full of cell mates, a candle to light our way, cow riding cow kids, some circus, and a couple of carnivals. One carnival was cooking up clams for everyone. There was a pontoon full of costumed characters, and a pontoon casino for our gambling pleasure. We also had to put a sea tow into action to tow one of the circus boats around the lake, luckily there was a big old castle protecting us all the way around the lake. It was fantastic to see so many of you coming out to watch the boats go by. The clapping and cheering was very much appreciated!! The kids down at the CYJ gave us a good hand, although that could be because of the horn that the cell block prison was sounding off the entire way around the lake. Everyone knew we were coming then ☺ Thank you to all that participated, you did a great job! It was hard for the judges to choose because there were so many wonderfully decorated boats. First place went to the Shines for their circus, second place went to the Ouellette/Riedel Cell Block and third place went to the Newell Cow Riding Cow kids.

That same night we had our ice cream social. It was another hot and muggy night, but that COLD ice cream sure hit the spot. We dished out almost 20 gallons of ice cream in two hours! This past Sunday another fun event was held. Our second annual cardboard boat race was held at Washer cove beach. Once again a large crowd was on hand to watch the six boats race around the course. A great job was turned in by all participants.

### **Canoe / Kayak Morning Coffee**

On Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 10 AM, there will be a Continental Breakfast being served at the Sullivan's for those of you who are up and out in your non-motorized boats. Please feel free to stop by and have break with your fellow paddlers.

**Ice Cream / Luminary Night**

On August 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 PM will be our second Ice Cream Event of the summer. Also that same night, is the lake lined with Luminaries. Please call Richard Sullivan at 424-6347 to get your luminary for that night. He will get them to you in a timely manner. Rain date will be Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> for both events.

**Baboosic Lake Cookout**

On August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Camp Young Judea Beach, we will be having our annual cookout from 12 – 6 PM. Please see the enclosed flyer for the details. There will be raffles, 50/50, games and a craft table for the kids. Please contact Ellen Fallon or Marie Junkins for you tickets, so we can get a head count for the caterer. This will be a rain or shine event. Please remember to bring a chair or something to sit on. We will also have soda and bottled water available.

**2006 Social Schedule**

The Baboosic Lake Association has the following events set for August. As always, any questions you may have regarding any event may be directed to Ellen Fallon or Marie Junkins. We look forward to seeing many of you at these events!

- August 6th- Canoe/Kayak morning social (no motor boats) 8 – 10 A.M.
- August 19th- Ice cream Social 6-8 pm and Ring of fire around the lake
- August 26<sup>th</sup>- Annual picnic- See enclosed flyer for details

**E-coli Water Testing**



Location	July 2006	
	Map Code	E-coli count
Hillside	1	340
4 Seasons	2	200
Greenwood/Lakeside	3	100
Oliver's Pipe	4	90
Carter Road	5	270
Jebb Road	6	120
Far Cove	7	60
Seagull Heaven	8	80
Washer Cove	9	110
Moonbeam	10	90
Amherst Town Beach	11	260

**\*\*Please note- counts higher than 88ppl will be retested. We'll keep you updated!\*\***  
Also, please remember not to feed the ducks and geese. Their waste contributes to higher e-coli counts!

