



Greetings!

Summer is in full swing and the 30 Mile River Watershed Association has a busy season of programs, projects, and events planned.

As you enjoy the lakes in our watershed, you may see one of our Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs) keeping an eye out for hitchhiking plants. If a CBI is not there to help you, don't forget to always inspect your boat before and after you launch. It takes only a few minutes and helps to keep our lakes free of invasive aquatic plants.

Summer is also the time for lake association annual meetings. Please remember to support your lake association with your annual membership.

Next month we hope to see you on our 4th Annual Paddle Trek from Mt. Vernon to Wayne. It's always a fun day and a great way to see how all of our lakes are connected.

For more information on everything we have going on this summer, please read below and visit our website at www.30mileriver.org.

Enjoy the summer!

Lidie Robbins
Executive Director

Youth Conservation Corps is Looking for Projects

Our Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program is currently underway with a five-person crew of local young adults, working hard to complete projects to protect our lakes from polluted runoff.

YCC works with homeowners to decrease erosion and filter stormwater carrying phosphorus on their property. YCC provides free technical assistance and labor, while private landowners or towns pay only for materials. Projects include vegetated buffers, roadside ditching, seeding and mulching, water bars, riprap, and rain gardens, among others. We are still accepting project requests for the 2012 summer season.

You may want to take advantage of the YCC if...

- * you have more grass than other vegetation in your yard.
- * your shoreline is eroding (you notice loss of soil, undercutting,

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exposed roots).

- * your driveway or path goes downhill towards the lake.
- * you have soil displacement under roof drip lines.
- * you have spots of bare soil in your yard.
- * you want to know what you can do to improve water quality.

If you are concerned about your property, please contact us at info@30mileriver.org. We are available to look at specific problems or simply to review your property and suggest ways to reduce your impact on the lakes.

Join our Volunteers to Protect our Lakes from Invasive Plants

Courtesy Boat Inspector (CBI) volunteers work at boat launches throughout the watershed, talking with boaters and inspecting their watercraft as they launch and remove their boats. CBIs are the first line of defense for keeping invasive aquatic plants like variable milfoil and hydrilla out of our lakes and help teach boaters how to do their own inspections. We're looking for volunteers for Parker Pond, Flying Pond, and Androscoggin Lake. We will be providing a training on July 16th, in Wayne (see below).



Invasive Plant Patrollers (IPPs) survey the lakes for invasive aquatic plants so that we can detect invasions early and implement a rapid response. No training is required to get started, because lake teams are always looking for new volunteers to help paddle boats, while they look for plants. To find out who is leading your lake team or to learn more about training opportunities, please [contact us](#).

We hope you will [sign up](#) to join your lake neighbors who are working to protect our lakes.

30MRWA at the Ladd Center in Wayne on July 16th

Join us on Monday, July 16th at the Ladd Center in Wayne for a two-part session to learn how you can get involved in protecting the lakes and streams that are at the heart of our communities. First, at 6:30 PM, we will provide a half-hour introduction to the Courtesy Boat Inspection program. Through video and hands-on practice, you will learn how to become a volunteer inspector and join the fight to keep invasive aquatic plants out of our lakes. At 7:15 PM, Executive Director, Lidie Robbins will share an overview of the organization's mission, programs, and accomplishments. You are welcome to attend one or both parts of the evening's program, which is hosted by the Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corporation

(ALIC). Refreshments will be served.

Register now: 4th Annual Paddle Trek Saturday, August 11th

All paddlers are invited to join us for all or part of our annual 15-mile paddle from Mt. Vernon Village to Wayne Village, traveling through many of the lakes that form the 30 Mile River. To learn more and to register, visit our [Annual Paddle Trek](#) web page. Sign up by July 24th for a free t-shirt. (Rain date August 12)



Results of the Parker, David and Tilton Ponds Watershed Survey

The complete results of the 2011 Watershed Survey of Parker, David and Tilton Ponds are now available on our [website](#). Thanks again to all the volunteers and landowners who participated. The purpose of this survey was to identify areas of erosion that deliver sediment into these lakes through stormwater runoff. In total, teams identified 83 erosion sites that are impacting or have the potential to impact water quality, and made specific recommendations for how each site could be mitigated. This summer we've already started working with willing landowners to address these erosion issues, through both our Youth Conservation Corps and Camp Road Assistance programs. For more information on how you can help protect water quality, please visit our [website](#).

Free Assistance for Camp Road Owners

We offer free services for landowners to help address erosion problems on private roads. For a description of all of our services, please visit our [website](#).

Annual Appeal

We've kicked off our 2012 annual appeal with a goal of raising \$29,000 from individuals and businesses. This support is essential for supporting our core programs that protect and preserve our watershed, such as Courtesy Boat Inspections, Invasive Plant Patrol, the Youth Conservation Corps, and our Lake Steward. Any contribution you can make would be greatly appreciated. To donate, please visit our [website](#).

About Us

The 30 Mile River Watershed Association's mission is to preserve, improve, and protect the land and water quality in the 30 Mile River watershed.

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