

## LAKE WESSERUNSETT ASSOCIATION

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Madison:

The members of Lake Wesserunsett Association wish to thank the citizens of Madison for their continued support of our efforts to provide good stewardship of Madison's most valuable natural resource. Property around the lake is a valuable contributor to the Madison tax base. Association activities include: an extensive program of water quality testing, the courtesy boat inspection for aquatic plants program, invasive aquatic plant surveys, camp road maintenance education, and placement and maintenance of navigational markers.

The Courtesy Boat Inspection Program, to thwart the introduction of damaging invasive aquatic plants, conducted 834 boat inspections and logged 390 hours manning the boat landing in 2018. An additional important part of the program is the education of boaters about invasive plants and encouragement for them to conduct their own inspections when they enter or leave any body of water, this is essential as there is not full time coverage at this or any other launch site in the state.

The water quality sampling program for Lake Wesserunsett continued for the 37th consecutive year in 2018. The results for 2018 were more encouraging, as were the results for 2016 and 2015, than were the results for 2017 and 2014. Runoff from roads, bank erosion and lawns contributes phosphorus to the lake which in excess quantities can reduce water quality.

The association for several years has been increasing its efforts to reduce the phosphorus contribution to the lake from camp road runoff. As part of that effort in 2018 we hosted 2 partial days of camp road tours and discussions, lead by the state soil scientist, of practices for each road to control runoff and reduce phosphorous flow into the lake.

Placing of navigational markers is another important function of LWA that helps insure the safety of all users of the lake. Please remember that not all hazards are marked and fluctuation in water levels can change conditions. Remember when boating to observe caution around boat launching and swimming areas and to observe the 200 foot no wake zone along shorelines.

In 2019, we plan to continue our programs to provide stewardship for the lake. We are fortunate to have such a valuable resource within our boundaries. We thank the town in advance for continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
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