

LAKE WESSERUNSETT ASSOCIATION SERVICES & ACTIVITIES
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According to its By-Laws, the purpose of the LWA is: (1) to perform all acts appropriate to a non-profit scientific, literary and educational corporation dedicated to the promotion and development of environmental quality standards; and (2) to preserve, enhance and protect Lake Wesserunsett and its environs.

Following are the services provided and the activities undertaken by the LWA to fulfill this purpose:

1. Run Courtesy Boat Inspection Program (to prevent introduction of invasive aquatic plants)
2. Conduct Invasive Aquatic Plant Surveys (to detect presence of any invasive aquatic plants)
3. Conduct Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) water quality sampling & submit reports
4. Conduct Maine Audubon Annual Loon Count & monitor population
5. Apply for funding/grants (e.g., boat inspection program)
6. Participate in MIF&W HERON Project (monitor Great Blue Heron population)
7. Work with Town of Madison regarding lake matters of mutual interest (e.g., boat inspections; swimming area; water level; road runoff; policing of E. Madison landing area)
8. Work with Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture regarding lake matters of mutual interest (e.g., art; lake protection; water quality; land acquisition; loon count)
9. Participate in University of Maine at Farmington Climate Study
10. Participate on erosion control project at Town beach area in E. Madison
11. Work with University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service (e.g., creation of present lake association)
12. Work with the following regarding various lake matters:
 - a. MIF&W (loons; eagles; trout stocking)
 - b. MDEP (water quality; buffers; erosion control; shoreland zoning)
 - c. MDOC (hazard markers)
 - d. MDMR (alewife restoration project)
 - e. MDOT (erosion control on road projects)
 - f. MCOLA (lake protection; pay membership dues)
 - g. VLMP (water quality; invasive aquatic plants; pay membership dues)
 - h. Maine Audubon (loons)

- i. University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service (lake protection)
- j. Sawyer Environmental Laboratory, Univ. of Maine (total phosphorus analysis results)
- k. Town of Madison (relevant lake concerns & issues)
- l. Abnaki Campground (prevent introduction of invasive aquatic plants)

13. Environmental Education Activities:

- a. Kiosk:
 - i. Build & maintain informational kiosk at boat launch in E. Madison
- b. Sponsor Presentations On:
 - i. Alewife Restoration Project
 - ii. HERON Project
 - iii. Lead & Loons
 - iv. History re Wesserunsett Lake
 - v. Shoreland Zoning
 - vi. Invasive Aquatic Plants
 - vii. Water Quality – VLMP
 - viii. Camp Road Maintenance
 - ix. Vegetative Buffers
- c. Attend:
 - i. Secchi Disk Annual Training & Certification
 - ii. Total Phosphorus Sampling Training & Certification
 - iii. Courtesy Boat Inspection Program Annual Training & Certification
 - iv. Invasive Aquatic Plant Identification Training
 - v. VLMP Annual Conference
 - vi. COLA Annual Conference

14. Have Standing Committees On:

- a. Water Quality
- b. Audit

- c. Nominating
 - d. Hospitality
 - e. Dam/Water Level
 - f. Roads
15. Answer questions & help take actions re lake wildlife, water quality, & other concerns
16. Fund lake studies & reports:
- a. Colby College Land Use/Water Quality Study (2001)
 - b. University of Maine at Farmington Bathymetry Study (2004)
 - c. Wesserunsett Lake Report with Recommendations for Action (2005)
 - d. Appraisal report re property for sale (2007)
17. Print lake bathymetry maps
18. Place hazard markers annually
19. Place boat launch channel markers annually
20. Pick up litter
21. Place public swim area rope & floats at Town beach in E. Madison annually
22. Conduct lead survey
23. Maintain LWA website
24. Publish LWA online newsletter
25. Apply for and receive approval from IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization (2008)
26. Investigate opportunities to protect important lakeside areas and resources

NOTE: LWA = Lake Wesserunsett Association; VLMP = Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program; MIF&W = Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife; SWCD = Soil & Water Conservation District; MDEP = Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection; MDOC = Maine Dept. of Conservation; MDMR = Maine Dept. of Marine Resources; MDOT = Maine Dept. of Transportation; MCOLA = Maine Congress of Lake Associations.