

Save the Date!

LONG POND WATERSHED SURVEY

SEPTEMBER 22ND – 23RD 2020



Become a Survey Volunteer!

Attend a free online training on September 17th from 2-4 pm and learn about watersheds, how to identify erosion and other sources of polluted runoff, and ways to help improve the water quality in Long Pond.

Free Online Volunteer Training-

Contact BLA for more information and to log on!

The Long Pond Watershed Survey is a community effort to improve the water quality in Long Pond now, and for future generations.



Project partners include: BLA, 7 Lakes Alliance, Watershed Towns, Maine DEP, Lake Stewards of Maine, and Ecological Instincts

What is a Watershed?

A watershed is the area of land that drains to a waterbody. The Long Pond Watershed covers approximately 37 sq. miles of land in Belgrade, Rome, Mt. Vernon, Vienna & New Sharon. Changes to the land in a watershed can affect the water quality of the lake and all the downstream lakes as well. Long Pond receives water from upstream Great Pond, North Pond, East Pond, and Salmon Lake-McGrath Pond. Water flows out of Long Pond into Belgrade Stream, Messalonskee Lake, and to the Kennebec River and the Atlantic Ocean.

What is a Watershed Survey?

A watershed survey helps identify and prioritize current sources of soil erosion and stormwater runoff on developed land in the watershed. This includes shoreline properties, state, local and private roads, stream crossings, agriculture and forestry, and commercial properties. The last watershed survey for Long Pond was conducted in 2002. Current information is needed to develop long-term planning strategies that will improve the water quality in Long Pond, which is currently listed as an "impaired lake" in Maine due to declining water quality over time.

Watershed Survey Benefits:

- ▶ Raises public awareness about the need to protect Long Pond from stormwater runoff and soil erosion.
- ▶ Documents current problems that affect water quality.
- ▶ Provides landowners with information about how to reduce or eliminate soil erosion and polluted runoff from their property.
- ▶ Provides the means by which to acquire state and federal grants to fund future projects that will improve water quality.

Volunteers are needed for this monumental event!

For more information or to register:
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