



Trickey Pond Environmental Protection Association

FALL NEWSLETTER 2016

Dear Friends of Trickey Pond,

It was wonderful to gather more than 50 neighbors for the TPEPA meeting at Camp Skylemar last August. Not only did we learn from environmental experts about the stability of Trickey Pond, but we also connected in friendship.

As you know, every homeowner has tremendous stake in Trickey Pond. The vibrancy and beauty of our lake is the primary reason for each of us being here, from the standpoint of enjoyment as well as property value.

Startlingly, the Portland Water District, Lakes Environmental Association and Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District have placed Trickey Pond in the “moderate/high concern” category, as a result of long-term study. To learn more, read on, and go to www.trickeypond.org.

What do we do about this? We connect as one, share information, and work together in protecting the lake. That’s what the Trickey Pond Environmental Protection Association (TPEPA) is all about.

TPEPA is a group of neighbors committed to protecting Trickey. We work with authorities on best lake practices, which includes directing donations towards boat ramp inspection. We gather information and share resources. And WE need YOU!

Please join TPEPA! No special skills needed and no major time obligation. Just let us know that you’d like to be involved and we’ll follow up. Tax deductible contributions are extremely helpful, which our budget for preservation is dependent on.

As you’ll see in this newsletter, inspection services will be cut if we don’t resolve a financial deficit. Speaking of this newsletter, we’re striving for a clean, easy-to-read, new “look”. Our hope is to provide an interesting piece with valuable information regarding the lake we adore.

Let’s stay connected, neighbors! Please “like” the TPEPA Facebook page, and follow us on Instagram: @TrickeyPond. After all, we’re Trickey Pond family!

Your friends in protecting the pond,
The Members of the TPEPA

TRICKEY POND IS IN TROUBLE

The Portland Water District, the Lakes Environmental Association, and the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District recently completed a long term study of all of the surface and ground water that feed Lake Sebago.

The overall rating for Trickey Pond places it in the 'Moderate / High Concern' category.

The study examined all of the lakes in four different dimensions: Land Use, Current Lake Clarity, Lake Health Trend, Partnerships.

1. Land Use

The Land Use score is determined by measuring the change in forested versus developed land over decades using satellite imagery.

Trickey Pond currently has one of the highest percentage land use change in the region. **The amount of forested land surrounding Trickey Pond has dropped below 80% and this has had a noticeable effect on water quality.**

2. Current Lake Clarity

The Lake Clarity score is determined by measuring chlorophyll, phosphorous and clarity. These measurements are taken at various water depths at the measurement station in the pond near Camp Skylemar.

Trickey Pond received the highest grade for current water clarity. However, **the clarity has begun to drop.**

3. Lake Health Trend

The Lake Health Trend is determined by tracking changes in biological activity over at least 10 years.

Unfortunately, **the water quality in Trickey Pond is getting worse.** Surface runoff from surrounding land often contains soil and excess nutrients, leading to too much algal growth and lower oxygen levels in the water. Trickey Pond received the lowest possible score of Lake Health trend.

4. Partnerships

The Partnership score is determined by the activity of local organizations that protect the lake.

Trickey Pond has an involved citizenry that actively works to protect the lake. (By, among other things, funding the boat inspection station).

Learn More: www.trickeypond.org

THE WATER QUALITY SURVEY

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Trickey Pond is one of the clearest lakes in Maine. Why should I worry about water quality?

A consortium of local environmental groups (including the Lakes Environmental Association (LEA) and the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District) recently completed a detailed assessment of all of the lakes in the Sebago Lake watershed.

*This study has placed Trickey Pond in the **HIGH degree of concern category** because of declining clarity and increasing chlorophyll trends.*

You can see the Trickey Pond data at: www.trickeypond.org.

2. What are the threats to Trickey Pond?

Water Quality. *Surface runoff from developed land often contains soil and excess nutrients, leading to too much algal growth and lower oxygen levels in the water.*

Invasive Plants. *Trickey Pond is surrounded by lakes with significant invasives. Many boats go from lake to lake and it is easy for invasives to spread this way.*

3. What can I do to preserve water quality?

Prevent runoff from your property into the lake. *Maintain vegetation along the shoreline and avoid the use of fertilizer near the lake.*

Familiarize yourself with Shoreland Zoning rules. *These rules are designed to protect the lake from excess runoff. Questions about Shoreland Zoning? Contact LEA for expert advice (207 647 8580)*

4. What can I do to prevent invasive plants?

Inspect your boats *before launching them into Trickey Pond.*

Donate to TPEPA. *Your donations pay for boat inspectors at the public boat launch. In the past year, 613 boats were inspected and 33 plant fragments were kept out of our lake.*

HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

Who is the TPEPA? Why did you form this organization?
Get to know your neighbors who are working hard to protect Trickey Pond!



Matt & Noreen Jankowski

Matt is the TPEPA President

Home Town: Stratford, Connecticut

How long have you been on Trickey Pond? 30 years

What first brought you to Trickey Pond? After visiting Maine about twenty times, we decided we should stop staying in motels and buy a place to call home (#2). The shore was our first choice but after stopping in Naples and seeing Trickey Pond we said this is for us.

Why is protecting Trickey Pond important to you? Trickey Pond is loved, visited regularly and enjoyed by our three children & eight grand children, all four seasons.

Brian & Kristin Finkelstein

Brian is the TPEPA Vice President, Kristin is the TPEPA Director of Development

Home Town: Baltimore, Maryland

How long have you been on Trickey Pond? We have owned our house for 1 year, but Brian has been coming to Trickey Pond since 1991.

What first brought you to Trickey Pond? Brian first fell in love with Trickey Pond as a small child, and spent 11 summers as a camper/counselor at Camp Skylemar. Kristin first visited in 2005 when Brian was a Skylemar counselor, and they have come back almost every summer since.

Why is protecting Trickey Pond important to you? When we think of Trickey Pond, we think of the way life- and childhood- should be. We want to protect Trickey pond so that our children and grandchildren can grow up in this amazing place.

Arleen Shepherd

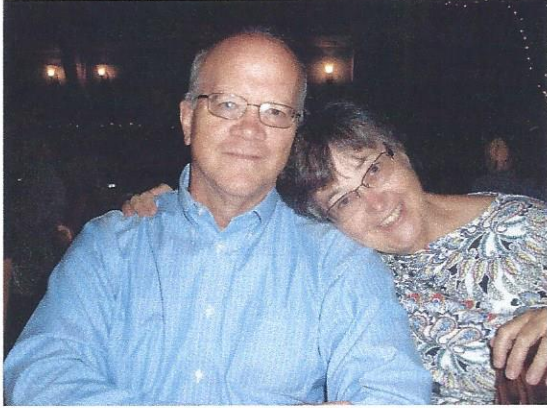
Home town: Baltimore, MD

How long have you been on Trickey Pond? 53 years

What first brought you to Trickey Pond? In 1948, my father, Lee Horowitz, searched the country for the ideal location for a children's summer camp. As soon as he saw Trickey Pond, he knew this was the spot!

Why is protecting Trickey important to you: Trickey Pond is our most precious gem, which we will never take for granted. A spring-fed, crystal clear body of water, large enough for boating yet protected on all sides, home to spectacular wildlife and wonderful neighbors. Who could ask for more?



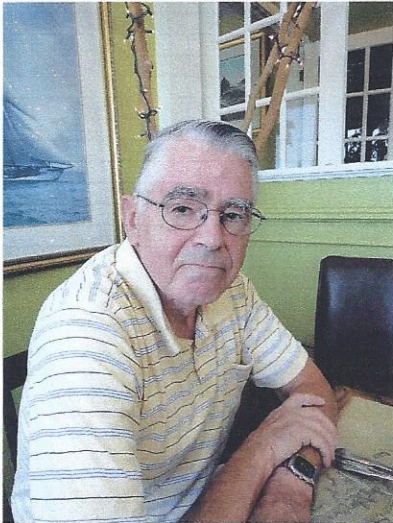


Bill Ames and Paulina Knibbe
Paulina is the TPEPA Secretary

Home Town: Acton, Massachusetts

How long have you been on Trickey Pond: 3 years

Why is the TPEPA important to you: When we were looking to buy a house in this area, we looked at a lot of lakes. Trickey Pond impressed us with its clear water, quiet environment, active loons (and other birds / fish!) and relative lack of development. We want to help keep Trickey Pond beautiful for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren.



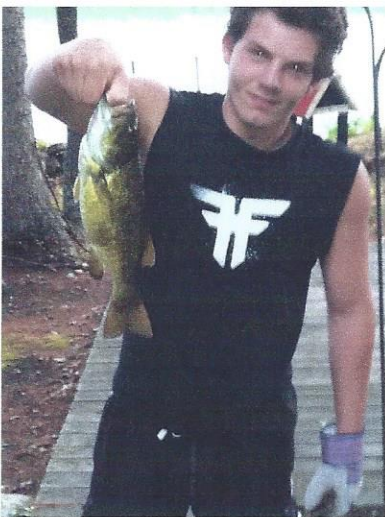
Dick Meyer

Home Town: Still own the property on TP until Oct. 28. Currently live in an apartment in South Portland, Maine

How long have you been on Trickey Pond: We bought the land with a different house on it in 1991, and moved to the pond in 1999. Moved into the rebuilt and enlarged house in 2001, and moved to SoPo in April 2016.

What first brought you to Trickey Pond: We spent several years vacationing in different location in Maine with the purpose of researching property. When we finally got to TP the location was beautiful.

Why is Trickey Pond important to you: I have lived on Trickey Pond longer than any other location around the country in my married life. The setting is similar to my family's summer home where I grew up in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts.



Thomas Pedulla

How long have you been on Trickey Pond? 23 years, my parents bought the house back in 1993 and we love every moment we get up here at the lake.

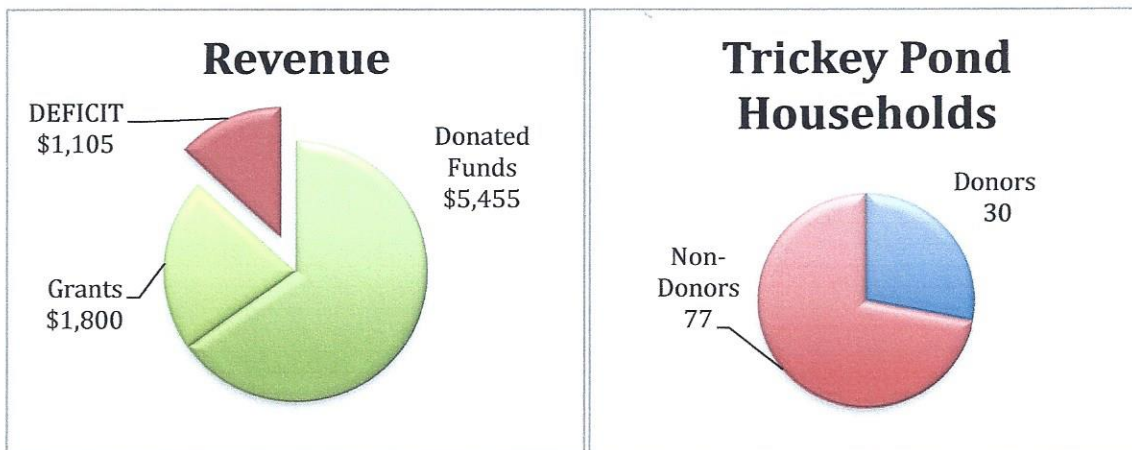
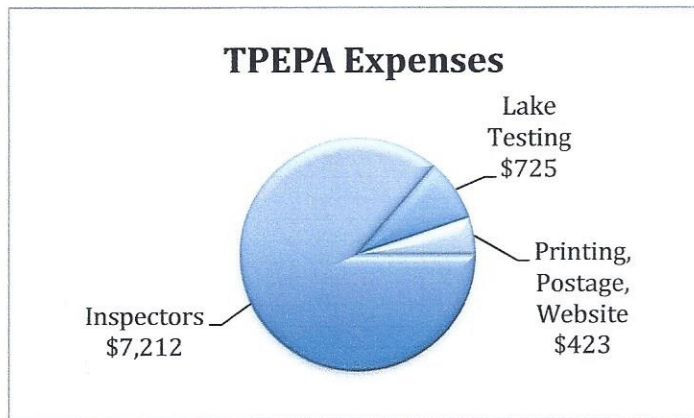
What first brought you to Trickey Pond? Well I was 3 so I didn't have a choice but glad my parents made this wonderful decision.

Why is TPEPA / Trickey Pond important to you? Trickey Pond and TPEPA is important to me because it is a place I grew up all the memories and the amazing experiences I have had up here. I want to be able to preserve that for my kids and hopefully many future generations.

WHAT DOES THE TPEPA DO WITH MY DONATED MONEY?

TPEPA Finances

Through October, 2016



If we do not resolve the financial deficit this year, we will need to cut the Boat Inspector hours next year.

This year the Boat Inspectors examined 613 boats and found 33 plant fragments on boats entering Trickey Pond (through October, 2016).

Please donate! An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

You can donate on our website with a credit card: <http://trickeypond.org/>

OR

Mail us a check: TPEPA PO Box 417 Naples, Maine 04055