



Protecting
Trickey Pond
since 2006

Dear Trickey Pond Friends,

Each year I look forward to the signs of spring on Trickey Pond. Ice-out is always greatly anticipated – this year April 11th was reported by our ice-out watcher as THE day. Considering that ice-in wasn't until mid-January, we had a shorter season of ice coverage for sure. Even before complete ice-out though, the mergansers and then the loons made their joyful presence known. And why wouldn't they be joyful? It's Trickey Pond after all! Other signs of spring are a bit more subtle, the slow unfurling of the fern fronds and the truly slow-motion erupting of all manner of foliage. Juxtapose that with the sudden and not always welcome reception of the black flies! Of course, there are other unique spring tasks that TPEPA undertakes each year that occupy our time and mark the new season, among them are writing the spring newsletter, opening the boat wash station, evaluating the schedule for the CBI coverage, and this year, planning a TPEPA Trickey Pond summer gathering at Camp Skylemar and planning the home stretch of the EPA 319 grant.

You may have noticed that we did not publish a fall newsletter in 2022. Last fall the board decided to move to an annual newsletter cycle, which for now, will still be mailed in late May. Our annual report will continue to be published on our website only in late winter. From time to time, we may also send postcard announcements as we did in February earlier this year. Eventually, we'd like to rely more on electronic communications, so it's important that we have up-to-date email information for all of you. We encourage you to write to us using our contact form on our website at www.trickeypond.org/contact to let us know your preferred email. Many thanks to those who returned the information card from our fall fundraiser outreach; your contact information was updated at that time.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. We've provided updates on the EPA Grant, the latest water monitoring information, news about LakeSmart, our planned summer social at Camp Skylemar, our new incoming treasurer, the MDEP CBI grant and more.

Warm regards,

Martina Martina Witts, President



Please Support TRICKEY POND

The primary purpose of the TPEPA is to raise money to take care of Trickey's pristine waters. Your donations fund boat inspector hours at the public ramp to keep milfoil and other invasive species out of Trickey Pond. Thank you for your support!

Join us today to help protect Trickey Pond!
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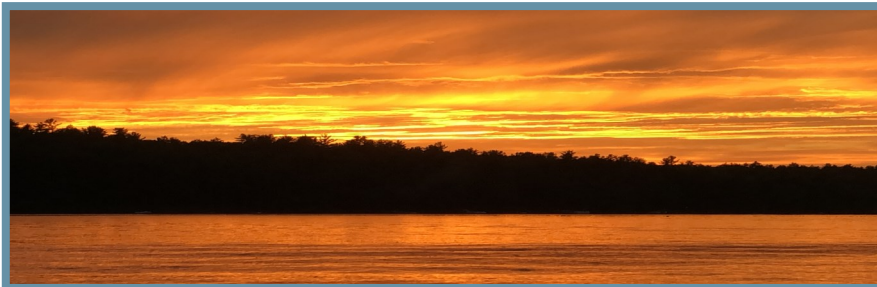


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Water Quality Testing Results & CBI Reports

TPEPA continues to subsidize the water quality testing that Lakes Environmental Association (LEA) conducts on Trickey Pond. In April we received the water monitoring report for 2022. The average readings for 2022 indicate that Trickey Pond is rated High in clarity, Moderate in phosphorus, and Low in chlorophyll-a. The trend analysis results show Decreasing clarity, Stable phosphorus, and Increasing chlorophyll-a. The complete water quality report can be read on the LEA website at <https://mainelakes.org/testing-reports/>. It's important to note that water quality is impacted not only by activities on the water but also by land use in the entire watershed. (See related articles on installing BMPs and increasing the shoreline vegetative buffer.)



TPEPA Welcomes New Treasurer

After serving as the TPEPA treasurer since the founding of our organization in 2006, Larry Anton will be passing the baton to our new treasurer Aida Volpone. Thank you, Larry, for your many years of service to TPEPA and your dedication to our mission, and welcome Aida! Aida and her husband, and their two boys purchased their home on Trickey Pond two years ago and have a long history with our beloved pond through her husband's family. We're fortunate to have someone with Aida's skills on the TPEPA board as our treasurer since she is a professional CPA. We're happy to report that Larry will remain on the board and continue to take the lead in submitting the yearly grant application to Maine DEP for the milfoil cost share grant.

If you are interested in learning more about joining our board in support of our mission to "protect, preserve and enhance the natural beauty of Trickey Pond and its watershed" please reach out to us via our website www.trickeypond.org/contact.

Keeping milfoil and other invasive species from entering Trickey Pond remains a primary focus for the TPEPA. In fact, the majority of funds raised support this effort. Last season, 30 plants were discovered as a result of CBI inspections at the public ramp on Trickey Pond; fortunately, none were shown to be invasive. By contrast, at the 15 CBI sites under the LEA purview (of which Trickey Pond is one) 454 plants were documented by CBIs and 11 were shown to be invasive. It's important to note the identification of those 11 invasive plants were at boat launches in our immediate vicinity and boats from those lakes frequently visit Trickey Pond. Last season 193 invasive plants were documented by CBIs during inspections throughout the state of Maine. (Data is from: MDEP's Maine Courtesy Boat Inspections Dash Board-Past Years)

It bears repeating that taking personal responsibility and practicing the recommended Clean, Drain, Dry procedure is key to preventing the spread of invasive species from entering Trickey Pond. For more information on invasive species and how to prevent their spread visit the LEA website at <https://mainelakes.org/invasives>. Thank you for support in addressing this significant environmental threat.



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For Trickey Pond's Sake, Be *LakeSmart*

LakeSmart is a program that educates landowners about best practices to protect the lakes they live on. The goal is to reduce or eliminate erosion and storm water runoff because it carries pollutants, including phosphorus. The simple principal of reducing storm water runoff by installing or employing best management practices (BMPs), has also been the focus of the two-year EPA 319 Grant TPEPA has been working on. Long after the grant concludes in December 2023 the behaviors we adopt today and BMP's we install now will help protect Trickey Pond's water quality for future generations.

LakeSmart is run in the Lake Region by the Lakes Environmental Association (LEA). Maine Lakes, the founding organization of LakeSmart, maintains an excellent library of resources on their website <https://www.lakes.me/bmps> to help you with choosing and installing the appropriate BMPs for your shore front erosion issues. There you can read instructions and watch videos on rain gardens, dripline trenches, infiltrations steps & walkways, planting & maintaining buffers and more. Soon, the TPEPA will also have Trickey Pond specific videos on BMPs available on our website as part of the EPA 319 Grant project.

Since Trickey Pond is in LEA's service area, you may contact Lauren Pickford at lauren@mainelakes.org to get involved in LakeSmart. A LakeSmart evaluator will then contact you to schedule a visit to your home to offer suggestions and solutions to help your property be more LakeSmart. Properties which are particularly lake-friendly receive the LakeSmart Award, with accompanying signs for display! Last year, in our area, LakeSmart awards were given to property owners on Woods Pond, Moose Pond, Keoka Lake and Kezar Lake. It sure would be nice to add Trickey Pond to that list this year!



FREE Plants to Improve Shoreline Buffer

Are you interested in free plants to improve your shoreline buffer and protect Trickey Pond? Sign up for up to \$200 in matching grant funds to purchase native plants to enhance your shoreline buffer to help protect the water quality of Trickey Pond!

➡ Is my property eligible?

Anyone who owns property that is on the shoreline of Trickey Pond is eligible. Last year we focused on properties specifically identified in the 2019 watershed survey; this year the offer is extended to all properties that have lakeshore frontage. 15 matching grants are available and will be selected on a first come, first served basis with those identified in the survey as having first priority.

➡ How do I apply?

If you are a shorefront property owner on Trickey Pond, complete the order form found on TPEPA's website at www.trickeypond.org/downloads and send to hhuntt@cumberlandswcd.org by 6/30/2023.

➡ How does this work?

If you apply and are selected, we will pay half of total project costs up to \$200. Your half of the project costs can include your time in installing the plants (valued at a volunteer rate of approximately \$25/hour). Project costs can include the purchasing of native plants, compost and mulch needed for the plantings, or hired labor. All plantings must be installed prior to 10/15/2023. Assistance is available in selecting plants, purchasing plants at wholesale costs, and plant delivery.

For more information, please contact Heather Huntt at Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District: hhuntt@cumberlandswcd.org or 207. 331.8643.

Additional resources are available on the Trickey Pond website: trickeypond.org/downloads. Funding for this project is provided through the Trickey Pond Watershed Protection Project which has been funded in part by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act and administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. This project was awarded to the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District in partnership with TPEPA, Lakes Environmental Association, the Town of Naples, and Portland Water District.

Year Two of the Trickey Pond Watershed Grant

The Trickey Pond Watershed Protection Project grant, a two-year grant active from January 2022 – December 2023, is moving forward this spring. In March and in April the steering committee, comprised of staff from Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation, Maine DEP, Lakes Environmental Association, Portland Water District, the Town of Naples and TPEPA board members met to map out next steps for year two of the grant. This project is funded in part by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act and administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Owners of properties identified as grant eligible were provided with detailed plans to address erosion on their properties and sent cost share agreements to undertake the corrective actions recommended. Signed agreements are currently being received from individual homeowners as well as

the Trickey Pond Camp & Homeowners Association (TPCHA); TPCHA will be addressing three sites on Trickey Pond Road this year, two of the association ROWs and a raised road culvert.

Additionally, as part of the grant, four one-minute Trickey Pond specific education videos will be produced. Topics of focus will include the importance of shoreline buffers, installing and choosing the appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) to address driveway run-off and roof-runoff and providing an overview of common sources of water pollutants and water quality issues to Trickey Pond. Videos will be available on the TPEPA website once completed.

Last fall TPEPA volunteers installed BMPs at ROW 1 on Trickey Pond Road as part of the grant. The previous removal of the vegetative buffer at that site had resulted in severe shoreline erosion and had eliminated the

woody vegetation needed to absorb non-point source pollution from entering the lake. Infiltration steps, erosion control mulch and 15 native shrubs were planted along the shoreline to repair the 100 ft length of shoreline. A few additional shrubs will be added this spring to fill in the area.

Shoreline buffer zone plantings will again be made available at wholesale prices to shorefront property owners to enhance their vegetated buffers. Up to \$200 in matching grant funds are available along with assistance in plant selection, receiving discounted plant rates, and delivery to a local pick-up location. See adjacent FAQ for more details on how to participate and receive grants for enhancing your shoreline buffer zone.



TPEPA Awarded \$2300 for 2023 Courtesy Boat Inspection Cost Share Grant

In April TPEPA was notified that for the 13th consecutive year we received a CBI Coast Share Grant. This year's grant of \$2300 is a \$300 increase over last year's amount. Maine DEP sets grant amounts based on many factors including the past year's number of inspections and inspection rate (# inspections/hour) per ramp, lake vulnerability, and match requirements. This grant will help us in covering the costs of CBI hours at the public boat ramp on RT 114. Last season TPEPA expended nearly \$13,000 in CBI coverage and expects to expend a similar amount this season.

In addition to this grant TPEPA will receive \$500 from the Town of Naples to be applied toward 2023 CBI coverage.

The great majority of our funding comes from you, our supporters. Thank you! For a complete list of 2022 donors and a financial overview, please see our 2022 Annual Report on our website at www.trickeypond/downloads.



10 Trickey Tips for Environmentally Friendly Boating

- 1 Stop the spread of invasive species; remember to Clean, Drain & Dry your boat, trailer and all your gear.
- 2 When boating faster than headway speed stay 200 ft from the shore and other boaters.
- 3 Be wake wise; boaters are responsible for their wakes; environmental studies recommend that wake boats, in wake surf mode, stay 500 ft from shore to allow their enhanced wakes distance to dissipate.
- 4 Avoid repeated passes or circling in a limited area of the lake.
- 5 Trim your boat properly to reach plane to avoid plowing which creates large wakes and directs the propeller towards the bottom disturbing sediment.
- 6 Register your boat properly to obtain a Lakes & River Protection sticker; funds support milfoil removal and prevention.
- 7 Keep trash contained onboard and dispose of properly.
- 8 Comply with the No Wake Zone around the islands where loon nesting typically occurs.
- 9 Leave and approach the shore in a straight line; turning causes large wakes.
- 10 PWCs (jet skis) are prohibited on Trickey Pond.

Need Help?

To report dangerous boating or violations of Maine boating laws call the 24-hour Game Warden Dispatch line at 1-800-452-4664. The Town of Naples also has a Marine Safety Division, you may wish to contact Shawn Hebert, Harbor Master:

(Office) Non-Emergency 207-693-63634, Ext 114

(Cellphone) 207-615-8445

shebert@townofnaples.org

To learn more about being safe on the water and protecting Trickey Pond while boating, download the *Boaters Guide* at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/docs/maine-boating-laws.pdf> and visit Lakes Environmental Association's web site to review their Boater Impacts & Safety pages at <https://mainelakes.org/boaters>.

TPEPA Social Gathering at Camp Skylemar – You're Invited!

Please join us on **August 17th** at **Camp Skylemar** for a TPEPA Social. Our hosts, the Shepherd Family, have invited all Trickey Pond neighbors and supporters to gather at beautiful Camp Skylemar **from 5-7pm**. A barbeque will be provided (courtesy of the Shepherds) and representatives from Lakes Environmental Association and Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District will be on hand to share information on Trickey Pond water testing and the progress of the EPA 319 Grant, respectively. There will be plenty of time to socialize and enjoy Camp Skylemar. We encourage you to RSVP to give us a better idea of how many folks to expect. Please use the contact form on the TPEPA website at www.trickeypond.org/contact or reach out to any board members that you know to let them know you'll be joining us. Additionally, we'll be sending an invitation in early July to all Trickey Pond neighbors/supporters on our mailing list. We look forward to seeing you on August 17th!

Grant Provides Free Life Jackets to Trickey Pond Boaters

Many thanks to Naples Harbor Master Shawn Hebert for his successful application for a grant from the Sea Tow Foundation that will bring a new Life Jacket Loaner Station to the public launch on Trickey Pond. The life jacket station will be located near the Make Ready area at the launch and will be available in June. The station will hold life jackets that local boaters may borrow and use, free of charge. Available in sizes ranging from infant to Adult XL. In Maine, all watercraft – including canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards must have at least one USCG approved wearable personal flotation device for each person on board. Children 10 years of age or younger must wear a USCG approved PFD at all times while on board a watercraft unless the watercraft is docked, anchored, or moored. "This life jacket loaner station will help ensure boaters of all ages have enough properly fitting life jackets, which will go a long way toward keeping people safe while they're out enjoying beautiful Trickey Pond." said Harbor Master Shawn Hebert.



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Please make a tax-deductible donation this year! Our hope is that every homeowner, friend, family member and renter will help protect Trickey Pond.

You can donate on the [website](http://www.trickeypond.org) with a credit card: www.trickeypond.org
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