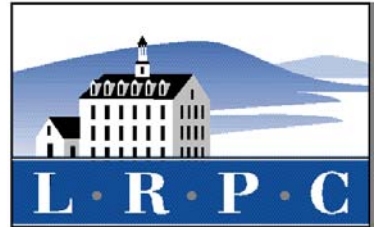


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Setting Goals for Protecting Winnepesaukee Watershed

On October 1, 2009 a partnership of local organizations, communities and state agencies will meet to present water quality analyses for three bays in Lake Winnepesaukee and develop goals to ensure the lake maintains its high quality status. The water quality presentation will address bays in Phase I of the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Management Plan (LWWMP) including Meredith, Paugus, and Sanders Bays (MPSB), which include the towns of Meredith and Gilford and the City of Laconia.

This meeting follows the kick-off meeting held at the Annual Meeting of the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association (LWWA) that introduced the comprehensive, phased, process that is intended to ultimately result in a management plan for the entire Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed. The partners include the communities of Meredith, Gilford and Laconia assisted by the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association, Lakes Region Planning Commission, North Country Resource Conservation and Development Area Council, University of New Hampshire, Plymouth State University-Center for the Environment, NH Department of Environmental Services, and several other agencies.

Over the course of the next year, the project partners intend to increase the public outreach and educational initiatives to build on the momentum of this first phase (MPSB) throughout the watershed. A proposal to continue Phase II of the LWWMP for Center Harbor and Moultonborough Bays has been submitted to NH DES. Funding for the first phase of the LWWMP comes from several sources, including section 319 of the Clean Water Act, administered by the NH Department of Environmental Services.

Please join us on October 1, 2009 from 6:00-8:00pm at Prescott Farm, 928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH to learn how you can protect and preserve Lake Winnepesaukee for current and future generations to enjoy. All are welcome to attend. For additional information contact: Erica Anderson, anderson@lakesrpc.org or 279-8171.