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Hi Paul, one last 2020 update with some great news on our DEP 319 grant application... read on below.

If Christmas gifts are on your mind, check out the new [Watchic Lake Online Store](#) for lake oriented gifts great for Christmas. Profits from the store help support the lake.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!

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Great News – Maine DEP 319 Grant Approved

The Maine DEP and the US EPA have approved our application for funds to improve Watchic Lake water quality by reducing polluted runoff into the lake. This is great news for the lake and for property owners wishing to leverage federal funds to improve their property.

Our good track record of property owner engagement via membership, donations, and LakeSmart awards are important reasons this grant was approved. **Thank you all for your support!**

This matching grant is designed to support two town culvert improvements, three road association improvements, and about six residential property improvements. This grant encompasses work totaling \$124,434, with Federal funds of \$74,732, and matching funds/time of \$49,802 coming from property owners and/or the WLA. The DEP is flexible on the exact projects and the exact work at each project.

The WLA has begun to reach out to road associations, the town, and property owners to review project ideas and funding. The WLA is also in the process of securing the noted engineering and environment consultants required for this project. Projects will only be done with agreement from various property owners.

You can find more information, including the full work plan here: [2020 Watchic Lake Protection Project and DEP 319 Grant](#).

We want to thank the Maine DEP and US EPA for their advice and support in securing this grant. The funding for the projects in the work plan, in part, was provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The funding is administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in partnership with EPA. The EPA does not endorse any commercial products or services mentioned in the work plan.

Public Notice – Request for Qualifications

The Watchic Lake Association (WLA) is inviting responses from private sector consultants interested in entering into an agreement to administer projects related to grant funding issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection titled “*Watchic Lake Protection Project, Phase I.*” Submission Deadline: January 15, 2021 no later than 4:00 p.m.; contract award: January 29, 2021; and project finish: December 31, 2022.

Click our touch here for the full request document [Watchic Lake Request for Qualifications](#).

Great Christmas Gifts at the WLA Online Store

What better way to celebrate Christmas with those who love the lake... Watchic Lake and others. The WLA online store is filled with Watchic Lake (and other Maine Lake) gifts, clothing, and memorabilia. This site is hosted by the well known and trusted Etsy online retail site. Profits are exclusively for the benefit of the Watchic Lake Association.

A sampling of products can be found here at the [WLA Online Store](#). Find all our products here: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/lakelifemarket>



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Contact Owen Smith at omacsmith58@gmail.com or Paul McNulty at p3mcnulty@gmail.com if you want to learn more about any these or other lake related topics.

Thank you!

Owen Smith and Paul McNulty

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