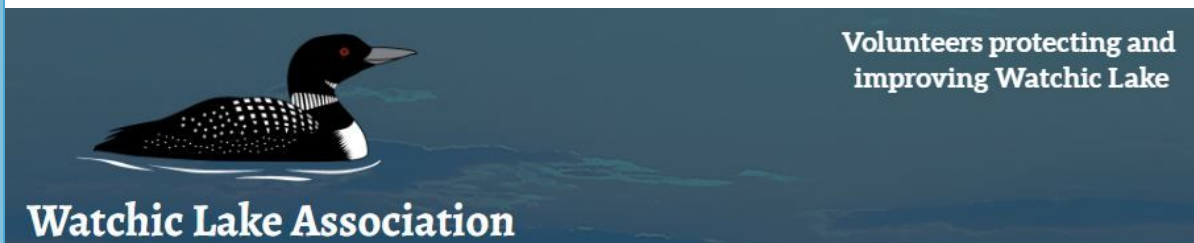


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Hi Paul, it's hard to believe that another summer has ended and that we are heading into fall, which is a beautiful time on the lake.

WLA volunteers have continued with work on and around the lake.

- **Reminder - Dam Opening Date is about November 1.** More below.
- [DEP Section 319 Grant](#) - Work has been completed on a variety of roads and residential properties to reduce runoff into the lake. See more below.
- Invasive Plant Patrols - In August of 2022, a group of 12 WLA board members and volunteers surveyed Watchic Lake for invasive plant species – none were found. Read more about [Managing Invasive Plants on Watchic Lake](#). **PLEASE make sure any plant life is removed from all boats before entering the lake.**
- Water Quality Monitoring continues on a regular basis with results being submitted to the Lake Stewards of Maine. For the latest click or touch here [Water Quality](#).
- During the summer, WLA volunteers continued to monitor and support the loons, including reinstalling our floating loon nest. One chick hatched on the west end of the lake – the first time since 2017. Two chicks were successful on the east end in 2020. More on the loons can be found here [the Watchic Lake Loons](#).
- A variety of educational and social events were held over the summer, all with positive member response.



Thank you to all our members! As of October 9, 154 people from 105 properties are WLA members (about 40% of properties are members). If you have not already, please take a moment to join or renew your WLA membership. Click or touch here to learn more about [membership](#) and [donations](#).

Feel free to share this email with others and encourage all users of Watchic Lake to subscribe to our email updates. More here at [How to Subscribe](#).

Reminder - Dam Opening About November 1

We will begin opening the the Watchic Lake dam gate on about Saturday October 29, 2022 (plus or minus a few days depending on weather) for the winter. Following the opening, the lake level will slowly go down to its winter level over the course of about two to four weeks (depending in part on rainfall). Lowering the lake level protects our shoreline from winter ice damage. Plan your boat and dock removal accordingly.

The dam will be closed again in the spring, generally in late March or early April depending on the ice-out date. Click or touch here to learn more about the [Watchic Lake dam](#).

Watchic Lake Watershed Gets Boost for Water Quality

The Watchic Lake Association, working together with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection have completed their first projects to reduce storm water runoff into Watchic Lake. This was announced in a [WLA press release](#).

During August and September, the completed projects include:

- The [Town of Standish](#) stabilized the ditch, road shoulder, and culvert at the Paine Brook stream crossing on Dolloff Road. These improvements will trap winter sand, stabilize the stream bank, and reduce sediment entering the stream and thus reduce sediment entering the watershed and Watchic Lake.
- Working with property owners on Watchic Road 3 and Hartford Lane, a number of improvements were made, including installing a 300-foot vegetated swale along the west side of the road, a retention basin near the western end of the swale, a 100-foot culvert under the road to manage overflow from the swale, a rock sandwich culvert to allow the adjacent wetland to flow and filter underneath the road instead of overtopping the road.

Over the coming two months, additional road projects, and four residential projects will be completed. A more complete update can be found [here](#).

We want to thank Maine DEP and the EPA and note that funding for the projects, in part, will be provided by the U.S. EPA under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The funding is administered by the Maine DEP in partnership with EPA. The EPA does not endorse any commercial products or services mentioned in the work plan.



Watchic Road 3 Culvert and Retention Pond

Please feel free to forward this email to others you know on the lake, and encourage them to [sign up for our emails](#). Emails and our website are the best way to keep informed of activities on the lake! Email addresses are not shared and will only be used for WLA business.

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

Thank you!

Paul McNulty

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