

# IMPACT ACROSS THE WATERSHED 2025

Here are just a few of the ways that we put your dollars to work for clean and healthy lakes:

## Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Team member Taylor Hawkes identifies a plant during a swollen bladderwort survey on David Pond in August.



Team member Katie Cilley empties a dive bag with milfoil removed from Androscoggin Lake in July.

AIS Coordinator, Silas Mohlar, removes a benthic barrier used to smother invasive milfoil in Androscoggin Lake.



**3,976**

Boats inspected

Two of our eight seasonal staff CBIs, Taylor Hawkes (left) and Ava Sucharzewski (right).

## Water Quality Monitoring

Our water quality specialist, Sara York, collects a water sample that will help us track lake health, identify trends, and better prepare us to take action.



**13**

lakes and ponds monitored

**114**

monitoring trips, May - October 2025

## Community Engagement



In July, nearly **100 community members** gathered for our annual Paddle Trek, an event that takes paddlers downstream through 10+ lakes, ponds, and streams in the watershed.

In August, we hosted **40 members** from the boards of nine lake associations to join in collaboration, sharing successes and challenges. This inaugural event was possible because of our new space!



## Land Use Management

During the first year of our Parker Pond DEP/EPA grant-supported project, we reduced nutrients to the lake through the completion of projects on **4 camp roads** and **3 driveways**.



Culvert inlet on a camp road, before and after.



**20**

LakeSmart Evaluations

Homeowners on Minnehonk Lake are presented with their LakeSmart awards. The LakeSmart program provides free technical assistance to landowners to help them reduce polluted runoff from their properties.

## OUR NEW HOME

*in Mount Vernon Village*

In January, we moved into 30 Mile's first ever facility in the watershed! With the completion of Phase I, we began hosting community events and workshops. Phase II is currently being designed, and will include a public meeting space, creating a year-round hub for learning and connection.



In August we hosted our first open house! Over 150 people stopped by to meet our staff and board, learn about our programs, see native and invasive plant samples, explore the space, and hear what's ahead.

## Advocacy

This year, 30 Mile was one of six organizations that founded the Lake Protection Coalition



(LPC). LPC is a collection of organizations, supported by individuals and businesses, who are uniting to advance innovative, effective, science-based policy change, including long-term funding for sustaining healthy lakes in Maine.

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