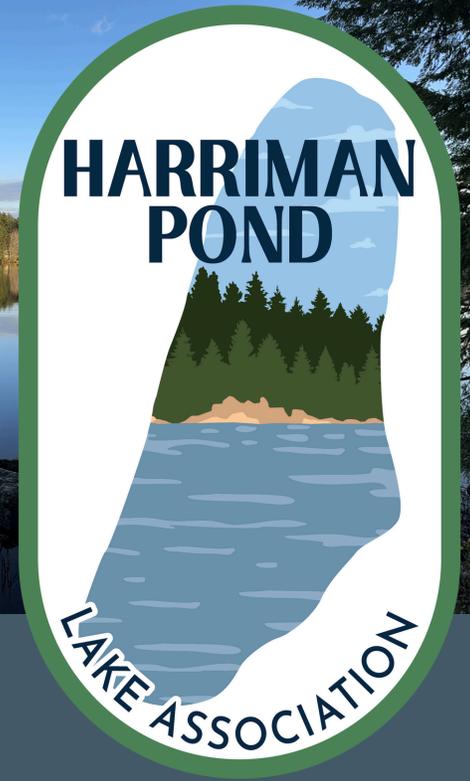


FALL 2025

HARRIMAN POND NEWSLETTER



Hello, Harriman Pond Neighbors!

Summer & fall updates and news

Summer 2025 was marked by an extreme drought and low water, but Harriman Pond was still a great spot for paddling, swimming, getting outdoors, and meeting up with neighbors. This year we held our third annual Harriman Pond Neighbors Gathering, and continued working with Branch Lake Association on the next round grant application for a 319 grant to help protect the pond. Spoiler alert - the grant application was successful! Read on to learn more about when it will take effect and how these projects work.

Our HPLA mission is “To work with landowners around the pond to protect and improve the water quality of the pond and watershed through education, action, and preservation while respecting the interests of property owners and providing the opportunity for fellowship among association members.” There are new landowners around the pond, alongside those who have been here for generations. Our goal is to be welcoming to all who are interested in the mission, so we can all work together to enjoy our camps, homes, and lands in this gorgeous setting.

We hope everyone has a good fall and winter, with memories of summer days by the lake!

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2025
Gathering
at the
Strang
camp



2026-2026: 319 grant recommended for funding

The “319” program with US EPA and Maine DEP helps provide matching funds to landowners for projects designed to reduce erosion and other sources of pollution to lakes and ponds. Our last grant concluded, but working with Branch Lake Association, another grant application was submitted and recommended for funding!

If you have been thinking about improving your property - better drainage at drip edges, adding vegetation in your buffer, infiltration steps to slow runoff, improving your driveway - please reach out and we can share the contact info and process for projects that can take place in 2026 and 2027.

Neighbors Gathering July 27, 2025

About 25 people - and some dogs! - attended the third Harriman Pond Neighbors Gathering in July. In addition to catching up, seeing the Strang’s great work in managing their shoreland foundation replacement, and sharing some great food, we heard about progress on our mission. Hans shared the current status of our new lake association, Cathy updated us on the loon’s activities, and Sarah briefed the group on water quality results. Neighbors heard a bit about new land ownership and shared their concerns and questions.



Thank you to the Strang family for hosting us at your lovely, cozy camp!

If anyone is interested in hosting next year, please reach out:

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Water quality update

We continued sampling lake clarity and total phosphorus, a key nutrient that can lead to algae blooms if in excess. Results showed excellent water clarity and low phosphorus. Let’s keep up the good work to reduce erosion and nutrient inputs!

Beaver at Harriman

Have you seen evidence of beaver on the pond? They took up residence this year. Some property owners worked together to enlist a trapper who removed two beavers. If others return, you can protect trees by wrapping them with chicken wire.



Beaver handiwork. Photo: M. Olson.