



November, 2025

Dear Friends of West Hill Pond:

Trustees
Duncan Kruse
President

My message to you this year is a familiar one - **the Pond Association needs your support** to continue our successful efforts on behalf of the lake we all love.

Dave Boyajian
Vice President
CT Yankee
Council BSA

You probably already know that we continue to enjoy the well-earned reputation as one of the cleanest lakes in Connecticut. There's a lot that goes into making that happen, but we're equally focused on another part of our mission – maintaining the dam that makes the lake possible.

Ron Fierman
Treasurer

This year we successfully concluded a decades-long negotiation with the state, who agreed that our dam was fit-for-purpose as is, **avoiding a million-dollar upgrade** that has hung over us all since the last century.

Pete Humphrey
Secretary
West Hill Lake
Shore Property
Owners Assoc.

I'm proud of the team that made this possible, which includes our skilled legal and engineering partners. And while all this was going on, we have also continued to protect our lake from the closures and chemical intervention that many surrounding lakes have had to accept and fund at great expense.

Alexa Knight
Marstan Trails
Home Owners
Assoc.

Mark Stoffer
West Hill Beach
Club

Your contributions are crucial to our success, providing over 40% of our annual budget.

Elizabeth Tripp
Laurel Acres
Property Owners
Assoc.

Where does the money go?

- To keep the lake **free of invasive plants like hydrilla** – a team of boat monitors to check incoming watercraft
- To **monitor the lake's health** – environmental scientists to regularly analyze lake water so we can identify trends and issues before problems arise
- To **manage the growth** of the native plant population – mapping and harvesting of weeds to ensure recreational access
- To create a **standardized watershed management plan** – establishing a roadmap for the continued preservation of the lake and creating an essential tool for obtaining public and private funding of our work
- To **maintain the dam and water levels** in accordance with CT requirements – working with engineers and state regulators to keep our infrastructure operating safely

Brad Mead
CT Rivers Council
BSA

Dan Jerram
Town of New
Hartford

Nick Lukiwsky
Town of
Barkhamsted

In 2025, our budget for this work was over \$130,000 - to keep up these efforts, **we need your continued support!**

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You can make your tax-deductible contribution online today by clicking the Donate button on our website, <https://westhillpondassociation.org/>, or by check payable to: **West Hill Pond Association**, sent to our Treasurer at the following address:

WHPA
c/o Ron Fierman
15 Garden Pl.
Pelham NY 10803

If you're interested in helping with our work, please email us at info@westhillpondassociation.org.

Thanks in advance for your continued generosity. With your support, we will protect and preserve our precious lake for all to enjoy for a very long time!



Duncan Kruse, President, WHPA

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