



Ron Schanze, Steve Rand, and Steve Craine evaluate a property on Sebago Lake (photo: A.Stevens)

LakeSmart 2025

LakeSmart is a first-in-the-nation lake resilience program, driven by dedicated community-based volunteers who educate lakeshore homeowners about protecting the water quality of their lakes. Volunteers are trained to visit and evaluate shoreline properties using LakeSmart climate-ready standards for water quality protection. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are recommended to homeowners to manage runoff and erosion. The LakeSmart Award recognizes properties that offer the most protection to lakes.

2025 Impact Snapshot

285 LakeSmart Evaluations were completed at **68 lakes or ponds and two rivers**.

109 LakeSmart Awards were presented to homeowners who met LakeSmart water quality protection standards across their properties. Thirty of these Awards were earned by homeowners as re-certifications or as follow-up evaluations after installing recommended Best Management Practices (BMPs).

61 LakeSmart Awardees were recognized with the **Loon Smart Merit Award** for adopting practices that protect loons, loon habitat, and loon productivity.

LakeSmart Evaluators and Coordinators contributed over **1,450 hours** educating homeowners about how to protect and improve the water quality of their lakes.



A LakeSmart homeowner proudly displays her Award sign with her pups (photo: Sarah Hammond)

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1. Winding path to shoreline on a LakeSmart property, Branch Lake (Win Joy); 2. Training at Clearwater Lake, new to LakeSmart in 2025 (Anfin Erickson); 3A and 3B Before and after photos of a restored streamside buffer at Morgan's Beach on Cold Stream Pond, coordinated and overseen by LakeSmart evaluators Laurie & Jim Fenwood in partnership with the town of Enfield; 4. Peter & Nancy LaPolice, Shawn Jalbert, and Roy Lambert discussing buffer options at Moose Pond (A.Stevens); 5. Training at Pushaw Lake (C.Seibert); 6. Training led by Roy Lambert at McGrath Pond, 7 Lakes Alliance (A.Stevens).



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