

Q15 Tell us about any other concerns or issues you currently have regarding either safety or environmental impacts on Lake Waramaug that affect you and/or your property:

Answered: 292 Skipped: 467

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	"Privacy" fencing lakeside that reduces visibility.	3/6/2024 8:00 PM
2	excessive land clearing; primarily new construction, but also resold older properties	3/6/2024 7:49 PM
3	Would like more readily available and easily accessible info on bacterial levels.	2/29/2024 6:19 PM
4	Larger boats consume more gasoline. How do people who own boats on the lake refuel them? Do they unload and refuel at gas station? Do they refill with gas tank while boat in docked, creating more potential for spilling/pollution?	2/29/2024 5:20 PM
5	Fuel consumption is more risk, and more pollution. Also, the wakes given off by larger boats are unsafe for others trying to safely, peacefully, and responsibly enjoy lake Waramaug.	2/29/2024 5:03 PM
6	I am concerned that this survey is going to be used to push forth an ordinance to ban certain boats. The lake is mostly quiet and few boaters can be seen during the week. Unsafe boating is only an issue on holiday weekends. Regulation to punish a few poorly behaved boaters by banning the use of ballasts or to empower a few homeowners who have the ear of the towns is not good use of our governments' time and resources.	2/29/2024 3:48 PM
7	Party poopers trying to ban wake surfing. People should stop caring about what others are doing in their free time	2/29/2024 2:02 PM
8	None	2/29/2024 1:52 PM
9	None	2/29/2024 1:50 PM
10	People seem to think a green lawn and bug free air are so much, much more important than the health and eco system of the lake	2/29/2024 12:32 PM
11	N/A	2/29/2024 12:31 PM
12	Property values will be negatively impacted by any ordinances restricting the types of boats that property owners are allowed to operate on the lake. Such restrictions would limit the available pool of property buyers.	2/29/2024 10:59 AM
13	Tight spots on the roadways . Walkers disregard for rules about which side to walk on. Cyclist arrogance!	2/29/2024 7:36 AM
14	I am concerned about the weeds which increase every year that grow close to the shore and make swimming not so pleasant. I used to like to swim from our lakefront, but now do not feel that it's safe, and don't like swimming through a large mass of weeds, so have to drive to the town beach where there's a corded-off swimming area, and where the weeds are likely pulled out.	2/28/2024 8:33 PM
15	Lake Waramaug Task Force bubblers and other programs have led to excessive water clarity that promotes aquatic plant infestation near the shores. The problems of water quality that existed 40-50 years ago have long since been solved by the cessation of cattle herding on 3-4 dairy farms draining into lake. The ongoing bubbler and other anti-eutrophication interventions are counter productive in current-day circumstances. The significant environmental threats now are from poorly designed and excessive land development, from boat impacts, and from the bubbler systems.	2/28/2024 8:08 PM
16	Construction both directly on the shore or on land that affects the lake. The use of all forms of pesticides. The effects from swimming pool over flow when there are heavy rains.	2/28/2024 4:11 PM
17	N/a	2/28/2024 3:02 PM

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18	It is accepted knowledge/ well known that the algae blooms are caused by the fertilizing of lawns on the high end homes surrounding the lake	2/28/2024 12:46 PM
19	Seems like wakeboard and wake surf boats generate a disproportionately amount of wake for their size and I believe that activity should be banned on a small lake like ours. I feel it would be very tough to enforce any kind of limit on area specifically to do that on our lake. I think most of the people with this type of boat live on the lake and should understand the impact it has on your waterfront. Sometimes when they go by my dock, I feel I should follow them to their dock and show them what it's like when they go by.	2/28/2024 11:47 AM
20	The issue I have is that we need Police Patrols on busy weekends. Seeing the Police patrol the lake deters bad boater behavior by the 10% who don't obey boating rules. Police patrols make the lake safer for all.	2/28/2024 11:16 AM
21	Boats come to close to the buoys near the beach	2/28/2024 9:39 AM
22	Goose excrement all over public beach near campground	2/28/2024 8:42 AM
23	My kids love to swim in the lake	2/28/2024 8:02 AM
24	Seemingly ever increasing geese population and excrement	2/28/2024 6:56 AM
25	Water is crystal clear until motor boats take over, creating a murky brown disturbed water appearance	2/28/2024 2:41 AM
26	Too many powerboats impact the serenity and environmental balance of the lake.	2/27/2024 9:02 PM
27	Algae	2/27/2024 8:36 PM
28	I feel that motorized vessels are totally inapporprate for Lake Waramaug and not necessary. Let's enjoy the lake quietly and in an ecologically friendly / supportive way.	2/27/2024 8:35 PM
29	The downhill flow dumping into the lake from the cliff dwellers. Insecticide, asphalt, salting driveways.	2/27/2024 8:20 PM
30	Severe erosion due to wave action from wake boats causing waves hitting shoreline. Particularly noticeable at the end of Arrow Point	2/27/2024 5:20 PM
31	None. I am very happy with the current balance of safe boat use and environmental protection in place. There is so little overall boating activity (and already less than in the past couple COVID years) so drastic changes feel unwarranted.	2/27/2024 3:00 PM
32	lake floor/subsurface vegetation could be trimmed back at the beach front or more sand/pebbles added to make swimming and children playing in the water at the shoreline easier.	2/27/2024 2:58 PM
33	pollution caused by septic systems , lived here all my life.....	2/27/2024 2:27 PM
34	when I was small, there were fish around the swimming areas. Those fish aren't there anymore and I can't help but wonder why.	2/27/2024 2:17 PM
35	Ski boats too close to shore	2/27/2024 9:18 AM
36	Concerned for the safety and environmental risk associated with large boats and wake boarding.	2/26/2024 8:38 AM
37	our small lake has become too busy and crowded with boats over the past 5 years. It's become unsafe and uninviting for more peaceful activities like swimming and paddleboarding.	2/26/2024 6:17 AM
38	When our children were small we stopped using the lake as they seemed to get constant ear infections. This was back in the early 80's - lake was green - now the improvement is amazing, and we plan on using the lake for fishing, canoeing, and swimming with the grands.	2/24/2024 6:32 PM
39	I would be interested to learn more about the environmental impacts of shoreline retaining walls	2/24/2024 5:36 PM
40	Waves from wakeboard surf have dislodged and broken two back ski boat platforms on our boat and neighbors boat. Have to replace tumbling rock wall from surf pounding only to be called in to town office. Instability standing on dock when waves come in. Unsafe for children.	2/24/2024 4:29 PM
41	The use of sand and salt in winter on roads around lake and runoff	2/24/2024 9:01 AM
42	I'm not a big fan of any motorized vehicles on the lake. I'd prefer less pollution by their	2/24/2024 5:31 AM

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emissions and less disturbance of the natural habitats.

43	The lake deserves to have a tranquil environment that doesn't kick up potential algae blooms, disrupt the enjoyment of passive lake use along with a focus on mitigating shoreline erosion. Motorized boats should have enforceable regulation and wake board with wave enhancing features should be banned from use ... period.	2/23/2024 9:08 PM
44	#1 issue for me is the condition of the state park and boat launch. Sand is gone and goose poop everywhere in the grassy areas.	2/22/2024 8:38 PM
45	My main concern is we now have the uber rich taking over the land and ignoring all local rules (zoning, boating, etc). If you call them on it, they sue. There should be a limited number of motor boats on the lake at any time.	2/22/2024 5:14 PM
46	concerned about bacteria	2/22/2024 2:15 PM
47	I am very concerned about the adverse impacts of wake boats in surf mode on the water quality of Lake Waramaug and its environment as a whole. I think it's important for people to understand at the outset that the issue of wake boats has come up in many places already and that extensive research already exists on the destructive impacts of the large, powerful waves generated by these boats, including shoreline erosion and the creation of turbid water that adversely affects aquatic life and mobilizes nutrients that contribute to algal blooms, including cyanobacteria. As I see it, these destructive effects are not in question, and the purpose of the research and possible regulation Lake Waramaug is to determine if given the unique size, shape, and conditions of the lake, these destructive effects may be even worse than they are in other lakes and the attempt to mitigate them may be more difficult or even impossible. For example, data from some of the research to be found on the Lake Waramaug Task Force website demonstrates that the energy of the waves produced by a wake boat in surf mode dissipates completely (and therefore has no significant effect) only when the passages of these boats occur nine hundred feet or more from shore. To create a lake-wide exclusion zone of this size simply would not be possible on Lake Waramaug. One concern I have is how people can assess the destructive impacts of wake boats if they have not done their homework on this issue, or if they do not have property on the lake (as I do) and may not be able to see these effects at close hand for themselves. I think another point that people need to understand at the outset and have inform their opinions and behavior is that the lake, like all public waters in the state, is held in trust by the State of Connecticut for the use and benefit of all the people of the state. The lake is not a big pool for water sports; it is a natural environment, and a balance must be struck so that people can use and benefit from the lake in ways that include quiet contemplation and enjoyment of nature. This is certainly true for me, and includes my long hours of meditation by the lakeshore and my enjoyment of wildlife. I mention this as it relates to water quality because adverse impacts on water quality mean adverse impacts of plants and wildlife, as well as on people, especially on uses of the lake such as fishing, swimming, and communing with the natural world. As I sit on my deck by the water on a day of heavy power-boat activity, which now includes wake boats in surf mode, I watch as much-larger-than-ever waves (and I have lived on the lake my whole life) churn across the shallows - where 90% of plants and aquatic organisms live - and pound my shoreline, causing erosion, undercutting the large stones that I put in at great expense to stabilize the shoreline, and turning the water into a brown soup. This adversely affects the aquatic plants, the fish and their nests, the great blue heron trying to feed, the turtles, the water snake trying to sun on the rocks, among many other lives both seen and unseen. What affects them affects me and has a significant impact on my quality of life and my quiet enjoyment of my property. It seems essential to me that everyone take a holistic view of water quality that includes the whole ecology of the lake as a healthy ecosystem with its full complement of interconnected life, of which humans are a part.	2/22/2024 11:47 AM
48	Banning use of wake surf boats would have a negative impact on property values as would restrict universe of potential homebuyers.	2/22/2024 8:39 AM
49	health of the water	2/22/2024 7:34 AM
50	I worry about the erosion on the lake shore line. I also worry about fertilizer creating algae blooms. As well as water use for lawn care	2/21/2024 7:02 PM
51	Grandfathered septics that empty into the lake. Use of pesticides and fertilizers that eventually fund their way to the lake through run off. The Use of the state park by those that don't respect the land and leave trash.	2/21/2024 6:13 PM

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52	Bacteria causing illness affects how often I bring my family to the lake to enjoy it.	2/21/2024 5:58 PM
53	Swimming -1 hour	2/21/2024 5:01 PM
54	none	2/21/2024 4:20 PM
55	Water quality	2/21/2024 12:54 PM
56	I do not have overall safety concerns, only a few week end a year in summer some boats are going a bit close to paddleboarders, but there are kids having fun and I never thought they were driving dangerously, just a bit too close.	2/21/2024 10:25 AM
57	Wonderful clean lake—love the Warren beach	2/21/2024 9:49 AM
58	Generally concerned about construction on the lake and density and how that affects the ecology.	2/21/2024 8:43 AM
59	Weeds	2/21/2024 6:50 AM
60	I am concerned about the massive waves for wakeboarding which erode the shoreline and force huge amounts of water into the depths of the lake causing a serious imbalance.	2/21/2024 2:23 AM
61	I used to enjoy swimming laps at the Warren beach. Now, when I swim, as I come out of the water, I am often pulling growth and yuk that gets stuck in my bathing suit as I get out of the lake.	2/20/2024 8:51 PM
62	The lake - while beautiful - seems to cause ear infections, sinus infections and other respiratory problems, especially as it gets warmer during the summer. It would be great to get it tested more often. Many, many people believe they are "allergic to the lake".	2/20/2024 7:07 PM
63	None.	2/20/2024 7:04 PM
64	Na	2/20/2024 6:04 PM
65	Waramaug simply to narrow for wake boats	2/20/2024 5:58 PM
66	Too many geese	2/20/2024 5:48 PM
67	Runoff from all of the new houses being built. Fertilizers impacting algae bloom	2/20/2024 5:36 PM
68	Just because I don't use the lake, doesn't mean that I don't consider it a valuable amenity to our community. Its quality will impact my properties value.	2/20/2024 5:35 PM
69	When boats go too fast by paddle boarders	2/20/2024 5:11 PM
70	No concerns.	2/20/2024 8:52 AM
71	N/A	2/19/2024 8:45 PM
72	For swimmers, rowers, kayakers, and paddle boarders wake board boats create a real hazard,	2/19/2024 5:17 PM
73	Regulations are unnecessary. Education and personal outreach can change behavior of the small number of unruly boaters	2/19/2024 2:04 PM
74	I support keeping Lake Waramaug water clean and free of pollution/algae.	2/19/2024 1:07 PM
75	none	2/18/2024 7:41 AM
76	None	2/17/2024 5:40 PM
77	The push for banning surf boats is going to drive away an entire generation of landowners. It is just as popular or more popular as wakeboarding or skiing, especially in younger people, and taking that away will have adverse affects for the lake community	2/17/2024 1:00 PM
78	No concerns	2/17/2024 10:02 AM
79	Excessive and aggressive tubing in areas that aren't the middle of the lake	2/16/2024 5:52 PM
80	I use the lake only in the summer , somewhat irregularly as my grandchild has matured. As such, i have no opinion on this issue. I support the lake and its protection. It is a great asset that needs our protection while being able to enjoy it as well.	2/16/2024 2:57 PM
81	People just need to adhere to wake surfing/wake boarding in certain areas of the lake where	2/16/2024 1:48 PM

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the least damage is done. Enforcement from the boat entry area to the middle of the lake would be welcome as that is the narrow part and people fly to get in/out. Everyone needs to be more mindful of paddleboards, swimmers etc.

82	Tubing, as described above.	2/16/2024 11:34 AM
83	Water quality degrades throughout summer to the point of not being swimmable	2/16/2024 5:21 AM
84	The shoreline seems more muddy in the past few years and the water quality has gone down. The boats have become more aggressive in the past few years and my family is often tossed from boards by large waves and boaters driving too close to boards.	2/15/2024 10:15 PM
85	I'm in support of keeping the lake clean and water quality improving	2/15/2024 6:31 PM
86	Common courtesy, tubers come in make lots of waves, then leave go to another section of the lake Wake surfers don't realize how far their week goes don't seem that they care	2/15/2024 5:02 PM
87	Obviously the Lake is in great shape right now. The introduction by a few people of these wave boats caused the curtailing of quiet enjoyment of the Lake and has caused irreparable damage to my shoreline, has disturbed the birds nesting on my shoreline, and even loosened spikes holding my dock that have been there for over 100 years!	2/15/2024 4:23 PM
88	I am very concerned about the proximity of septic systems to the lake, some of which may not even be Title V systems. Today we know Title V septic do not deal with nitrogen. I also am dismayed to see the light polition of the large houses (especially the ones with so much glass!) around the lake. This light pollution ruins the night sky around the lake, interrupts bird migration and attracts insects at night, killing many. Finally, there are many large swaths of green lawns. What regulations are there for fertilizers? All that runoff into the lake. p.s. Road salt?? where does it go??	2/15/2024 4:14 PM
89	I am aware that all water ski boats sold today have the wake equipment. You will have to stop people from using it. Perhaps not so easily done.	2/15/2024 3:48 PM
90	Sound carries very well across the lake. I have occasionally been kayaking and seen people anchor their motor boats in the middle of the lake and blast music (one particular instance stands out when the music was "Celebration" and other tunes of that genre. Argh.) Their musical choice affected the experience of the lake that afternoon for virtually every person around, in or on the lake.	2/15/2024 3:47 PM
91	Allowing daily jet skiing on the lake should only be allowed when the lake boat patrol is on duty. They are reckless and are typically not aware of basic boating rules.	2/15/2024 3:27 PM
92	Water/Boating Safety: First and Foremost: Can we please find a way to fund "Lake Patrol" that has some bite. Otherwise there is no enforcement and people think they can get away with anything and everything. It's getting worse by the year! And we have been on the lake for over 30 years. 1. Absolutely EVERYONE operating a motorized craft on the lake must have a safe boating certificate. No exceptions!! 2. We need rules and regulations specific to Lake Waramaug. You need to take a test and your certificate is on file. Enforcement can pull anyone over and see if you are registered. 3. Night boating especially on the night of fireworks is Dangerous!! Boats are going full throttle or with huge wakes. No running lights. Kayakers out with flashlights. It's scary. Overall, there are more and more people going over the allowable mph at night, be it skiing, wake boarding, or just joy riding. 4. Swimming: Swimmers need to stay within a specified number of feet from shore. No swimming across the lake! Not only are they taking their life into their own hands but even a slow cruising boat, let alone a ski/wakeboarding/tubing vessel, cannot see them until it is almost too late. We had this happen to us 3 times this summer as we were on our pontoon boat. Swimmers with no buoy or orange cap. In the middle of the main body of the lake. Also when the sun is at certain angles, there is no way to see a swimmer.	2/15/2024 2:45 PM
93	Shoreline and wildlife damage	2/15/2024 2:40 PM
94	Really, many, many (motorized) boaters on the lake seem to have no understanding of the rules of right-of-way nor the idea of "no-wake" zones related to the shore, docks, other lake users.	2/15/2024 1:56 PM
95	Wake board boats have been banned / limited by many lakeside communities (CT and elsewhere) and are a pretty egregious affront to the sensibilities of the lake and neighboring towns. We are we allowing the tyranny of the minority?	2/15/2024 1:42 PM

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96	Monitoring and preserving water quality	2/15/2024 1:19 PM
97	It appears that not all boat operators have taken the required course and are licensed based on their driving particularly day boaters these are often at over capacity and hazardous	2/15/2024 1:18 PM
98	Busybody neighbors	2/15/2024 1:17 PM
99	Loud music	2/15/2024 1:11 PM
100	We have had to build up our waterfront because the waves seem to be crashing on the rock retaining wall	2/15/2024 1:00 PM
101	Runoff, allowing excessive construction at properties with waterfront access (or across the road), leading to excessive drainage directly into the lake	2/15/2024 12:57 PM
102	Generally speaking, people are driving boats more aggressively than 20-30 years ago. People do not seem to know safe boating rules.	2/15/2024 12:56 PM
103	Runoff into lake from surrounding development.	2/15/2024 10:49 AM
104	That my rights are going to be violated based on studies that have a bias without real evidence.	2/15/2024 7:33 AM
105	I'm concerned with the size and density of new houses and with the clear cutting of trees. U	2/14/2024 7:20 PM
106	Tree cutting seems out of control all done for a better view. Too many new large homes going in will degrade lake water then it will be too late to try to control. Excess external lighting of property and trees negatively affects wildlife and turns us into suburbia. I have seen a seaplane land on the lake and then take off. Hope this dangerous activity can be controlled	2/14/2024 6:41 PM
107	2 OR 3 TIMES A YEAR, FOR 1/2 A DAY.	2/14/2024 2:16 PM
108	Continued efforts to maintain good water quality	2/14/2024 9:22 AM
109	Safety on the lake is of utmost importance. I have been enjoying the lake for over 25 years and have seen unsafe boaters but most have been brought into compliance. The environmental impact of all activities are vital as well. I think the boating community can address both.	2/13/2024 10:02 PM
110	I believe that we should greatly restrict the use of wakeboard boards. There is a small minority creating adverse consequences for the majority.	2/13/2024 6:57 PM
111	Construction around the lake can produce run-off with soil and other debris which washes into the lake.	2/13/2024 4:28 PM
112	The Lake generally seems unhealthy to swim in.	2/13/2024 10:27 AM
113	Water quality. We haven't used the lake in years because it was frequently closed for swimming due to health hazards the water presented.	2/13/2024 12:20 AM
114	Very concerned about water quality deterioration caused by wake board boating which disturbs sediment at bottom of lake and has caused cyanobacteria in other lakes in New England.	2/12/2024 7:08 PM
115	All motorboats should be banned. Homeowner's living on the lake should not be allowed to use any chemical pesticides	2/12/2024 6:35 PM
116	regulating wake board boats by ordinance will be divisive to the community and may be challenged legally.	2/12/2024 1:48 PM
117	I would love to see more cleanup of the goose poo on the beaches	2/12/2024 12:37 PM
118	Recent research indicates that noise causes significant environmental damage to humans, flora and fauna. Lake usage should restrict not only speed but also decibel levels. Loud noise from boats and PWC significantly harms enjoyment of lake	2/12/2024 11:46 AM
119	Boat noise. I have been near other lakes where there is a constant, annoying hum; we may not be there yet on Lake Waramaug, but it's coming. Note: Question 2 should have a 3rd option: Access through private club beaches.	2/12/2024 11:46 AM
120	Private ownership trying to close public access	2/12/2024 10:22 AM
121	No safety boat	2/12/2024 10:18 AM

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122	Making sure people from out of town clean up after their visit and follow the rules of the Lake.	2/12/2024 9:55 AM
123	Invasive plants and animals that degrade lake/water quality.	2/11/2024 1:54 PM
124	i live all summer on the lake and most days you might see 1 or 2 boats all day on the lake. the only time i have seen more boats are on holiday weekends and have counted maybe 6-7 at most at one time	2/11/2024 1:31 PM
125	The wake boats have been damaging the shoreline of our property and our dock. Additionally, when they pass me (even at a distance) while I swim, they create unusually large challenges.	2/10/2024 7:21 AM
126	It appears that the lake bottom in our cove is being drastically altered due to wake board displacing it.	2/10/2024 7:14 AM
127	I am concerned that the waves generated by the wake surfing boats are eroding the shoreline of my property as well as creating a hazard for me when I am kayaking and for family members when they are rowing. As mentioned previously, I am also very concerned about the number of people who tow waterskiiers without an observer.	2/9/2024 1:52 PM
128	development around the lake that impacts run offs into the lake impacting water quality	2/9/2024 7:26 AM
129	lots of runoff from new construction concerned about invasive weeds and algae	2/9/2024 6:18 AM
130	we just hope everyone has the appropriate training and so forth to operate the vessels on the lake.	2/9/2024 5:22 AM
131	Water quality and the impact on children swimming in it.	2/8/2024 8:52 PM
132	I would like the lake to stay beautiful and healthy so that it can be accessible to non-boaters and the public.	2/8/2024 5:55 PM
133	My concern is for the ecosystem. There are way too many homes too close to the lake and way too many boats on the lake.	2/8/2024 5:40 PM
134	Most users of watercraft on the lake are very sensible and operate safely. The lake is very clean in most areas. The no-wake zone can become overwhelmed with geese and algae blooms. Seems it was much cleaner/clearer when motor boats would bring some wave action and aerate the water a bit.	2/8/2024 4:50 PM
135	Banning wakeboarding and other sports would very negatively affect our enjoyment and property value . We should have a comprehensive set of rules to allow all sorts of lake activities .	2/8/2024 4:41 PM
136	Jet ski users disturb the peaceful environment that we have with their LOUD noise and fast speeds.	2/8/2024 4:35 PM
137	This survey should include the effects of large boats on swimmers and wildlife like birds and shore animals.	2/8/2024 3:53 PM
138	None - concerned with regulations that target certain users only	2/8/2024 3:45 PM
139	I understand the concern about wake surfing. We happen to be very conscious about when we surf and how close to shore or other boats. Voluntary compliance with state police more engaged/monitoring those who do not adhere to common sense rules would help.	2/8/2024 3:33 PM
140	I am concerned with diminishing water quality in the lake and its impact on human health, including cyanobacteria and other bacteria and contaminants. I would like to see more regular testing and public reporting of water quality data on the Town's website. Further, the quality of the lake as a community and regional resource would be better preserved if the towns collaborated on efforts to reduce development, prohibit the introduction of nonnative species, encouraged the voluntary reduction of fertilizers and pesticides, and took collaborative and collective action to protect the rare aquatic and avian species in the vicinity of the lake.	2/8/2024 3:21 PM
141	Speeding on roads	2/8/2024 3:02 PM
142	I think unbiased, third party, scientific assessments are important in properly assessing environmental impacts. That should be appropriately balanced with the recreational enjoyment that the lake provides.	2/8/2024 2:56 PM
143	all motor boats too close to shore not observing the 75 foot regulation.	2/8/2024 2:42 PM

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144	Lake water must be safe for swimmers.	2/7/2024 5:42 PM
145	Wakeboarding and fast dangerous motor boating.	2/7/2024 1:22 PM
146	Have been part of the lake community for over 70 years, have owned power boats,, sail boats and now kayaks. But only with the appearance of wake boats have I been afraid to be out on the water at times.,	2/7/2024 11:48 AM
147	I am concerned about an outright ban on wake boats and wave enhancing vessels. I am in favor of less draconian solutions to any concerns people may have - e.g. limiting the use of wave enhancing to certain parts of the lake.	2/7/2024 11:21 AM
148	no jet skies please ever	2/7/2024 11:02 AM
149	septic overflow	2/7/2024 10:50 AM
150	The decision should rest with those that have access and own the land	2/7/2024 10:10 AM
151	Lake Health/Resident Safety	2/7/2024 9:57 AM
152	None	2/7/2024 9:55 AM
153	Gas in the water	2/7/2024 9:47 AM
154	People using bubblers rather than letting the lake freeze over	2/7/2024 9:32 AM
155	I have often noticed boaters pulling skiers getting close to shore and the wake stirs up the bottom or the shoreline.	2/6/2024 3:38 PM
156	NA	2/6/2024 11:24 AM
157	N/A	2/6/2024 10:47 AM
158	Lake levels have been changing. For example, it's very high now and it will not have a "hard freeze". I don't recall that it was totally frozen last year either. How does this effect the eco of the lake? Also THE GEESE!!!	2/6/2024 9:02 AM
159	Invasive plants	2/6/2024 8:34 AM
160	the silt removal at the mouth of stream was wrong-it wasn't for the health of the lake, the data was never studied-and the head of l.w.t.f. is part owner of business removing silt? joke-and only for making boat access easier	2/6/2024 4:46 AM
161	water ski boats and other motor boats come too close to the shore	2/5/2024 10:49 PM
162	See above about rough waves impacting my safe, enjoyable swimming at Warren Town Beach	2/5/2024 6:57 PM
163	I feel the most strongly about ensuring that all vessels that are used on the water (including kayaks, canoes, etc.) are not exposed to potentially harmful bacteria or invasive species that could harm the lake environmentally.	2/5/2024 5:43 PM
164	power boat noise, Boats using loud audio equipment, Loud individuals and families showing careless disregard for water fowl , and other people visiting the lake.	2/5/2024 5:17 PM
165	Geese droppings on public beaches.	2/5/2024 4:50 PM
166	Lack of protection to lake from construction projects around the lake- lack of regulatory enforcement of environmental infractions. Uneven application of zoning regulations for construction projects on the lake for both building codes and environmental issues.	2/5/2024 1:11 PM
167	Environmental impact on the water quality and the shoreline. As well as over development building, especially on the Washington side of the lake on shore with the use of fertilizer that effect the water.	2/5/2024 12:35 PM
168	Lack of proper rainfall management due to non porous surfaces near lake.	2/5/2024 11:37 AM
169	I am very concerned about boats used for surfing and the damage they are doing to the quality of the water and the damage they cause to the shore	2/5/2024 11:02 AM
170	none	2/5/2024 9:49 AM
171	Disrespect, careless disregard of the safety or enjoyment of others, loud and uncivil behavior overall — all which greatly diminish the enjoyment of others.	2/5/2024 9:25 AM

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172	In general there are individuals who do not know the proper boating techniques and rules of the lake.	2/5/2024 8:07 AM
173	Concerned with run-off from Culverts from 45 into neighbor's property and eventually into the lake.	2/5/2024 8:02 AM
174	I don't think we should allow motorized boats on the lake for environmental reasons as well. Fuel leaks into the water.	2/5/2024 6:54 AM
175	I believe the environmental impact of motorized boating - including wake boating in surf mode - is immaterial. It occurs primarily on summer weekends for just a few hours per day which cumulatively amounts to less than 1% of the hours in a year. Natural events like violent rainstorms have a far greater environmental impact.	2/4/2024 9:07 PM
176	The increase in fast boats has created safety concerns and disrupts the peacefulness of the lake	2/4/2024 6:28 PM
177	No	2/4/2024 5:55 PM
178	I am actually very concerned about the number of resident geese on the lake. Their poop is what causes algae blooms and E. coli outbreaks. There is a huge need to cull the number of resident geese. Each goose releases about 2 pounds of poop per day, most of that directly into the lake or on runoff land. They are causing dangerous pollution with the bacteria they release.	2/4/2024 5:46 PM
179	I am concerned about the shoreline being eroded by the wake boat waves and the sub-marine impact disturbing the balance of lake temperatures and marine life.	2/4/2024 4:10 PM
180	Wake surfing seems much safer than tubing or skiing or wake boarding. The boat goes in one direction in a straight line at a slow speed. I do not wake surf, but my adult children and husband enjoy this activity and we do it safely and as far from the shore as possible. Restricting boating activities on the lake I believe would significantly hurt the property value of all the lakeside landholders.	2/4/2024 4:08 PM
181	The environmental impact caused by the Club's golf course (chemicals and run off).	2/4/2024 2:49 PM
182	The effort to police the free will of the people who just want to enjoy the lake at their leisure and pleasure, instead of working to educate and inform and create a mutually agreeable set of standards is disturbing. Wake surfing should be done in the middle of the lake. We need more bubblers and filtration, not less wake surfing. People enjoy different activities and that's ok! Take the idiots off of lake Waramaug not the fun.	2/4/2024 1:48 PM
183	It is a beautiful lake and I believe it is very important that we remain vigilant on protecting the lake. Any activity that impacts the health of the lake needs to be addressed - stopped or limit activity. That said, I do believe we should allow people to enjoy the lake, so need to balance enjoyment with impact.	2/4/2024 1:39 PM
184	I believe prohibition on personal watercraft usage will materially lower property value and may lessen my desire to remain a resident	2/4/2024 1:31 PM
185	While I respect the need for rules for the lake , many of us bought houses there to enjoy the lake -waterskiing , wakesurfing, etc .	2/4/2024 1:29 PM
186	Noise	2/4/2024 1:17 PM
187	Erosion!!! I have seen a difference in the last 10 years. I think eventually the lake will be one way because there will not be ample room for t way traffic! West Shore and Lake road are really eroding.	2/4/2024 12:06 PM
188	Mainly concerned with water quality, and run-off from lake properties and also from the whole watershed. Also would like the lake to remain as natural and un-built-up as possible.	2/4/2024 9:56 AM
189	I am very concerned about any new ordinances, which are NOT NEEDED. Any new ordinance would be devastating to quality of life on the lake and not meaningfully impact lake quality.	2/4/2024 7:21 AM
190	I have been swimming in a lake and have had to quick surface dive to avoid being run over by a boat, speed is a huge problem, for humans, animals and shorelines. Didn't we have a no recreational motorized vehicles except for fishing boats of a certain size, with trolling motors at one time? Speed kills Waves destroy Just because all these new people can afford all these fast, larger boats, doesn't mean we need to allow them!!!	2/4/2024 6:50 AM

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191	Erosion of the shoreline and the swimability of the water	2/4/2024 6:17 AM
192	I am not involved anymore. They made it so bad years ago my husband and I couldn't fish anymore. He had a bass boat to enjoy fishing then and after retirement. Many of us were unable to fish the hour we went. It wasn't done well at all and even out of town people got into the ramp. Caused him to sell the Bass Boat and take a big loss to our enjoyment.	2/4/2024 4:59 AM
193	Also believe that power boat noise before 8am disturbs the peace of the lake in the early morning.	2/4/2024 4:58 AM
194	Safety of those on kayaks and paddle boards.	2/3/2024 8:38 PM
195	overdeveloped shoreline , access to small boat storage at beach side	2/3/2024 7:30 PM
196	Not sure if it is a natural cycle, but I've seen more weeds in my swimming area and there was less water clarity in the last couple of summers. Not sure how that year's weather affects the lake.	2/3/2024 6:51 PM
197	boats or craft with motors	2/3/2024 6:24 PM
198	The speed, wake, and noise caused by motorboats.	2/3/2024 4:16 PM
199	New construction and the fact that there is no sewage system in place for the surrounding homes concern us. The runoff from lawn, leeching fields and septic from these homes are surely having a negative effect on the lakes water quality.	2/3/2024 3:57 PM
200	Invasive plant life and zebra mussels. Algae bloom. Canadian geese can be a huge polluter too, especially on our lawns.	2/3/2024 3:48 PM
201	1	2/3/2024 3:27 PM
202	motorized boats going too fast near kayakers; too many boats making waves and noise	2/3/2024 2:35 PM
203	The enormous homes being built on the lake seems like it could be a septic issue affecting the condition of the lake water. Overdeveloping the lake must be affecting the ecosystem. There seems to be no restriction on building on the lake and anything goes. It was never meant to be so crowded and over used. Unfortunately it is losing its charm and beauty.	2/3/2024 2:16 PM
204	Concerned about fertilizer runoff from lawns and gardens and farms	2/3/2024 2:08 PM
205	If speed boats and jet skis go too fast, they may not see distance swimmers at the ends of the lake near the swimming areas.	2/3/2024 1:30 PM
206	Development impact of land that contains wetlands and streams.	2/3/2024 1:14 PM
207	Reckless ski boats	2/3/2024 11:07 AM
208	Poop from geese are a problem.	2/3/2024 11:04 AM
209	Extreme environmental impact of gigantic homes being developed all around the lake, adding more cement and hardscape (reducing permeable land and increasing runoff), adding vast manicured lawns that require chemicals and result in runoff into the lake, lack of native trees & plantings to preserve or expand their lake views, and destruction of the historic homes/rural charm of the community. There should be much more regulation of these developments! Why aren't developers required to plant (native)trees and other plantings to preserve a green shoreline? Why are these vast lawns and chemical lawn treatments allowed? Where's the data that measures how chemical lawn treatments on lake slopes affects our lake quality? We should require developers and landscape architects to add native trees plantings, shrubs, shore grasses and pollinators around the lake. Instead, we have mega-houses, chemical-soaked lawns, increased hardscape/pools/courts, armies of leaf blowers, and more and more lighting (which has environmental impacts on birds, fire flies, bees, and other winged creatures). Why doesn't this survey offer a question about this topic??	2/3/2024 10:51 AM
210	Washington especially is permitting vast areas of land to be transformed from woodlands to lawn and other manicured landscapes which are maintained with chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Simultaneously stripping filtration ability away while replacing it with sources of contamination. The scale of the development projects they allow is heinous.	2/3/2024 10:50 AM
211	Boats towing tubers drive erratically and unpredictably. Jet skis drive far too close to other boats trying to jump their wakes and do not keep appropriate distance from riders being towed	2/3/2024 10:48 AM

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behind a boat. Fishing boats operate at dangerous speeds near the shoreline and in low light. Large, loud motorcycles create huge amounts of noise pollution driving around the lake.

212	Concerned about noise pollution affecting the tranquility of the area	2/3/2024 10:46 AM
213	- I am concerned about erosion and the ability to perform sensible development to protect the shoreline along route 45	2/3/2024 10:24 AM
214	See above comments	2/3/2024 10:09 AM
215	Concerned about the amount of mega mansions being built around the lake the last 15-20 years and about the amount of traffic on the narrow roads and pollution and impact to the lake. Years ago the lake area was a beautiful place to walk, run, bike, fish, swim and kayak (all non motorized activities) now you take your life in your hands due to the speeding, traffic and over population, increased boating and jetskis and non motorized activities are not safe in that area anymore. The streets and the water cant handle the new volume. It has lost its quaintness.	2/3/2024 10:02 AM
216	Winter bubblers have become absolutely out of control. The impact goes far beyond keeping a small envelope around a dock free of ice. Residents are using them to reduce access and use of the Lake. Residents bubble shorelines even in the absence of dock infrastructure. Expanses of unsafe thin ice extend out much further than an ice fisherman, cross country skier, or skater would expect. The excessive open water created allows light penetration to the bottom which promotes weed growth. The open water also attracts large numbers of waterfowl into focused areas where nitrogen waste becomes concentrated in there areas of higher, seasonally unnatural light penetration. Dock sizes, SF, and bubbler use need to be restricted.	2/3/2024 9:52 AM
217	The volume of wave activity has increased 10 fold. Some neighbors didn't bother putting their boat in the water this year because even with bumpers, they have caused damage to both their vessel and dock. Waves also crash onto our property, making outdoor entertaining on my family's lakeside lawn unpleasant and soggy.	2/3/2024 9:28 AM
218	I am very concerned over what I've read or seen in videos about the environmental impacts of wake boating on the lake. I've also heard residents who live on the lake talk about being knocked off their docks by the wake, or having property adjacent to the lake damaged.	2/3/2024 9:25 AM
219	Concerned about runoff into the lake from surrounding homes and from gasoline and oil from power boats. Can sometimes smell and taste the fumes near the Washington town beach.	2/3/2024 9:19 AM
220	Corruption by organizations supposedly trying to protect the lake.	2/3/2024 9:01 AM
221	Geese poop, toxic algae/bacteria growth, invasive weeds, polluted water run off from nearby houses/roads	2/3/2024 8:55 AM
222	Very much in favor of any regulations which preserve the environmental health and integrity of the lake. Wish there were no motorized boats on LW.	2/3/2024 8:27 AM
223	Pollution	2/3/2024 7:59 AM
224	people who don't seem to know how to operate their boats safely	2/3/2024 7:44 AM
225	Drivers on the road around the lake sometimes drive too fast. At times, vehicle traffic makes cycling riskier.	2/3/2024 7:29 AM
226	see above comment	2/3/2024 7:14 AM
227	Boaters bringing in invasive species.	2/3/2024 7:06 AM
228	Speed limits should be enforced	2/3/2024 6:21 AM
229	People bringing their boats in from other states & not properly cleaning the hull & underside that could be carrying harmful bacteria & eggs not native to our lake & spreading invasive species	2/3/2024 6:04 AM
230	Health of the lake	2/3/2024 5:28 AM
231	pets in swimming area allowed to defecate. Beach not clean Geese poop & mess	2/3/2024 4:40 AM
232	Water quality for swimmers.	2/3/2024 4:21 AM
233	Winter dock storage at the /Warren Town Beach makes it impossible for the public to enjoy access to the water for ice fishing or ice skating. We have seen people doing dangerous things	2/2/2024 10:29 PM

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to get around those docks.

234	Over-development and size of houses and septic systems	2/2/2024 10:00 PM
235	I used to be able to walk and bike around the lake not the traffic is too heavy.	2/2/2024 9:23 PM
236	Why isn't the lake patrol out anymore? Such a waste of a valuable resource.	2/2/2024 8:35 PM
237	Miss having a patrol boat on the lake. It was nice knowing there was a presence.	2/2/2024 8:33 PM
238	Swimmers should wear a bright colored bathing cap or have a buoy trailing them.	2/2/2024 8:08 PM
239	Trash and little from boats, oil in watwr	2/2/2024 7:26 PM
240	The waves are eroding the shoreline. The waves make paddle boarding dangerous. The waves make kayaking dangerous.	2/2/2024 6:42 PM
241	Speed of boats near beaches	2/2/2024 6:20 PM
242	I don't see the environmental impact first hand but I do see how the larger waves from wake boards that make waves similar to large boats affect the shores, specifically how the sand/mud is lifted by the waves. I see the waves comes onto the shore and bounce back into the lake still very large. Small children aren't safe playing in shallow water anymore because of these larger waves.	2/2/2024 6:12 PM
243	Mainly wake board boats at this time	2/2/2024 6:10 PM
244	too many Canadian Geese	2/2/2024 5:51 PM
245	Excavation & Building homes on steep hills where water could run downhill into lake as well as issues with septic systems. The clearing of entire tracks of land of trees and vegetation is out of control and has been allowed. Which is more important to the general health and environment surrounding the lake, letting someone build a massive home or limiting these activities.? Too much of this sort of activity has been permitted.	2/2/2024 5:27 PM
246	Wake boards create large waves that make it difficult to swim and seem to cause damage on occasion to the surrounding terrain.	2/2/2024 5:19 PM
247	Overbuilding and overpopulation. Lake is getting filled with silt and way shallower than in past.	2/2/2024 5:15 PM
248	The noise of high speed watercraft ruins the relaxed ambiance and peace of the lake.	2/2/2024 4:51 PM
249	Road surrounding lake is really narrow in some places. Too much development and cutting down of trees, removal of native plants. Increased use of lake for recreation.	2/2/2024 4:50 PM
250	Concerns about bacteria closing the lake and beachfront	2/2/2024 4:48 PM
251	Retaining wall damage by high energy and high wakes	2/2/2024 4:44 PM
252	General pollution generated by gas powered boats, litter, and waste generated by the public at the most popular sites. Am also hoping increased residential building does not affect lake health.	2/2/2024 4:41 PM
253	The wake surfing makes such big waves it causes problems for everyone around the wave. Especially if you are on a paddleboard or even water skiing nearby. I think they should be banned.	2/2/2024 4:22 PM
254	The wake boats are too close to shore in most of the lake and they are degrading the banks; it is obvious with casual observation	2/2/2024 4:18 PM
255	The allege and weeds near the state park make it not only gross but very difficult to navigate because it grows exponentially every year	2/2/2024 4:14 PM
256	The lake has become a bit more hectic/busy --- we've lost the great tranquility of the lake	2/2/2024 4:06 PM
257	The quality of the road around the lake needs improvement.	2/2/2024 4:05 PM
258	There appears to be a great deal of development on the western shores of the lake with HUGE houses which I assume have many residents and bathrooms. I can only assume that even with modern septic systems some of the waste will eventually make it into the lake. I believe that to preserve the lake the town must slow the development of some of these very large houses.	2/2/2024 3:57 PM

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259	Water run off and heavy rains causing erosion in areas where there is no sediment protection	2/2/2024 3:57 PM
260	Speed & wake	2/2/2024 3:28 PM
261	Should be wary of boats under power being too noisy or too disruptive.	2/2/2024 3:27 PM
262	Constant Bacteria	2/2/2024 3:27 PM
263	I bought my house to wake surf I do not waterski any more because of the speed and concern of injury I love wake surfing because only going 10 mph and chance of injury is much less.	2/2/2024 3:06 PM
264	Motorcycles	2/2/2024 2:53 PM
265	there's just too many people. the number houses that are allowed to be built is just depressing and KILLING the lake. it's starting to look like Candlewood. i know this survey is about the water, but why can't the buildings be stopped. need to jump through hoops to put up a split rail fence, yet blasting and land clearing (near a bald eagle's nest) is perfectly ok... makes ZERO sense. again, it's starting to look and feel like Candlewood Lake.	2/2/2024 2:53 PM
266	Algae growth; geese droppings	2/2/2024 2:49 PM
267	Massive construction projects and concerns about runoff and septic. Massive concerns about dangerous lake traffic as a pedestrian.	2/2/2024 2:45 PM
268	Run off from lawns. Regulations need to be written to curb the massive amount of building on the lake. Cutting into the hillsides is Horrible! More houses more they affect the quality of the lake.	2/2/2024 2:41 PM
269	Boats following too close behind a tube or water skier instead of slowing down to give the proper clearance	2/2/2024 2:29 PM
270	Couldn't fill in "other" box for #14, but we also spend a few hours on pontoon bike and a few hours cruising in electric wooden boat. For question #15, we are quite concerned about the environmental impacts of high speed and large wake-producing boats. There is so much more algae and aquatic plants in recent years than when we first came to the lake 26 years ago, and especially in the past 6-10 years. I'm not a scientist, but I do notice that the time frame matches the proliferation of these craft	2/2/2024 2:29 PM
271	I realize this is somewhat unrelated, but I wish folks would actually honor the new 35mph limits on East Shore Rd.	2/2/2024 2:28 PM
272	Concern about water quality (not being able to go into the water), algae blooms, swimmers itch....	2/2/2024 2:27 PM
273	Organizations trying to usurp my legal lake rights	2/2/2024 2:26 PM
274	Bubblers in the winter that are too big for the dock area they are being used for. It makes it so you can't ice fish on a huge portion of the lake (near the Washington town beach end) bc it's not iced over like in other areas.	2/2/2024 2:24 PM
275	Large algae blooms. The water is not clear - always churned up with sediment.	2/2/2024 2:22 PM
276	Algae Bloom, invasive species and plants, adverse impact on rivers and wetlands	2/2/2024 2:17 PM
277	waves while i try to paddle	2/2/2024 2:10 PM
278	I would say that people on jet skis are generally not following regulations concerning speed or wakes near shore. I admittedly do not live on the lake but I do live on the Housatonic and I can tell you that there are frequently motor boats not self monitoring their wakes (it doesn't really work).	2/2/2024 1:48 PM
279	Housing density is too high, resulting in excess nutrient input.	2/2/2024 1:24 PM
280	Algae, geese, weeds	2/2/2024 1:03 PM
281	Geese poop all over the public area.	2/2/2024 12:56 PM
282	Down by the state park the weeds are very thick. Making fishing not so good.	2/2/2024 12:49 PM
283	I believe that landscaping runoff is a major somewhat un monitored issue.	2/2/2024 12:48 PM
284	Should be electric motors only	2/2/2024 12:35 PM

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285	Per my prior comments regarding oblivious boaters, I don't believe that regulating wake boats will improve water clarity much. There are far more wake oblivious boaters than people using wakeboards. In addition, construction near the lake is lightly regulated with little enforcement. New home construction can result in two story high dirt piles. These are typically corralled by plastic fencing that is rarely installed properly and thus of little use during large rainstorms which results in huge dirt plumes dumped into the lake and horrific water clarity.	2/2/2024 12:35 PM
286	I worry about native wildlife on the lake that are displaced or disturbed by high speed watercraft. I have seen both otters and beavers in the lake and feel they have a right to live there safely	2/2/2024 12:26 PM
287	Not enough public access for Kent residents	2/2/2024 12:19 PM
288	Goose dung, especially on and near the beach is disgusting, but also contributes to water pollution.	2/2/2024 12:18 PM
289	The road around the lake is great for walking and biking - but a little dangerous given the volume and speed of automotive traffic	2/2/2024 12:17 PM
290	1. goose shit EVERYWHERE - it's a slip-n-slide and it's gross and a biohazard. It makes it unwalkable, disgusting, and affects water quality when the poop runs off into the water.	2/2/2024 12:12 PM
291	It's a gem and an asset and everything possible should be done to keep it quiet, clean, safe, and accessible.	2/2/2024 12:11 PM
292	Hydrilla	1/10/2024 1:17 PM