

LakeSmart Report, July 12, 2025
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Merri Ehrhard has joined me as a LakeSmart evaluator on Hancock and Sand Ponds.

Most here are familiar with LakeSmart and it's goals. For any not familiar:

The goal is to keep our sparkling clear Ponds from becoming opaque, green, slimy, stinky, toxic and deadly.

That's what algae blooms do.

They can and have occurred in Maine lakes.

Algae blooms are caused by too much phosphorous washing off the land into the Ponds.

Algae are plants and phosphorous is fertilizer.

We want to see rain water absorbed into the ground and the phosphorous it contains taken up by trees and plants on the land.

We want to help Lake property owners make this happen on their property to protect the quality of our Ponds.

Please contact one of us or LEA ((207) 647-8580) if you would like to have us look at your situation.

Last year, my first full year as an evaluator, we looked at 7 properties; 5 of these qualified for LakeSmart standards the first time.

Since the program started here 2 years ago we have looked at 23 properties and so far 14 have qualified the first time.