

AWWA Can Help Replace Your Old Septic System

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Did you know? AWWA is in the business of giving you money to replace your septic system. Why would we do that? You may already know that outdated septic systems and cesspools are a major source of Phosphorus getting into the lake. This is the nutrient responsible for the growth of cyanobacteria which can be harmful to both humans and wildlife. Many of you also know that Lake Ivanhoe has some of the best water quality in either NH or Maine. In fact, New Hampshire considers Lake Ivanhoe to be a “high quality” waterbody and worthy of using state and federal money in order to protect it. Although the waters of the Salmon Falls Headwater lakes are still relatively pristine, aging septic systems and polluted runoff will eventually cause the same kinds of cyanobacteria blooms already rampant in other parts of the state.

To combat this problem before it starts, AWWA applied for a grant from NHDES to replace up to 10 septic systems on the Salmon Falls Headwaters Lakes (GEL, Lovell, Ivanhoe, Horn). We are able to give out as much as \$4,600 towards a septic system replacement on your property. If the septic system at your lake home is old,



undersized, or otherwise inadequate for your property; or even if you are unsure and want to learn more, please visit AWWA’s website to learn more about our septic system replacement cost-share program and to fill out an application. There are limited funds for replacements, so please don’t wait if you think your property might qualify for this program. Every system we update benefits the lake and the watershed.

Call now for more information: (603) 473 - 2500

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Help keep our lakes clean for everyone!