

## What Kinds of things has the HRA done

- When the lake abutters on the South basin found themselves in midsummer with NO way to get their boats off the lake, we approached Harvey Burke, 1st Selectman at the time, who managed to do what it took to get us the ramp at the South end by the end of the summer .
- Sponsored Projects such as “Dig the Lake” where we worked together after the drawdown to clean up the shorelines .
- Days after the 2005 flood the HRA sent a letter to all of its members explaining exactly what had and had not happened including recommendations by the Board of Health, State of MA, etc. on what should be done with wells and septic.
- In the Spring of '06, the HRA Worked to clean up the debris left in the lake as a result of the flood the previous fall, coordinating with the town for removal of all the docks, logs, trash etc.
- Written for grants that resulted in money for a study to determine where we needed work the most and then others that paid for the installation of seven new catch basins around the lake in those areas.
- Through a letter writing campaign and numerous calls and conversations got the support from Senator Brewer which resulted in \$50,000 grant from the State of Massachusetts for sediment control and weed control in the reservoir.
- Contracted and paid for Milfoil treatments in the Ct portion of the lake annually (the Town of Holland will not pay for treatment in CT). This is important as the lake flows north and that is the source of much of our water.
- Paid to treat the very invasive Phragmites on the North basin last year
- Sponsored weed watch training to proactively identify new weeds that are being brought into the lake
- When the CT DEP informed us that they had discovered an endangered weed upstream in a body of water that could feed our lake and that they would not be issuing a permit to treat unless there was an engineering survey of what we had in the CT portion of the lake , we hired a firm to do that survey .
- Sponsored well testing to make it more convenient for association members to get wells tested.
- Built and stocked Kiosks around the lake and around town with boating regulations and safe boating tips.
- Built a floating sign for the North end near the dam warning boaters and posting the speed limit.
- Recommends and sponsors the Harbormasters who inform boaters of the Town’s boating laws, keeping the lake safer.
- Work with the Town annually to get money budgeted for police to patrol the lake.
- Proposed to the Town of Holland that they to create an official town committee , the Lake Oversight Committee, made up of members of various boards in town as well as members of the HRA to oversee issues affecting the lake.
- Keeps members, especially non residents, informed on issues that may affect them such as the petition to blast in Union CT
- Inform members annually of draw down dates
- Inform members of treatment dates as well as rules to follow on those dates

## Why join

- Newsletters letting you know what is happening
- A Website to keep you informed
- Information on lake related topics such as what types of fertilizers are or are not good for the lake, septic maintenance, what other lakes and organizations are doing.
- The HRA joins Massachusetts Congress of Lakes and Ponds(COLAP) which we attend and provide feedback from to our members. Also our membership makes each of you a member and allows you access to attend any/all of their seminars...
- A way to meet other lake residents on both the North and South basins, through meetings as well as fun fundraising activities such as pig roasts, poker runs, trips to Mohegan Sun etc.
- Numbers matter when we approach the town with issues – the more members the stronger our voice on lake issues.