

FRAGILE SHORELINE REPORT FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

After a successful project at **Bucklin Beach** in the spring of 2024, the second phase of our efforts to curtail stormwater run off flowing down the 114 hill and into the lake has been completed. On Friday, October 4, 2024, a team from the New London Department of Public Works created another swale bordering the wooden fence between the parking area and the beach. They also constructed a drip line infiltration trench around the canopied picnic area. The following Monday, a group of volunteers from the Fragile Shoreline Committee and friends gathered to rake, dig, and plant the swale area. Our thanks to Geoff Lizotte, Watershed Director at LSPA, who orchestrated the project, the Town of New London, who was responsible for preparing the site, landscaper Nick Scheu, who pre-ordered plants suitable to site conditions, and our volunteers who did the planting.

This was truly a collaborative undertaking, using the input and expertise of LSPA in researching and designing the project and in obtaining the Shoreland Permit necessary to commence ground work, the Town of New London Selectmen and Department of Public Works, and Little Lake Sunapee Protective Association. The costs of this project were split between the Town of New London and Little Lake Sunapee Protective Association.

Our **Riparian Buffer Project** digging and planting session took place on June 2 and 3, 2025 on the Cleveland and Woeltz properties along 114 near the entrance to Colby Point. Additionally, Phase 1 of the **Wallula Shore Buffer** planting happened on June 10. Phase 2 will focus on the road bank when the lake level is lower this fall. We again thank Geoff Lizotte from LSPA, who headed the project, NHDES, NH LAKES, landscaper Nick Scheu, who researched and designed the areas, and the many volunteers who helped to make these projects possible.

Our Loon Team, Jack Sheehan and Sherine Centenari, did an inspection of the floating **Loon Nest** in early May. Jack, accompanied by Caroline Hughes from the state, followed up with a repair to a flattened roof due to snow. Later this spring, Jack noted two loon nests, an unusual occurrence for our lake. The second, a shore nest, was discovered near the channel between the two basins. Two eggs hatched there in late June and the chicks were seen by many. Unfortunately, only one chick has been sighted with the adults in recent days. The floating nest was unattended for a while, but the adult loons are back and sitting on their eggs. We thank Jack, Sherine, the Loon Preservation Committee and its intern Josh, and photographers Peter Jacoby, Peter Bloch, and member Steve Wright, all who have been chronicling the events on Social Media.

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Giraldo, Fragile Shoreline Committee