

BASIN DAVID & TILTON PONDS ASSOCIATION

David Pond Water Quality 2017

In 2016, U-Maine, MDEP, and the VLMP conducted the “Lake Vulnerability Study” and one of the things they analyzed was lake sediment chemistry. David was one of about 170 lakes sampled.

As reported by Lidie Robbins the ED of 30MRWA, the DEP keeps and updates a lakes priority list, (this document lists lakes that are impaired or threatened). “This year they added a new subcategory – “Sensitive-Sediment Chemistry” to include lakes that underwent sediment chemistry analysis and were identified as having “sediment meeting or being close to these chemistry vulnerability thresholds.” David was one of 10 new lakes added to the list along with others in our watershed including Parker, Echo and Lovejoy. This may be bad news for David.

The good news for the watershed is that this new listing makes these lakes eligible for 319 grant monies, 319 refers to section 319 of the Clean Water Act. However, each individual lake needs to have a DEP and EPA approved watershed management plan. We do not have one for David as yet and it would be good to get one drafted.

During the 2017 season 30MRWA did water quality testing on David Pond. To access this data go to 30mileriver.org, and click on programs and then click on water quality. There is some great information on the website in links about camp road maintenance and keeping a healthy shoreline. Check it out. We are working hard to maintain the good water quality on our lake and in our watershed, and we need you to do your part as well.

Please refer to the best management practices article included in this newsletter and created by 30MRWA. And if you need help with your shoreline or your camp road 30MRWA is the one to contact.

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