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DATE: April 7, 2026
 TO: Windham Town Council
 THROUGH: Bob Burns, Town Manager
 FROM: Natural Resources Advisory Committee
 RE: 2025 Watershed Protection Grant Final Report Summary

At the Town Council meeting on May 7, 2025, the Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC) provided recommendations for the 2025 Watershed Protection Grant, which was approved by the Council. A table of the approved funding is below:

Project Name	Applicant	Funding
<u>Invasive Milfoil – ‘Get Rid of It’ Campaign</u>	Collins Pond Improvement Association	\$2,000.00
<u>Protecting Windham’s Rivers and Streams</u>	Presumpscot Regional Land Trust	\$4,500.00
<u>LSLA Milfoil Remediation</u>	Little Sebago Lake Association	\$17,000.00
<u>Beach Road Association</u>	Beach Road Association	\$4,472.50
2025 Total Award		\$27,972.50

Project Name	Applicant	Funding
<u>LLL Drainage Improvement Project, Phase 1</u>	Lower Lantern Lane Road Association	\$5,600.00
Grant funds carry forward from 2024		\$5,600.00

As required in the application to ensure project completion, final reports were submitted to the NRAC (reports linked in the table above). Project highlights of the individual applications are included on pages 2-4.

Town funding, applicant match, and other leveraged funding sources are outlined below. For every \$1 of Town grant funds awarded, the Watershed Protection Grant Program leveraged approximately \$3.50 in match.

Final amount awarded to applicants from the Town for projects in 2025	\$33,572.50
Total match from grant recipients (volunteer in-kind + cash)	\$74,918.50
Total match from grant recipients with all funding sources included (less Windham's award)	\$117,118.50

Collins Pond Improvement Association

- Following 2 years of DEP guided herbicide treatments, multiple surveys (swim, kayak and underwater drone) showed no evidence of milfoil.
- DEP conducted survey by canoe and kayak with CPIA on 10/24/2025. Isolated plants were seen in the upper third of the lake, and 2 bags of plants were removed by a DASH boat on 10/30/2025.
- Exploring potential for three-lake partnership (Collins Pond, Little Sebago Lake, and Mill Pond) to develop a milfoil management plan as a group going forward.

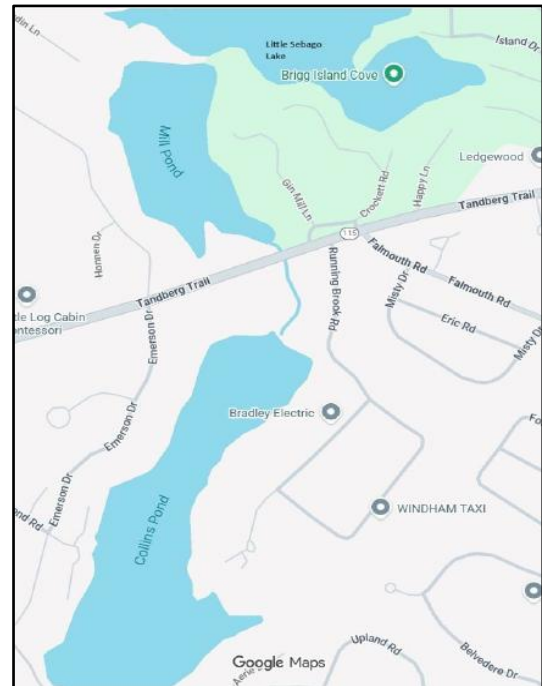


Figure 1 – Drainage map for the three lakes with the same hybrid version of Variable Leaf Milfoil.

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust

- Trained 18 citizen scientist volunteers (26 total for the entire program) to test water quality throughout spring and summer in Windham.
- 20 sites sampled in Windham, with 720 hours of service completed by volunteers.
- All of the data collected in 2025 have been compiled and are available to view in map form on the [PRLT website](#). The interactive map showing historical data and trends (going back 17 years) can be used by Windham's citizens and town officials to aid in watershed planning for the Town.

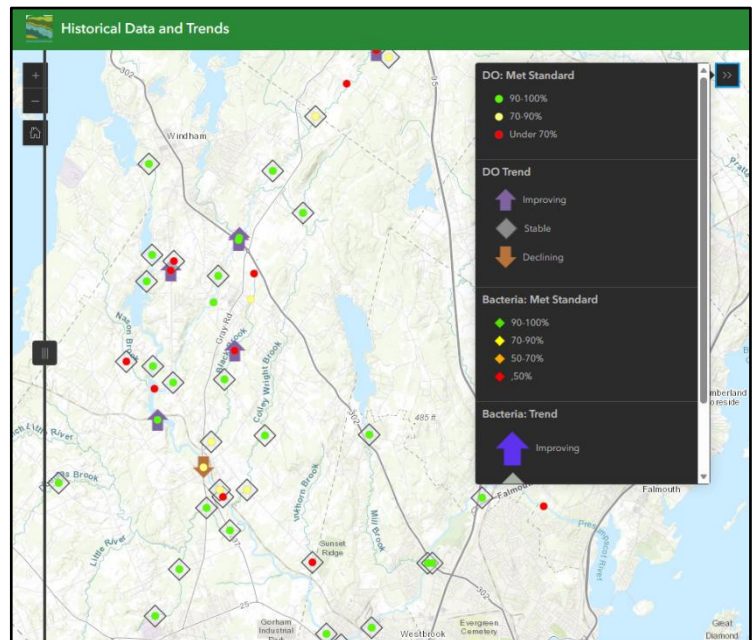


Figure 2 – Historical Data and Trends interactive map

Little Sebago Lake Association

- Removed 95.5 bags of milfoil from the Windham portion of the lake (184 total bags) during the 2025 season. This is a major reduction from last year, when 204.5 were removed in the lower lake, and 324 from the entire lake.
- Started an underwater drone survey program to assist with milfoil identification. This will allow for survey areas not previously accessible.
- Staff consistency with returning captains and divers has created a beneficial level of familiarity with the lake.
- Exploring potential for three-lake partnership (Collins Pond, Little Sebago Lake, and Mill Pond) to develop a milfoil management plan as a group going forward.



Figure 3. LSLA milfoil removal crew

Beach Road Association

- Upgraded the drainage of Beach and Orchard Roads to reduce sediment transport and prevent washouts:
 - Reshape and stabilize roadside ditches on Beach and Orchard Roads using riprap or fabric, as appropriate.
 - Removing roadside berms to allow flow of runoff to ditches.
 - Removed non-driveway culvert to create proper ditches.
 - Stabilized and seeded slopes.
 - Improved road stability near existing sediment basin on Beach Road.
- BRA became a Statutory Road Association to formalize addressing future road issues, collect association dues, and long-term maintenance. The Association will monitor the project and provide routine maintenance of completed projects.



Figure 4. Proper ditching along Orchard Road.

Lower Lantern Lane Road Associaton

- Scope of work completed (2025):
 - Excavated a new drainage ditch to address runoff and direct water to the new culvert.
 - Installed an 18-inch diameter, 24-foot culvert.
 - Applied and rolled two 18-yard truckloads of ¾-inch reclaimed asphalt over the existing asphalt to level the surface, eliminate trip hazards, and create a smoother roadway.
- The Road Association will monitor the current drainage to ensure runoff is directed to appropriate drainage systems.
- Annual spring workday is scheduled for May. The Road Association approved an additional \$2,500 to complete the project, which includes adding additional reclaim on road surface, speed bumps to direct surface runoff, and signage to be completed by the June Annual Meeting.

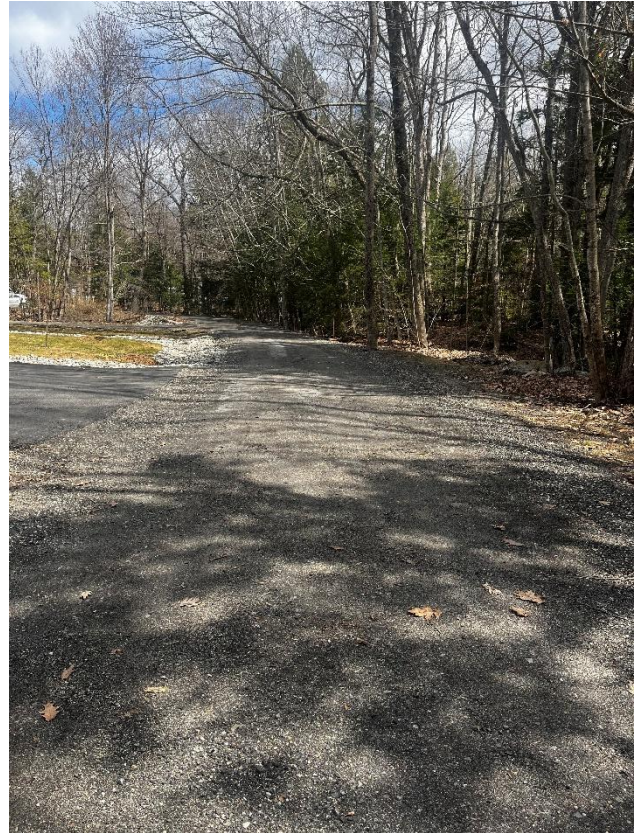


Figure 5. Reclaimed asphalt to shed runoff from road surface.