

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANNING **ALTON BAY**

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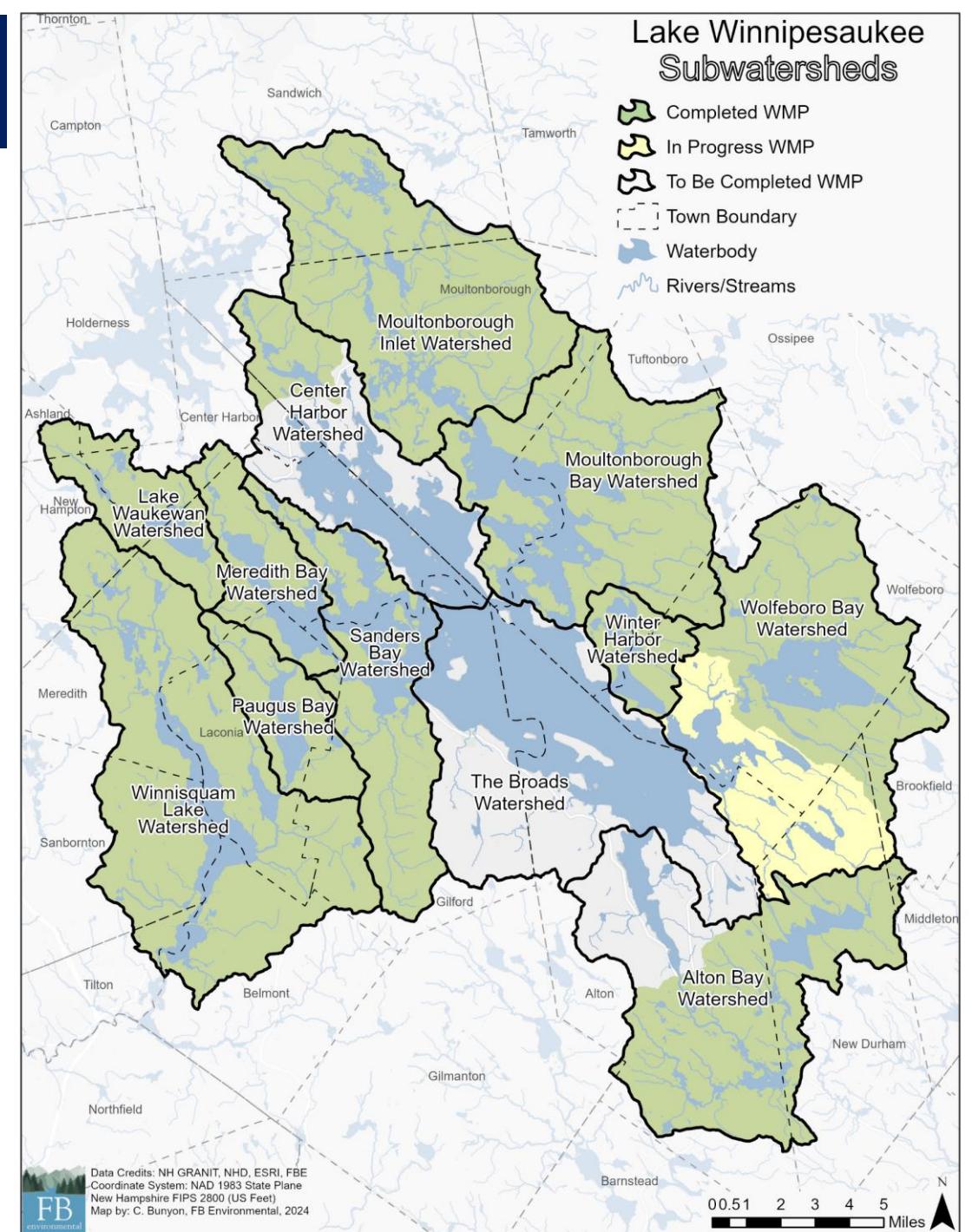
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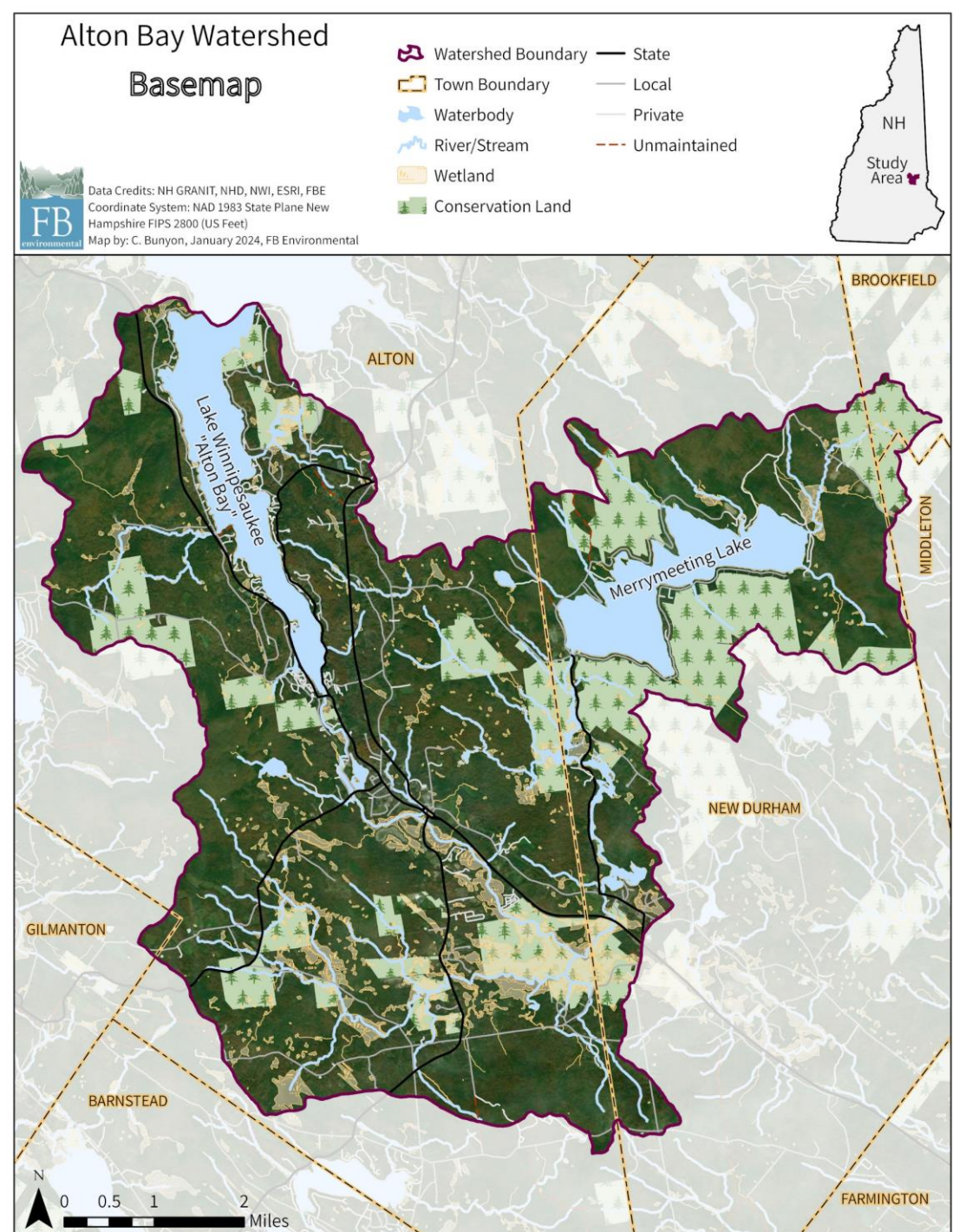
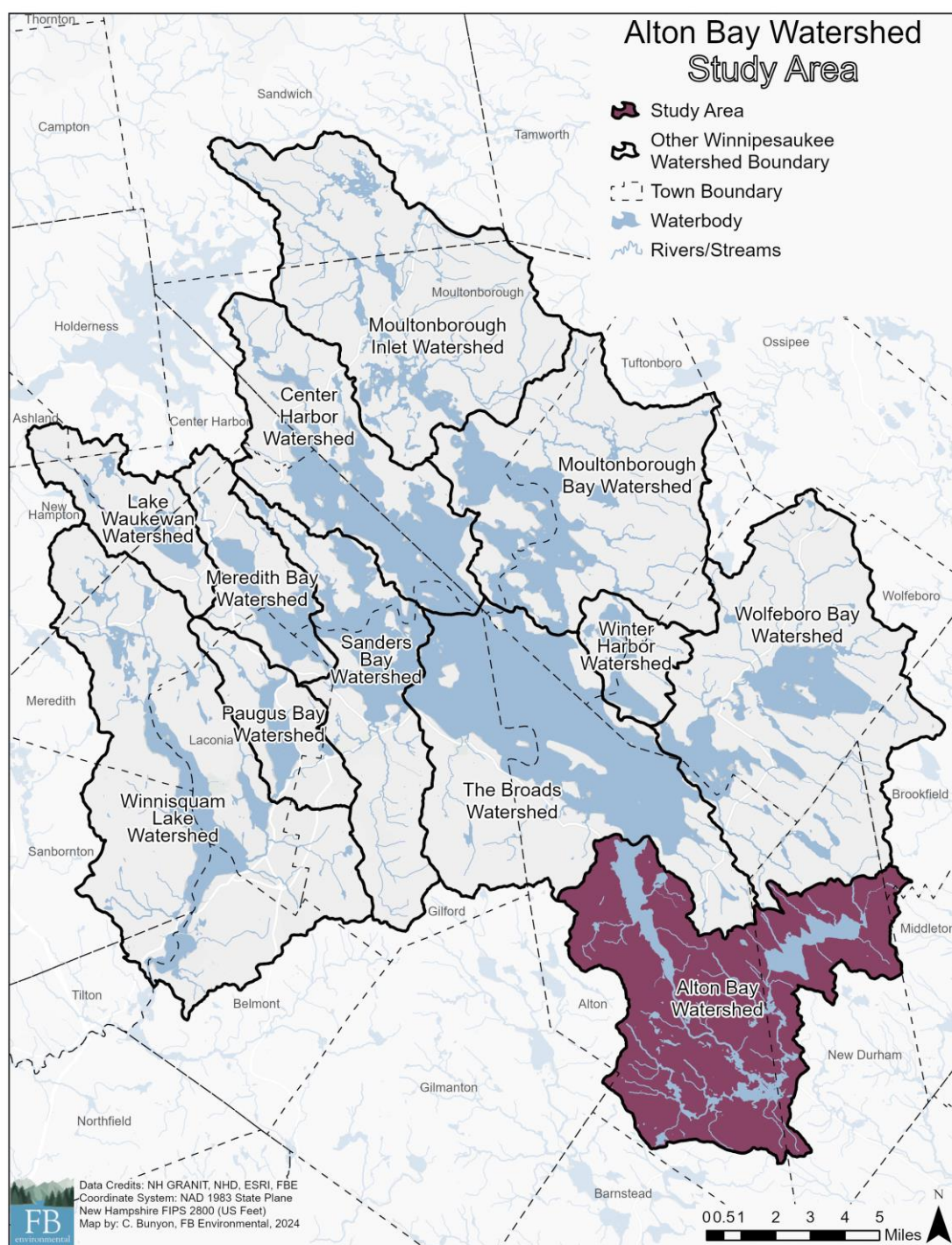
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Lake Winnepesaukee WMPs

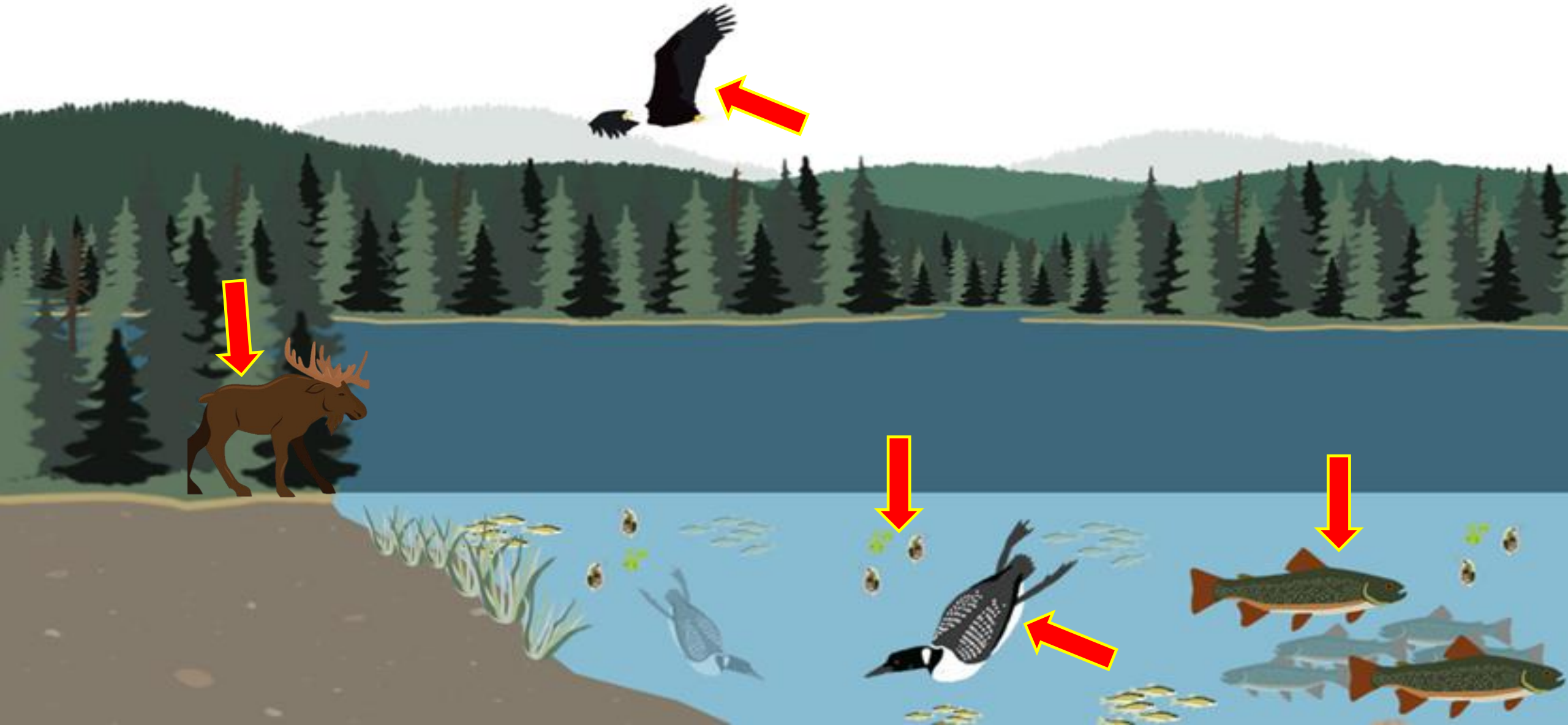
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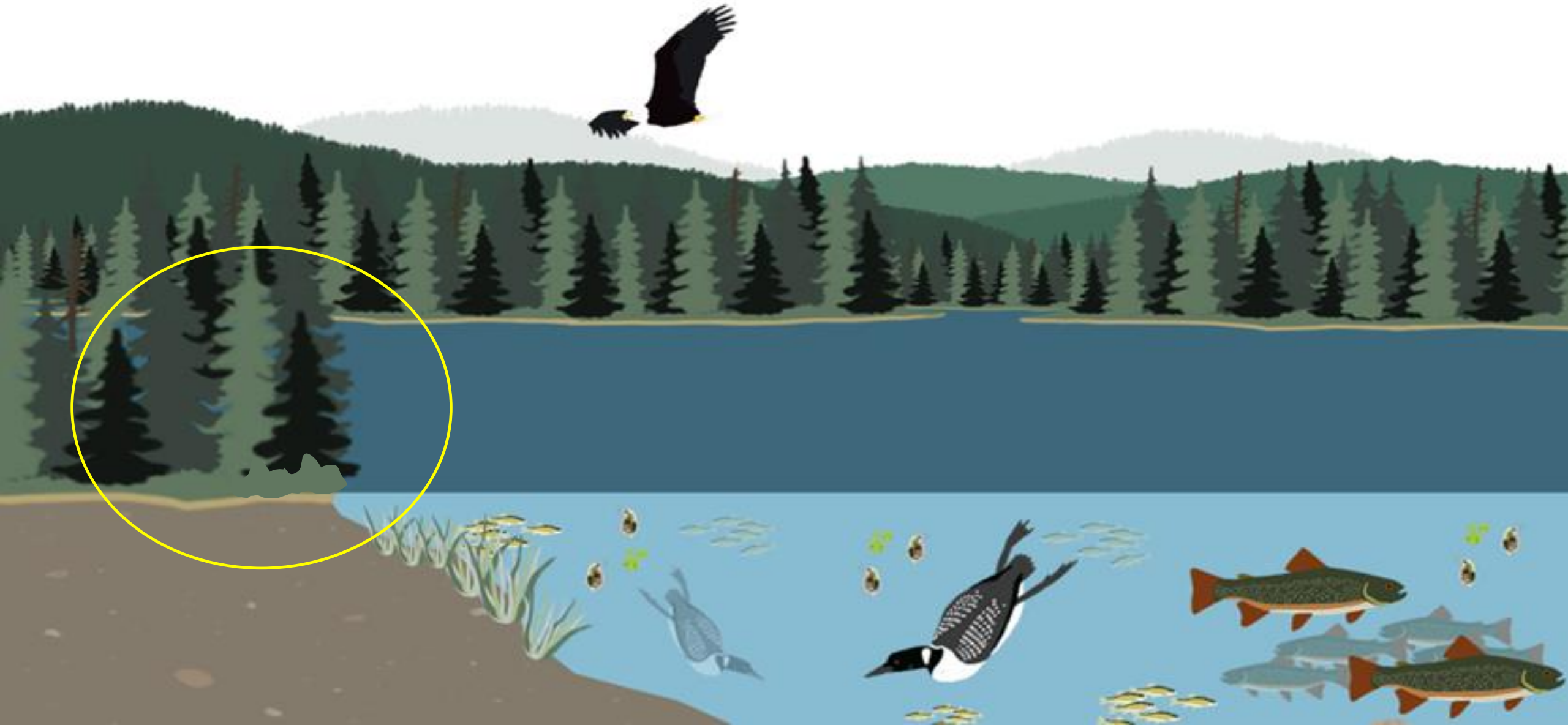




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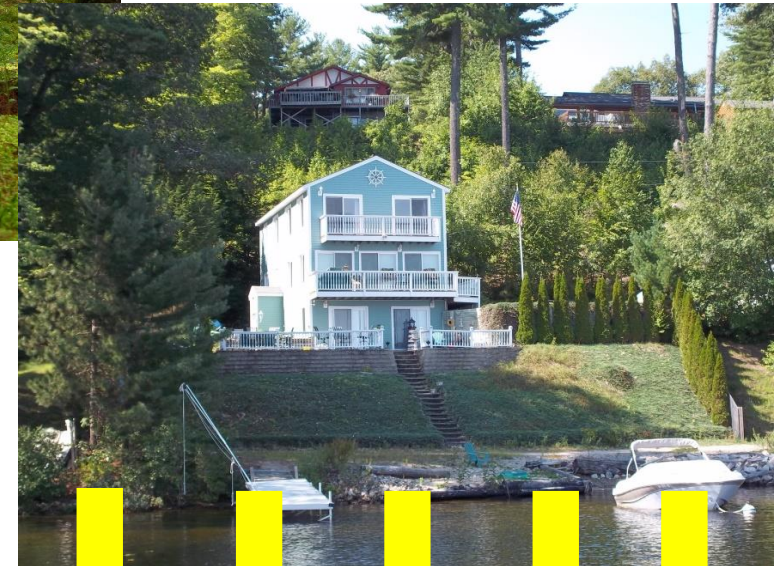
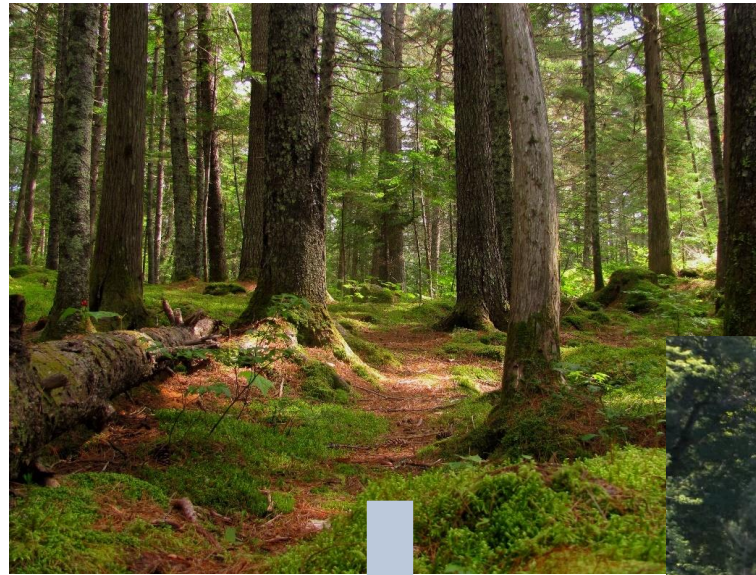


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10 TIMES THE AMOUNT OF
PHOSPHORUS



Lake Kanasatka 10/29/23



Blackey Cove (Center Harbor) 10/29/23

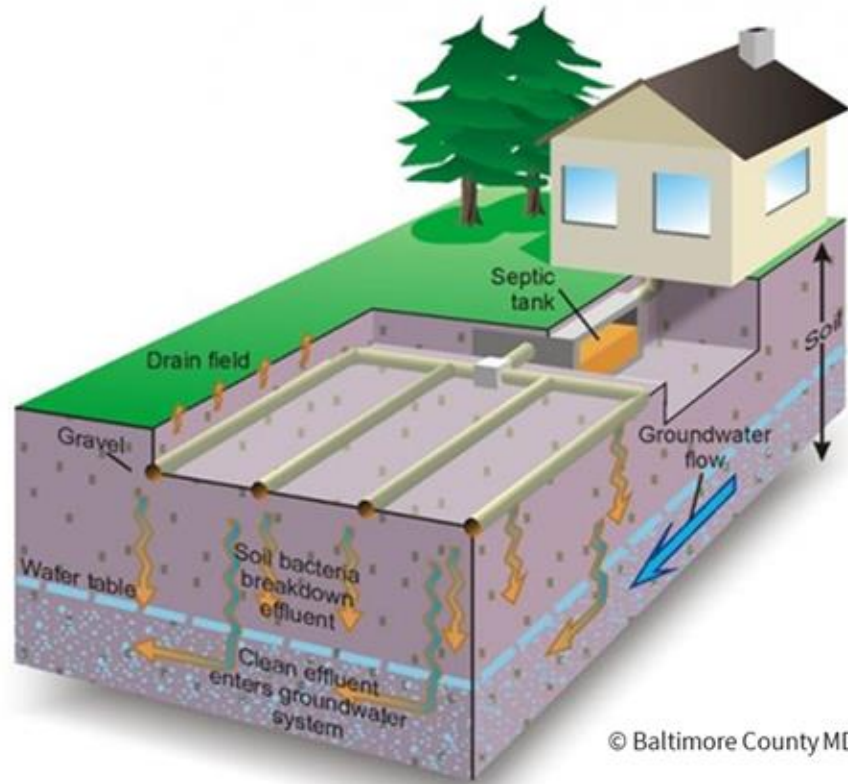


Sources of Phosphorus



Photos not from Alton Bay

Other Threats to Water Quality



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WE ARE IN A **NEW ERA** WITH ENHANCED EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

The world has surpassed a heat threshold that scientists have been warning about

How is climate change affecting cyanobacteria in N.H. lakes, ponds and other waters?

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CLIMATE CRISIS

CONNECT THE WORLD

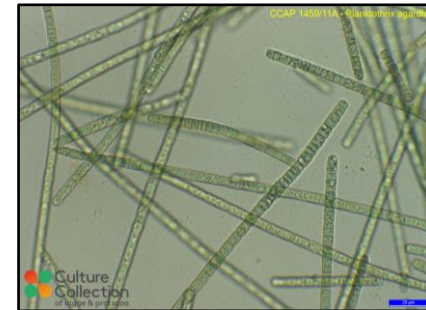
EXPERTS: GLOBAL TEMPERATURES BROKE RECORDS IN JULY
Findings from European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service



Alton Bay Water Quality Challenges

2020/2022 Impairments

| Waterbody | Aquatic Life Integrity Impairment | Primary Contact Recreation Impairment |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Lake Winnepesaukee | pH and Non-Native Aquatic Plants | |
| Alton Bay Town Beach | pH | <i>Escherichia coli</i> |
| Public Dock Town Beach | pH | <i>Escherichia coli</i> |
| Camp Kabeyun Beach | pH | |
| Merrymeeting River | pH | |
| Jones Dam Pond | Non-Native Aquatic Plants | Cyanobacteria Hepatotoxic Microcystins |



Planktothrix
Cyanobacteria



Variable Milfoil
(1965-present)

Alton Bay Water Quality Challenges

Primary Contact Recreation (2018)

- Lake Winnepesaukee – Cyanobacteria hepatotoxic microcystins

Cyanobacteria Bloom History (2020-2023)

2023

- Marsh Pond – 1 advisory – 13 total days

2022

- Lake Winnepesaukee – 1 advisory – 8 total days
- Jones Dam Pond – 1 advisory – 7 total days

2021

- Marsh Pond - 1 advisory – 61 total days

2020

- Jones Dam Pond – 1 advisory – 46 total days
- Marsh Pond – 1 advisory 6 days



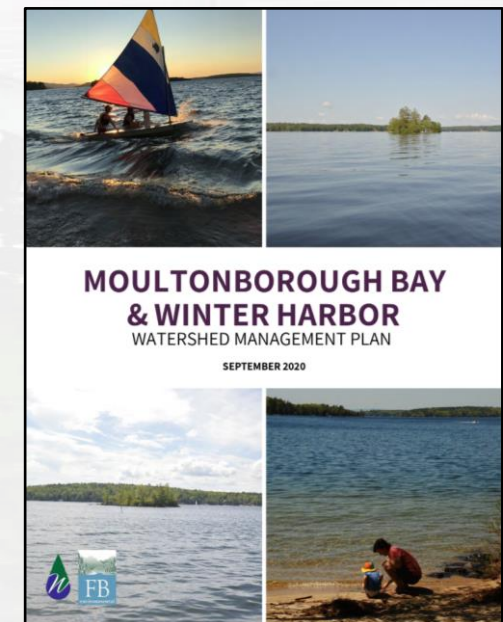
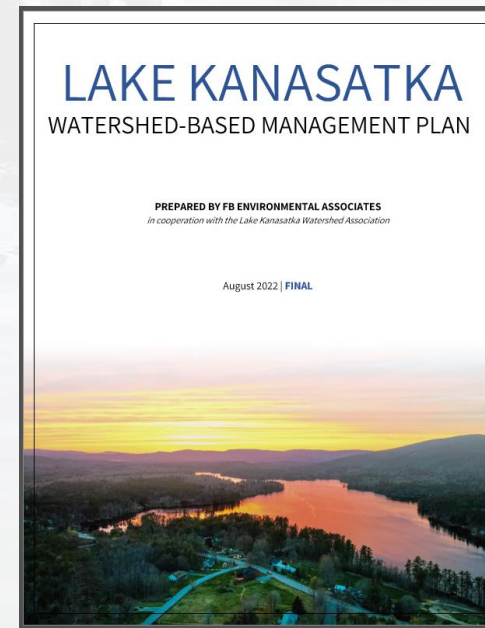
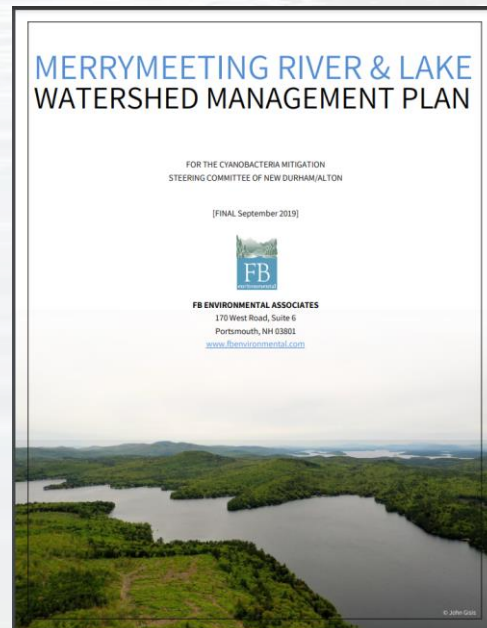
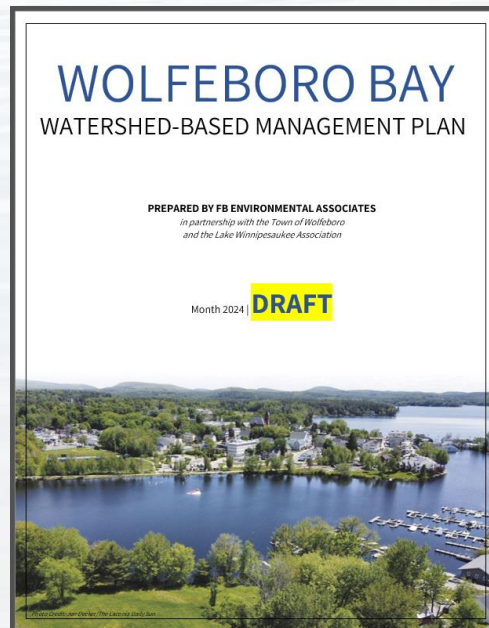
Dolichospermum



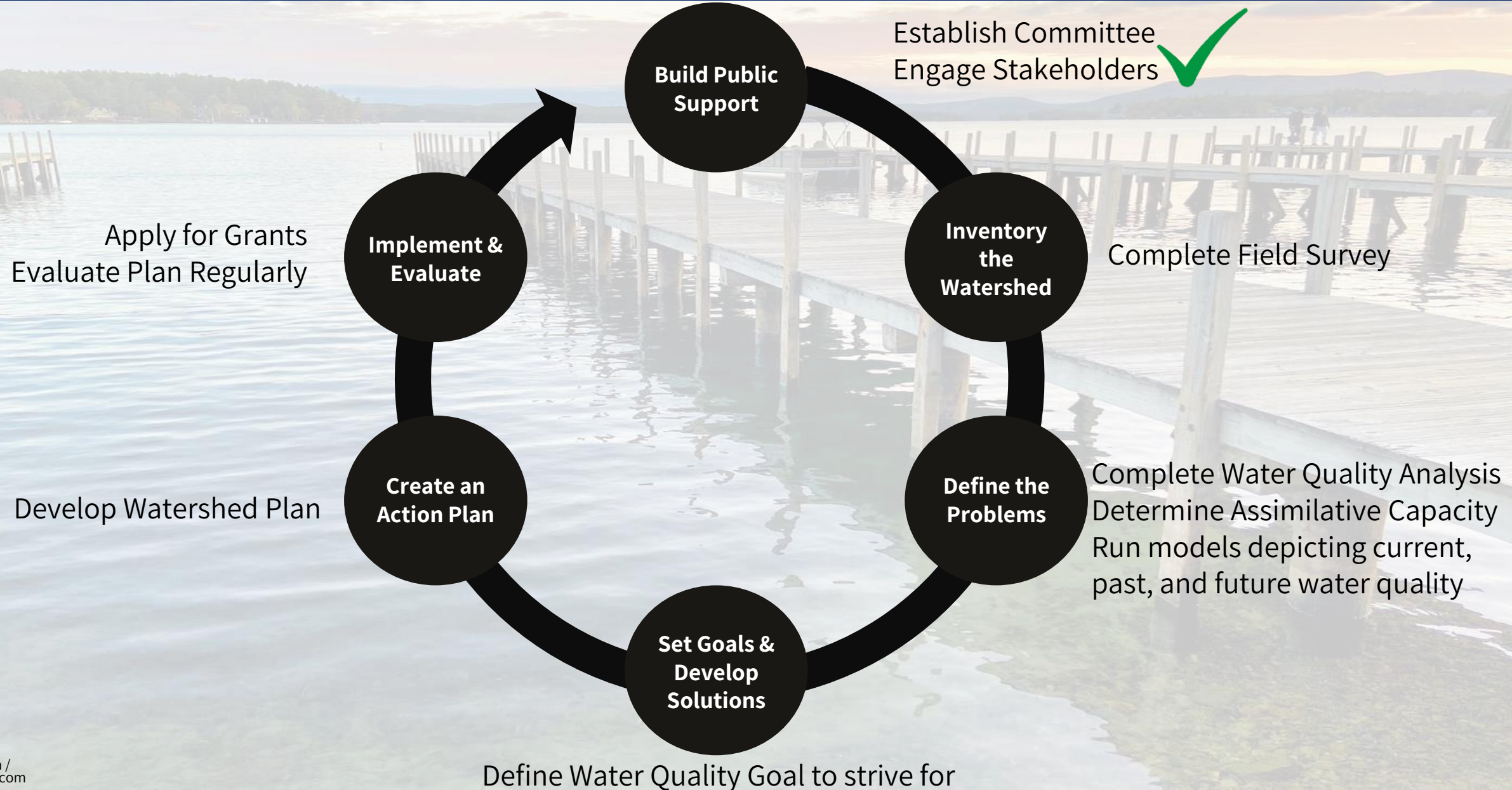
Gloeotrichia

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Build Public Support and Engage Stakeholders

- Steering Committee
- Project development
- Public outreach



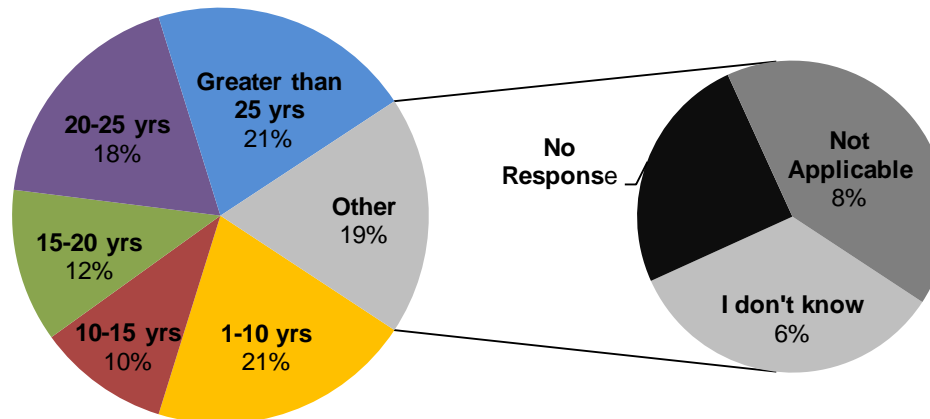
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Complete Field Surveys

- Watershed Survey
- Shoreline Survey
- Septic System Survey

How old is the septic system?



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Analyze Water Quality Data

- Analyze trophic indicators such as total phosphorus, chlorophyll-a, and dissolved oxygen
- Determine the assimilative capacity for the waterbody

| Trophic State | TP (ppb) | Chl-a (ppb) |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Oligotrophic | < 8.0 | < 3.3 |
| Mesotrophic | > 8.0 - 12.0 | > 3.3 - 5.0 |
| Eutrophic | > 12.0 - 28.0 | > 5.0 - 11.0 |

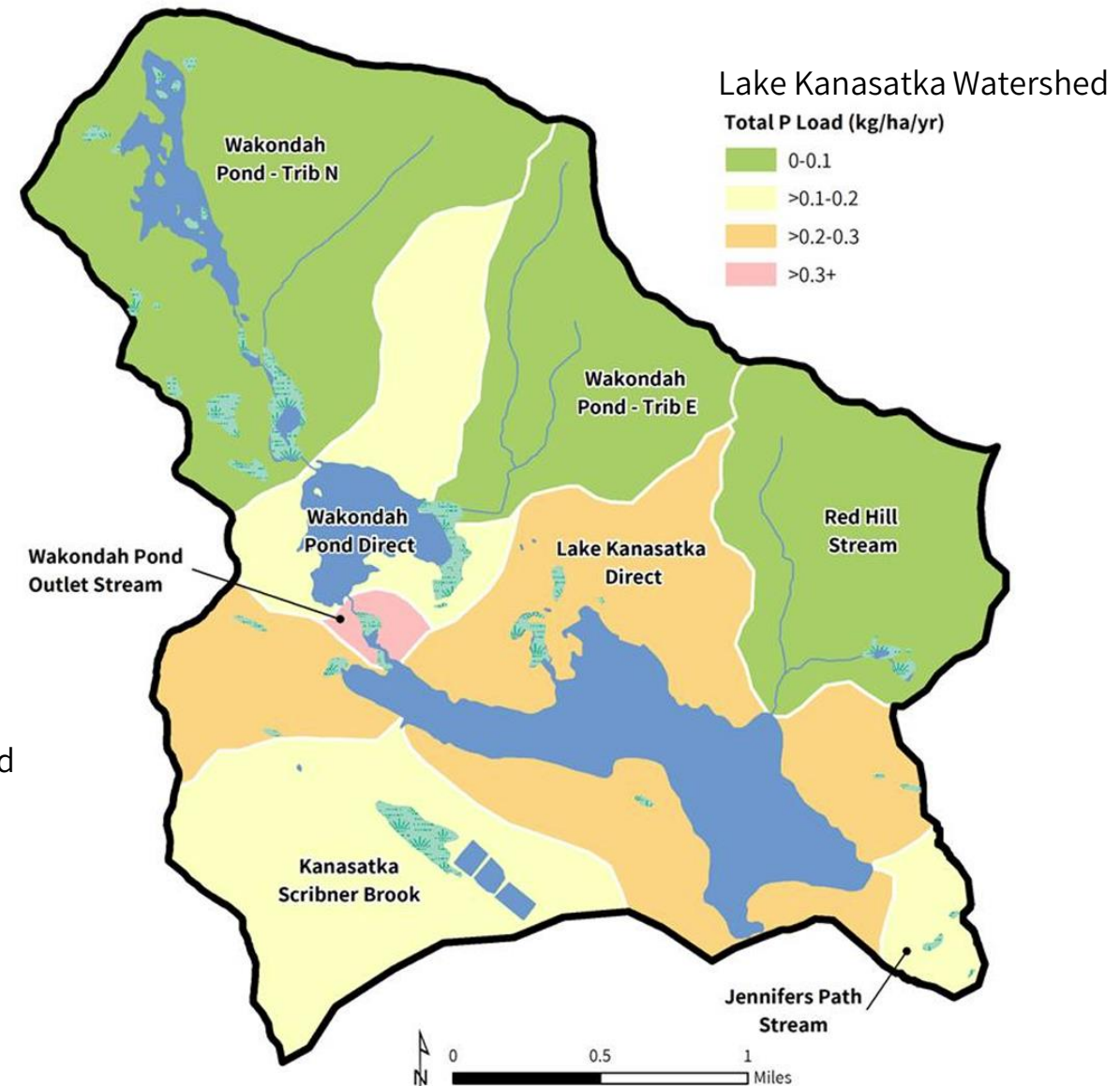
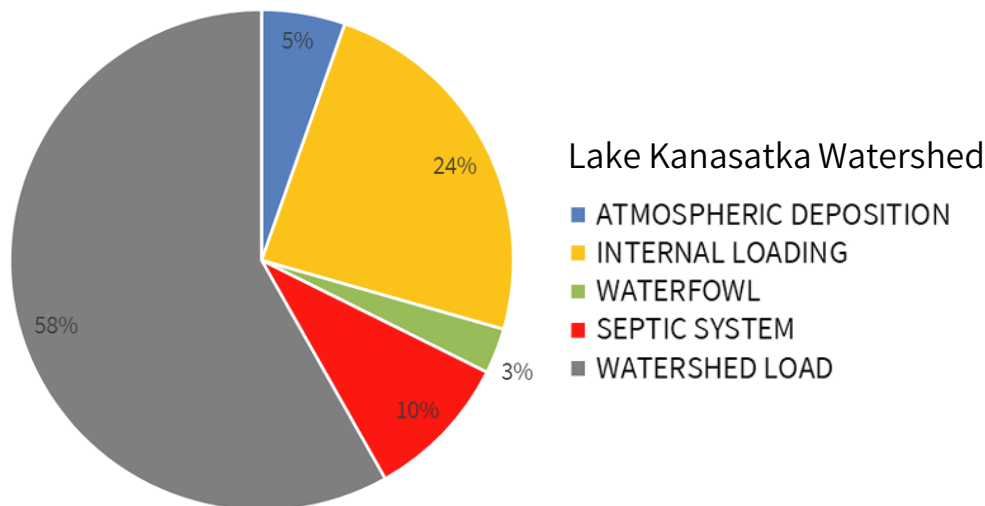


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Watershed and Lake Modeling

- To determine the nutrient and sediment loads to the waterbody under current, past and future conditions to help inform the water quality goal and target remediation efforts.



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Water Quality Goal

- To determine an attainable goal for future water quality parameters to improve water quality
- To determine the pollutant load reductions needed to achieve the water quality goal



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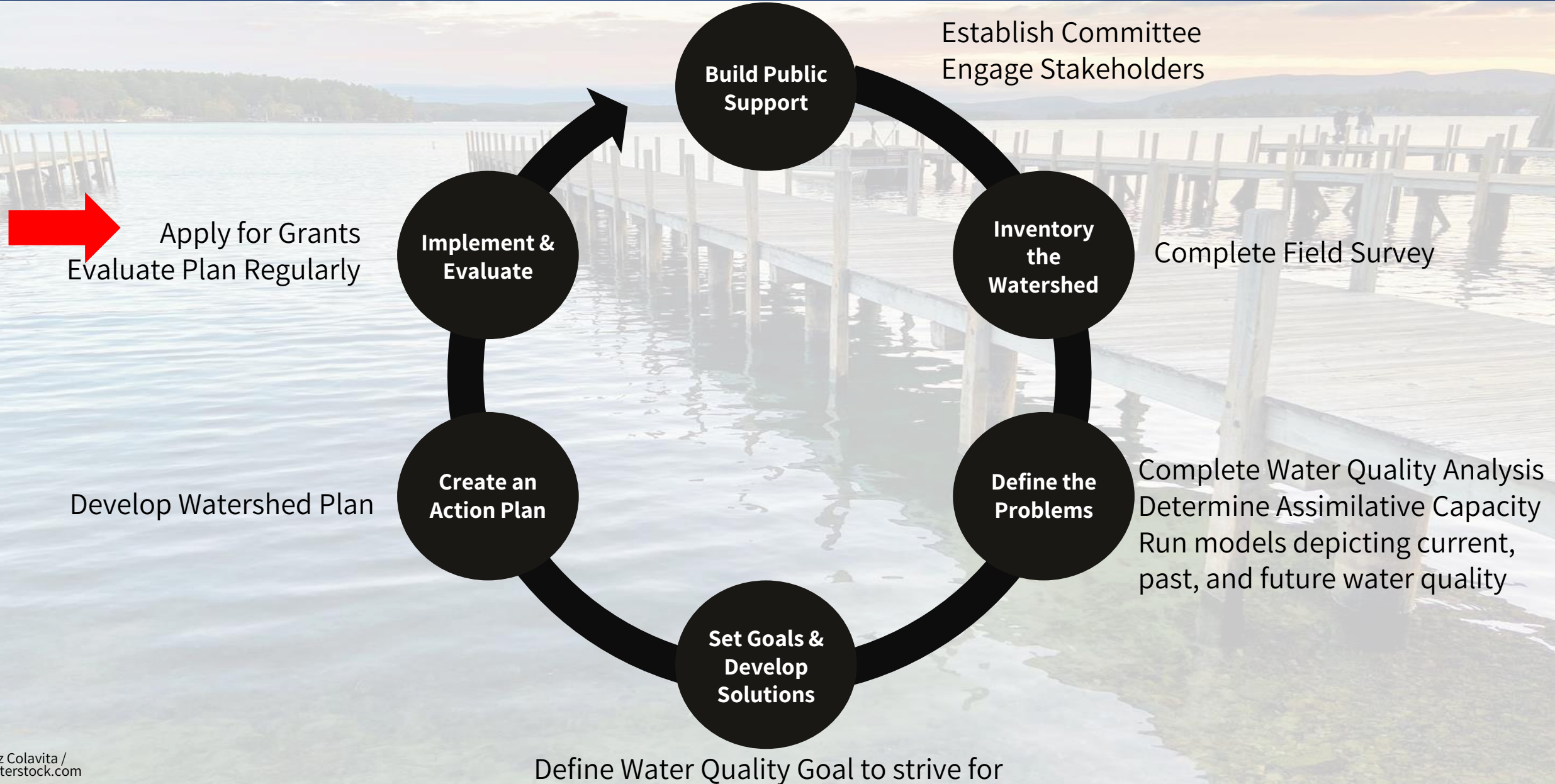
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Action Plan

- Identifies responsible parties, estimates costs to implement, suggests potential funding sources, and sets a schedule for each stage of plan implementation to reach the water quality goal



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THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?