



# About LEA & CLWA

Lakes Environmental Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1970 with the goal of preserving and restoring the quality and the traditional character of Maine's lakes, watersheds and related natural resources.

Crescent Lake Watershed Association was formed in 2009 to protect, and enhance the water quality of Crescent Lake and to preserve its ecological, economic, recreational and aesthetic value.

## Invasive Plant Program

LEA's Milfoil Control Team has been deployed for over a decade to eradicate invasive Variable Leaf Milfoil when observed in local waters and LEA's innovative Invasive Plant Patrol program (IPP) has been a model for the entire state. At Crescent Lake our CLIPPers are trained by the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program to follow LEA's model as an early warning effort to locate an invasive species before it takes hold.

## Environmental Education

LEA offers environmental education programs to local elementary, middle and high schools, reaching over 1000 students annually. LEA also hosts educational programs for all ages at the Holt Pond Preserve, the Highland Lake Preserve and Pondicherry Park, all of which LEA played a key role in establishing. CLWA has held lakeside landowner erosion control workshops, LakeSmart site evaluations and is initiating lake health education programs.

## Lake Water Testing

Water testing on lakes and ponds in the area occurs every year through traditional and advanced testing initiatives. Keep an eye out for the Volunteer Lake Monitoring pontoon boat on Crescent Lake twice monthly from May through October.

## Courtesy Boat Inspections

Functioning as a first line of defence against the spread of invasive plants, LEA & CLWA provide courtesy boat inspectors to educate boaters at public boat launches about invasive plants and help them perform inspections on their watercraft. This program, begun by LEA, has been adopted across the state. Look for inspectors at the Crescent Lake boat launch.

## Maine Lake Science Center

Opened in 2015, LEA's Maine Lake Science Center is a hub for lake research in the state. The center regularly hosts researcher retreats and other events at its remodeled and renovated energy-efficient headquarters located in Bridgton.

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