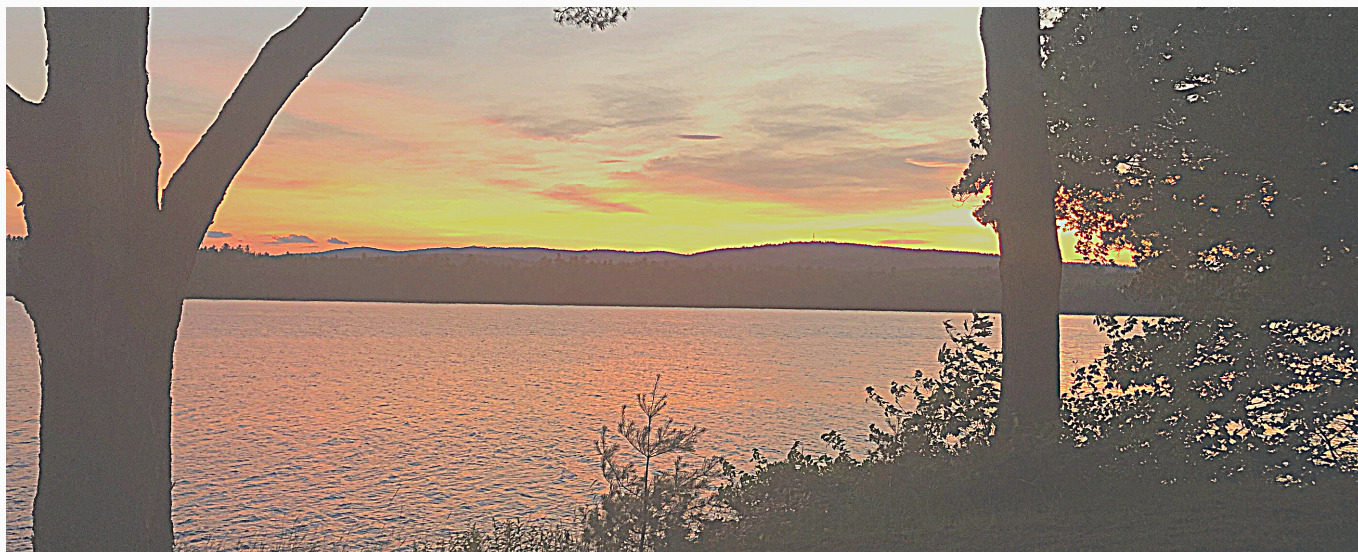


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MPA Annual Meeting

This year the Annual Lake Association meeting will be held on July 10th at 10:00 am. All are welcome to join us at Tremblay Barn on Foster Avenue, the North end of the Lake, off Route 37.

People who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 are not required to wear a mask. Those who are not fully vaccinated are required to be fully masked, covering both their nose and mouth.

July 4th Boat Parade

Boats to gather off McWain Point at 3:45 PM
Parade starts at 4:00

Trustees

Bob Crocker
Bruce Whichard
Jared Whichard
Chris Tomaino
Earl Morse
Gary Smith
James Kearney
Peg Nation
Peter Leslie
Peter Sevcik
Rich Deering

Ice-Out

We have a unique firsthand account of this year's ice-out on McWain Pond that occurred on April 6th.

Bob Plate, son of McWain Hill Road residents Henry and Joy Plate, was on his parents' property when he not only witnessed it but was able to record it on his cell phone.



"I was on McWain Hill for a short 36 hour visit with my parents in early April, and my timing turned out to be perfect. Looking down at McWain Pond from our farm during the morning, I could still see the ice cover, but when I looked again in the early afternoon, it seemed I was seeing open water. I thought I'd missed all the excitement, but I decided to take a walk down to the lake to check it out.

"I've never seen an ice-out before and didn't know what to expect. I didn't even realize at first that this was the "real thing", but I was fascinated by the cracking and groaning of the ice, and how the ice actually pulsed up and down, as if the lake were breathing, so I started taking pictures and videos.

During the next 90 minutes, I was blessed with the most amazing display of nature as the lake awoke from its winter slumber . . . I felt I quite literally watched the changing of the seasons. I sat there with a big silly grin on my face as I took pictures and videos until I was down to just 1% battery."

- *Bob Plate*

Below is the link to the youtube playlist of the Ice-out videos

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHNe3MT7F2MmqFxnGwPW2zyuD6pKYakq

Videos can also be found by searching 'mcwain pond ice-out playlist' in youtube search bar

Loon Sightings

This year's first loon sighting was reported by Nancy Hanger on April 7th.

Two more loons were spotted on April 18th, just five minutes after the Hanger's famous loon nest was put out for the 15th year in a row.



Lisa (Hanger) & Scott Fraley
with the Loon Nest

McWain Scholarship

The McWain Pond Association is pleased to announce that the first scholarship was awarded to Mackenzie Truman who has just completed her freshman year at The University of Tampa. Mackenzie is a 2020 graduate of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. The scholarship is awarded to a resident of Waterford who plans on majoring in the environmental field. The scholarship is given in memory of Chuck Whichard and Annette Tomaino, two lifelong educators whose passion for education and for McWain Pond will truly be remembered.



Written By Chris Tomaino

Commodore Bob Hanger: Annual July 4th Boat parade

July 4, 2020, started out as just another very quiet day out on the lake. But this year it was unusually quiet, no sounds of cheers and laughter that we all are accustomed to hearing, echoing from the shores of Birch Rock Camp and Camp Waziyatah. These two camps were silenced due to the Covid virus.



But, when 3:45 rolled around, a few decorated boats could be seen heading towards the Point, at the Cottages at McWain Point. Promptly at 4:00pm, the number of boats had now grown and the annual Commodore Bob Hanger boat parade started out once again on a "slow bell" circling the lake.



The sun was shining brightly overhead, the Maine sky was a brilliant blue. Now, the cheers and laughter of those taking part in the July 4th parade, from boat or on shore could be heard over the low rumble of the many boats, welcoming in another great summer and celebrating the birth of our nation. We are pleased to say that over 20 boats took part in our Parade this past year, and many camps along the shore had folks cheering and waving American flags as the boats sailed by.

We thank Commodore Bob Hanger and his wife Ellen for starting such a wonderful Lake McWain tradition over 60 years ago. We always think of those special people, so close and dear to our hearts that brought us to our beautiful lake in the woods of Maine. We look up into that deep blue sky, and thank them for what they all have done for us. Knowing that they are there looking down upon us and our lake.

We also would like to thank those who help to keep this tradition afloat. Please plan to join us once again July 4th, at 4:00pm, (rain or shine, land or sea) to parade around our lake



Written by Bruce Whichard

Camp Waziyatah

Camp Waziyatah is going strong after a tough year. It was heartbreaking to have to shut down last year and certainly painful to our business, but even more so to the hundreds of campers who could not attend. However, we're back better than ever to celebrate our 100th summer! We've done some landscaping, built a new amphitheater seating wall, cut new benches for our campfire, created new paths, reseeded our main lawn's, and many other improvements to make camp extra special this year. Our CIT's (Counselors in Training) have an ambitious project this summer as they will be planning and building our "Century Bell" tower. The tower will house our historic farmhouse bell, which is now our dinner bell. It will be a scaled down version of a tower currently standing in Snellville Georgia. We were very fortunate that the architect generously donated the full plans to us.

We have a lot of new staff this year, as the international travel restrictions have meant that a good number of our staff members could not return. We've hired a great group of young people and we know they will do a great job. This year's staff training theme is "Now More than Ever", which relates to the incredibly powerful need for kids to get out of their homes and into the Maine woods for a summer of fun. We are prepped and ready to handle the COVID-19 protocols and we are very happy to provide this important growth opportunity for all the children who come to Camp Waziyatah. The loss of SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) for kids is well documented and is true across all socio-economic levels. That's why we are paying particular attention to putting kids first this summer and making sure to help them with personal wellness, along with giving them the summer of their lives in the process. The good work we do here is heartening for all of us and makes us feel lucky to be in this business. The lake will be full of laughing, happy campers again this summer and we're all looking forward to it. Now more than ever.



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Written by Gregg Parker

Going to 2 great causes!

What a beautiful night for fireworks! What a great way to celebrate the birth of our nation!

Once again, Matt G. Pyrotechnics and Jared put on an "out of this universe" fireworks display the evening of July 4th. Many hours (days) of work go into our Lake McWain fireworks display. Each year a representative from the Waterford Fire Department makes his annual visual inspection of the two barges and gives us the thumbs up. All fireworks are remotely ignited via a computer from a safety boat stationed away from the barges.

In the past, donations for the Fireworks have been collected and given to Honor Flight Maine, to assist in bringing our Maine Veterans down to Washington DC to experience their memorials.

Last summer, 2020, the McWain fireworks once again were all donated by Matt G. Pyrotechnics. Thank you Matt! Donations were collected by Jared and Bruce Whichard and these donations were then all given to the Waterford Congregational Church to be used to help support two good local causes. A portion of the donations went to subsidize the Waterford Thanksgiving food baskets. About 15 families in Waterford received a Thanksgiving meal thanks to the Church and those of you that donated to the fireworks. The remainder of your donations went to the Waterford Fuel Assistance fund. This fund assists those in need in Waterford with the purchasing of heating oil.

Once again this coming July 4th, Matt G. Pyrotechnics and Jared are preparing for another out of this world aerial fireworks display, starting at 9:15. (Rain date July 5th)

We would like to thank those of you that have donated to our fireworks, which in turn supported 2 great causes last year. This year Jared will be once again donating 100% of the money collected to the Waterford Church for the Thanksgiving meals and the Heating Oil Assistance fund. Please feel free to connect with Jared or Bruce Whichard, with your donations. Please pass the word on to your neighbors about the fireworks starting at 9:15 on July 4th. Most of all, please pass the word, and please donate to the fireworks and these two great Waterford causes.



Written by Bruce Whichard

McWain Day at Birch Rock Camp

The summer of 2020 was sure different from most. Birch Rock Camp had a limited number of senior campers attending the first BRC Leadership Camp. As the name implies, "Leadership" is what was taught to this special group of seasoned BRC young men. One interesting and exciting activity, which was new to the BRC curriculum was the introduction of "McWain Day".

McWain Day was announced to the Campers the night prior, no one knowing exactly what to expect. After another hearty breakfast prepared by John, the head cook, all the senior campers and staff met down on the swim dock, still not knowing what to expect. McWain Day was about to begin!

Up to the swim dock, to meet the BRC'ers, paddled a local historian in a kayak. This Historian has a great deal of knowledge of the history of the original settler, David McWain, that homesteaded on the hilltop overlooking Long Pond. The campers were amazed to learn the history of the area around their Camp, of log drives down the lake, of the narrow-gauge railroad nearby, of wood mills, carding mills, corn canning mills and of harvesting ice, right out on the lake in front of them.

But the subject that intrigued the campers the most was learning of the original 5 camps that used to thrive on the shores of Lake McWain in the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's. The BRC campers asked the local historian if he had ever heard the story of the McWain Monster? To which the reply was "YES"! But better yet, the historian told the campers the folklore story of the "Spirit of McWain, the Spirit of Ivan".



Musc + Brian holding a map of the McWain area from the 1860's



Everyone that morning was instructed that Ivan was a very friendly spirit, that he was at one time a caretaker at one of the camps. That back in the year 1938 there was a tragic accident, as the five camp caretakers were all working together on a project. To this day, on rare occasions, the friendly "Spirit of Ivan" can still be seen drifting along the shoreline wanting to help people.

Written by Jared Whichard

McWain Day at Birch Rock Camp CONT.

After a full morning of McWain History lessons, John filled the campers' bellies, once again with another delicious lunch. The campers would now, usually be ready for a much-deserved rest period. But the excitement of McWain Day brought them all back down to the swim dock again. This time sporting swimsuits and PFD's. Each camper and staff member manned their own kayak or climbed onboard a canoe or rowboat and headed out onto Lake McWain paddling in the wake of the Historian's kayak.

The first stop was the Point at the original Camp McWain. Where a more detailed history was given of this long-ago girls' camp. Next, the flotilla sailed their way south to the west shore where Camp Passaconaway once was. More history was explained there prior to heading towards the south beach and Camp Waziyata. The final stretch was the long northern paddle back up the east shore of the lake stopping at Camp Waganaki and looking at the remains of the waterfront directors' cabin, some old campers' cabins in the lower grove, and the wood shop, where full size wooden canoes used to be built as a summer camp project.



It was a slow and easy paddle from there, under the Waganaki Ledge back to BRC. The kayaks and canoes were now silent, with the BRC campers thinking about McWain Day. Thinking about what they had learned in the morning. Thinking about traveling across the waves and actually being able to visit these historical locations in the afternoon.

But most of all, the BRC campers were looking forward too and hoping for the very rare sighting of the "Spirit of Ivan" as he drifts along the shore of Lake McWain, paying unexpected visits to the five original camps that once filled our lake with sounds of joy and laughter from young campers!

Hoping everyone has another outstanding summer on Lake McWain! Maybe you could be the lucky person who is visited by the "Spirit of Ivan" this summer.

In Memoriam: John Leslie

John Leslie, 87, died peacefully on December 18, 2020, in Exeter, New Hampshire. He leaves behind his wife of 57 years, Susan Wallin Leslie, three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Leslie & Allison Burroughs, John & Heather Leslie, and William & Whitney Leslie, six grandchildren, Charles, Samantha, Robert, Nicholas, Jacob & Harry Leslie, his brother and sister-in-law, Peter & Kathleen Leslie, his sister, Susan AbuHaidar, a large extended family, and many close friends. Born in Coral Gables, Florida, in 1933, John grew up in San Francisco, California, and then Scarsdale, New York, where he brought up his own family.



After graduating from Phillips Exeter Academy (1952) and Princeton University (1956), where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, John proudly served in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of Captain. Upon leaving the Army, John joined the Minuteman missile project team at the Hercules Power Company where he helped designed the fuel for the missile's third stage. John went on to attend Columbia Business School, graduating in 1961. After business school, he was employed by Standard Oil of New Jersey/ESSO, first in New York City and then in Tokyo, Japan. John left ESSO in 1968 to join the newly formed Penntech Papers as Treasurer, where he went on to become President and Chief Executive Officer. John remained at Penntech until his retirement in 1991.

In retirement John and Susan relocated to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where they enjoyed 18 years of adventures. In 2010, they moved back to the East Coast to be near family, settling in Exeter, New Hampshire. John was an avid fisherman, hunter, golfer, and sailor, enjoying outdoor activities his entire life. Even after his retirement, John retained his curiosity about how things work, and enjoyed puttering in his wood shop. He also mastered sudoku, became an excellent cook, and devoured books and the news.

John was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle who went through life graciously with a curious intellect and a humorous twinkle in his eye. Everyone who remembers John is asked to celebrate his life in their own way.

Obituary Courtesy of the Leslie Family

In Memoriam: George Morse

George W. Morse ,77, of Cape Elizabeth, ME died March 28, 2021. Born in Rumford, ME on May 5, 1943, the son of Frank and Elaine Morse. George married Elizabeth on June 5, 1965. George graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from University of Maine, a Master's Degree from Purdue University and a PhD from the University of Wisconsin in Applied Economics. George was a professor at The Ohio State University from 1977-1989 residing in Athens, Ohio and then Worthington, Ohio.



In 1989, George moved to Minnesota and was a professor at the University of Minnesota until his retirement in 2007. George and Elizabeth retired to Maine on the coast which had always been their dream. In retirement, George never slowed down. He was an active member of his community. He was president of the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation in Cape Elizabeth which he was very passionate about.

George loved his profession and continued to mentor and encourage everyone he had worked with over his long and enjoyable career. Even though he had retired, he really loved hearing from all of his former colleagues over the years and followed their successes with great enjoyment.

George was an avid gardener and took great joy in planning and creating his garden each year. He loved anything outdoors. He loved spending time at their cabin and was an amazing family man.

George and Liz loved to travel and spent their retirement traveling all over the world. Some of his favorite places he traveled to were Australia, New Zealand, Spain, France, Norway, Sweden and many, many more. He loved to visit his friends and family especially his children and grandchildren who are scattered across the country. George was a favorite uncle to all of his many nieces and nephews and loved visiting with them.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Elizabeth; two sons, Ryan Morse, Bradford Morse (Julie), and his daughter, Pamela Gutmore (Josh); three grandchildren, Cade Gutmore, Nate Morse, and Lily Morse; two brothers, Ken Morse (Nikki Millonzi), Peter Morse (Jane); sister, Dianne Morse Leonard (Del); brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Les and Charlotte Bosworth, Sister-in-law, Margaret Miller, many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; Frank and Elaine Morse and his brother, Frank (Chipper) Morse.

In Memoriam: Catherine Sanderson

Catherine Dowling Sanderson, 81, Waterford, Maine, Tuesday, August 18, 2020, death from traumatic brain injury combined with effects of long-term aphasic dementia.

Catherine was born in Ridgewood, N.J. in August 1939, to Donald and Marion Dowling.

She grew up there with her family and her younger brother James, who predeceased her. She attended Ridgewood schools, then spent two years at the Stoneleigh-Burnham School. She entered Cornell University and graduated in 1960, then moved to Manhattan and spent the next few years in editorial positions in magazine publishing.



In 1965 she decided on further education, entering the Ph.D. program at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, where she received a Ph.D. in English in 1972. During this time, she met and married David Sanderson; the couple marked its 50th wedding anniversary in May of 2020.

In 1973, the Sandersons moved to Newburyport for David's work. Catherine began teaching at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, Massachusetts. This became a career for her. She retired in 1990 after serving as a Professor in the English Department, then five years as an Assistant Dean.

Following retirement the couple moved to the Sanderson family home in Waterford, Maine, where Catherine spent time gardening, playing bridge with friends, and enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities. She remained devoted to literature, an avid reader who was part of a couple of book groups.

She also loved Classical music, traveling to Massachusetts for years to attend Boston Symphony concerts with her friends there. She was passionate about friendship all her life, remaining connected to friends from Cornell and Massachusetts for decades. When she was eventually diagnosed with her dementia, she refused to let it debilitate her, and remained determined to function as well as she could for as long as she could, strength and courage that surprised her doctors and impressed friends and family.

Her death was quiet and calm, at home, cared for by her husband, David and her son Stephen. A rich life, lived fully, and a gentle death - it would be her wish for each of us. No public memorials are planned. Instead, we wish those who would honor her memory to make contributions to appropriate charitable or nonprofit organizations, as Catherine did when she was alive.

Obituary Courtesy of Newberry Port News

McWain Pond LEA Testing Results

Fishing

McWain Pond is principally managed for smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, and rainbow smelt. Yellow perch, golden shiners, and rainbow smelt all provide forage for the bass. Crayfish were introduced in 1959 by Inland Fish and Wildlife as an additional food source for the bass. Smelts are commercially taken from the pond by local bait dealers and recreational dipping is allowed in the pond and its tributaries. McWain also supports populations of fallfish, white sucker, hornpout, pumpkinseed sunfish and American eel.

- **Lake Surface**

445 acres

- **Watershed**

2,505 acres

- **Max. Depth**

42 feet

- **Elevation**

533 feet

Water Quality: 2020

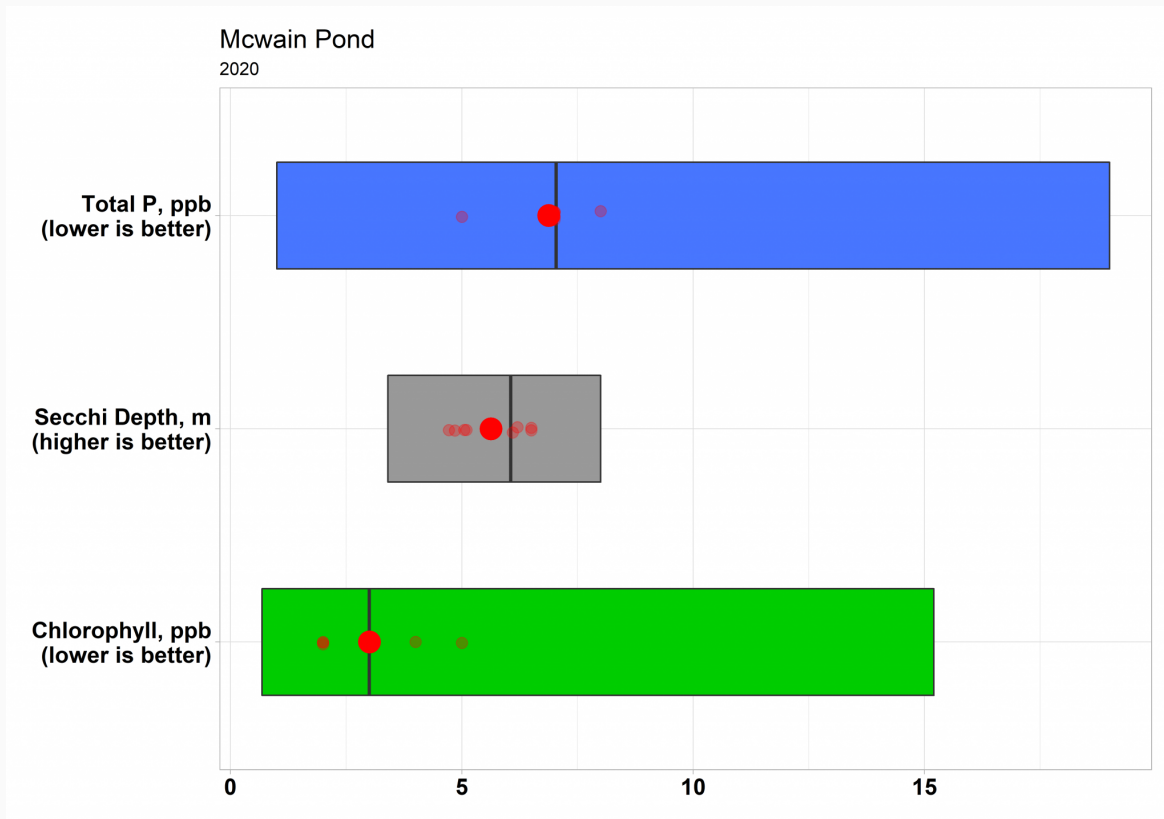
The average Secchi disk reading for 2020 was 5.63 meters, fell into the moderately clear range, and was shallower than the long-term average of 6.03 meters. The average total phosphorus reading of 6.88 ppb fell into the moderate range and was less than the long-term average of 7.04 ppb. The average deep water phosphorus value was not significantly above surface water phosphorus values, which suggests phosphorus recycling is not problematic. The chlorophyll-a average of 3.00 ppb fell into the moderate range and was higher than the long-term average of 2.88 ppb. Long-term trend analysis indicates chlorophyll-a concentrations in McWain Pond are decreasing, total phosphorus concentrations are decreasing, and clarity readings are stable. The average color reading for 2020 was 16.63 SPU, indicating that water in McWain Pond is moderately colored. Suitable coldwater fish habitat was present through June. As water temperatures increased and deep water oxygen was consumed, coldwater fish habitat transitioned to marginal in July and became unsuitable in August through September.

2020 Water-testing summary

	Deep Water Phosphorus (average in ppb)	Water Color (SPU)	Clarity Trend	Phosphorus Trend	Chlorophyll-a Trend
Analysis Result	7.67	16.63	Stable	Decreasing	Decreasing
Interpretation	Within acceptable range	Water was moderately colored	Neither shallower nor deeper clarity readings over time	Less phosphorus in water over time	Less chlorophyll in water over time

McWain Pond surface water chlorophyll, phosphorus, and Secchi depth data summary. Colored boxes represent the long-term range of values, from minimum to maximum, obtained on McWain Pond. The line represents the long-term average value and the dot represents 2020's average value. The small red dots represent individual readings taken in 2020.

McWain Pond LEA Testing Results CONT.



McWain Pond Project

After a very successful volunteer-based survey of erosion sources within the Watershed, an implementation plan aimed at correcting the identified problems began. The project worked on numerous residential sites within the watershed and larger-scale conservation practices were also installed on Whiting Avenue, Camp McWain and Mill Hill Road.

Watershed Soils

2 percent of soils in the watershed are type A soils. Type A soils tend to be well drained sands, loams, and gravels. When vegetation is removed and the soil is exposed they can be susceptible to erosion. Because they are often coarse with ample pore space, there is low runoff potential and water will not usually pool on them. These soils can be good places to site leach fields or infiltrate stormwater from a home or residence.

3 percent of soils in the watershed are type B soils. B soils have moderate infiltration rates and fine to moderate texture and soil size. They are usually made up silts and loams. Although not as well drained as A soils, they can also be good places to site leach fields and infiltrate stormwater.

71 percent of soils in the watershed are type C soils. C soils have low infiltration rates and typically have a layer that impedes the movement of water. These soils are made of sands, clays, and loams and are one of the most common soil types in western Maine.

2 percent of soils in the watershed are type D soils. D soils have a high runoff potential and very low infiltration rates. Soils with a high water table, clay or other impervious layer near the surface are typically D soils. These soils are often associated with wetlands.

8 percent of soils in the watershed are type C/D soils. C/D soils are a mix of these two soil types. They have fairly high runoff potential and low infiltration rates and often pool water.

The remaining 15 percent of the watershed is taken up by the pond.