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# Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District

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## 2009 Summer/Fall Newsletter

### Annual Hancock County Lakes Survey Week for Invasive Aquatic Plants

**August 10-16, 2009**

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Join us for our 6th Annual Lakes Survey Week! Volunteers pick a public boat launch and/or hand-carried access point on a Hancock County lake of their choice to perform an aquatic plant survey. Training, survey forms, and most field equipment (including underwater view scopes) are provided and surveys take approximately 1 hour to complete. Early detection is crucial to protecting our lakes and ponds. Contact the District at 667-8663 or email: [megan.facciolo@me.nacdnet.net](mailto:megan.facciolo@me.nacdnet.net) if you would like to volunteer during this fun event.

**This important work cannot be  
accomplished without you!**

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### **Open Farm Day Sunday, July 26, 2009**

Visit a farm and see what farm life is all about! Over 100 farms throughout Maine will be open to the public. Watch farm activities and demonstrations from milking to felting, pet farm animals, pick berries, tour a barn, or go on a hayride. There will be farm-raised products for sale, displays to see, and samples to taste. For more information and a list of local farms who are participating, call (207) 287-3419 or go to: [www.getrealmaine.com/visit/open\\_farm\\_day.html](http://www.getrealmaine.com/visit/open_farm_day.html)



## **Support Your Local Farmers' Market This Summer!**

#### **Bar Harbor Green Market**

Reel Pizza Parking Lot, Bar Harbor  
Mid May- late October  
Wednesdays, 9am - 1pm

#### **Blue Hill Farmers' Market**

Blue Hill Fairgrounds, Blue Hill  
May 23- August 15  
Saturdays, 9am- 11:30am  
First Congregational Church  
August 22- mid October  
Saturdays, 9am - 11:30am  
Wednesdays, 3pm-5pm

#### **Brooksville Farmers' Market**

Community Center Parking Lot  
June 23- late September  
Tuesdays, 9am-11am



#### **Castine Farmers' Market**

Town Common  
June 4- late September  
Thursdays, 9am-12pm

#### **Eden Farmers' Market**

YMCA Parking Lot, Bar Harbor  
May 10- October 31  
Sundays, 9am - 12pm

#### **Ellsworth Farmers' Market**

245 East Main Street  
June 15- October 29  
Mon. & Thurs., 2:30pm - 5:30pm  
Hancock Oil Parking lot (by Maine  
Grind)  
Saturdays, 9:30am -12:30pm



#### **Northeast Harbor Farmers' Market**

Behind Kimball Terrace Inn  
June 25- August 27  
Thursdays, 9am - 12pm

#### **Stonington Farmers' Market**

Stonington Community Center  
May 25- September 25  
Fridays, 10am - 12pm

#### **Winter Harbor Farmers' Market**

Corner of Rt. 186 & Main Street  
June 23- September 8  
Tuesdays, 9am - 12pm



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The District Board of Supervisors meets on the third Wednesday of each month, from 8:00am – 9:30am. Meetings are open to the public and we encourage your participation! Please contact the District office to learn more.

If you would prefer to **receive our newsletter electronically** please call or send us an email.

**WHAT'S NEW WITH THE DISTRICT?**

We are now offering an **aerial photo service**. Utilizing satellite imagery, we can create color aerial photos of your property. This can also include an overlay of the soil types on your property. There is a \$10 fee for this service which includes two color copies. An appointment is needed by calling the District office at 667-8663 ext. 3.

We still have a few **compost bins** left for sale– but they are selling out fast! The compost bins are 80-gallon capacity recycled plastic, easy, snap together assembly, and come with a 31 page instruction booklet. Price: \$45 plus tax. Call the District office for more information.



The District has started administration of a “319” Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to help reduce nonpoint source pollution issues in the Green Lake watershed. **The Green Lake Watershed Improvement Project– Phase I** grant will help to fix erosion problems on roadways and at residences around the lake which will reduce NPS pollution by decreasing the amount of sediment and phosphorus entering the lake. This grant started in April of 2009 and will continue through the fall of 2010.



We are pleased to announce that **we received a grant from the Davis Conservation Foundation** for training volunteers in water quality monitoring and for purchasing a dissolved oxygen meter that will be lent out to trained volunteers. For more information, please see page 3.

The **FrontRunner grader rake** is available for use by people who have gone through the training workshop. The FrontRunner fits onto a plow mount and is excellent for correcting problems on gravel roads and driveways. There is a \$50/week rental fee for the grader. A training workshop will be held this summer by the Penobscot County SWCD. To sign up, please contact them at 990-3676.



All programs of the Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District and USDA are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or financial status. Persons who require alternative means of communication of program information should contact USDA's Target Center at (207) 720-2600. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326W Whitten Bldg. 14th and Independence Ave., SW, Washington D.C. 20250-9410, or call (292) 720-5964.

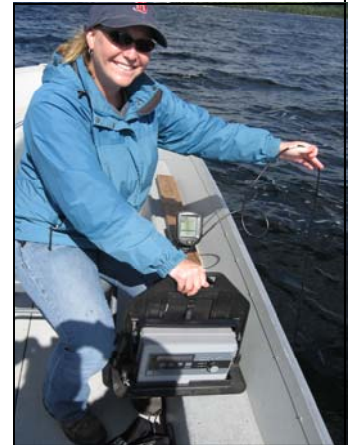
## Upcoming Programs & Workshops

**Open Farm Day– Sunday, July 26, 2009:** See page 1 for more information.

**Bacteria Monitoring– Tuesdays and Thursdays: June 23– July 16:** We are seeking volunteers to take water samples at local public beaches and other high traffic areas on lakes.

Taking samples is easy- basically filling a little jar with water. Volunteers will drop off samples twice a week for 4 weeks (if you are unable to take samples on all of the days, that's no problem, just let us know. However, the more samples we can test, the better data we will have and the more reliable the results.) Samples need to be dropped off at the District office by 2:00pm. If you are interested in being a bacteria monitor for your lake call the District office at 667-8663 or send an email to:

megan.facciolo@me.nacdnet.net This is a wonderful opportunity for our lakes, and we hope many people take advantage of it!



**Water Quality Monitoring Workshops– July 20 & 21, 2009:** These free workshops train volunteers on how to conduct two types of water quality monitoring:

- **Secchi disk**

**July 20 (rain date of July 29), 10:00am-4:00pm, Ellsworth City Hall & out on a local lake**

- **Dissolved oxygen monitoring**

**July 21 (rain date of July 30), 10:00am-4:00pm, Ellsworth City Hall & out on a local lake**

For more information on being a water quality monitor see the VLMP's website at: [www.mainevolunteerlakemonitors.org](http://www.mainevolunteerlakemonitors.org). Secchi monitors can be recertified annually online. DO monitors need to be recertified annually at a regional workshop. Getting this data is critical in understanding the health of our lakes. To register or if you are interested in learning more about these workshops, please call the District office at 667-8663. Registration is required for either workshop and there is limited space available.

**Introduction to Invasive Plant Patrol Workshop– Tuesday, July 28, 2009:** 2:00pm-7:30pm at Ellsworth City Hall. This free workshop provides an overview of aquatic invasive species



issues in Maine, plant identification fundamentals, a hands-on plant identification exercise with live plants, and information on how to conduct a screening survey. All workshop participants receive an "Invasive Plant Patroller's Handbook" and the "Maine Field Guide to Invasive Aquatic Plants". This is the workshop you need to take (or have taken) to volunteer during the Annual Hancock County Lakes Survey Week. Registration is required by contacting the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program at 783-7733 or register online at [www.mainevolunteerlakemonitors.org](http://www.mainevolunteerlakemonitors.org)

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## Hancock County Lakes Alliance (HCLA)

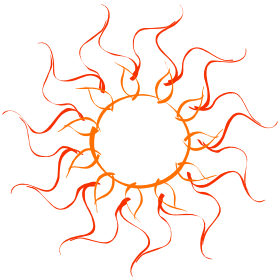
The HCLA is a "forum for individuals and representatives of lake associations to network and share information and resources for the protection of Hancock County Lakes".

Through meetings and email, the group receives information on lake related trainings and other information of interest. The group normally meets monthly throughout the summer and twice during the winter. New members are always welcome. For more information, or if you would like to be added to the email list, please contact the District office at 667-8663 or [megan.facciolo@me.nacdnet.net](mailto:megan.facciolo@me.nacdnet.net)



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fall planting!



**ORDERS  
DUE  
AUGUST  
7th**

Beautify your property and support  
conservation efforts in Hancock  
County by sending in your order today!