



The State of New Hampshire  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

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Town of Meredith  
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Interlakes School District, SAU #2  
Dr. Phillip McCormack, Superintendent of Schools  
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**RE: New Turf Management Program**

Dear Mr. Warren and Dr. McCormack:

On behalf of the Department of Environmental Services, I want to take this opportunity to thank you and to commend you for undertaking and implementing this new turf management program on town-owned and school district properties. It is my understanding that this program is a product of one of the 65 recommendations included in the *Management Plan for the Waukewan Watershed*, which was issued in 2005 and awarded the first DES Source Water Protection Award for its thoroughness, technical quality, and the participatory process by which it was developed. It is admirable and impressive that members of the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee are continuing their good work to implement the recommendations that the document contained. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the members of that committee that helped bring this turf management program to fruition. We also wish to compliment you and all of the businesses, organizations, and groups with whom you have partnered to make this program even more far-reaching and successful.

As you know, the purpose of many state regulations and programs is to reduce or eliminate the unnecessary input of nutrients into our surface waters. While we do our best to protect and maintain the quality of our surface waters, programs such as this - at a more "grass roots" level - are uniquely effective at removing the introduction of phosphorus to our waterbodies. New Hampshire's lakes and ponds are one of the state's greatest natural resources and a clean and clear Lake Winnepesaukee provides numerous recreational, aesthetic, and economic benefits to the greater Meredith community and the State. Your efforts to protect the water quality of the lake are a model which we will encourage other communities and organizations in both the public and private sectors, to follow.

Again, we congratulate you on this program and thank you for your environmental stewardship.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

cc: Bruce Bond, Chair, Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee  
Randy Eifert, Chair, Lawn Care Subcommittee

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