From Amy P. Smagula the Editor

Happy spring! As the wet, rainy, and muddy season hits most of us, it's a good time to check in on some watershed based projects aimed at slowing down and managing runoff headed for our surface waters. This issue of *LakeLine* includes articles from lake associations and other groups who have implemented an array of techniques in their watersheds to keep their lakes and ponds healthy.

Karen Ogden and **Logan Freed**, with Bucks County Conservation District in Pennsylvania, lay out the problems and limitations with having turf as a primary (and very popular) landscape feature. They provide an overview of alternative landscaping options, from trees to native plants and shrubs, and rain gardens or meadows, and provide useful recommendations and sources of information and guidance to kick off projects like this.

Benjamin Rhoades shares an article about protecting shoreline areas in Virginia from erosion issues by using coir logs, or "biologs" as they are termed locally. His work is with Reston Association, which serves a large community (22,000 member households, including 1400 lakefront across four lakes) in Reston, VA. Ben shares information on efforts within the community, including programs to mitigate impacts on the aquatic resources, particularly from the shoreline community. Installation of these biologs involves contractors, shoreline residents and even kids involved in such programs as Boy Scouts and others.

LakeLine encourages letters to the editor. Do you have a lake-related question? Or, have you read something in *LakeLine* that stimulates your interest? We'd love to hear from you via e-mail, telephone, or postal letter.

The next article is from recent watershed and lake rehabilitation work in New Hampshire. **Kevin Kelly**, **Christine Wallace**, and **Lisa Hutchinson** detail the efforts of the Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association to reduce watershed based sources of runoff and nutrient loading, to ensure that the in-lake phosphorus inactivation project with aluminum can be sustained for years to come. Many watershed implementation projects are highlighted (and nutrient load reductions quantified), all of which are led and installed by shoreline and watershed residents. Their workgroup, "Boots on the Ground," is aptly named!

In New York, local residents and partners have been focusing stream and watershed stabilization projects to minimize impacts to downstream Skaneateles Lake, which is a drinking water supply for the City of Syracuse, New York. The tributary has had elevated nutrients and sediments that partners sought to remediate. **Frank Moses**, **Sistina Honold**, and **Monica Caves** share the efforts that have been taking place in this watershed, including stormwater interception efforts, stream stabilization, sediment capture, floodplain expansion and native plant installations.

Steve Lundt, NALMS Lakespert, shares his work with sourcing and distributing rain barrels in communities across Colorado, where water is limited, and every drop captured can be wisely reused, rather than running overland unchecked. Steve shares a great partnership with a well-known company, as well as some legal changes that were needed to make water capture on private properties a legal activity.

NALMS President, **Victoria Chraibi**, provides a President's update. We also include a Call for Abstracts for NALMS 2025 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, the 2025 NALMS Photo Contest announcement, and other updates and information.

Enjoy this issue, and please reach out with ideas for future articles or themed topics for *LakeLine*!

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