Long Pond Watershed Restoration Project Phase V
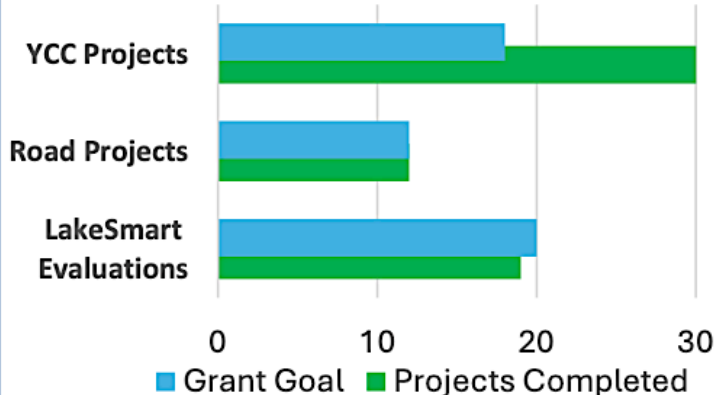
January 2023 – December 2024

Long Pond was classified as an impaired lake in 2008, due to 50 years of declining water quality. Since then, 7 Lakes Alliance and community partners have been working to raise awareness and protect lake health.

With **$112,550** in federal funding from Clean Water Act (Section 319), we were able to successfully complete another phase of watershed restoration work.

Newly installed infiltration steps, October 2024

Work Completed

- YCC Projects
- Road Projects
- LakeSmart Evaluations

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■ Grant Goal   ■ Projects Completed

Pollutant Load Reduction:

- ➢ **Sediment: 101 tons/yr**
- ➢ **Phosphorus: 54 pounds/yr**
- ➢ **Nitrogen: 141 pounds/yr**

271 Feet of Shoreline Protected

The grant helped fund Education and Outreach efforts, such as newsletters, LakeSmart (a volunteer program to promote responsible lakeside living), and 2 Gravel Road Workshops. The workshops taught best practices for building and caring for gravel roads. In addition to presentations, workshops also had a field trip to problem road sites on Long Pond.

Retired State Soil Scientist, Dave Rocque, leads field trip to learn about road erosion on Long Pond, July 2023

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

This phase included 12 gravel road and driveway improvement projects, totaling **$235,845** in grant and local funds to improve watershed infrastructure.

Of the 19 LakeSmart evaluations completed in 2023 & 2024, 11 properties were granted LakeSmart Awards!

Local contractors install 2 FIVE FOOT culverts at the Cottle Hill Stream crossing by Locks Corner

The Youth Conservation Corps installed 57 Best Management Practices on 30 projects around Long Pond, going above and beyond their goal of 18 projects