

LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION



TOWN OF FITZWILLIAM & LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION

- Every current and prospective property owner on Laurel Lake should be familiar with the Town of Fitzwilliam land use ordinances, the Conditional Use Permit application process, and Wetlands Protection Overlay District (WPOD) guidelines related to work around wetlands and sensitive natural resources, especially within 75' of the lake shoreline.
- The Town of Fitzwilliam Conservation Commission was established in 1972 and meets with residents who are looking for guidance on how to improve or mitigate any deficiencies in protecting natural resources, especially situations that affect wetlands, water bodies or natural communities of the town (source: [Town of Fitzwilliam website](#)).
- The Laurel Lake Association offers several environmental stewardship volunteer opportunities such as the Aquatic Invasive Species (weed watchers), lake host, and VLAP water quality assessment programs. Volunteers are always needed for these important water quality initiatives.

The Town of Fitzwilliam maintains and enforces regulations and zoning ordinances pertaining to wetlands, including Laurel Lake, within its boundaries. These regulations are the responsibility of various town governing bodies including the Select Board, Land Use Department, Planning Board, and Conservation Commission. The town's wetlands ordinance protects property use and development activity occurring within a 75' setback from the Laurel Lake shoreline. It's important for Laurel Lake homeowners to be familiar with these ordinances and regulations before engaging in any property improvement projects and/or construction along their shoreline.

The Laurel Lake Association (LLA) is a volunteer organization whose charge is to promote a closer relationship among lake users, and to foster any movement, initiative, or improvement of Laurel Lake for the mutual benefit of its members, the lake community, and the general public as it relates to preserving the quality of life on and around the lake for present and future generations (source: [LLA website](#)). The LLA coordinates several water quality and environmental caretaking initiatives including its Aquatic Invasive Species (weed watchers), lake host, and VLAP water quality assessment programs. Volunteers are always needed for these important water quality programs. Additionally, the LLA is currently working with the Town of Fitzwilliam and NH DES on a watershed study, and it recently partnered with the town on improvements to Howeville Road and the public boat ramp. Helpful Town of Fitzwilliam and Laurel Lake Association links are listed below.

Important Resource Links: Town of Fitzwilliam and Laurel Lake Association

Town of Fitzwilliam - <https://fitzwilliam-nh.gov/>

Fitzwilliam Planning Board - <https://fitzwilliam-nh.gov/planning-board>

Fitzwilliam Conservation Commission - <https://fitzwilliam-nh.gov/conservation-commission>

Fitzwilliam Wetlands Overlay District - https://fitzwilliam-nh.gov/vertical/sites/%7B5152AF08-0D8E-4832-8682-9F3DC8413E4B%7D/uploads/Chapter_127-16.1_WPOD_2022.pdf

Fitzwilliam Wetlands Map - https://fitzwilliam-nh.gov/vertical/sites/%7B5152AF08-0D8E-4832-8682-9F3DC8413E4B%7D/uploads/Fitzwilliam_Wetlands_Map.pdf

Laurel Lake Association - <https://www.laurellakeassn.com/>

LLA Website Resources & Links - <https://www.laurellakeassn.com/resources-links-1>

LLA Water Quality & Wildlife - <https://www.laurellakeassn.com/water-quality-environment>