



Rescue *our* Lakes Campaign

The Rescue *our* Lakes campaign goal is \$50,000, which is approximately half the estimated project cost. We are accessing the Lake Restoration Fund for the remainder. We are relying on you, as lake community members, to help us reach our goal. Please refer to the giving chart below as a guide in considering a gift.

\$2,500 +	5 donors
\$1,000 - \$2,499	8 donors
\$500 - \$999	15 donors
\$250 - \$499	20 donors
\$1 - \$249	many



Lake Rescue Association, Inc.

The LRA is an environmental and ecological 501c3 non-profit foundation dedicated to the preservation of waters in the lakes district. Our activities are intended to build a stronger lakes district community and protect the watersheds of Lakes Pauline and Rescue. Begun in 1933, the LRA has for nearly 80 years promoted water safety, environmental education, improved water quality, and resolution of pertinent lake matters. We invite you to join the LRA and support its activities.

Relying solely on minimal annual member contributions, LRA has never launched a dedicated fundraising campaign until now.

The LRA needs your help, as it faces its greatest challenge to date.

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2012 Campaign

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The *Rescue our Lakes* project will:

- Address the current hazardous boating conditions and restore original navigability in Lake Rescue by removing up to 1,200+/- cubic yards of newly deposited sediment through a 1-3 week dredging operation in the fall 2012
- Replenish the Lake Restoration Fund, used for annual lake monitoring activities, matching grant opportunities, and unanticipated expenses, such as those posed by Irene, future storm damage, etc.
- Continue monitoring of lake conditions, water quality, presence of milfoil and other invasive plants, and new sediment buildup over time
- Continue proactive collaborations with state and other agencies to identify and plan for containment of upstream sources of sediment that impact our lakes



On August 28, 2011, with little fanfare . . .

. . . Tropical Storm Irene arrived in Ludlow to an unsuspecting community, ravaging homes, roads, bridges, businesses, farms, and surrounding waterways, and leaving human and environmental scars that will take years - decades - to repair. This one event has changed our region and our lakes in ways unprecedented in recent memory.

You will notice that much has been repaired, thanks to immediate proactive efforts, and an indomitable Vermont spirit. Ludlow and our lakes are re-capturing their beauty. But look closely – the waterways remain severely damaged, leaving fragile tributaries with loose, gravelly banks that continue to deposit sediment downstream. The lakes are healing and are healthy for recreation, but getting them back to normal requires our help.

The Lake Rescue Association, Inc., has made a singular effort to identify and quantify the impact on Lakes Rescue and Pauline, and develop remediation strategies. *There is no other agency or formal effort focused on addressing the specific issues facing our lakes.* LRA board members have devoted countless hours over the past 9 months engaging engineers, hydrologists, geologists, chemists, environmental scientists, and state agents in evaluating impact and developing an initial remediation plan that involves dredging dangerous levels of newly-deposited sediment between the Black River entry point into Round Pond and the fishing access public boat landing. Please visit our website for more information: www.lakerescue.org

The lakes bring us immeasurable joy, beauty, and serenity. They belong to all of us. They need our help.

