



~ *Saturday Pond Watershed Association* ~
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Dear Saturday Pond Watershed Landowner:

The Saturday Pond Watershed Association is coordinating a survey of the Saturday Pond Watershed on Saturday, April 26, 2008. The purpose of the survey is to locate erosion sites and possible sources of sediment contamination that may be having an impact on the lake's water quality.

A lake watershed is the area of land surrounding a lake that slopes towards the water body where rain and runoff will drain into the lake. Activities in the watershed that take place a long distance from the lake can have as much impact on water quality as those that occur along the shoreline area. Saturday Pond's watershed covers about 1.3 square miles in the Town of Otisfield.

Locally-led watershed surveys such as this have been used successfully throughout Maine to document threats to water quality. The information we gather will be used to give us a better handle on the problems facing the lake, help us work together to address these problems, and enable us to apply for grant funds that can be used to fix priority problems. Landowner participation is purely voluntary.

We will conduct our fieldwork for the Saturday Pond survey in late April thru June 2008. The survey will be conducted by volunteers from the watershed and assisted by representatives from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). We would like to include your land in this survey, but we will respect your property lines if you do not wish to participate. Please contact Carl Anderson from the Saturday Pond Watershed Association Board of Trustees, if you do not want us to cross your land, if you would like to volunteer, if you would like to learn more about the Saturday Pond Watershed Association or for any other questions.

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Sincerely,

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