

United States Senate

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Squam Lakes Association
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Dear Friends,

Please accept my best wishes as you gather to celebrate 25 years of the Squam Lakes Watershed Plan and look forward to incorporating new ideas that will sustain this prized resource for years to come.

Twenty-five years ago, you came together – leaders from the public and private sectors, scientists, small business owners and concerned residents – to forge a consensus on how best to conserve the unique charm of Squam Lake. Everyone here tonight understands that the value of Squam Lake extends far beyond its natural beauty. Its watershed impacts public health, helps drive the local economy and provides a venue where students of all ages can study and experience the complex world around us. As you gather this evening for your 25th anniversary, you can be very proud of all you've accomplished.

As new environmental challenges arise and our understanding of science evolves, so too must we renew our approach to preserving this resource for all to enjoy for generations to come. Thank you to the Squam Lakes Association for spearheading the effort to update the watershed management plan for Squam Lake. Your work to involve all members in the community strengthens a partnership that produced a model management plan in 1991 for watersheds across the Granite State.

You all have come a long, long way in the last 25 years, and you have many successes to celebrate. I wish you continued success in your *next* 25 years. And I look forward to pitching in whenever I can be helpful.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator