

SHARON,

a better place to live because it's naturally beautiful.

- Lake Massapoag is one of Sharon's most valuable natural resources
- During rainstorms, harmful bacteria and excess nutrients are washed into the lake which affects the water quality
- Our lake is being threatened by the presence of *E. coli* and cyanobacteria (blue-green algae)
- Community Center Beach will be closed for swimming in 2023 due to consistently elevated *E. coli* levels

Ways you can help make a difference:

- Take care of your septic system
- Build a rain garden or maintain a water efficient lawn
- Use phosphorus-free fertilizer on your lawn
- Wash your car at a carwash
- Pick up your pet's waste and put it in the trash
- Do not feed ducks and geese at the lake

Would you rather swim in this...



...Or this?