

Re: Fall 2023 Fecal testing

From: Cole Hickland [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 at 03:45 PM EST


Rolf

I forwarded two emails that I think answer your questions about last year's testing and positive test result. I am not aware of any discussion on testing for 2024 but I am happy to test again this summer if we want to go that route. I would test between memorial day when people are up and camps are in use and the summer meeting to verify that the lake is safe for swimming etc. I think the testing has traditionally been done in the fall and so we did a second test in the fall last year. At that point it seems late to check for swimming safety, I believe it started as an end of season septic test. I can do that as well if we want to continue or we could simply switch to spring testing. The test kits come in 4 sample and 6 sample kits. Last year I did 3 in the spring and 4 in the fall and used the other vial from two 4 sample kits for our positive test in Salem. I will copy the options I would suggest below. We could get two 4 pack units and do 4 spring and 4 fall tests or one 6 pack kit and do 3 spring and fall tests. Either is fine with me. Dave went with me to test in the spring so we had a tester and observer. It was pretty easy and I didn't see a need for a second person so I did the fall test alone. I am happy to take care of it this year but would also welcome anyone interested in going along.

I think we should also think about additional testing for Ammonia and Phosphates. We had some wild swings on ammonia levels and our CSLAP assessment lists both ammonia and phosphates as pollutants in the past. Is it possible there is fertilizer being washed into the lake? Jack and I can bring this up with the milfoil committee as they develop a lake management plan since both would encourage milfoil growth.

Test options, let me know your thoughts

Results



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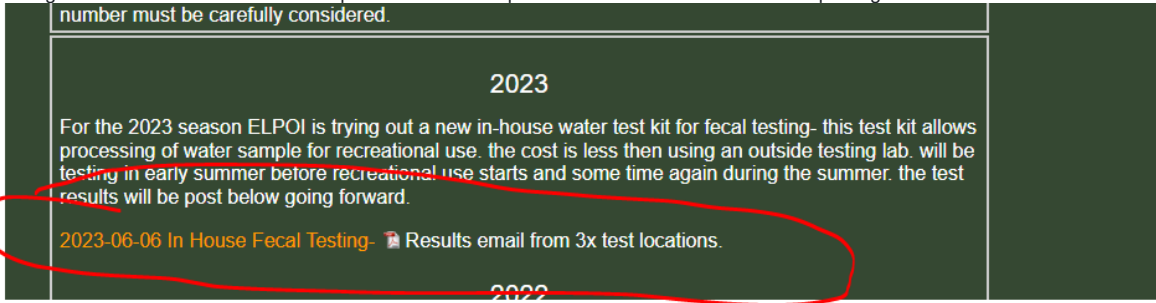
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On Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 2:48 PM rolf tiedemann <[REDACTED]> wrote:

looking over some notes for water testing as I ask Michael to Post the 2024 CSLAP application.

Based on what I see, we paid for a 2nd fecal test kit to Cole on 9/2/2023 . Were any tests collected and were the results shared? I do not have any notes in my email for receipt of these results and no notes asking Michael to post.

See image for the results we have based upon the first test kit purchased in June for the 6-6-2023 posting number must be carefully considered.



If memory serves correct I believe Cole did a "fecal rich" sample that did result in a positive test. It would be helpful to document that these kits do have the ability to show from a know contaminated source that they detect as advertised fecal mater as related to recreational waters. Again if others agree, this can be written and sent to Michael for posting.

Are there plans to test in Spring of 2024? If yes I will ask Michael to make a place holder(S) while he is work on the web site

Please advise and or send test result to Michael for posting.

Rolf