



City of Framingham
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:
2024 Cyanobacteria Management Statement



The Conservation Commission is tasked with overseeing treatment of a number of waterbodies within the City for the purpose of restoring and managing aquatic ecological health. Waushakum Pond suffers disproportionately from eutrophication which frequently manifests as Harmful Algal Blooms. The Commission will conduct water quality testing to inform calculated and targeted herbicide/algaecide applications on the grounds that if performed properly, treatments will protect interests of the Wetlands Protection Act. Decisions regarding matters of recreation, public health, and stormwater management should be made by appropriate City departments. The Commission will continue to support short- and long-term projects and efforts that mitigate the root cause of eutrophication.

The Commission agrees to make strategic, data-based decisions about suppressing eutrophication in the interest of preventing ecological degradation and ensuring that herbicide applications can occur without delay. The Commission will continue to adapt to environmental changes and pursue long-term solutions to protect and restore these waterbodies.