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Effects on Loon Population

My concern with this project is increasing the size of all aspects. There is already pressure from people and existing development. There is need for a much-reduced footprint at Holland Lake, relative to this plan.

Loons are a very sensitive species and the effort to stabilize and increase nesting pairs, nesting successfully, depends on shoreline activities of humans. They require undisturbed nesting areas without excessive pressures from shoreline development. Such pressure includes that from recreational areas, watercraft use, Spring fishing activities and the effects of human development on many aspects of the water.

Water level fluctuations and pollution have a negative influence. All types of boats and other water conveyances can disturb nesting and discourage diving birds while seeking food. Lures, flies and fishing line can cause significant damage. Even the increased traffic on the highway, roadbuilding from the highway to the lake and countless additional building and development actions will have a negative effect on the air, the water, noise levels and more.