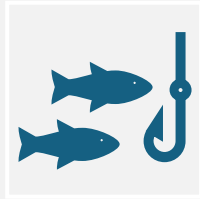


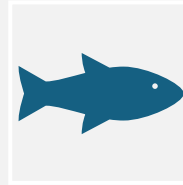
2024 Fish Stocking



Why is stocking necessary?



Part of an overall lake management strategy, fish are not only nice to have in the lake but are essential in keeping the lake healthy and balanced.



Recommended by biologist John Odenkirk from the VA Department of Wildlife Resources & results from a Fish Survey conducted in May 2022.



Golden Shiner Minnows will serve as supplemental forage for the Lake's food chain. Stocking in early spring offers better survival opportunities.

Approximately 150,000 Minnows Distributed



Golden Shiner Minnow:

- A Bait Fish that tolerates a wide range of temperatures, has a high reproductive capacity, grows quickly, and consumes plankton, insects, and algae.
- Serves as a “feeder” fish for larger prey.
- Allows fishing to continue around the lake.

Distributing the fish in the spring, once the water temperature begins to rise, provides the fish with a better chance of survival.

Fish stocking Process



- 1) Tanker truck arrives at West Beach
- 2) Volunteers from the Lake Management Committee (LMC) and throughout the community arrive with coolers and 5-gallon buckets.
- 3) Volunteers load the buckets onto various boats (and kayaks) to distribute the fish throughout the lake in assigned areas.

Lake Montclair Fish Stocking 2024



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