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**Cyanobacteria Observations Report: Great Hill Pond, week of 8/21/2026**

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GHP Cyanobacteria Visual Monitoring Data Sheet 20260821.pdf;

Please see the attached observation report:

Visual observations for Cyanobacteria were taken at three locations along the shore of Great Hill Pond this morning (images and reports attached). Water conditions this morning were largely clear. However, a regional bloom of cyanobacteria reported by residents along the southern shore earlier this week was verified by Chatham Health District.

It is common for blooms of Cyanobacteria to be highly visible by accumulating on the surface in mats, films, or scums; less visible by becoming distributed broadly throughout the water column and giving the water a green, pea soup appearance; or largely disappear from view by submerging into deeper water. The highest health risk occurs when thick mats, films, or scums appear on the surface and accumulate near the shore where people are most likely to come into contact with them.

Conditions remain favorable for such surface accumulations to reappear, therefore:

**Chatham Health District has posted signs at several public access points, warning residents to avoid contact with dense surface accumulations or water that appears green as described above.**

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