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Hello,

I found your website through the Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax's website while looking up information on Russell lake. I recently moved into the Russell lake area and I didn't realize that I even lived near a lake until I decided to go exploring down a path into the woods. What I thought I found was the most wonderful lake to swim in. I've been swimming in the lake all summer, down the end of the lake past the new apartments being built. I heard from many people that the old farm across the lake was a pig farm and they dumped a lot of toxic waste in the lake including dead pigs and their waste. I saw some old reports and news clippings on the lake site about how the lake was very dirty. Is this still true? I rarely ever see anyone swim in the lake, even the people who live on the lake don't seem to use it. I noticed while walking through the woods surrounding Russell lake that they seem so pristine and unpolluted. I wonder how the lake could be so much dirtier than a larger lake with a heavier population around it such as MicMac or Bel lake.

Would it be safe for me to swim in this lake? Do you think it's a wise idea?

Thank you for taking time to read my e-mail and I look forward to your reply.

-Jessica

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