

**State of Maine
Master Score Sheet**

RFA# 202303053						
Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation						
Bidder Name:		30 Mile River Watershed Association	Portland Water District	Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District	Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance dba 7 Lakes Alliance	
Proposed Cost:		\$149,730	\$156,369.18	\$100,068.00	\$124,270	
Scoring Sections	Points Available	(Androscoggin Lake)	(Sebago Lake)	(China Lake)	(Great Pond)	
Section I: Applicant Qualifications Experience	10	9	10	7	7	
Section II: Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8	10	9	8	
Section III: Water Quality Problem	10	9	6	10	9	
Section IV: Nature Extent Severity NPS Prob.	10	10	8	9	9	
Section V: Feasibility of Success	25	20	20	18	17	
Section VI: Cost Effectiveness	25	19	22	20	22	
Section VII: Comprehensive Plan	5	4.4	0.09	4.4	4.6	
Section VIII: Disadvantaged Community	5	0	1.7	0.12	0.41	
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>79.4</u>	<u>77.79</u>	<u>77.52</u>	<u>77.01</u>	

Bidder Name:		Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District	Boothbay Region Water District	Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance dba 7 Lakes Alliance	Southern Aroostook Soil & Water Conservation District
Proposed Cost:		\$94,682.00	\$149,795.00	\$112,410.00	\$34,448.00
Scoring Sections	Points Available	(Lake Pennesseewassee)	(Adams-Knickerbocker)	(North Pond)	(Meduxnekeag River)
Section I: Applicant Qualifications Experience	10	9	9	7	8
Section II: Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8	8	6	7
Section III: Water Quality Problem	10	5	5	9	8
Section IV: Nature Extent Severity NPS Prob.	10	7	9	8	7
Section V: Feasibility of Success	25	22	19	18	18
Section VI: Cost Effectiveness	25	20	19	23	20
Section VII: Comprehensive Plan	5	0	5	0.68	0
Section VIII: Disadvantaged Community	5	4	0	1.8	5
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>73.48</u>	<u>73</u>

Bidder Name:		Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District	Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance dba 7 Lakes Alliance	Lucern in Maine Village Corporation	Cobboosee Watershed District
Proposed Cost:		\$92,250.00	\$98,650.00	\$105,107.00	\$109,629.00
Scoring Sections	Points Available	(Togus Pond)	(McGrath-Salmon)	(Phillips Lake)	(Cobboosee Lake)
Section I: Applicant Qualifications Experience	10	7	7	5	9
Section II: Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7	7	4	7
Section III: Water Quality Problem	10	9	6	5	5
Section IV: Nature Extent Severity NPS Prob.	10	9	6	5	4
Section V: Feasibility of Success	25	16	13	21	12
Section VI: Cost Effectiveness	25	17	20	20	13
Section VII: Comprehensive Plan	5	0	5	0.13	2.9
Section VIII: Disadvantaged Community	5	0	0	0.13	0
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>60.26</u>	<u>52.9</u>

Award Justification Statement
RFP# 202303053 Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects
Watershed-based Plan Implementation

I. Summary

The aforementioned RFA sought applications for projects to help communities implement Watershed-based Plans (WBP) to either restore nonpoint source (NPS) impaired water bodies or to protect water bodies threatened by NPS pollution. A watershed-based plan accepted by the Department is a prerequisite to be eligible to apply for CWA Section 319 funds to help implement the plan.

Twelve applications were received and reviewed. Based on the applications, amount of funding requested, and available funding, the team recommended funding nine applications. Applications were shared with the funding agency, US EPA, and they supported DEP's findings and recommendation to fund all three projects.

II. Evaluation Process

The Evaluation Team (ET) for this RFA included the following people: Alex Wong (NPS Program Coordinator, DEP), Greg Beane (DEP), Addie Halligan (DEP), Alaina Chormann (DEP) and Kirsten Thompson (DEP).

Alex Wong, Greg Beane, and Addie Halligan have participated in previous grant reviews and all are familiar with the State's process, and this was the first review for Alaina Chormann and Kirsten Thompson. Maine DEP staff participating on the evaluation team have extensive experience with these types of projects, including the typical costs and scope of work.

Coordination and orientation of the ET was conducted via email. ET members conducted independent reviews of 12 applications and took notes on the applications received. Comprehensive Plan Consistency information was provided by Tom Miragliuolo, from the Maine Planning Assistance Program, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, and the scores calculated by Alex Wong. Disadvantaged Community information was obtained using the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST, Council on Environmental Quality), and scores calculated by Alex Wong. The group met concurrently in-person and via MS Teams on 6/14/23 and 6/15/23 to score the proposals using a consensus decision-making process. Alex Wong served as the RFP Coordinator/Lead Evaluator and took notes on the team consensus evaluation.

III. Qualifications & Experience

Applications that scored highest on the Qualifications and Experience criteria had staff with recent and extensive experience with similar NPS grants projects. They also had

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organizational capacity and/or well-rounded teams that would allow for project success even in the event of staff turnover.

IV. Proposed Services

Each application included a series of tasks designed to help develop the associated watershed-based plan. Some of the factors that reflect differences in scoring are listed below. Projects that scored higher tended to demonstrate:

- the importance and uses of the water body to local residents, the larger public and wildlife;
- an informed understanding of the water quality problem;
- a significant portion of the project is directed to install Best Management Practices that are described clearly, cost-effective and target important NPS sources in the watershed;
- project is part of a long-term effort that will make a significant impact on water quality and/or implementing the watershed-based plan;
- an informed understanding of the additional monitoring needed to answer remaining water quality questions and identify NPS sources;
- strong local support and a well-rounded team of partners participating in the project; and
- consistent comprehensive plans in watershed towns.
- a larger percentage of disadvantaged communities within the watershed.

V. Cost Proposal

The grant amounts requested, local match amount and total project costs for the 9 highest scoring applications are listed below.

Project	Applicant	Grant Funds	Match Funds	Total Budget
Androscoggin Lake	30 Mile River Watershed Alliance	\$149,730	\$101,273	\$251,003
Sebago Lake	Portland Water District	\$156,369	\$158,804	\$315,173
China Lake	Kennebec Co. Soil & Water Conservation District	\$100,068	\$85,924	\$185,992
Great Pond	7 Lakes Alliance	\$124,270	\$165,850	\$290,120
Lake Pennesseewassee	Oxford Co. Soil & Water Conservation District	\$94,682	\$67,830	\$162,512
Adams Pond-Knickerbocker Lake	Boothbay Region Water District	\$149,795	\$142,980	\$292,775
North Pond	7 Lakes Alliance	\$112,410	\$114,350	\$226,760

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Meduxnekeag River	Southern Aroostook Soil & Water Conservation District	\$34,448	\$23,296	\$57,744
Togus Pond	Kennebec Co. Soil & Water Conservation District	\$92,250	\$71,899	\$164,149

VI. Conclusion

The 9 applications selected support the DEP's Nonpoint Source program and will benefit Maine waterbodies.



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Charlie Baeder
Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance
Db a 7 Lakes Alliance
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August 11, 2023

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202303053, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

Dear Charlie Baeder:

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Whitney Baker
30 Mile River Watershed Association
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August 11, 2023

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202303053, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

Dear Whitney Baker:

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Alex Wong
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Sue Mello
Boothbay Region Water District
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Boothbay, ME 04537

August 11, 2023

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202303053, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

Dear Sue Mello:

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Bill Monagle
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Dear Bill Monagle:

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August 11, 2023

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202303053, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

Dear Michele Windsor:

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Portland, ME 04104-3553

August 11, 2023

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202303053, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

Dear Amanda Pratt:

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Angela Wotton
Southern Aroostook Soil & Water Conservation District
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Houlton, ME 04730

August 11, 2023

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202303053, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

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RFP TITLE: Nonpoint Source Grant for Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER: 30 Mile River Watershed Association – Androscoggin Lake

DATE: 6/14/23 and 6/15/23

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Greg Beane, Addie Halligan, Alaina Chormann, Kirsten Thompson, Alex Wong

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
• Match at least 40%	X	
• Eligible Recipient	X	
• NPS Priority Watershed	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	9
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	9
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	10
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	20
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	19
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	4.4
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	100	79.4

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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

30MRWA has a good project history, Whitney is strong. ALIC has been active for a long time, and have a LakeSmart program. Missing qualifications for NMP writer.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Relative Value of Waterbody**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

There is lots of public access, lots of rec opportunities, lots of rare/plant communities, high quality wetland complex, inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat, lots of commercial benefits, as well as sandy beaches. But, it's surrounded by other lakes, which may dilute it's regional importance a little. Inclusion of bird data was nice to show value.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Has good understanding, there is a good data set that includes P loading. Lake is threatened only, though has bloomed. Inclusion of Dead River influence was good, but neglected to talk about anoxic conditions.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

Very well developed shoreline with lots of roads. Recent watershed survey with good breakdown of priority and types of NPS issues. Load analysis is from early 2000's, unsure if that's still valid. Overall, was the best presentations for this section of all the applications.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

Diverse participation of land owners and partners, working on high priority sites, good stakeholder groups, Leeds providing good cash match. E&O component is good. Task 5 could have used more detail for town road work.

Task 7 is not eligible – needs to be refocused on implementation.

Local community seems to be energized, and there is good amount of support b/c of recent algal blooms, can see people wanting to get lakesmart evals done.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	19

Evaluation Team Comments:

Good percentage going to construction.

Task 7 is not eligible, no on the ground work, no match.

E&O is good match. Leeds providing construction match, which is good.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	4.4

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{54038599.93 \textit{ sq. m.}}{60867529.93 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 4.4$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	0

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed indentified as "Disadvantaged"}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{0 \textit{ sq. m.}}{60867529.93 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 0$$

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BIDDER: PWD - Sebago

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SUMMARY PAGE

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Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Greg Beane, Addie Halligan, Alaina Chormann, Kirsten Thompson, Alex Wong

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Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	10
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	10
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	6
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	8
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	20
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	22
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0.09
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	1.7
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>77.79</u>

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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

Good management team, CCSWCD is strong, PWD is strong.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Relative Value of Waterbody**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

Sebago lake has high state wide value. Is a public water supply, has high economic impact.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	6

Evaluation Team Comments:

Needs more specific data substantiation, very good water quality. Score is relative to other protection lakes

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem	10	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Impossible to do a complete watershed survey, but they have a good handle on development. Scale of actions is small compared to volume of the lake, and the scale of issues in the entire watershed. Seems like they understand the problems, but can't do much about it because the problem is so big. Demonstrated they understood to the issue to the extent that they could define it.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

They are ticking off high priority sites and medium sites, acknowledge the fact that one more phase is needed. Lots of good stakeholders, and they have good existing EO programs. The EO task have the best impact for the future.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	22

Evaluation Team Comments:

High match percentage, good cost effectiveness.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0.09

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{10630181.55 \textit{ sq. m.}}{581888723.2 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 0.09$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	1.7

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed indentified as "Disadvantaged"}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{197897017 \textit{ sq.m.}}{581888723.2 \textit{ sq.m.}} \times 5 = 1.7$$

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BIDDER: KCSWCD - China

DATE: 6/14/23 and 6/15/23

SUMMARY PAGE

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Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

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Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	7
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	9
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	10
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	9
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	18
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	4.4
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0.12
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>77.52</u>

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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

KWD has a good history, but Dale wants to retire. Unclear what that succession will be.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Relative Value of Waterbody**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

China Lake is a public water supply lake, lots of access, lots of habitat, alewife return. Recreational hub for region.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

There is a large data set showing trends. Annual anoxia, internal loading an issue. Lake is impaired, blooming with a decreasing clarity trend. Shows good understanding of the problem.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Application has a good handle on development; did a road survey too. WBMP done completed earlier this year, included P loading calculations. Just did WBMP, so they have a good handle on loads, and where they're coming from.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	18

Evaluation Team Comments:

There is a Lakesmart program and a YCC in place. Partners include the Water District and 2 lake associations. The plan focuses on external loading, which are part of the solution, but not enough alone to restore the lake. All accounts point to the need for an alum treatment, which is not a part of this application. Reducing external loads can only help the internal treatment.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

High percentage going to construction, good match % and mix, targeting highest priority sites.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	4.4

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{73883906.1 \textit{ sq. m.}}{83558557.43 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 4.4$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	0.12

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\text{Area of the watershed indentified as "Disadvantaged"}}{\text{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{2000060.781 \text{ sq. m.}}{83558557.43 \text{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 0.12$$

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• Match at least 40%	X	
• Eligible Recipient	X	
• NPS Priority Watershed	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	7
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	9
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	9
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	17
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	22
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	4.6
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0.41
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>77.01</u>

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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

Concern over number of active projects – 1 closes this year, 2 close in 2024, and another 2 close in 2025 – and project managers. They are actively searching for another project manager, but haven't found one yet. Other than that, 7LA as an organization has a lot of experience and always gotten work done, but reporting has sometimes been late even when fully staffed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Relative Value of Waterbody**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Comparing Great Pond to the other 6 in the chain of 7 lakes, it has more tax value in shorefront property than others. There is also a Boy Scout camp on the lake. Not an outstanding lake for importance, but important locally.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Impaired lake with low DO and blooming. Worse off than McGrath-Salmon. Should score high.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Lots of good recent work – watershed survey, P-load analysis. They have a good handle on what’s going on internally and externally.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	17

Evaluation Team Comments:

There is municipal support from Belgrade and Rome, but unclear if this work is enough to obtain class. There is a good mix of sites, but numbers are high – unclear if all the work can be completed, i.e. there are 17 private sites, but commitments are not confirmed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	22

Evaluation Team Comments:

Lots of cash match from towns and landowners, but not much in-kind. Highest match coming from private road work, which are uncommitted. Unclear if match is reliable. Unclear if Crane Lane South and Pinkhams Cove were completed in previous phases – need clarification; Dallas site maintenance activities are not allowed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	4.6

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{106897538 \textit{ sq. m.}}{116424860 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 4.6$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	0.41

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed indentified as "Disadvantaged"}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{9532388.585 \textit{ sq. m.}}{116424860.1 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 0.41$$

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• NPS Priority Watershed	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	9
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	5
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	7
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	22
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	4
<u>Total Points</u>	100	75

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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Consultant quals are not included, but LAON and OCSWCD is a good team. Have a very good track record. Performed exceptionally last grant round. No talk about possible Michele's retirement.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Relative Value of Waterbody**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Should rate similar to Androscoggin - Lots of good access, habitat value and economic value.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Poor description of water quality problems in this section - lacks details or discussion of long term vs short term trends, uses vague language (“in recent years”)

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

Recent survey, lots of sites to work off of, could have had more discussion of septic.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	22

Evaluation Team Comments:

Town and private roads sites have been discussed with owners, feel confident that they're going to happen. Demonstration for living shoreline and buffer tools is good.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

Group discussion – lower match (42%) but good mix. Last grant was able to complete more sites than proposed while other grantees ran out of money and had to do less.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{0 \textit{ sq. m.}}{50616674.88 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 0$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	4

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed indentified as "Disadvantaged"}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{40589880.71 \textit{ sq.m.}}{50616674.88 \textit{ sq.m.}} \times 5 = 4$$

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• Match at least 40%	X	
• Eligible Recipient	X	
• NPS Priority Watershed	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	9
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	5
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	9
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	19
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	19
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	5
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>74</u>

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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Successfully completed 3 rounds of 319 projects. Financial, admin, and technical capacity is strong, have relevant experience. Will do subgrant to town, which has a good track record with previous 319 grants too. Contractor quals are accounted for.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Relative Value of Waterbody**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Both lakes are public water supply – up to 1.2 million users. Public access to the water is necessarily restricted. Conservation land associated with lake is open to the public. Weak link between habitat block and other benefits – wildlife, etc. Hard to compare because it's not a recreational lake, but public health is important. Could have been more specific for habitat and species.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Shows a good understanding of water quality problems, has long monitoring history, sensitive to nutrient loading, low to moderate for algal blooms, turbidity impacted from watershed runoff. For public water system, the lakes are is stable, but susceptible to decline, given development. No data provided for Knickerbocker, only Adams, perhaps because work is focused on Adams? Not in a blooming state. Reporting of averages vs. trend data is problematic. Including the FBE buildout study is helpful.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Most recent watershed survey was 2014, highest impact was public and private roads. But the water district routinely surveys the watershed and did stream and infrastructure surveys recently. The FBE buildout analysis is helpful.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	19

Evaluation Team Comments:

Plans for each site seem well fleshed out; stakeholders are solid; would have been helpful to know how sites ranked in priority – are these the last remaining sites? More details for task 2b would have been better, because it's so expensive. Needs more details to help understand how impactful the site is.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	19

Evaluation Team Comments:

Having the impact info would have been good to know if this is a good value. The cost still needs to be justified. Good match, all grant is going to construction, BRWD is matching all their time.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{7814136.122 \textit{ sq. m.}}{7814136.122 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 5$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	0

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Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	18
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	23
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0.68
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	1.8
<u>Total Points</u>	100	73.48

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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

Concern over number of active projects – 1 closes this year, 2 close in 2024, and another 2 close in 2025 – and project managers. They are actively searching for another project manager, but haven't found one yet. Other than that, 7LA as an organization has a lot of experience and always gotten work done, but reporting has sometimes been late even when fully staffed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Relative Value of Waterbody**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	6

Evaluation Team Comments:

North Pond isn't as accessible as the other 7 lakes though it has Pine Tree Camp and a public access point. 3 towns rely on tax base. Lake is severely blooming which is affecting use.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Lake is listed as Threatened, but will likely be downgraded to Impaired in next Integrated Report. It blooms regularly and is probably internally driven.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem	10	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

North Pond has been studied extensively. It has received a lot of 319 funding and yet is still blooming. A 9-element plan is under way, and the watershed survey has been updated 3 times over the last 10 years, which seems to indicate that the candidate list is up to date. The 9-element plan will help understand the internal loading issues better.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	18

Evaluation Team Comments:

This project will certainly get done, but with considerable internal loading issues, removal of the external loading alone will not restore the lake. YCC leverage is good, all 3 towns are involved, which is good. Task 3 is unclear if commitments have been made for private roads and driveways.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	23

Evaluation Team Comments:

YCC provides good value, seems to have broad public support, leveraging stream crossing grants.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0.68

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{7801089.634 \textit{ sq.m.}}{57058366.77 \textit{ sq.m.}} \times 5 = 0.68$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	1.8

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed indentified as "Disadvantaged"}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{20798483.25 \textit{ sq. m.}}{57058366.8 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 1.8$$

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• Match at least 40%	X	
• Eligible Recipient	X	
• NPS Priority Watershed	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	8
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	8
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	7
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	18
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	5
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>73</u>

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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

SASWCD has good track record, has really good connections with everyone, has good partnership with USDA. Angie is permanent part time, but is really good. Term “consultant” is not really a consultant, but will be hired to do a specific task, not project management. Building on previous work right where they left off.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Relative Value of Waterbody**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

Big watershed, lots of tribes, division between ag and forested lands, public use compared to downstate lakes is less. Has public launch. HMBI is heavily invested. River used to have salmon, but has self maintaining brown trout stocks. Irrigation withdrawals

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Has impaired segment, impaired tribs, almost all potato crop in the watershed (which has a lot of soil loss (2-3 tons/ac/yr)). TMDLs done, P limits on point sources, not attaining class for DO. lots of influence by ag uses and the geology (Carys Mills formation),

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

TMDL, erodible soils, new unexperienced farmers – referenced but might be a larger issue, didn't have digestible data, but didn't miss any points.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	18

Evaluation Team Comments:

Good modeling, good outreach, but won't restore to meet class. Everything proposed will be finished on time. Need more detail in the tasks/candidate list.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

Group discussion – need more clarity with plants cost, seems a little low. HBMI and NRCS are donating time, but can't count as match.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{0 \textit{ sq. m.}}{1099659123 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 0$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed indentified as "Disadvantaged"}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{1099659123 \textit{ sq. m.}}{1099659123 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 5$$

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• NPS Priority Watershed	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	7
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	9
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	9
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	16
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	17
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	100	65

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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

KWD has a good history, but Dale wants to retire. Unclear what that succession will be.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Relative Value of Waterbody**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

Lake is heavily used, stocked, habitat diversity. Recreational and commercial use (smelt harvest).

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Large data set exists, but seems to have some data gaps. Lake is impounded, issues with water level, TP increasing, clarity decreasing, anoxic. Listed as Impaired.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Well studied and documented issues on lake. Internal loading issues, looks like a candidate for alum.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	16

Evaluation Team Comments:

The plan focuses on external loading, which are part of the solution, but not enough alone to restore the lake. All accounts point to the need for an alum treatment, which is not a part of this application. Reducing external loads can only help the internal treatment. Plan doesn't address septic loading, yet it was mentioned as an external load. This should have been addressed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	17

Evaluation Team Comments:

Less cash match than other projects, estimates seem reasonable. Unsure of source of construction match. Not addressing septic loading in the work plan raises the question if better work could be done elsewhere.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{0 \textit{ sq. m.}}{83558557.43 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 0$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	0

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed indentified as "Disadvantaged"}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{695.160886 \textit{ sq. m.}}{83558557.43 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 0.0003, \textit{ which rounds to 0}$$

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• Match at least 40%	X	
• Eligible Recipient	X	
• NPS Priority Watershed	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	7
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	6
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	6
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	13
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	5
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>64</u>

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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

Concern over number of active projects – 1 closes this year, 2 close in 2024, and another 2 close in 2025 – and project managers. They are actively searching for another project manager, but haven't found one yet. Other than that, 7LA as an organization has a lot of experience and always gotten work done, but reporting has sometimes been late even when fully staffed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Relative Value of Waterbody**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

These are well utilized, with public access. They have associated habitat benefits as well commercial benefits. 60% of taxbase for Belgrade and 26% in Oakland. 3 youth camps and 4 private camps.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	6

Evaluation Team Comments:

Salmon Lake is on the watch list for sediment chemistry, but McGrath Pond isn't. McGrath seems to be more influenced by external loading. The dichotomy and how it would be addressed by external load reduction only could have been explored better.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem	10	6

Evaluation Team Comments:

There was a watershed survey done in 2017, and wbp in 2018. Compared to other lakes that 7LA has applications for, MgGrath-Salmon isn't as bad off.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	13

Evaluation Team Comments:

At Phase 6, could be at a point of diminishing returns. Additionally, septics and Ag were identified in the loading study, but not addressed in the tasks. Task 3 was vague – prioritizing sites as they go along vs. using the WBPP.

2/3's of match comes from private roads, which are uncommitted. Unsure if project can be completed as proposed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

Good match commitment, but 2/3s is coming from private roads, which are uncommitted. YCC involvement gives good value. At Phase 6, is have all the largest sources been addressed?

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{11363154.8 \textit{ sq. m.}}{11363154.8 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 5$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	0

Evaluation Team Comments:

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• NPS Priority Watershed	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	5
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	4
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	5
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	5
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	21
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0.13
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0.13
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>60.26</u>

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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

HCSWCD previous phases were managed by Megan Facciolo, but she's gone now, not as strong as in previous phases. Village Corp has little/no experience. Quals listed for Alexandria are a little disingenuous re: UMaine experience – wouldn't have been really writing, those would be all the PI work. But, consultant quals are good. Don't know about Town's technical ability to do tasks.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Relative Value of Waterbody**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	4

Evaluation Team Comments:

Limited public access, boat launch has limited parking – really room for 3 trailers. Not much opportunity for public access – private beach club. Also, Phillips isn't that big, so it's not a boating destination. Other nearby lakes are more boater friendly. Despite description it's not really Atlantic Salmon habitat. Outstanding water quality should be something to consider.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Outstanding water quality, should be protected. Increasing clarity, needs to be preserved for outstanding quality. But large data gap in recent history – unsure of complete understanding of current water quality.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem	10	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Development and steep topography is a concern, 90% development on the shore, 800 residents, unpaved roads around shore. 60 NPS sites identified from older survey – unsure if these sites still valid and ground-truthed. Unclear if understanding overall is current due to lack of data. Seems like there is lack of detail/clarity with sites. New development risk is questionable. Existing development may be built out already. Didn't do a good job describing the types of sites – priority – just mentioned that they were in the purpose section.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	21

Evaluation Team Comments:

Efforts will continue to protect the lake, helpful that they included load reductions at a couple of sites, BMP task details were adequate. E&O seemed good. They have permits and ready to go. They have landowner commitment, and match is ready too. But there is that knowledge gap..

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

Good match, lots going to construction. Project work and estimates seem reasonable. Cash match is high. Just meets the 40% requirement.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0.13

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{\textit{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\textit{Total area of the watershed}} \times 5$$

$$\frac{0752198.3025 \textit{ sq. m.}}{29892525.64 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 0.13$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

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Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	0.13

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$$\frac{752031.4411 \textit{ sq. m.}}{29892525.64 \textit{ sq. m.}} \times 5 = 0.13$$

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Greg Beane, Addie Halligan, Alaina Chormann, Kirsten Thompson, Alex Wong

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
• Match at least 40%	X	
• Eligible Recipient	X	
• NPS Priority Watershed	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	9
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	5
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	4
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	12
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	13
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	2.9
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	100	52.9

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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

CWD is a known entity for the most part. Bill and Wendy have lots of experience. New hire is an unknown. Have a long history of successful projects.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Relative Value of Waterbody**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

Technically true that Cobbossee is a back up supply for GAUD, but this is a stretch. It is the premier bass fishing destination. High ecological significance, commercial/economic benefits were not highlighted well. Lake is heavily used. Because of complex shoreline has high habitat value. Is regionally significant, but not statewide, like Sebago.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Water quality stable since delisting, though there has been lots of development in the watershed. Mentioned impaired lakes upstream. Application focused a lot on historical data but no current trends or analysis. No mention of sediment chemistry and susceptibility to internal loading. Last bloom mentioned is 2013, and SDT's from 10 years ago. Disappointing discussion.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problem	10	4

Evaluation Team Comments:

Seems like they've done a lot of study, but didn't provide a lot of detail for previous work, unclear which sites have already been addressed, since watershed survey is nearing the 10 year mark. Where are we in this process? Are these sites the last ones? Seems like information isn't well conveyed, because we're sure Bill knows what's going on in the watershed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	12

Evaluation Team Comments:

Builds on 3 previous phases, the YCC is active, but FOCW and CWD relations aren't great, and there is turnover at FOCW. Lack of local support – this only CWD. Doesn't seem like there's a lot of energy behind the project. There aren't any specific commitments. Candidate sites not defined, E&O details not provided. Seems like the application is relying on our institutional trust rather than giving adequate detail. No commitment from town for road sites.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	13

Evaluation Team Comments:

Good mix of hi-mid priority sites, but match reliance is high for projects and commitments are lacking...this could be an issue if the property owners don't commit. FOCW match seems good – they're getting in front of people. Town roads need match, but not listed in match table. Match is at 40%, but no construction commitments.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	2.9

Evaluation Team Comments:

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Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	0

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DATE: 6/13/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience

P: Complete watershed survey, has been awarded and completed 8 CDC source water protection grants, one Natural Resource Conservation grant, 2 Maine Forest Invasive... and 3-319 funded projects. Additionally bought and conserved 174 acres of watershed land.

- Financial, administrative –

P: have manage \$6M in state and federal grant funded projects, has executed 6 SRF projects. BRWD can manage public funds well b/c their field and admin personnel have high degree of construction experience.

- Technical qualifications
- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – yes.
- Past performance on relevant projects

P: Addressed 44 NPS Pollution sites between 2015-2022.

P: Susan Mello – Natural Resources Manager since 201 and worked on all previous 319 projects, project and funding management oversight. Dale Harmon – construction foreman, has worked at BRWD for 24 years and managed many projects.

P: Previous phase was complete in less than the two-year time frame.

2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance.

P: Town of Boothbay – PWD has skills, crew and equipment. Successfully involvement in Phases I-III.

3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services.

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P: Contractors and Landscapers -must have experience with DEP BMPS, LID techniques and ESC if applicable.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody

- Availability (access) of use

N: not much for public access = road pull offs or parking at BRWD, but doesn't seem that it is a "destination" waterbody

- Extent of use

P: Primary public water supply for Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor and Southport

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – yes, Primary public water supply for Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor and Southport – 5000 residences, businesses, etc. 540,000 gallons a day water depend. And 1.2 million in the summer.
- Public recreational opportunities – closed for swimming and motor boats, but used for fishing, skiing, ice skating and paddle boarding. Large wood tract used by hunters, skiers, snowmobiles, ATVs and equestrians.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits – walkers, joggers ,and bicyclist enjoy the scenery and wildlife
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – stalked annually for MDIFW, bass population. Adam pond watershed is partly located in large undeveloped habitat block.
- Commercial benefits – safe drinking water is key to seasonal tourist economy.
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

N: Could benefit by describing the specific species.

Overall: It's hard to compare since it's not a recreational lake but a critical lake for public drinking water, however it does have scenic, aesthetic, drinking watering and commercial benefits/uses, it could have been a bit stronger with more specifics.

Notes: Dam controlled, mean depth 12 and max 22. Flows into Sheepscot. Two rings on either side rt.27. Steep topo, inadequate buffer, highly erodible soils.

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.

Informed understanding – has been monitoring Adams pond since 1977. Included water quality data averages from 2000-2022: SDT is 4.7 (just below Maine average), chl-a 5.0, TP was 11. TP from bottom grab was 16.7. All within range so metotrophic lakes.

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Demonstrated informed understanding of impacts from climate change –

2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

Threatened – not impaired. Currently meets standards but listed for Most at Risk from New Development and NPS List.

P: DEP sediment samples from 2018 indicate that al/fe ratio is favorable for the release of sediment bound phosphorus in anaerobic conditions (otherwise Adams pond frequently experiences anoxic conditions in its hypolimnion during July and August, but can break down and become unstable in significant summer storms)

P: FBE modeling indicates that Adams Pond is very vulnerable to nutrient inputs from existing NPS sites and future development. FBE 2018 estimates that increases in TP of greater than 1-2ppb would likely result in unacceptable level of water quality decline.

Developed under current zoning would allow for this increase. Max TP loads could be reached in Adams Pond within 17 years.

N (?): all within range for mesotrophic. Low to moderate for algal blooms.

P: Recent storm event data from 4/30/23 – showed large increases in pond turbidity (>3.5NTU) from watershed runoff

Notes: Mentions its on NPS list but doesn't say what for - Public Water System, Sensitive to additional P from watershed (1ppb or less in 25 years).

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed.
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

P: Understanding is demonstrated – most recent survey done in 2014 (48 NPS Sites, roads made up 54%, and residents/driveways were 25% of all sites. However, highest impact sites were town and private roads, driveways and public facilities. BRWD routinely surveys the watersheds for NPS sites, particularly during storm events/, and stream and infrastructure surveys in 2015. Community builds out and lake modeling in 2018.

P: developed portions contributing pollutants – septic, impervious, pesticides, fertilizers, etc. The developed land covers 13% and contributes 71% of pollutants.

Notes: Have addressed 31 sites through 319 grants, and have focused on watershed land conservation and education. Revised zoning in 2020 for LID, water supply protection and conservation of water resources.

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Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.

P: Plans for each site seem to be well flushed out and likely to be completed as proposed.

2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks
- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government

P: BRWD, Town of Boothbay, KLSWCD, Boothbay Region Clean Drinking Water Initiative, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and Boothbay Harbor Rotary club – native plant buffer project. MBG is one of the largest landowners in the Knickerbocker watershed. And BHRC has dedicated and consistent volunteers.

- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – unclear, but they have in the past
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody.

O: It would be helpful to know how these two sites ranked in priority to get a sense of how important these sites are in completing before the next watershed survey – are these some of the last remaining sites from the original survey?

N: Task 2b is expensive, understandable, but could use more details to make a good case for moving the road, for example how far is it from the pond, how much P load may be getting in currently, how far will it be from the road.

N: Education and Outreach task needs more concrete actions/deliverables of what will get done.

Notes:

Task 1 – Project Admin all match from BRWD

Task 2a – NPS abatement, southern Adams Pond Rd – Town of Boothbay to install BMPs along 1000 of Adams Pond Rd. Poor road design.

Task 2b – NPS abatement, Northwest end of Adams Pond Rd – relocating part of the road inland and converting the current paved road to a walking trail → seems like a great idea for longevity and really correcting an issue at the root of the problem

Task 3 – Education and outreach – articles, outreach, social media.

Task 4 – S.C.

Task 5 – PCR

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)

P: Though the budget is a bit confusing, it appears that 100% of grant funds are going to cover construction efforts.

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As mentioned earlier, if these are two of the last remaining large ticket items to complete, then there can certainly be a strong case for accomplishing two sites at this cost.

Need more details on education and outreach task to really understand community involvement. The native plant buffer could be a great education and outreach tool.

2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes

Subtask 2b is a rather expensive project, may need to explain a bit more about the load that is currently being contributed to Adams due to this roads proximity, and that this is the best option.

3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

49% match

BRWD time is all match

A lot of donated services from BRWD, Rotary Club and

Notes: Part 2 Budget will need to be edited to include Construction budget instead of lumping it all into Subgrant

Sources of Non-federal match is a bit confusing – S&F for BRWD seems to be \$17,040 but it looks like they are also paying for contract and have lumped that all together?

Question: where does CMBG time/labor come in, it is not included in part 2 budget or part 3 match

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience - yes
- Financial, administrative – described funding mechanism and funds reserved for 2023 projects
- Technical qualifications – yes, see below
- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – don't know past performance.
- Past performance on relevant projects – yes, see below

P: Three successful 319 projects, YCC crew 13 years, water quality monitoring, workshops, etc.

P: Whitney Baker – has managed more than 13 319 projects in past 10 years, strong relevant experience and expertise.

P: ALIC – since 1980

Overall this project brings together the expertise from a variety of stakeholders building on their individual knowledge.

2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance.

P: Emma Lorusso – has extensive experience relevant to task 7 outreach.

3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services.

N/A

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Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody

- Availability (access) of use

P: State Launch on Rt. 133 and town launch/quasi public beach at Andro Yacht Club, Town launch in Leeds, Boat Launch in two campgrounds.

- Extent of use

P: outdoor enthusiasts, locally and afar

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply
- Public recreational opportunities

P: heavy recreation use – boating, fishing, swimming, kayaking, birding, hunting, winter anglers. Sandy beaches

- Scenic and aesthetic benefits
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – supports warm water fishery, landlocked alewife population, white and yellow perch. Five rare plant and animal communities (only location in the state with cattail sedge). Four species of rare endangered and threatened plant species. Island was the first to attract nesting eagles in all of Andro River watershed, Herons, osprey. High quality wetland complex – with rare sassafras trees and unpatterned fen ecosystem. Island water fowl and wading birds.
- Commercial benefits – 3 campgrounds, two youth summer camps, a town owned beach and a private/public yacht club
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat – yes, especially seen from the return of the eagles and the rare habitats provided.
- Other – developed shoreline, bass fishing tournaments.

Notes: terminal lake in the 30 mile river chain. Shallow with large surface area. Can experience back flushing from Andro River – flood reservoir (Dead River pollution Control Facility). Due to low DO, last time MDIFW stocked it was 2020.

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.

P: Thorough understanding. SDT trends, TP trends, Phosphorus mass demonstrating increase. Internal load in 2022 was 181 and P load from direct watershed was more than 2,000.

P: Clear understanding that while the Dead River contributes to P level, the current ambient P concentration in the lake are high enough to support algal blooms without the influence of the Dead River.

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2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

P: In 2021 – the lake experiences its 3rd and most severe algal bloom in history. 2-3m through most of September until mid-November. Average of 4.2m, below Maines average. Reducing water clarity during summer. Near bloom conditions documented during 16 year.

P: Recent TP readings ranged from 11 to 20ppb. P mass showed steady increase in P through spring and summer.

N: No impaired – currently listed as threatened.

Notes: Threatened due to its sediment chemistry. Vulnerable to internal P loading

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed.

P: developed shoreline – extensive network of town and camp roads subject to frequent erosion issues. Agriculture in watershed.

P: Watershed survey complete in May 2022 identifying 142 NPS sites. Residential sites made up 28%, private roads made up 20% and town roads 15%. 16 sites were ranked high, 79 sites as medium.

N: P loading studies were from the early 2000s, is there any recent data on it that went into the updated WBP, as there appears to be a good understanding, but is that based off old data?

2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

P: Strong support today to address known issues identified in the watershed survey and understanding that direct watershed is impacting water quality, not just contributions from back flushing. Purpose is to address NPS issues both through addressing

Q: Purpose states 21 high priority sites, but description above says only 16 were high.

Notes: it says 28% residential and also nearly 30% residential. Should mention they updated WBP.

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.

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2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected.

- Threatened, so yes, the lake will continue to be protected.

3. Consideration

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- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Yes
- Effective well-sequenced tasks

P: Very extensive workplan, addressing a variety of sites and working with a variety of landowners – Towns, residents, campgrounds,

Task 1- Project Admin – 30 mile

Task 2 – S.C. – those listed above, road associations, and watershed residents

Task 3 -Residential BMP Installations at NPS Sites: 10 projects awarded up to \$1500 and labor by the YCC. 50% cost share.

Task 4: Private Roads and Road BMP Installations – 2 high priority gravel roads. Gravel Roads Plan with phased construction schedule

Task5 – BMPs on Town Roads: Town of Leeds to address 6 high priority NPS sites. Town providing 40% match.

Task 6 – BMPs on Commercial Properties – tech assist and cost sharing on 3 high priority sites (2 campgrounds, 1 boat club). 40% match.

Task 7 – Tech Assist for NPS on Ag Lands – 2 farms. Targeted outreach by AVSWCD to connect with ag landowners and offer grant funds to pay for nutrient management plans → Don't think this is eligible because there is no on the ground work that would come of the plans. You can use funds for a plan as long as implementation happens.

Task 8 – Education and Outreach – 2 press releases, posted, project brochure- watershed residents and selectmen. 4 monthly newsletters, LakeSmart – 16 properties, host a Basic and Advance EC class with DEP, Septic Social.

Task 9: PCR

Q: Is the Roads Plans for all roads in watershed or just these 2 being done in this phase.

N: Need more description of the problem sites in the Task 5 section since it's a costly task.

- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government

P: 30 Mile River Watershed, , ALIC, Town of Wayne, Town of Leeds, Andy Valley SWCD

- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbod

P: town of Leeds in providing significant match.

Notes: 21 high priority NPS sites, raise public awareness, septic socials, gravel roads...

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)

P: ~60% of grant funds are going to construction, and ~75% of match funds are for construction – good return for investment.

2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes

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N: Task 7 – significant amount of grant funds but would not amount in on the ground work. No local match being contributed by benefitting party (landowner) – eligibility?

3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

P: Match in Education and Outreach is significant and good quality ~\$10,000

Q: not sure how the \$10,000 for Task 7 should be categorized, because that isn't the subgrant, but would it be a consultant writing the plan?

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 - Past performance on relevant projects

2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance.

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P: CWD has years (39) managing state and federal funded projects. Previous experience – removed Cobboossee Lake from Impaired Waterbodies list.

P: Bill – ED since 1992, years of experience and currently managing Ph III.

P: Wendy Dennis & Matthew Farragher – years of relevant experience.

P: Financial - stable, balanced budget

P: Friends of Cobboossee Watershed- lead on a number of programs – YCC, LakeSmart

O/N: didn't mention the specific quals of who at FOCW

Q: Current performance?

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- Availability (access) of use

P: Two public boat launches, and a popular private boat launch

- Extent of use

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Back up drinking water supply for City of Augusta
- Public recreational opportunities – Fishing tournaments, destination for bass, smallmouth and largemouth in the entire northeast.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits = 21 species of fish, four species are high priority in States 2005 Comp Wildlife Conservation Strategy. Extensive wetland habitat, eagles, herons, and the rare Least Bittern. Wetlands – high ecological significance.
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

P: Drinking water, public recreation, and aquatic and terrestrial habitat

N: Doesn't elaborate on commercial benefits, for example tax or commercial

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.

P: WQ has been monitoring for nearly 50 years. Average SDT was 5.3m and a min. of 2.1 in 2018. Lake was delisted because it went an extended period without severe algal blooms – but it has not improved.

2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

P: Threatened – Cobbossee Lake TMDL 2000. Long history of wq problems – excessive nutrients and algae bloom proliferation.

P: Severe bloom in 2019 and 2013, with 1.7m and 1.9m clarity.

P: Two lakes that feed into Cobbossee are on the impaired list.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed.

P: restoration efforts on Cobbossee Lake began in mid 1970s

2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

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- Primary cultural land – ag and residential with commercial land use increasing. Extensive shoreland development and 80-100 private gravel roads.
- 2015 survey – 80 sites identified. 27 high high priority and primarily road related, and 45 were medium and also pertained to roads.
- Early efforts focused on ag.

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.

N: states that “without knowing which if the candidate sites will be addressed it is difficult to predict reductions” – what level of commitment is there thus far and what is the likelihood that those selected will actual come to fruition?

2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected.

P: Past 3 phases were focused on addressing nearly 100 camp roads, this one focused on will continue that effort on 15-20 NPS sites primarily on camp roads and 12 shorefront properties.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks

Task 1: Project Admin – CWD

Task 2: S.C – 3 times

Task 3: Prompting Landowners and Towns to use BMPs – tech assist to landowners and road associations. 20 LakeSmart Visits.

Task 4- NPS Abatement Projects with Cost Sharing – 15-30 medium to high priority NPS sites.

Task 5- YCC: 12 sites

Task 6: Education – 6 total articles, work with elementary schools (10 sessions of TadPole Patrol, outreach on boat, newsletters.

Task 7 – Pollutant Load

- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government

P: CWD and FOCW – successful history of partnering on NPS projects. Cobbosseecontee Lake association members, and towns of Litchfield, Manchester, Monmouth, West Gardiner and Winthrop invited to attend, 4 already pay for CWD efforts.

- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody.

P: Overall I think the tasks are all strong and presents a well rounded effort.

Q: Will the tech assist from Task 3 connect/lead to the sites in Task 4?

Q: What does “all selected sites will be open for public inspection” mean?

Q/N: YCC task does not breakdown what kind of cost-share there is for landowners.

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Q: TadPole Patrol states “without grant support” which is OK, however even match has to be closely linked to the impairment/water quality issues.

P/I: Would like to hear more of what disseminating outreach on the OTTER II is – sounds like a great outreach tool to be out on the lake and engaging with the public more than just landowners.

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)

P: As mentioned above, these all seem like well rounded tasks, 63% of total costs are for construction,

2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes

3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

P: The match from the education and outreach seems to be quality match, as FOCW will be engaging with a larger audience and spending their time having meaningful impacts to an audience beyond just lakefront owners.

N: Concern for \$44,000 (Task 5) and \$50,000 overall of construction match does not have landowner prior commitment and therefore not guaranteed, especially since overall project match is exactly at the minimum of 40%.

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 - Past performance on relevant projects - ask Greg
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P: 7 Lakes has managed several section 319 projects since 1999. Projects have been implemented on all 7 major lakes in the watershed and have been successfully completed with match goals in exceedance.

P: Charlie will serve as PM – 16 years in conservation. Has completed 8 319-projects. 7 lakes have admin and financial oversight, and Charlie has 2 others supporting. Extensive experience as an organization managing grants, funds, budgets.

Q: Charlie is PM for 5, and 3 new applications, how many close out, how many overlap?

N/O: 7 Lakes is hiring an additional full-time Erosion Control Manager to take over Charlies duties.

Charlie will remain part time through 2023-2024. They will expand to have 2 full time positions, and will hire consultants to help manage through the transition.

N: They did not describe the quals of the consultant

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1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody

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- Availability (access) of use
- 1 Public boat launch
- Extent of use

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply
- Public recreational opportunities – year round recreation. Numerous private marinas, one public boat launch, 3 youth camps – swimming, fishing, boating, etc.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits – scenic fixture
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – Habitat for rare plant and animal species of special concern (2), and important other wildlife – eel and loon s(61). Wetland complex is ‘exemplary natural community’. One of the best esker systems in State, kettles, 4 rare plant community ecosystems. 18 fish, 12 native and 6 introduced. Annual stocking
- Commercial benefits – Belgrade population doubles in summer. Shorefront property accounts for 60% of property tax in Belgrade and 75% in Rome.
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat – statement “reducing P inputs will benefit water quality AND help improve habitat for coldwater fishery and other native species.
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.

P: Impaired – aquatic life: traphic trend, low DO, Gleotrichia blooms. Added to impaired list in 2010 due to increase P concentrations and declining water quality.

2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

P: significant decline in water clarity over last 50 years – increase in metaphyton and cyanbacteria over the past 10. DO loss, invasive fish and plants.

P: Informed understanding/Severity – data collection since 1970,intensified in past 5 years. Trend analysis concluded SDT has declined. Area of anoxia expanded significantly over past 20 years but appears stable in past 3. Internal P loading concern in future

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed.

P: 2021 Plan Update – TP load of 2,864kg to Great Pond annually, 72% of that from the watershed.

2. Work plan’s understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

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- Developed land accounts for 10%/14% (both numbers are included in different places), ag covers 4% but is located in close proximity to the shoreline. Makes up 10% but accounts for half of the TP load. A 5% reduction in P from watershed is needed to reach goal.
- In depth understand between plan update, sensitive soil maps, land-cover update and nutrient load analysis (septic – 561 parcels identified as high priority). Sediment Chemistry studied in 2020 – results demonstrated risk for internal P loading. 2018- watershed survey: 237 sites across the watershed. 25 high impact. Majority of sites on the East Shore.

Note: Phase 1 2022-2023: In 2022 60 BMPs at 30 sites, which include 12 town and private roads.

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.

Task 3 is taking on a lot of BMP sites that will require a lot of staff time, wondering if this is too much?

2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected.

-Ongoing efforts are needed, but this will be a beneficial start. 4 phases are likely needed to implement the WBMP. Efforts will reduce P load by 40 pounds per year.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks

Task 1 – Project Admin

Task 2- S.C. 3

Task 3 – BMPs on 19 town and private roads and driveways. 50/50 cost-share (\$209,900). Mainly road BMPs.

Task 4 – BMP at Residential: YCC will install 64 BMPs at 32 properties. (Significant match)

Task 5: LakeSmart – 30 evaluations, conducted by volunteers.

Task 6 – O & E – newsletters, press releases, Road workshops, 4 meetings with minucup staff to discuss ordinances.

Task 7 – Pollutant load reductions

- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government
- Belgrade Lakes Association, 7 Lakes Alliance, Town of Belgrade, Town of Rome. Trained volunteers will do LakeSmart evals.
- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts –
- YCC, LakeSmart, Land Conservation efforts
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody – Town support.

Q: in Task 3, what does “non road sites will also be addressed” – in this task or just in general outside of this grant?

Notes:

BMPs at 19 high and medium impact town and private roads and driveways, 64 BMPs on 32 residential properties and 20 new LakeSmart Evals. Public awareness.

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Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)

P:43% grant, 57% match

P: 75% of total project funds are going towards on the ground construction.

2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes

- Task 6 seems underbudgeted for staff time, especially with 4 meetings to discuss ordinances.

3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

P: Task 4 – YCC, significant match \$61,400 from YCC (almost the entire task)

P: Match coming from Towns, YCC, 7 Lakes (from BLA, watershed towns) – diverse sources.

N/Q: private roads will contribute \$79,950 – how much of this is secured/discussions have been had getting confirmation that they participate and produce that amount of match?

Other notes:

- 13 square mile great pond, this is the largest of the 7 and occupies a central position. Receives water from North Pond, East Pond, McGrath and Salmon – all are impaired or threatened. Belgrade (54%) and Rome (35%). 866 shoreland lots.

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KCSWCD – since 2000 the district has managed 25-30 individual 319 projects. District administered 604b grant for WBMP 2021-2022 and completed 2 phases between 2006-2010, and the China Lake Road Rehab Program- CRLA.

P: Financial/admin support – ED

P: China Region Lakes Alliance – YCC and assist with larger non-residential sites. Scott Pierz will oversee. Current ED and CRLA and has been involved for over 40 years and a CEO for 20.

P: China Lake Association = education and outreach, Lynn has been helping with site plans for CLA since 2022 – has a masters degree in civil and environmental engineering.

Q/N: unclear of who has the technical qualifications for larger scale projects, does CRLA have that?

Q: Past performances?

Q/N: It states that the District "will have the staffing to serve the PM" – is there not a PM currently?

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Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody

- Availability (access) of use

P: Two state-owned public boat launches and a town-owned carry-in boat landing

- Extent of use

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Yes, for Waterville, Winslow, Fairfield, Benton and Vassalboro. Sole source of water for over 22,000 customers (KWD)
- Public recreational opportunities – boating, fishing, swimming, etc with public access.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – conserved lands. 23 fish species, habitat for coldwater fish has become limited. Robust warm water fishery
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat – alewives in 2022 following alewife restoration.
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.

P: Impaired – Lakes Most at Risk from New development – nonattainment for GPS for primary contact recreation and nuisance algal blooms.

P: Understanding – 43-48 years of data collected at the 3 strations.

2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

P: SDT fell to 2m or lesss in 29-32 of the 48 yearsrs – indicating frequency of algal blooms . Recent trend analysis showed a significant decrease in SDT over the entire time series. Chl-a showed a significant increasing trend at station 3 but no significant trend otherwise. TP data significant decreased over the past 10 years at station. Also decreasing DO levels have been observed and anoxia is regularly occurring as shallow of 6m

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

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- P: Recent watershed survey (2020) – 161 sites were documented, 11 different land use types. 66% of sites located on residential properties. 20 were ranked high, 59 medium and 82 low.
- N: 2020 Ag and Forestry assessment – completed by doesn't give a sense/explanation if AG is an issue of concern, only what has been done for ag in the past.
- N/P: Septic Inventory and Sensitive Soil Analysis – 533 parcels located on sensitive soils within 150' of waterbody, 319 are developed lots. 45% of 452 developed properties in shoreland zone have been updated since 1998
 - o N: I think this section is missing the key details, how many parcels are on sensitive soils that have septic that have NOT been updated since 1998 to determine if Septics are an issue or not.
- the shores of the east basin are highly developed estimated at 30 houses/shoreline mile. According to a recent survey of town records, there are 529 shoreline lots, 452 of which are developed. Of the developed lots, 61% are seasonal and 39% are used year-round.¹ Roads encompass 84 acres of land in the watershed, the majority (61%) of which are unpaved gravel roads that service high-density residential development along the shoreline.
- Ag accounts for 12% - 38% of loading a development another 32%

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.

Yes, seems reasonable.

2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected.

P: While this phase alone won't successfully restore the lake, address 21 high impact and medium sites is making a significant dent from the total number of sites identified.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks

Task 1 – Project Admin

Task 2 – S.C.

Task 3 – Residential NPS Abatement

10 high and medium impact shoreline sites.

Task 4 – NPS Abatement (non-residential)

4 beach/boat assess sites, 1 commercial and 2 private road sites.

Task 5 – EDU & Outreach – 3 press releases, 2 CLA annual meetings, Buffer Campaign (Buffer bundles and buffer mailing), gravel road workshop, CLA will attend 2 road association meetings each year. Two newsletters, 10 LakeSmart, project brochure → Very extensive Edu & Outreach task.

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- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government – China region Lake Alliance, KCSWCD, China Regional Lakes Association, Kennebec Water District, Town of China – diverse and strong group of stakeholders.
- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – LakeSmart program, YCC, Gravel Road Rehabilitation program
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody – town support

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)

67% of project cost is going to construction,
15% is going towards education and outreach
Therefore roughly 82% of project will have on the ground/educational impact.

2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes

Yes, it all seems reasonable. Education and Outreach tasks is on the higher side, but that is because they are producing many deliverables and including various tactics for outreach.

3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

P: \$10,000 of cash match for KWD is significant, demonstrating local interest.

Overallly project match of 46%, above the minimum requirement.

Diverse sources of match – KWD, CLA (match and labor), CRLA YCC, Town of China, Landowner Match.

P: Majority of match is committed (35% coming from landowners).

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N/O: 7 Lakes is hiring an additional full-time Erosion Control Manager to take over Charlies duties.

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Notes: Currently 5 active, have to remind for deadlines. North Pond is the only one closing out. So it'd be 7 projects in 2024 with a new staffing.

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Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody

- Availability (access) of use

Public Boat Launch on Spaulding Cove, and a carry-in boat launch

24 private boat launches – single residential?

- Extent of use

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply
- Public recreational opportunities – popular summer destination. Swimming, fishing, boating.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – McGrath 15 fish species. Salmon has 14. Significant areas of high-value plant and animal habitat -large undeveloped blacks, inland wading birds and waterfowl habitat, 5 deer wintering areas, wild brook trout, several species of concern. 2 adults and 1 chick loons.
- Commercial benefits – town of Belgrade doubles in summer. 60% of tax base are lakefront and 26% in Oakland. Important to local economy. Three youth camps, and 4 private camps.
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

Notes: McGrath-Salmon-Great Pond. McGrath is 467 acres, 6.9mile perimeter. Salmon Lake is 666 acres and 7.9 miles of shoreline. Combined watershed of 6.9 square miles. Oakland and Belgrade

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.

Not impaired. McGrath Pond – sensitive and Salmon – Watch List and Sensitive due to sediment chemistry.

Understanding – Data collection since 1975. Algal blooms in the 70s. 2018 P concentration at the bottom of lake were >800ppb = significant concern for internal loading (data from 2015 and 2018 demonstrated this severity).

I: despite severity SDT has significantly improved.

2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

Salmon: History of problems, many were fixed – however nutrient laden sediment has caused low DO in deep areas, causing release of P from bottom sediments and algal blooms after fall.

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Salmon – areas of anoxia, elevated P in bottom sediments and visual algal blooms observed.

McGrath – potential for nuisance blooms is moderate, internal loading is low. DO profile shows very little depletion in deep lake. SDT often reaches bottom. Water clarity is improving.

Salmon – nutrient loading has shifted Salmon Lake from a coldwater fishery to a warm water fishery.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed.

P: Most recent survey was 2017 – 105 sites, 12 high impact and 47 medium impact. Majority on residential properties, roads and stream crossings.

2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

- Ag on the west shore of Salmon and north end of McGrath. Development is accessed by town and gravel roads. 66 camp roads, 3 state roads, and 12 town roads. 611 residential properties within 250' of the lakes. 24 private boat launches.

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.

2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected.

One additional phase is needed to address the remaining sites, however this phase will address 16 high and medium sites, and 10 residential sites.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
– Yes, town road and state roads are well constructed and maintained, this phase will focus on P from private roads and residential properties.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks

Task 1: Project Admin

Task 2: S.C.

Task 3: BMPs at Road Sites –16 town and private road sites. 50/50 construction breakdown.

Task 4: BMP Installation at Residential NPS Sites - 10 residential properties.

Task 5: LakeSmart – 20 evaluations

Task 6 – Public and Municipal Outreach and Edu – newsletter articles, press releases, road workshop, 4 meetings

- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government
- McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association, Town of Belgrade, Town of Oakland and 7 Lakes Alliance.
- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – YCC, LakeSmart, Land Conservation, previous phases 4 (2019) and V (2022).

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- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody – good to have volunteer participation in LakeSmart to trickle out to community.

Q: what are the non-road NPS sites that “may also be addressed”

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)

P: 48% overall match

P: 78% of funds going to construction

2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes

O: Task 6 seems underbudgeted to attend 4 meetings on top of the other deliverables for this task.

3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

P: \$77,525 of matching is going to construction

Q/N: concern for if private roads are committed to this work, as they are contributing ~2/3rds of the match.

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

1. Application Qualifications
 - Relevant experience
 - Financial, administrative.
 - Technical qualifications
 - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – quals indicate that all grant projects were successfully completed with all funds used in the time frame.
 - Past performance on relevant projects
2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance.
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P: SASWCD has carried our 4 phases, and written two watershed-based plans and six pollutant load reduction projects. Staff member with 16 years of experience

P: Strong partnership with natural resource community – USDA

P: Hire tech services- experience with designing and implementing ag related BMPs

N: Didn't elaborate much on what the natural resource community would do.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody

- Availability (access) of use

P: Holton boat launch, Wildlife mgmt. area, Lowery Bridge and Riverfront Park and pedestrian trails

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- Extent of use

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply - significant sand and gravel aquifer traverses the watershed – serving as the water supply for Houlton
- Public recreational opportunities - River is a key landscape feature in Southern Aroostok. Park has a pedestrian trail, hiking, bird watching and skiing. Public boat launch, annual canoe race.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – cold water fisheries in tributaries- brown trout is unique and one of the only-self-sustaining riverine fisheries for wildlife in maine. Active bald eagle nesting, significant wading bird habitat, wild brook trout priority areas, deer wintering areas and critical habitat for Canadian lynx. Native plants of special concern.
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat – trail will be expanded by 2025 to create a continuous loop around both sides of the river.
- Other – The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians are river people who have been hunters and gathers of the river basin. River runs through tribal lands. Flood plains important for wild gathering rituals.

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.

P: Long history of water quality monitoring by HBMI, USGS and DEP. 1990 TMDL identified excess P as driving force. P removal and limits on WWTP and flow restricted discharge on manufacturing plant – improved the main stem but not the tributary streams.

P: water chemistry from 2013-2019 TP range of 7-88 and ortho of 8-30. Class A should be less than 20 and Class B less than 30 and ortho should be less than 3.

P: Impaired – Listed for DO and aquatic life (Periphyton), currently listed for DO. Craig, Smith, and Oliver Brooks listed for Periphyton. Part of the 2021 statewide TMDL. Periphyton is sensitive to nutrients and sedimentation and therefore a better indicator for ag derived pollution. All of river is listed as 5-D for legacy pollutant of DDT.

2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

P: Understanding of how the geology of the area has influenced the land use and water quality issues – increases pH.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed.
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

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P: In Ag watershed due to history of fertilizer applications, eroded soils are rich in P and the combination results in a higher than normal biologically available orthophosphate. Increased nitrogen in ground and surface water. Productive farmland has had impact on soil stability and organic matter. Several large beef, dairy and hay farms – over-grazed and compacted. Hobby farms inadvertently contribute to nutrient run-off.

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected.
3. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody.

Task 3 – General tech assist-

N:

N: Candidate site says watershed wide, but I think more details are needed to feel confident that ten sites will actually happen.

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)

P: 63% of overall project (match and grant) are constructions.

- Not a lot of money overall, only \$34,448 in federal funds

2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes

N: riparian buffer task looks very underbudgetd

3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

- Meetings the minimum grant requirements.

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P: 7 Lakes has managed several section 319 projects since 1999. Projects have been implemented on all 7 major lakes in the watershed and have been successfully completed with match goals in exceedance.

P: Charlie will serve as PM – 16 years in conservation. Has completed 8 319-projects. 7 lakes have admin and financial oversight, and Charlie has 2 others supporting. Extensive experience as an organization managing grants, funds, budgets.

Q: Charlie is PM for 5, and 3 new applications, how many close out, how many overlap?

N/O: 7 Lakes is hiring an additional full-time Erosion Control Manager to take over Charlies duties.

Charlie will remain part time through 2023-2024. They will expand to have 2 full time positions, and will hire consultants to help manage through the transition.

N: they did not describe the quals of the consultants they would hire.

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1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody

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- Availability (access) of use
1 public boat launch

- Extent of use

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply
- Public recreational opportunities- 1 public boat launch. Kayaking, fishing birding, etc.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits – picturesque
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – warm water fish. 14 species of fish. 14 loons. Inland Wading Bird and Waterfowl Habitat and a Wetland of Special Significant.
- Commercial benefits – Downtown smithfield has several businesses that rely on summer tourism, Pine Tree Camp. Three towns rely on tax base
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat – reducing probability of algal bloom with protect these natural resources
- Other

Notes: 4 square miles. Flushing rate 1x/yr. Second lake in chain of 7.

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.
 - Threatened on NPS list for development threat and is on the Watch List, but expected to be listed as impaired.
 - Data collected since 1970 – high levels of TP. Temp and low DO remain constant from top to bottom of lake. SDT average is 4.1. sunlight has potential to reach the bottom of lake.
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.
 - Culturally introduced algal blooms from 2018-2022. Potential for blooms is moderate to high and potential for internal loading is moderate to high. 2018, 2020, 2021 and 2022 blooms.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed.
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.
 - 2022 watershed survey: still 44 high/medium impact sites, and 47 low. Most are residential or road/driveway and several road/driveways remain as high/medium impact sites.
 - 2022-2023 WBMP – underway with anticipation that lake will be listed as impaired.
 - Many gravel roads run perpendicular to shoreline, shoreline has 351 properties with 90% of homes with 100' of lake.

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- Historically listed due to ag, ag is still present but lesser extent. Land use now: residential, roads and commercial development.

Notes: Phase III – 2022 to 2023: 9 high priority road sites, pine tree camp and 6 residential properties.

Phase II – 2020-2021: 5 high priorities, pine tree camp and 14 residential

properties.
Phase I – 2018-2019: 3 high priority, Pine tree camp, Fairview Grange and 28 residential properties.

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.

Yes – especially given recent momentum and success in the past 3 phases. Proposing 15 town/private roads/driveways and 16 residential.

2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected.

- Anticipated 5 phases will be needed to address actions from 2017 WBPP. Following this phase, one additional phase is anticipated.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks

Task 1: Project Admin – 7 Lakes

Task 2 – S.C. 3

Task 3: Road NPS Sites – 7 lakes to develop and manage. 4 town roads, 11 private roads and driveways. 50/50 cost-share. BMPs described. \$181,300 total (50/50 construction budget)

Task 4: BMPs at Residential – YCC- 16 sites (mostly YCC match)

Task 5: LakeSmart Coordination – 20 evaluations by volunteers

Task 6- E & O: 2 newsletters, 2 press releases, buffer campaign, 2 road workshops, 4 municipa; meetings

Task 7: Pollutant Load reduction

- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government
- 7 Lakes, North Pond Association, Town of Mercer, Town of Rome, Town of Smithfield all involved.
- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – three phases in a row were successful, plan and survey was updated before the 10 year plan to stay current on sites. Land Conservation, YCC, LakeSmart, North Pond Watershed Financial Awards
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – Lakesmart evals by trained volunteers is great for community engagement.

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)

P: 78% of project is construction (match/grant). And 74% of grant funds is for construction.

P: About a 50/50 grant to match cost share.

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2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes

O: Task 5 seems underbudgeted for Match for volunteer time to visit 20 sites.

O: Task 6 also seems underbudgeted for staff time to have 4 municipal meetings to discuss ordinance's

3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

P: significant cash match from Town of Rome and Mercer.

Question – Pond Rd got Stream crossing grant, could all of the culvert grant count as match for this site as well?

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 - Financial, administrative – mentions Quickbooks for accounting
 - Technical qualifications
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 - Past performance on relevant projects
2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance.
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P: Michele Windsor – DM at OCSWCD will administer the project, project tracking, tech assistance and will oversee the contracted project manager. Successfully completed many grant projects – 7 projects. Projects have met their budgets, reporting requirements and NPS reduction goals. Financial/accounting experience, and environmental education background.

P: Subcontract for Consultant - PM will do NPS project coordination and residential matching grant oversight.

P: Volunteer Quals

Sal – President of Lakes Association of Norway (LAON) – civil engineer. Worked on 2 implementation projects.

Alice – PE Civil and Professional Land surveyor – affiliate of the NRCS-USDA lead engineer for AOP. Jim O'Brien – VP of LAON – worked on Phase I, plant biotech company

Jon Jacobson – Licensed PE – Construction mgmt., ESC and Stormwater mgmt..

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N: Mentions what consultant will do but not their expected quals and experience

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody

- Availability (access) of use

P: Town of Norway operates a town park. Western Foothills and preserves on the lake, Public park and nature reserve Ordway Grove, Lakeside Norway – commercial area, two commercial marinas with private boat launches.

P: Public launch at Town of Norway Lake P Park. Estimated used by 100-250 people a day in the summer. Public kayak and canoe entry point.

- Extent of use
 - Largest lake in Norway, key resource to Norway for recreation and economic benefits.

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – for waterfront properties.
- Public recreational opportunities - 12 best Maine lakes for swimming. Public preserve land mentioned above
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits - several bass tournaments. Shallow water inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat and medium rating for sign. Wildlife habitat. Bald eagle habitat. – high rating for significant wildlife habitat.
- Commercial benefits – shoreline property generate more than 20% of property tax revenue, Two commercial marines. Lakeside Norway – commercial effort to provide outdoor recreation and entertainment.
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.

- Monitoring since 1976 by DEP and hired contractor. Since 2015 LAON has done the monitoring -

2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

Threatened- listed for Most at Risk from New Development, and sensitive to eutrophication based on current and projected growth rate.

SDT average of 5.7 – moderate water clarity (around Maine average) – DO levels in bottom 6 meters are devoid of oxygen in August (some may be natural). TP samples average 10.5. Chl-a approximately 4.6ppb – higher than average for Maine lakes.

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed.
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

Watershed survey in 2016 – 125 properties were surveyed and 37 problems identified for North Pond, and 2019 survey of Lake Penneesseewassee surveying 1400 properties and 180 erosion sites. Primary sources were road surfaces, unstable road shoulders, ditches, culverts and lack of vegetative buffer

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected.

Subsequent phases are planned to address the remainder of the sites.

3. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks

Task 1 – Project Admin

Task 2 –

- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government
- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – the community, even beyond the watershed will likely benefit from the outreach and education components.

P: Education and Outreach task is strong and unique – workshops that include living shorelines, buffer plantings, Yard scaping and driveway maintenance are hands on, as opposed to generic outreach like brochures and

P: Task 3: Includes that the town has provided commitment and the property owners at 7 other sites have been contacted to discuss the issues and solutions and have expressed commitment.

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)

P: 76% of total project costs will go towards construction.

2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes

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3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

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 - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe
 - Past performance on relevant projects – ask Greg.

2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance.

Hancock County SWCD – provided tech assist in Phase I and II – Jeff Norment. Has been with HCSWCD since 2018 and has been Project Manager on all five projects.

N: Past performance – Megan managed 319 – financial, staffing issues.

3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services.

LIMVC will hire a qualified environmental consultant with direct experience with managing 319 grant projects, organize and facilitate S.C. meeting, developing educational materials, public speaking, report writing, budget tracking and NPS recommendations.

Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation (LIMVC)

- Ann Fossett: Chair Overseer – main contact. Active member of Phillips Lake Association. Responsible for annual public, and all projects association with road maintenance, creation and expenditure of funds.

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- Alexandria Jesiolowski – CEO – grant tracking, invoicing, and admin functions – was an admin specialist for UMaine. Experience coordinator, grant-writing, program managers...

N: Does not describes Ann's experience with past 319 projects, explains her responsibilities, but not her qualifications related to this work.

N: Alexandria – code enforcement involvement can be tricky.

P: Phillips Lake Association – played roles in Phase I and II, and executed the 2010 and 2015 watershed surveys. Will lead education and outreach task.

Q: In Qauls it says the Town will do 4 NPS Sites and HWCSWD will be 6 – does town have technical expertise?

Q: Not clear what the 2 cost-share grants will be provided to LIMVIC means as they are the applicant.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody

- Availability (access) of use

P: Public boat launch on the east shore.

P: Proximity to Bangor and Ellsworth it is widely used

- Extent of use

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply
- Public recreational opportunities – public boat launch, boating, fishing, swimming, snowmobiling, ice fishing.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits – scenic backdrop
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – Conserved lands in upper watershed and 6 islands used by nesting bald eagles. Riparian habitat. 13 adult loons. Home to 20 fish species, cold-water fishery, stocked for Landlocked Salmon and Brook Trout, and warmwater fish. Critical Atlantic Salmon habitat, spawning habitat.
-
- Commercial benefits – Summer Camp (CaPella) and Lucere Inn (Historic Places)
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other – Private Beach Club with 240 members, used by 720 people annually.

N: Small lake with unfavorable access in comparison to.

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.

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P: Threatened for outstanding water quality and importance to protect from development. Data since 1974. Understanding – SDT range from 7 to 11.1 Min. remains above 4m in all years. TP samples range from 2ppb to 9ppb, average of 5ppb. Chl-a average of 1.5ppb.

2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

N: Overall seems like lake is relatively stable – Generally SDT appears to have increased since 1974.

Notes: flushing rate of 0.52. Threatened

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed.

P: Nature/Extent- Development and natural topography as key concerns: steep topography of watershed magnifies watershed runoff issues. Highly developed shoreline – 90% developed with a total of 800 residents on shoreline. Unpaved roads encircle shoreline. Commercial development includes Inn, golf course and route 1a.

Severity – 60 sites.

2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

P: Demonstrates what the priority/goals are: 2009 Watershed Survey and 2014 watershed-based protection plan – 60 sites, 56% of sites on town roads, and 18% on private roads. Ditch erosion, culverts, and road surface erosion. 2014 plan – goal to address 55 of the 60 sites, including 40 roads and 50 residential.

P: Actions thus far to demonstrate understanding of what's needed – Green and Phillips project 2001-2005 had 21 sites, 2013-2014 Phase I 27 road and 15 residential. 2015-2017 45 sites (28 town roads, 5 private roads, 12 residential)

P: Purpose statement – demonstrates that addressing high impacts sites, education around septic and buffers.

Q/N: while the plan is not expired yet, the survey was done in 2009 – are these still issues, have they been ground truthed?

Q: not understanding how there were 60 sites, but 40 roads and 50 residential = 90 sites?

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.

P: Yes, seems like a manageable amount of projects

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2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected.

- Yes, efforts will continue to protect the lake.
- P: Nutrient reductions at 2 sites will be reduced by 55-65% and 80% in sediment.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks

Task 1: Project admin

Task 2: S.C. LIMVC and LIMVIC, HCSWCD, PLA and interested landowners – 4x

Task 3: Village Rd NPS Sites – 4 sites (

O: Should describe this task in more detail here – what is the issue, what are the proposed BMPs

Task 4: Private Road/Boat & Beach Access NPS Sites- two high impact NPS sites. Both sites have completed engineering designs and permits

Task 5: E & O: two press releases, annual meetings, Lake Day at Beach Club – elementary students, buffer workshop, septic electronic info/survey, brochures, website postings

Task 6: Pollutants

- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody.

O: check file 3 for permits

O: it says present at two PLA annual meetings twice

O: It isn't clear to me if the two private signs have landowner commitment, task 4, however, engineered plans are complete which indicate they would

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)

P: Nearly 75% of grant funds are going towards construction and 80 % matching funds for construction

P: Good return for grant investment to address 6 high priority sites, remaining from the original survey

2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes

P: Cost estimates all seem reasonable

3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

P: Cash match from LIMVC of \$34400 and LIMVIC of \$22,600 = ~56,000 of cash match for construction.

P/N: meets the 40% match requirement exactly, which can be close if anything falls through, however since there is significant cash match that has been committed is reassuring.

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P: Updated the Sebago Lake WMP in 2020 and has successfully administered four phases of 319 grant projects.

P: Amanda has the technical and relative experience with over 10 years of experience in watershed mgmt., and 3 years of 604b/319 watershed mgmt. experience with support from a combined 70+ years of experience.

P: Subgrantee CCSWCD – over 30 years of NPS projects over the last 10 years. Chris Baldwin has 17+ years in this position and involvement on many 319 projects.

P: Consulting geomorphologist – engineering and design support – licensed engineer and experience designing living shoreline projects in New England.

P: Landscaper and Graphic Designer will also be hired – with applicable key experience.

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- Availability (access) of use

P: 6 public beaches and 3 public boat launches

- Extent of use

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Primary drinking water supply for over 225,000 people in 11 communities
- Public recreational opportunities – Top tourist destination, 3 public launches, 7 marines, 6 public beaches. Campground, State Park, 7 youth camps, boating, sailing, fishing, etc.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – MIFW stocks landlocked salmon, and mnages for wild landlocked salmon and trout. 7 other fish species. Dozen significant vernal pools, 4 square miles of inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat, deer wintering, are of Statewide Ecological Significances, habitats for animals of special concern, enderanced species and special concern plant species.
- Commercial benefits – youth camps, and supports many tourism related small businesses
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

PWD has monitored the lake since 1976. Lake is a high value oligotrophic lake. SDT range from 10.4-10.8, one of the clearest lakes in Maine. TP 4.1-4.4, Chl-a 1.4-1.5. sediment chemistry shows P release from sediments in unlikely.

No severe water quality issue, however periphyton monitoring has shown algal growth and sedimentation rates on artificial substrates are higher along shorelines where dense development is. Monthly monitoring of tribs show that storm events contribute turbid water.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed.

Workplan and data described below in wq problem demonstrate that development and climate change are exacerbating NPS issues. Major sources- erosion from roads, ditches and residential properties, lack of shoreline vegetation, stormwater runoff.

NPS Road survey – 61 roads (21 high, 29 medium, 11 low)

Neighborhood Assessment and Hotspot – 27 neighborhoods, 5 commercial hot spots and 38 ag sites.

PWD reviewed sites in tracker in 2022 and updated status – tracker has 64 sites, 14 high, 28 medium and 22 low – stream crossings and gravel roads.

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2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

Notes: heavily developed shoreline, over 2300 homes. Development increased from 5.4% to 8.9% between 1987 and 2009, and green space decreased by 3.5%

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.

P; Very likely, all NPS sites appear secured and alternative funding has been described if need be.

2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected.

P: as listed in WBPP one additional phase is needed to effectively address the highest impact sites, so this phase is important efforts in that direction.

P: reducing sediment loading by at least 50 tons of sediment and 42 pounds of P per year

P: Addressing 5 high impact sites and 2 medium impact sites.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks

Task 1- Project Admin – PWD

Task 2- S.C. 3 times

Task 3 – 7 sites: private road, town road, 2 residential, 2 summer camps and 1 state park. Task describes the BMPs.

Task 4 – Lakescaping – free tech assist and up to \$1000 matching grants for residents and \$2000 for private roads, businesses or property associations. Within 250' of lake. 8 sites will be addressed .

Task 5- Education and Outreach – gravel roads workshop, two articles, update the Erosion Control Practices for Homeowners Fact Sheets, new BMP demo garden brochure.

Task 6: Pollutant Load reductions

- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government

P: PWD, CCSWCD, geomorphologist, Maine Lakes, Camp O-AT-KA, Camp Sunshine, Sebago Lake State Park, Town of Sebago, graphic designer, landscaper.

- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts –

P: PWD has many concurrent efforts – Watershed Control Program, erosion control technical assistance, Lakescaping program, monitor and permit septic's, development plan reviews, school-based education...

- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody – local support shown through Town and camps involvement both with implementing projects and being on S.C.

Cost Effectiveness

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P: 70% of project is going towards construction (with commitment from landowners)

P: Overall it's a 50/50 cost share between grant and match – demonstrates local commitment.

P: Task 3 construction grant to match ratio is 43 to 57 – demonstrates quality of local match and good return for investment.

- It is likely a more expensive project that we've funded, however it is a larger waterbody and is paving the ground for benefits that go beyond this watershed – both with the education aspect and the living shorelines project.

2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes

Yes – E&O seems high, but I think they are all very meaningful tools that will be used by many beyond the traditional article or newsletter that is read once and then not read again.

3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

General question – at what cost threshold do we require more detailed explanation of BMPs recommended? Ex: Goosefare Brook was \$200,000+ and required almost two full page. The Living Shorelines project is \$165,000

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P: District has successfully managed several Clean Water Act Grants. 25-30 separate 319 projects. \$2million in USDA grant funds. ED will provide admin and financial support for the project – served as PM, provide tech assist and support Worromontogus Lake Association.

P: Consulting services of gravel road contractor with NPS site plans, nps site reports, and pcr. Must have 319 experience.

P: Worromontogus Lake Association (WLA) – education and outreach tasks – 91 year of stewarding Togus Pond – years of eq and education experience. Part of the previous 3 phase.

Q/N: “ The District will have staffing with experience reporting for Maine DEP grants and has technical capacity to manage and administer the project”

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Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody

- Availability (access) of use

P: State owned boat launch and WLA members only boat launch

- Extent of use

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply
- Public recreational opportunities – boating, fishing, swimming, ice-fishing, x-country skiing.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – warm-water fishery – 16 fish species. Conserved wildlife mgmt. areas, wetlands for waterfowl, wading birds, and shorebirds including bald eagles and great blue hearons. 10 adult loons. Fish ladder for alewives was built.
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.

P: Data has been collected since 1976. TSI was 92 and 87, anything above 60 is considered productive. SDT of 2m or less were recorded in 14 of the 36 years. TP annual average 17ppb, Chl-a average of 11ppb.

2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

P: Impaired – non-attainment of EPA for primary contact recreation and nuisance algal blooms

P: Trend analysis indicated a significant decrease in SDT over the entire time series, significant increase in TP and Chl-a over time. Increase in volume of water experience anoxia and length that anoxia occurred. Internal loading is a concern.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed.

2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

P: High-density residential development on the shoreline includes 200 residents. Roads encompass 84 acres of land and 61% are gravel. Watershed modeling indicates developed land accounts for 47% of P load despite making up only 13% of the watershed area.

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Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected.
3. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody.

Cost Effectiveness

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BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

DATE: 6/7/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Alaina Chormann

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: Has completed three 319 grant projects in the past
N: Not as much experience with 319 projects as other organizations
P: Whitney Baker has provided technical support on 13 319 projects and has been project manager for six of these throughout Maine and New Hampshire. Has experience in grant and project management
P: Emma Lorusso will be a good asset to have for education and outreach

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Access – Multiple public boat launches
P: The lake is utilized heavily for recreation, including boating, fishing, swimming, kayaking, birding, and hunting. Many sandy beaches line the lake's shoreline and islands, making this lake a very popular swimming destination as well.
P: Recreation/Habitat – Supports a warm water fishery, bass tournaments bring tourists
P: Habitat – The Dead River floodplain delta supports a Silver Maple Floodplain Forest featuring Black Tupelo, a tree uncommon in most areas of the state. Bordering the delta to the south are a bulrush marsh and pond shore outwash plain habitat, the only location in the state where the cattail sedge has been documented.
N: Economic – no discussion of degree of shoreline residents, part time or full time ?
P: Commercial – Campgrounds and yacht clubs

Water Quality Problem

N: Water quality is not impaired

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P: In 2021 the lake experienced its third and most severe algal bloom in history, with a lesser bloom occurring in 2022 (2-3 SDT)

P: SDT data has been collected since 1971, the lake has a history of reduced clarity readings during summer months, near bloom conditions were documented 16 years out of this history.

P: Comprehensive discussion of water quality

P: Has data on important tributaries as well as the dead river which experiences flow reversal at high flow.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: May 2022 survey was completed

P: 2022 identified 142 NPS sites

P: Break down of the land use in the watershed survey

N: Study of the Dead River influence is relatively old and could use an update

Feasibility for Success

P: Following the recent blooms in 2021 and 2022, the Androscoggin Lake community, including the towns, have shown immense support for moving this work forward to improve water quality and reduce the chance of future bloom

P: Stakeholders: ALIC , Town of Wayne, Town of Leeds (providing significant match), AVSWCD

N: Task 7 – can grant funds be used to develop these nutrient management plans?

P: Three commercial properties have agreed to address high priority sites at their properties

P: Work plan is very detailed and address a variety of sites, many of them are medium to high-impact

N: No indication that residents in the residential BMP section are on board with proposed work

Cost Effectiveness

N: 40% match

➤ N: Lower cash match

P: Good quality match in education

P: More than 50% of grant funds are going towards construction

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

N: No experience mentioned

N: No discussion of what individuals are managing project or providing technical assistance

P: BRWD has managed 319 projects before

P: Great past performance, great relationship with the town of boothbay

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Public drinking water source for the town of Boothbay

P/N: Access – Public access is available on BRWD property, No boat launches

P: Recreation – Conservation around the lake available to non-motorized public use, Lake is stocked with bass

P: Habitat – habitat of significance for wading birds and waterfowl

P: Habitat – wetland areas have been identified as an area of high ecological significance

P: Water supply is critical to the economy of the Boothbay region

N: Not enough detail, number of residents or visitors not provided

Water Quality Problem

P: Adams Pond on list for most at risk for new development

N: Lacks discussion of any long-term trends in water quality parameters, has their been a decline in clarity over the years etc

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

P: FBE modeling indicates that Adams Pond is vulnerable to nutrient inputs from NPS sites and future development

N: No discussion of water quality in Knickerbocker Lake

P/N: Potential for internal phosphorus release

P: Focuses a lot on historical water quality data but no info on recent trends (post 2018)

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: 2014- watershed surveys were conducted in 2014 (48 sites in total and 21 in Adams Pond watershed)

N: 2018 Knickerbocker Lake shoreline survey and 2019 Septic Survey but no inclusion of the results, what types of sites were they?

P: Breakdown of the types of NPS sites that were documented in the Adams/Knickerbocker survey

N: They state that residential use is the primary development type in the watershed but do not discuss the residential NPS issues observed in the survey

Feasibility for Success

P: BRWD has established a local lake grant program that provides technical assistance, they will have already made contacts with residents about completing BMPs on their properties.

P: Many local partnerships have been established, shareholders include Town of Boothbay, Knows Lincoln County Soil Water Conservation District, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and more

P: Only two sites so the BMPs are likely to be completed on time

Cost Effectiveness

N: Just two BMP sites on the candidate site list, both sites use significant grant funds

P: High impact sites

P: Good match sources, not heavily dependent on volunteer services

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: has managed 25-30 individual 319 projects

P: Has completed two previous phases of China Lake 319 projects

P: Staffing to provide Technical Assistance in the project

Q: Past performance on China Lake Projects

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Drinking water supply for five municipalities

P: Access – two state owned public boat launches

P: Habitat – watershed has 4,732 acres of riparian habitat, 19 native fish species

N: Habitat – cold water fishing has not been sustainable since 1980s

Q: Alewife will be returning in 2022, potential for inputs of phosphorus?

Water Quality Problem

P: 3 stations with 46-51 years of lake monitoring

P: Pattern of annual anoxia, internal loading

P: 29-32 years out of 48 years of sampling documented less than 2m in SDT (blooms)

N: Lacks discussion on why different trends of TP and Chl-a are observed at the 3 stations

P: Large watershed with significant development

P: Significant decrease in SDT in the entire monitoring period at all three stations

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: On NPS list for risk of new development

P: Long history of interest in this lake due to it sudden decline of water quality in the 80s

P: 2020 Watershed Survey identified 161 NPS sites

N: Road survey was conducted in 2016 but does not elaborate on any findings, gravel roads can be a major NPS problem.

➤ 6 roads addressed in a gravel road rehabilitation program, but how many are left?

N: Listed as being at risk for new development but does not discuss any potential new threats or the rate of development in the watershed

Q: There is a TMDL for this Lake however the application does not discuss any goals outlined in the TMDL, is this due to it being old?

Feasibility for Success

P: BMP on 21 high and medium impact NPS sites including the boat launch

P: LakeSmart program that is in place

P: Stakeholders: China Region Lake Alliance (CLRA), YCC program, China Lake Association, Kennebec Water District (KWD)

N: Lake is impaired, with apparent internal phosphorus loading, less likely it can be successfully restored .

N: Landowners are not lined up already for the YCC projects, are there sites already identified ? What type of BMPs are planned?

P: 10 LakeSmart evaluations

N: How does the residential BMPs tie into previous years, little discussion of the previous 319 phases

Cost Effectiveness

P: A lot of high impact sites planned to be addressed with BMPs

P: High amount of match, nearly 50/50

P: A lot of the budget is going to construction of BMPS (around 124,000\$)

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: 39 years of experience administering grants – have received previous accolades for their work
P: Bill Monage – project manager has successfully managed numerous grant projects
P: Wendy Dennis – technical assistance, Wendy is very experienced
N: Mathew Farragher – Technical Assistance – has only been with CWD since 2022, unclear about previous experience.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Back up drinking water supply for the City of Augusta
P: Access - Two public boat launches
P: Recreation - Premiere destination for bass fishing
P: Habitat – 21 species of fish in the lake, 4 are listed as high-priority in the states 2005 Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy
P Habitat – wetland areas have been identified as an area of high ecological significance
N: No discussion of shoreline property owners, how many residences are within an x amount of distance from the shoreline

Water Quality Problem

N: Only one station for monitoring, at least that is what is assumed since number of stations not discussed – also no mention of where the station is

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P: 50 years of water quality data - long history of excess phosphorus in the lake and resulting algal blooms
N: No longer an impaired lake, it is threatened
P: Since de-listing the water clarity has not significantly improved since
N: Lacks discussion of how NPS problems in the watershed are contributing to the observed water quality trends
P: Large watershed with significant development
P: Two lakes upstream are impaired – could be upstream influences
 ➤ Could be a negative if no work is being done on these lakes
N: Focuses a lot on historical water quality data but no info on recent trends (post 2018)

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: Have developed a TMDL in 1995 and revised it in 2000
P: 2014 – Watershed Survey identified 80 NPS sites, 27 high priority, 45 medium
P: Jock stream watershed problems were addressed with past grants
N: Lack of details about the previous phases, how many out of the 80 NPS sites have already been address? How many are left? Amount of phosphorus removed with these projects?

Feasibility for Success

P: Reducing sediment via addressing BMPs on 15-20 NPS sites and addressing 12 shorefront sites via YCC
P: Project has a strong focus on BMP installation at a variety of sites (roads, shore line etc)
N: Towns have been invited to participate but no clear commitment, if some of sites are town roads, could pose a problem.
P: Stakeholders: Friends of Cobbessee Watershed, Cobbessee Lake Association, possibly all 5 towns
P: 20 LakeSmart-Smart evaluations
N: Task 3 – funds available to towns and landowners, does not indicate any specific commitments or a waitlist of landowners willing to participate
N: Task 4 – are there any high priority sites left to address since this would be the 4th phase

Cost Effectiveness

P: A lot of high impact sites planned to be addressed with BMPs
N: No official commitment from landowners, with more than 44k in match, could cause budgeting issues
P: A lot of the budget is going to construction of BMPS (around 116,000\$)

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RFP #: 202303053

RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: 7-Lakes Alliance

DATE: 6/7/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Alaina Chormann

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: 7 Lakes Alliance has managed multiple 319 projects, Charlie Baeder has 16 years of experience, and has worked on the three previous phases of Great Pond

N/I: Charlie is managing five current 319 projects, is this perhaps too many active project to handle at once?

P: New full-time Erosion Control Project Coordinator

N: Is Charlie going to be part time and are seeking new full time employee to replace him, with 5 other current projects could be a lot for someone to take over.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Largest and fifth in the chain of lakes- central location within the Belgrade area

P: Year-round recreation, private beaches youth summer camps, public boat launch,

P: Economic – Belgrade population doubles in the summer and Rome's population triples, lake is important to the

P: Shorefront properties account for significant portion of property tax valuation

P: Habitat - The watershed provides habitat for rare plant and animal species of special concern, ribbon snake, American eel and loons.

P: Supports 18 fish species including 12 native species

Water Quality Problem

P: Water quality is listed as impaired

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P: Significant decline in water quality has been observed in Great Pond over the last 50 years

➤ N: does not provide numbers to quantify this

P: Increased presence of metaphyton and cyanobacteria in the last 10 years

P: Development pressure in the watershed, Belgrade is growing faster than the state, 90% of shorefront lots are developed

P: All lakes connected to Great Pond are on DEPs Priority NPS priority watershed list

P: Long term and short term water quality trends have been analyzed

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: 2021 Great Pond Watershed-Based Management Plan, calculated total load of phosphorus into the lake and it's sources.

➤ Watershed load accounts for 72% of the phosphorus load

P: Very thorough analysis has been conducted to determine NPS sources in the watershed

P: Watershed survey in 2018 – 237 sites were determined many of them were residential sites

Feasibility for Success

P: Stakeholders: 7 Lakes, BLA, Town of Belgrade, Town of Rome

➤ N: Did not provide any letters of commitment

N: Task 3: Non NPS road sites are to be addressed but there is no number on how many

P: Task 4 – YCC has a significant number of sites they want to be addressed, this YCC has preformed well in the past

P/N: 19 town and private roads and driveways, who is going to be the engineer for these road BMPs?

Cost Effectiveness

P: 57,000 in cash match for construction

P: Most of the match is cash match

P: Focuses on high impact road sites

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N: Is Charlie going to be part time and are seeking new full time employee to replace him, with 5 other current projects could be a lot for someone to take over.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Public boat launch

P: McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake are used extensively for swimming, fishing and boating

P: McGrath supports cold water fish

P: Salmon Lake contains 14 species of fish watershed that rely on the tax base from shoreline development

P: Habitat – .area of high-value plant and animal habitat in the watershed including large undeveloped land blocks, inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat

N: Economic/recreational value of the lake is smaller than other lakes in the Belgrade chain

Water Quality Problem

N: Water quality is not listed as impaired

P: Water quality data has been collected at Station 1 in McGrath Pond since 1975.

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P: documented increase in the area of anoxia in Salmon Lake, elevated phosphorus in bottom sediments, and visual observations of algal blooms in the lake

N: Last algal bloom occurred in 1979

N: Indications of internal phosphorus loading but nothing is mentioned about sediment chemistry numbers

N: Water quality issues not as severe as others in the Belgrade chain, water clarity is improving over the historical sampling period and has remained stable since 1990

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: Watershed Survey, 2017: A total of 105 sites were identified on McGrath Pond (70 sites) and on Salmon Lake (35 sites) including 12 high-impact sites and 47 medium-impact sites. The number of documented problems on residential properties exceeded all other land-use types.

P: 2010 watershed analysis provided Phosphorus loading estimates identified the following primary sources: internal sediments (32%), septic systems (26%), atmospheric deposition (13%), agriculture (11%), and shoreline (10%) and non-shoreline (9%) development.

- N: Perhaps a septic survey is needed before more BMPs are installed as that is accounting for more than other types of NPS sites

N: The 2017 survey section does not discuss agricultural issues. What is the status of agricultural NPS issues given the history of the watershed and the 11% coverage

Feasibility for Success

P: Stakeholders: 7 Lakes, MPSLA, Town of Belgrade, Town of Oakland

- N: Did not provide any letters of commitment

P: Builds on four prior phases, has an active YCC program that has been successful in the past

N/P: Task 3 –16 road sites for BMP installation, any letters of commitment from the owners of the private roads and driveways?

N: Happening concurrently with other NPS projects and the plan update, with Charlie stepping back into a part time role, will there be enough staff and enough experience to ensure all projects can continue on schedule

Cost Effectiveness

P: More match than grant costs

P: 48% match

- N: Lower than the other 7 lake projects proposed

N: Minimal match from town of Oakland when compared to private roads

N: Most of cash match is dependent on construction on private roads, but no letters of commitment

P: 148,175 of the project going to BMP construction

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: SASWCD has carried out previous 319 projects and has written two watershed-based plans

P: Staff members with 16 years experience

P: They are hiring tech services to assist in designing agricultural BMPS

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Access – Public Boat Launch

P: The river runs through tribal lands and the river and tributary flood plains are also important for traditional wild gathering rituals

P: Recreation/Habitat - The Meduxnekeag's fishery for brown trout is unique and one of the only self-sustaining riverine fisheries for wild fish in Maine

P: Habitat – Forested watershed provides habitat to bald eagles and wading bird habitat.

P: Economic – watershed has several agricultural operations

Water Quality Problem

P: Water quality is impaired

N: There has been a long history of water quality monitoring but no specific date ranges were provided

P: Three listed impaired tributaries to the Meduxnekeag River: Craig, Oliver and Smith.

P: The TMDL study completed by Maine DEP in 2000 indicated that one of the major nonattainment factors is nutrient enrichment.

P: Values of both TP and OPO4-P have been elevated from 2013-2019

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

N: States that numerous assessments have been conducted in the watershed over the past decades but does provide substantial details or the results

P: Agricultural inputs are a significant contributor to the NPS problems

P: Increased nitrogen in ground surface water

P: Fluvial geomorphology assessment

Feasibility for Success

P: There is strong local agency and tribal partnerships, which has led to several assessments and surveys within the watershed

P: Builds on two prior phases

N: Smaller budget for education and outreach

P: Good quality education and outreach

N: Candidate site says watershed wide, but no specific sites are identified

Cost Effectiveness

N: 41% match

➤ N: Lower cash match than in-kind match

P: Significant amount of grant funds and match are going to Bmp projects

P: Lower budget grant application, under 50k

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P: New full-time Erosion Control Project Coordinator

N: Is Charlie going to be part time and are seeking new full time employee to replace him, with 5 other current projects could be a lot for someone to take over.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Public boat launch

P: Upstream of most of the other lakes in the Belgrade chain

P: Used for a variety of recreational purposes

P: Important to the commercial businesses in the watershed as well as the three primary towns in the watershed that rely on the tax base from shoreline development

P: Habitat – serpentine marsh is home to almost 30 cranes, around 14 different species of fish in the lake

N: Economic/recreational value of the lake is smaller than other lakes in the Belgrade chain

Water Quality Problem

P: Not impaired but expected to be impaired soon with a listing reason for culturally induced algal blooms

P: Potential for nuisance algal blooms is moderate to high, potential for internal loading is high

P: High TP with an average of 18 ppb with the maximum observed in 2018 at 33 ppb

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P: Algal blooms in 2018, 2020, 2021, and 2022

P: Stratification of the water column and resulting anoxic conditions (DO < 2 ppm) within 1 m of the lake bottom were likely to have caused internal loading

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: 2022 North Pond Watershed Survey Update – This survey update was conducted in developing the 2023 North Pond Watershed-Based Management Plan and updated the 2016 Watershed Survey.

P: Most 91 NPS sites are Residential (45 sites) or Road/Driveway (40 sites), and several road/driveways remain as high/medium impact NPS sites (26 sites)

P: WBMP development, setting water quality goal for the lake and develop strategies to address excess phosphorus from NPS pollution (including septic systems and agriculture), climate change, and internal phosphorus loading.

➤ N: This has not been done yet

Feasibility for Success

P: Stakeholders: 7 Lakes, NPA, Town of Mercer, Town of Rome, Town of Smithfield

➤ N: Did not provide any letters of commitment

P: Builds on three prior phases, has an active YCC program that has been successful in the past

N/P: Task 3 –15 road sites for BMP installation, any letters of commitment from the owners of the private roads and driveways?

N: Happening concurrently with other NPS projects and the plan update, with Charlie stepping back into a part time role, will there be enough staff and enough experience to unsure all projects can continue on schedule

Cost Effectiveness

P: More match than grant costs

P: Most of the match is cash match

P: Focuses on high impact road sites

P: Using DEP culvert grant for \$150,000

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: Michelle Windsor has successfully administered other 319 grant projects

P: Experience with maintaining project budgets

P: Subgrant will be issued to a consultant to help manage the project

N: There are no qualifications listed for the consultant

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Access – The Town of Norway operates a town park on which provides multiple forms of public access including a boat launch and a beach

P: Recreation/Habitat - The Lake is a popular fishing destination for large and small mouth bass and trout, with several bass tournaments usually scheduled each year

P: Habitat – Witt Swamp features provides habitat for shallow water inland wading bird and waterfowl

N: Value of habitat is relatively low

P: Economic –The 570 shoreline properties on Norway's four lakes generate more than twenty percent of the property tax revenue for the Town

Water Quality Problem

N: Water quality is not impaired

P: Lake has been monitored since 1976

N: Water quality section lacks details or discussion of long term vs short term trends uses phrases "in recent years" which is vague

P: In most years the bottom 6 meters of the lake are devoid of oxygen by August

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BIDDER NAME: Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alaina Chormann

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: Recent survey in 2019, 180 erosion sites were identified

P: Identified the primary sources of pollution in the survey

N: Watershed survey in 2019 is the only assessment they listed in the Pennessewassee watershed

P: North Pond watershed survey conducted in 2016 gives better understanding of NPS problem in the area but the results were not discussed

Feasibility for Success

P: Stakeholders: OCSWD, LAON , Town of Norway, Consultant Project Manager

P: Builds on one prior phase

Q: Will oxford county or the consultant have experience providing engineering plans for road sites?

P: All town sites have been reviewed with the Town of Norway and they feel confident that all of their sites in this phase will be able to be addressed to incorporate applicable BMPs within the two-year grant period

P: Project partners will provide watershed residents with technical assistance for 15 sites

➤ N: what type of sites? Residential, driveway? Low impact or high impact?

N: No letters of commitment from property owners of the private roads they want to address

➤ It appears that the match breakdown does show some cash match coming from specific property owners of the private roads

➤ P: Scout Lane is a significant site and owners seem to be committed and providing match

Q: Is the education section on the low end?

Cost Effectiveness

N: 41% match

➤ N: Lower cash match than in-kind match

P: Significant amount of grant funds and match are going to construction projects

P: Lower budget grant application, under 100k

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BIDDER NAME: Lucerne-In-Maine Village Corporation

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: Ann Fossett is main point of contact for the grant, she has personal and professional relationships with residents

P: Alexandria Jesiolowski will facilitate administrative duties associated with the grant, she was an administrative specialist with the University of Maine

N: No indication that Alexandria or Ann have experience facilitating 319 grant projects

P: Hiring HCSWCD and a qualified consultant to provide technical assistance to land owners, an serve as Project Coordinator respectively.

Note: Past projects, have been managed by Meghan, she left and all the expertise left

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Access - Does have a public boat launch

N: Access – Only beach access is through a private beach club

P: Recreation – Lake is stocked for fishing opportunities for fishing and swimming

P: Habitat – 20 fish species and supports a robust cold-water fishery, area in which Philips lake is located is considered critical habitat for salmon (who say this?)

N: No economic value of the lake is discussed, how many full-time residents, how many tourists per year?

P: Habitat – Active loon populations on the lake and conserved land in the watershed is home to nesting eagles.

Water Quality Problem

P: Water quality monitored since 1974 at 1 station in the lake

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P: Outstanding water quality

N: No data for 7 years of the monitoring period, including 2019-2022 which means there is a lack of recent water quality data.

N: SDT data shows a trend of increasing water clarity over time

P: One of the lowest SDT readings on record was recorded in 2015, given the lack of recent SDT readings water clarity could be worse than thought

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

N: No watershed survey has been completed in the last 10 years

- Lack of recent information about current NPS problems in the watershed

P: Seems to understand that the major source of NPS pollution in the watershed are private and town roads

N: No discussion of other types of NPS sources in the watershed, such as shoreline residences, development etc

Feasibility for Success

P: Two phases of 319 work has been completed in the watershed

N: Survey identified 60 sites, two previous phases have been completed, without a recent survey how do they know what sites to target in this phase

P: Environmental consultant with previous 319 experience will be working on the project

N: Task 5, no listing of specific targets for the press releases

P: Task 4, engineering designs have been and local permits have been drawn up already for these sites

Cost Effectiveness

P: 57,000 in cash match for construction

N: Match is not on the high end, only 40%

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: Successfully completed four prior phases of 319 projects at Sebago

P: Amanda as project manager, has experience as an AA

P: Assistance from other Portland Water District employees that have a combined 70+ years worth of experience in watershed technical assistance and project management

P: CCSWD as a subgrantee, they have a lot of experience with 319 projects

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Public drinking water source for the greater Portland community

P: Access – Three public boat launches, six public beaches. Sebago lake state park offers a boat launch and campground

P: Recreation – 1,500 boats are launched each year, offered opportunity for fishing and swimming

P: Habitat – Stocked with landlocked salmon and trout, numerous other species of fish

N: Habitat – No indication the lake itself provides rare plants/animals or special habitat

P: Economic value to the community with the tourism that comes from Sebago

P: Habitat – Direct watershed provides habitat for plant species of special concern, contains 4 vernal pools and bird habitats

Water Quality Problem

P: Water quality monitored since 1976, there are 9 monitoring programs

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P: Sebago Lake is a high value oligotrophic lake
N: No real discussion of long-term trends, just averages
P: Periphyton monitoring shows that algal growth and sedimentation rates are higher long shoreline with greater degree of development
N: No quantification of this increased algal growth and sedimentation rates.
N: If development is a potential threat for Sebago is there any studies or indication that development will increase in the watershed

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: 2014- NPS Road Survey and Neighborhood Assessment, 61 road sites
P: Current site tracker has 64 sites in total
P: Applicant demonstrates an understanding of what the main NPS problems are in the watershed and breakdown NPS sites documented by category
N: PWD has not comprehensively surveyed individual residential properties, could be missing significant NPS problems given the development of the lake's shoreline

Feasibility for Success

P: Successful completion of three previous 319 grant projects, fourth is currently on track
P: PWD maintains a Watershed Control Program and have provided tech assistance to 250 NPS sites
P: Significant amount of Stakeholder involvement in the project, Several camps have already signed up to commit match, Sebago Lake State Park providing significant match
N: Mentions using their Lakescaping program but does not indicate is this is typically a successful program

Cost Effectiveness

P: Most if grant funds are going to construction
P: Match is more than grant cost by ~2,000\$
N: No indication of if the candidate sites are low, medium, or high impact

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: The District has successfully managed many federal/state Clean Water Act grants (including both 604(b) and 319)

➤ Since 2000, 25 to 30 separate 319 projects

P: Completed three previous phases of Togus and 85 NPS projects

P: The district plans on hiring a consultant to assist with road sites

N: Does not go into detail about who on the staff will be dealing with the different aspects of the project .

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Economic - Around 200 shoreline residences and 73% of those are full time

P: Recreation - heavily for recreation, including boating, fishing, swimming, snowmobiling, ice-fishing, and cross-country skiing.

P: Access – Public boat launch that is also ADA accessible, another launch owned by WLA

P: Habitat – Supports a warm water fishery (16 species of fish), 4 vernal pools

P: Habitat - Two of the largest wetland areas in the watershed are classified as inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat, 10 loons counted in 2022

N: Economic – no discussion of how much the lake is used by tourists/visitors

Water Quality Problem

P: Water quality is listed as impaired do to nuisance algal blooms

P: Water quality data has been collected at Station 1 since 1976.

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

P: Minimum SDT readings of 2 m or less (indicating bloom conditions) were recorded in 14 of the 36 years sampled

N: Last algal bloom occurred in 1979

N: Indications of internal phosphorus loading but nothing is mentioned about sediment chemistry numbers

P: A recent trend analysis conducted as part of the 2021 Togus Pond WBMP showed a significant decrease in SDT over the entire time series, indicating a long-term decline in water clarity

- Coincides with an increase in TP and Chl-a over the entire time series

N: Does not say when the most recent algal blooms have been

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: Watershed Survey, 2011, : A total of 60 sites were documented across eight different land-use types, with 50% of sites located on residential properties. Eight properties were ranked high impact, 23 medium impact, and 29 sites were ranked low impact.

- N: What is the breakdown of the other type of land uses

P: Sensitive Soil and Septic analysis/inventory conducted in 2019, The analysis identified 42 parcels in the shoreland zone located on sensitive soils, 32 of which are developed lots. More than a third (32%) of septic systems on the shoreline are estimated to potentially pose a threat to the water quality of Togus Pond.

- Q: are we considering septic issues on the lake NPS issues?

P: 2021 Togus Pond (Worromontogus Lake) Watershed-Based Management Plan has strategies to reduce the watershed phosphorus load by 14 kg/yr, and the internal load by 186 kg/yr.

Feasibility for Success

P: Stakeholders: WLA, City of Augusta , gravel road consultant,

- P: City of Augusta has pledged 5,000 in cash match and 4,000 in in-kind, WLA has pledged \$10,000 in cash match and \$13,232 in-kind match

P: Builds on three prior phases

P: Task 3 –12 high and medium impact shoreline residential projects

- N: Does not indicate if the landowners are prepared to participate in these projects

P: The District will oversee the installation of BMPs at 12 high and medium impact non-residential sites including 3 private road sites, 6 driveway sites, 2 commercial sites, and 1 trail/path

- N: Does not include if road Associations are on-board for the road constructions or have their support, same as with owners of the driveway, are they committed?

Q: 10 LakeSmart evaluations, WLA has experience with these evaluations before, but how many evaluations have they done in the past in previous phases, is 10 a realistic number?

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BIDDER NAME: Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District

DATE: 6/7/2023

EVALUATOR NAME: Alaina Chormann

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Cost Effectiveness

N: 43% match

➤ N: Lower cash match than in-kind match

P: Significant amount of grant funds and match are going to construction projects

P: Lower budget grant application

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BIDDER NAME: 7LA – Great Pond

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

1. Application Qualifications
 - Relevant experience
 - Financial, administrative.
 - Technical qualifications
 - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe
 - Past performance on relevant projects

P – lots of experience, successful
2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance. **n/a**
3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services. **n/a**

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody
 - Availability (access) of use - P - close to Augusta, public access
 - Extent of use – P - widely used
2. Types of Uses
 - Drinking water supply
 - Public recreational opportunities - **P**
 - Scenic and aesthetic benefits

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- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. **P – is impaired – blooming – represented well, sediments a problem.**
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future. **Restoration effort**

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. **P - Recent WS documented the NPS issues well,**
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. **N - Has sensitive sediments – anoxia issues – external load needs to be reduced, but may not be enough to restore on it's own. It's part of a multi phase project.**
3. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government **P - involvement from 2 towns is good, as well as Belgrade Lakes Association.**
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts **P - second phase**
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody.

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time) **P - restoration efforts for impaired lake.**
2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes
3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services. **P - Lots of cash coming from towns and landowners. N - Not much in-kind**

N - Looks like there are 2 sites that are repeats from current project Crane Ln South and Pinkham's Cove, need clarification. Dallas site reads like it's maintenance

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: 7LA – McGrath-Salmon

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience P – lots of experience, successful,

1. Application Qualifications
 - Relevant experience
 - Financial, administrative.
 - Technical qualifications
 - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe
 - Past performance on relevant projects
2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance. **n/a**
3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services. **n/a**

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody
 - Availability (access) of use **P - close to Augusta, public access**
 - Extent of use **P - widely used**
2. Types of Uses
 - Drinking water supply
 - Public recreational opportunities **P**
 - Scenic and aesthetic benefits **P**
 - Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits **P**
 - Commercial benefits **P**

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat **N**
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. **P salmon lake on watch list for sediment chemistry, but mcgrath seem like it's just external load**
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future. **P**

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. **P – watershed includes both lakes, and they are connected, but one has internal loading issues and the upstream one doesn't.**
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems. **P**

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed. **P – straightforward, will definitely get the project done**
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. **McGrath Pond maybe be protected after all phases are complete, but with internal loading issues for Salmon, restoration may not be achievable.**
3. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody. **Good recent WBP for both lakes, although it focused on external sources**
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks **P -following the plan**
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government **2 towns, have good in-kind match from Oakland, heavy cash match from private landowners,**
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts **3rd phase of 4 planned**
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. **Lake association involved.**

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time) ? – **the WBP didn't consider internal recycling – maybe an issue for Salmon down the road?**
2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes +
3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services. +

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BIDDER NAME: 7LA – North Pond

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience P – lots of experience, successful,

1. Application Qualifications
 - Relevant experience
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 - Past performance on relevant projects
2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance. **n/a**
3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services. **n/a**

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody
 - Availability (access) of use **P close to Augusta, public access**
 - Extent of use **P widely used**
2. Types of Uses
 - Drinking water supply
 - Public recreational opportunities **P**
 - Scenic and aesthetic benefits **P**
 - Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits **P**
 - Commercial benefits **P**

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- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. **P – will be listed as impaired in next IR– blooming – represented well, sediments a problem.**
2. Work plan’s understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems. **? the workplan is based off the old WBMP, which is only focused on external load from sediment. The WBMP is being updated to include a septic vulnerability as well as gearing up to support the need for alum. Would it be better to wait for the result of the WBMP update? On parallel tracks right now.**

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed. **P – They will certainly finish as proposed. Looks pretty straight forward with BMPs.**
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. **N – they’re gearing up for alum. Reduction of external sources isn’t going to restore the lake.**
3. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody. **See WBMP comments above**
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks **See WBMP comments above**
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government **3 towns involved, 2 with substantial cash match, NPA**
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts **current 604b and 319 projects underway for this lake**
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. **+ NPA heavily involved**

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time) **See WBMP comments above**
2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes **P – seems reasonable**
3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services. **Lots of cash match as well as donated labor. Good mix.**

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Assoc.

DATE: 6/12/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

1. Application Qualifications
 - Relevant experience
 - Financial, administrative.
 - Technical qualifications
 - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe
 - Past performance on relevant projects

P – 30MRWA has a good track record

2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance. **? Emma is new, but based on other interactions with her, I think she'll be ok. Don't know about her technical ability for NMP though.**

3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services. **n/a**

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody
 - Availability (access) of use **P – big lake, 3 public launches, 2 campground**
 - Extent of use – **P – widely used**

2. Types of Uses
 - Drinking water supply
 - Public recreational opportunities +
 - Scenic and aesthetic benefits +

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits **P – rare plant habitat,**
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. **P – backflow, sediments and external inputs addressed. N – not discussed was DO and or suspension because of mixing. Sediments are prone to release P under anoxic conditions. Latest data from 2018 is anoxic in summer, but that wasn't a blooming year.**
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. **P- recent watershed survey**
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems. **P – addressing Ag**

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed. **P – erosion sites will certainly be completed. ?-NMP outreach? I haven't seen a successful one yet.**
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. **N – this effort won't be enough. Backflow has not been addressed, nor has the internal load.**
3. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government **P – 2 towns support is good**
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. **P – ALIC support is good**

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time) **P**
2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes **P**
3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services. **P-good match mix**

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: Boothbay Region Water District

DATE: 6/2/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

1. Application Qualifications
 - Relevant experience – **P – 3 previous phases, last phase got done 1 year ahead of schedule, Sue is a decent limnologist**
 - Financial, administrative.- **P – BRWD has dedicated staff to administer the grant (Sue)**
 - Technical qualifications **P-**
 - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe - **P**
 - Past performance on relevant projects **P -**
2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance. **n/a**
3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services. **N – not enough info provided for consulting engineer quals included**

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody
 - Availability (access) of use – **open for non-motorized use, single access points controlled by BRWD, but public access is allowed. Trail network**
 - Extent of use – **well used**
2. Types of Uses
 - Drinking water supply **P - Primary supply for Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor and Southport**
 - Public recreational opportunities **P**

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- Scenic and aesthetic benefits **P – located in largest undeveloped block in rapidly developing area**
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits **P – IFW stocks**
- Commercial - **none**
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat – **low**
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. **P – water quality data are included, mentions sediment analysis. Adams Al:Fe<3, Al:P >25 and Kinckerbocker Al: Fe = 3.86, so just barely over, Al:P > 25 (like 115), might be a little overstated in the application**
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future. **TMDL/buildout done by FBE provides good timeline**

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. **P – issues understood**
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems. **P – establishes need to do these 2 sites, neither are a redo of previous phases.**

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed. **P -**
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. **not certain that this will protect the waterbodies in the long term given the build out timeline from the FBE report. It may slow the inevitable.**
3. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody. **P**
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks **P**
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government **P – has buy-in from the town of Boothbay as they are getting pass through funds and they are providing match.**
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody.

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)
2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes – **Task 2 seems a little under priced for rebuilding 1000' of road.**

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3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services. **Not completely clear on contractual match.**

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BIDDER NAME: Cobbossee Watershed District

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

1. Application Qualifications
 - Relevant experience – **CWD has tons of experience**
 - Financial, administrative – **they've successfully done many projects over many years**
 - Technical qualifications - **Bill and Wendy are foundational in watershed work in Maine**
 - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe - **+**
 - Past performance on relevant projects **+**
2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance. – **Sub-grant going to FOCW – also well established and well managed**
3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services. – **No consultants**

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody
 - Availability (access) of use -**2 public boat launches, several summer camps and campgrounds**
 - Extent of use – **extensive use**
2. Types of Uses
 - Drinking water supply – **back up supply for GAUD**
 - Public recreational opportunities – **tons – boating, beaches, fishing**

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BIDDER NAME: Cobbossee Watershed District

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

- Scenic and aesthetic benefits
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – **southern wetland = MNAP high ecological importance, rare Least Bittern, one of the best bass fisheries around**
- Commercial benefits – **not addressed, but many visitors and businesses must have pretty large footprint**
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat – **reducing blooms will increase public use**
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. – **the plan only references SDT and blooms that happened 10 years ago. There is no current water quality data provided – Temp/DO/P, etc. No mention of sediment chemistry Al:Fe <3, and Al:P<25. So it's susceptible to sediment loading issues.**
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future. – **no evidence given except for narrative that upstream water bodies are impaired (Anabessacook and Wilson – which have internal loading problems).**

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. – **Plan establishes that erosion is the only NPS issue of concern, focuses only on P load reduction**
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems. – **as proposed, good. But there's probably legacy loading to consider.**

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed. **They will certainly install adequate BMPs**
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. **Not sure that P load from erosion is the only issue.**
3. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody. – **not enough info in the plan**
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government – **no buy in from stakeholders other than FOCW, only that surrounding towns pay fees to CWD.**
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – **nothing else going on except the current 319 phase**
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – **doesn't seem like there is much support**

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time) –**seems like same-old-same-old. Application didn't establish soils are the only NPS pollutant of concern, work plan is one dimensional. Also, candidate site list math doesn't add up to the costs in the workplan tasks.**
2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes - **yes**
3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services. **Match quality low. It's only staff time. Volunteer rate is old, should be \$28.89**

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BIDDER NAME: Kennebec Co. SWCD – China Lake

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

1. Application Qualifications **P – good track record with last 604b project. Lots of experience, Dale has been around a long time – but! N-he's trying to retire. Will this be an issue?**
 - Relevant experience
 - Financial, administrative.
 - Technical qualifications
 - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe
 - Past performance on relevant projects

2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance. **N/A**

3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services. **N/A**

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody
 - Availability (access) of use **highly used – 3 public access points**
 - Extent of use

2. Types of Uses
 - Drinking water supply **P**
 - Public recreational opportunities **P**

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RFP #: 202303053

RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: Kennebec Co. SWCD – China Lake

DATE: 6/7/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

- Scenic and aesthetic benefits **P**
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits **P – IFW stocking brown trout, alewife return**
- Commercial benefits **P**
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat – **P – People are going to see the alewives**
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. **P – well understood – have a very good and recent WBMP as basis.**
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future. **P – it's an impaired lake.**

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. **P – impaired lake – blooms an issue**
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems. **N – the plan focuses solely on external source reduction from development. Ag contributes just about the same % of the external load, but is not targeted. Also Septic load is a large contributor in the West Basin, but there are no action items to address that either. As is, the plan only reduces the annual load by about 5-8%.**

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed. **P – given past project history, these BMPs will get done.**
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. **N- not a likely result of this plan.**
3. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government **P – 2 lake associations, KWD, and Town of China are all involved.**
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts **P builds off of previous work,**
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. **2 watershed groups**

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time) ? **This project might be better investment if the projects were diversified/**
2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes **P – estimates see reasonable**

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3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services. **P – good mix of match**

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience P – good track record with last 604b project. Lots of experience, Dale has been around a long time – but! N-he's trying to retire. Will this be an issue?

1. Application Qualifications
 - Relevant experience
 - Financial, administrative.
 - Technical qualifications
 - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe
 - Past performance on relevant projects
2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance. **N/A**
3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services. **P – relevant quals listed in workplan**

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody
 - Availability (access) of use **P – highly accessible 2 public launches**
 - Extent of use **P- highly used – near Augusta, has conservation land abutting**
2. Types of Uses
 - Drinking water supply
 - Public recreational opportunities +
 - Scenic and aesthetic benefits

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- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits **P – IFW stocking brown trout for recreation; warm water fishery**
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. **P – well understood – have a very good and recent WBMP as basis**
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future. **P – it's an impaired lake.**

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. **P – impaired lake – blooms an issue**
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems. **N – plan focuses solely on erosion source reduction. Work plan says 47% of load is coming from external sources and 32% of the septic systems potentially pose a threat to water quality. The septic systems are not targeted – are there holding tanks? Maybe a pump out program?**

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed. **P – given past project history, these BMPs will get done.**
- 2.
3. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. **N- not a likely result of this plan. They need an alum treatment to control internal load.**
4. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody. **+**
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks **+**
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government **P – Augusta is providing cash and in-kind match**
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – **neutral – first phase after new WBMP, it's been 8 years since last BMP work was done**
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. **P -lake association is heavily involved**

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time) ? **Project might be better if septic mitigation was included.**

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2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes **P – estimates seem reasonable**
3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services. **P – good mix of match**

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: Lucern in Maine

DATE: 6/5/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

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 - Technical qualifications
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 - Past performance on relevant projects

Previous projects were done by HCSWCD, LIMVC was partner. Seems like they'll have the capacity to administer

2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance. **HCSWCD is sub-grantee. They have done good in the past.**
3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services. **Will hire a PM, quals listed.**

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody
 - Availability (access) of use – **public access, very close to bangor and ellsworth**
 - Extent of use – **year round use,**
2. Types of Uses
 - Drinking water supply

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- Public recreational opportunities +
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits + **is a very clear lake**
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat – **unclear. Seems like it would be used regardless of water quality due to location.**
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. **P - They know the water quality is good**
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future. **N/A**

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. **Road erosion seem to be problematic. Good pictures.**
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems. +

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed. **P – pretty straight forward proposal**
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. **:P – will be protected**
3. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts **P-phase 3, at the end of the 10-yr watershed plan will need an update in 2024**
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody.

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)**pretty straightforward grant application. The roads do seem like they're going to need some help. Unsure of the impact the work will do on water quality. Not sure if these were part of previous projects (Sunset Rd, site #3)**
2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes

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3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services. **-Meh – match from village corp and lake association.**

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BIDDER NAME: Oxford Co SWCD

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

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 - Relevant experience
 - Financial, administrative.
 - Technical qualifications
 - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe
 - Past performance on relevant projects

P- OCSWCD has good track record and LAON rocked it last grant.
2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance. **n/a**
3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services. **P- consultant quals included**

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody
 - Availability (access) of use **P – public access, conservation land, and commercial marinas**
 - Extent of use **P- widely used**
2. Types of Uses
 - Drinking water supply
 - Public recreational opportunities **P**
 - Scenic and aesthetic benefits **P**

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- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits
- Commercial benefits P
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. **P – this is a protection plan aimed at keeping nutrient inputs low**
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future. **n/a**

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. **P- still working off of most recent watershed surveye**
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems. **P**

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed. **P – LAON really did a great job in the last phase. Will finish the bmp construction.**
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. **P – will prevent external loading at the specific sites.**
3. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody.
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Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)
2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes
3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services. **P – good match – property owners and Town are in on it, with cash and in-kind**

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience – P – PWD has lots of experience and staff capacity

1. Application Qualifications
 - Relevant experience
 - Financial, administrative.
 - Technical qualifications
 - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe
 - Past performance on relevant projects - **P – performing well with current grant**
2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance. **P – CCSWCD has lots of experience and staff capacity**
3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services. **P – specified what they are looking for in a geomorphologist and graphic designer**

Relative Value of the Waterbody P – it's Sebago lake – water supply, one of the best lakes in the state, super valuable

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody
 - Availability (access) of use
 - Extent of use
2. Types of Uses
 - Drinking water supply
 - Public recreational opportunities
 - Scenic and aesthetic benefits

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- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat – **N – I don't think increasing water quality will draw more people to use the lake. It's so clean right now that I don't think anyone will notice, and it's the largest lake in southern Maine, so people will use it regardless.**
- Other

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. **P – WQ data presented well.**
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future. **N – not impaired**

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. **N – Sebago is huge compared to the P mass prevented. The real issue is overall development and not these sites.**
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems. **P – the E&O portion of this project will probably have the greatest benefit – fact sheets are the de facto standard for the state, and need to be updated, and the bmp demo area will be good for training.**

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed. **P – this will get completed for sure. Phase 4 ran into serious contractor issues, but PWD and the State Park were committed to getting those worked out, and the project will close with an extension.**
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. **Meh – This project won't likely do much. 42 lbs P/yr is not much compared to the volume of the Lake. 4.79 ppt/yr**
3. Consideration - P
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government – **good partnership with Camp Sunshine, O-At-Ka and SLSP from previous projects,**
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody.

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time) – **E&O are valuable**

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2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes - ? **not sure if the living shoreline extension can be done for the cost proposed. Not sure about PWD personnel expenses calculation.**
3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services. **P – good match diversity in partners and cash/in-kind**

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BIDDER NAME: S. Aroostook SWCD

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 - Relevant experience
 - Financial, administrative.
 - Technical qualifications
 - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe
 - Past performance on relevant projects

SASCWD has good track record – successful track record with previous phases
2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance. **n/a**
3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services. **N-qualifications are not listed. Unclear if the "consulting technician" is actually a sub, but is listed for match source.**

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody
 - Availability (access) of use **P – public access, visibility in Houlton**
 - Extent of use
2. Types of Uses
 - Drinking water supply
 - Public recreational opportunities **P**

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

- Scenic and aesthetic benefits **P**
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits **P – self-sustaining riverine brown trout fishery**
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other **P – culturally important to HBMI**

Water Quality Problem

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. **P – nutrient loading, failure to meet class for DO.**
2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future. **P- already does not meet**

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. **P – ag identified as the issue, although there is a question about the geologic formation and additional internal loading due to DO issues, which is driven by external loading.**
2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems. P- addresses conventional ag practices.

Feasibility for Success

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed. **P**
2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. **N – these load reductions will not restore the river...**

But, P - they do model the desired practices.

3. Consideration
 - Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody. **P**
 - Effective well-sequenced tasks **P**
 - Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government **P – although no town participation, there are good partners – HBMI and NRCS**
 - Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts **P – 3rd phase, and WRR1**
 - Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. **N – doesn't seem like a lot of community involvement**

Cost Effectiveness

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time) **P – little money, good modeling for other ag producers**
2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes **P**

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3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services. **P- seems like a good mix of cash and in kind**

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BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes – McGrath/Salmon VI

DATE: 5/31/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

7 Lakes is well qualified and have lots of experience coordinating 319 implementation grant projects, they currently are successfully coordinating several projects including McGrath Pond – Salmon Lake Phase V 319 grant project, no issues. P

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Both bodies of water are heavily used by the public in the Belgrade/Oakland area due to their accessibility, plentiful public access and large number of commercial (as well as private) camps. P

Water Quality Problem

Both bodies of water are on DEP's NPS Priority Watersheds List as sensitive and both have exhibited water quality issues. Salmon Lake suffers annual algae blooms and low DO while McGrath Pond is at risk for algae blooms and is too shallow to exhibit DO depletion. Both bodies show an increasing SDT over the last 10 years (good). Water quality data has been collected since the 70's and the applicant exhibits a good understanding of the stressors on the ponds. P

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

A Watershed Survey was performed in 2017 to assess the current state of erosion and delivery of pollutants into the lakes. A total of 105 sites were identified, 70 on McGrath Pond and 35 on Salmon Lake including 12 high-impact sites and 47 medium-impact sites. The number of documented problems on residential properties exceeded all other land-use types. The majority of sites are located near the shoreline, with a handful of sites are associated with roads and stream crossings.

A Watershed-Based Protection Plan in 2018 to address nonpoint source pollution identified in the 2017 watershed survey. The survey and management plan are getting old... N

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EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Feasibility for Success

Based on 7 Lakes past performance there shouldn't be any problem with the project being successfully completed as proposed. This Phase VI project is an important step towards improving the water quality of McGraw/Salmon, however, this is phase VI and are we getting diminishing returns with each phase? Also, the watershed survey (2017) and management plan (2018) are getting a bit old. Task 3 is a bit vague about NPS sites to be fixed, there is an attached candidate site list but this task described prioritizing sites as they go along (I think). Q

Like all projects sponsored by 7 Lakes in the Belgrade region the project is strongly supported by the surrounding municipalities. P

Cost Effectiveness

Fair, 7 Lakes exhibits reasonable costs for project management, Lakesmart Evaluations, E&O, and the work the YCC crew does is a bargain, the match commitment is OK at 48%. P

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Association – North Pond IV

DATE: 5/30/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

7 Lakes is well qualified and have lots of experience coordinating 319 implementation grant projects, they currently are successfully coordinating several projects including North Pond Phase III, no issues. P

Relative Value of the Waterbody

North Pond is located in the popular Belgrade Lakes region and is popular with tourists, camp owners, boaters and fishermen. It is vitally important to the Town of Smithfield and is home to the Pinetree Camp for disabled children. Like Great Pond, it is heavily used but its value is slightly diminished by being one of 7 lakes in the chain. It contains significant wading bird/waterfowl habitat. P

Water Quality Problem

North Pond is on DEP’s NPS priority list as ‘threatened’ and will be listed as impaired soon due to a changing trophic state and high levels of phosphorous. The pond has frequent algae blooms and the severity of water quality issues indicates that it may not attain its water quality standards in the future. The potential for internal loading (phosphorus leaving bottom sediments and becoming available to algae) is moderate to high. P

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

7 Lakes has done 3 watershed surveys (or updated existing surveys) in the last 10 years with the most recent being from 2022 so their NPS data is up to date. Currently 7 Lakes in partnership with Kennebec County SWCD are developing a 9-element watershed-based plan in anticipation that the pond will be listed as impaired. P

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Association – North Pond IV

DATE: 5/30/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Feasibility for Success

Based on 7 Lakes past performance there shouldn't be any problem with the project being successfully completed as proposed. This Phase IV project is an important step towards improving the water quality of North Pond however the applicant suggests that it will take at least one more phase to meet the goals of the management plan.

Like all projects sponsored by 7 Lakes in the Belgrade region the project is strongly supported by the surrounding municipalities. P

Cost Effectiveness

OK effectiveness in this proposal, reasonable rates for salary/fringe and project management but large expenditure for BMP Installations. Good match, 50%, which is above the 40% requirement. P

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance – Great Pond II

DATE: 5/26/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

7 Lakes is well qualified and have lots of experience coordinating 319 implementation grant projects, they currently are successfully coordinating several projects including Great Pond Phase I, no issues. P

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Great Pond is the largest of the Belgrade Lakes and is very important to the surrounding communities for tourism, camps, fishing and boating. There is a Boy Scout Camp on the pond, and it has a public boat launch. It could be argued that its value is watered down a bit by the fact that it is part of a chain of 7 lakes. P

Water Quality Problem

Great Pond is impaired for trophic trend, low DO and Gloeotrichia blooms. Water quality has declined significantly over the last 50 years as well as an increased presence of metaphyton and the cyanobacteria *Gloeotrichia echinulata* over the past 10. P

Water quality data has been collected since 1970 which is considered long term and a decline in SDT has been observed. Over the last 30 years the area of the pond with low DO has expanded significantly and the opportunity for internal recycling has increased greatly. Over the last 5 years 7 Lakes has overseen a watershed survey, development of a watershed-based management plan, mapped sensitive soils in regards to septic systems and studied sediment chemistry. P

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Great Pond has well documented water quality problems including algae blooms, declining SDT and increasing anoxia. & Lakes excellent studies has given them a good understanding of the problems and this proposal does a good job of addressing stressors. P

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Feasibility for Success

Good chance of successful completion of the proposed project based on the record of 7 Lakes Association including their coordination of the current phase I project. P

Good chance the waterbody can be restored with the implementation of this phase II proposal as its tasks are set up to address the stressors identified in the planning work done over the last 5 years. Also, the project has good support from the towns of Belgrade and Rome but I think more phases will be necessary for restoration – it's a large body of water. P

Cost Effectiveness

Very cost effectiveness in this proposal, reasonable rates for salary/fringe and project management. Excellent match, 57%, which is well above the 40% requirement, good points for that. P

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: 30 MRWA – Androscoggin Lake I

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EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

30 Mile has an excellent reputation managing numerous 319 grant projects in the past and has adequate financial, administrative and technical ability to complete the project. P

Relative Value of the Waterbody

I'd rate this as very high in all aspects, use by the public, commercial camps and campgrounds as well as valuable plant and wildlife habitat. P

Water Quality Problem

Excellent description in the workplan of water quality conditions. Andro Lake is on the NPS priority watersheds list due to concern about its sediment chemistry, there is a good chance that it will internally recycle phosphorous in the bottom sediments. Recently it has had severe algae blooms. P

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

A watershed survey was done in 2022 which identified 142 NPS sites with residential sites and private & town roads making up the majority of sites. This is a large number of sites which indicates widespread NPS issues in the watershed. The workplan adequately describes measures to address the NPS problem.

Feasibility for Success

Very good likelihood that the project will be successfully completed given 30 miles expertise and its project partners, the project appears to have strong local support. The BMP implementation described in the workplan will go a long way towards reducing the risk of internally recycling phosphorous. P

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Cost Effectiveness

Pretty good, they are proposing to do a lot of construction during this project which is expensive but administrative costs, etc. seem reasonable, no issues. I also like that match is coming from numerous partners which indicates broad support for the project. P

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BIDDER NAME: BRWD – Adams/Knickerbocker IV

DATE: 6/7/23

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Very good, BRWD has successfully completed three previous phases of 319 grant projects on Adams/Knickerbocker and their subgrantee/partner (Town of Boothbay, Knox County SWCD) are also well qualified/experienced. P

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Very high as it is the primary source of drinking water in the greater Boothbay area and is a critical component of the very important tourist economy on the mid-coast. There is public access for paddle boating, fishing and ice skating, etc. Motors and swimming are not allowed. P

Water Quality Problem

Adams Pond isn't impaired and meets its water quality classification however it is on the NPS priority list due to threat from development pressure. The workplan exhibits a clear understanding of the water quality conditions. The pond already meets standards and this project would help maintain that status. Q

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Watershed surveys have revealed a few dozen nps sites typically associated with residential development and town roads. The sites are relatively small and frankly, seem to be primarily the result of a lack of oversight by the town, for instance, allowing development in the watershed of the drinking water supply without thought to source water protection. The workplan addresses NPS sources and problems but it could be argued that the Town of Boothbay/Boothbay Harbor, a wealthy community should be responsible for stabilizing it's roads around Adams Pond without relying on federal grant funds. N

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Feasibility for Success

I think that given the applicants experience and qualifications they can successfully complete the project. The waterbody isn't impaired and already meets class but this project would help protect the water quality of Adams Pond. The proposal shows good support from stakeholders and I'm sure, as a water supply, it's strongly supported by the public. P

Cost Effectiveness

Poor, It could be argued that the applicant is asking for \$150K to rebuild a road in the watershed of their drinking water supply and that they are responsible for this. It just seems like a source water protection project but then again it would help protect the water quality of Adams Pond. I will need to discuss with the ET. Q

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: CWD - Cobbossee Lake IV

DATE: 6/6/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

CWD has many decades of successfully managing 319 grant projects including the current Cobbossee Lake Phase III project, no issues, P

Friends of Cobbossee will be a subgrantee on the project particularly in education & outreach efforts and they have been involved in past projects and their performance has been OK. P

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Cobbossee Lake has good public access and is heavily utilized by the public due to its proximity to the Augusta area. It is also Augusta's back up water supply and is one of Maine's premier Bass fisheries. P

Water Quality Problem

Cobbossee was once on our impaired list but was delisted in 2006 because it had a long period without algae blooms, however it is still on our priority watersheds list and has had two blooms in recent years. It is teetering on the edge of being listed as impaired again. SDT is typically 3 – 6 meters but has been less than 2 meters occasionally in recent years. It is questionable if it will maintain its water quality status in the future and is at risk of declining significantly. P

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Hard to tell, no recent watershed survey results were mentioned in the application and the watershed management plan is a bit old (2015). The work plan was a bit vague regarding which candidate sites would be fixed during the project. Q

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BIDDER NAME: CWD - Cobbossee Lake IV

DATE: 6/6/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Feasibility for Success

Good likelihood that CWD and FOCW can successfully complete the project and I feel the project as described is an important part of the overall effort (phase IV project) to protect Cobbossee Lake's water quality, however, protection in this case means keeping it on the NPS priority watersheds list and off the impaired list, also, no letters of support from surrounding communities/entities. Q

Cost Effectiveness

Staff/project management costs seem high and I'm dubious that they are really going to get 50K in match from property owners in the watershed, minimum 40% match commitment. N

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BIDDER NAME: KCSWCD – China Lake III

DATE: 6/8/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

KCSWCD has successfully administered 2 phases of 319 implementation grant projects on China Lake, not to mention other 319 grant projects. They are perfectly qualified to complete a successful project, however, their longtime director is retiring and they’re having difficulty finding a replacement. Same as with the proposed Togus Pond project, I’m concerned about the unknown level of experience the replacement director will bring to the project. Q

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Very high value, drinking water supply for 22,000 people, two state owned boat launches, fishing, swimming, camps, important to the economy of the Augusta/Waterville area. P

Water Quality Problem

Impaired for non-attainment of GPA water quality standards and nuisance algae blooms. China Lake is also on DEP’s list of Lakes most at risk from development and the recent trend is for declining SDT. Data has been collected on China Lake for a long time and the workplan reflects a deep understanding of water quality conditions. China Lake is severely impaired and is internally recycling phosphorous. P

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

A watershed survey from 2020 identified 161 NPS sites spread across 11 different land use types with the majority (66%) being residential. A lot of work has been done the last few years to understand the nature of the lake’s water quality issues and this is reflected in the workplan. P

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EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Feasibility for Success

No doubt KCSWCD and its partners can successfully complete the project and this project would fit well with the previous two phases. I'm impressed by the strong show of local support by the Town of China , CLA and other entities who gave letters of support and committed match for this project. Unfortunately, I think the issues with China Lake are so severe that it will not be restored after completion of this project and additional projects will be needed to attain that goal. P

Cost Effectiveness

OK, nothing stands out as being a problem, somewhat high administrative costs but pretty good match commitment, no issues. P

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BIDDER NAME: Kennebec County SWCD

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

KCSWCD has successfully administered 3 phases of 319 implementation grant projects on Togus Pond, not to mention other projects. They are perfectly qualified to complete a successful project, however, their longtime director is retiring and they're having difficulty finding a replacement. I'm concerned about the unknown level of experience the replacement director will bring to the project. Q

Consultant Qualifications - The project plans to acquire the services of a gravel road consultant.

Task 1 - Project Administration of the proposal states "The District will administer the project according to the service contract with DEP and develop an RFQ for consulting services in order to retain the services of a qualified gravel road consultant." This is standard language and perfectly acceptable. P

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Togus Pond has public access via a state boat launch and the combination of being with in the City of Augusta and supporting a productive warmwater fishery it is heavily utilized. It also contains significant wildlife habitat for waterfowl/wading birds and supports a large common loon population. P

Water Quality Problem

Togus Pond has exhibited water quality problems for a long time (1920's) and it routinely experiences algae blooms. Water quality sampling indicates a declining trend in water clarity and evidence that phosphorous is internally recycling.

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A lot of work to understand the stressors to water quality has been done over the last 20 years, especially since 2019 and the applicant has a good understanding of the work to be done needed to improve water quality. P

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Decades of algae blooms, declining water clarity with SDT often less than 2 meters, oxygen depletion at depth and strong evidence that phosphorous is being internally recycled. A watershed survey done in 2019 revealed that nearly 50 of NPS sites are related to residential properties and a soil vulnerability analysis completed in 2019 shows that one third of properties are located on sensitive soils. P

The proposal addresses the threat posed by NPS issues at residential sites and public/private dirt roads but it doesn't address the issue of septic systems and vulnerable soils. Q

Feasibility for Success

Strong feasibility for success that the project will be completed as proposed based on KCSWCD's track record, understanding of water quality issues and implementation strategy as well as a strong education & outreach component. Also, the project has solid support from the City of Augusta and WLA. P

However, I feel that there is low likelihood that the project will restore water quality to the extent Togus Pond will be delisted as it has a long history of water quality issues that won't be easily resolved. Q

Cost Effectiveness

Seems OK except that cost associated with education & outreach seems a little high but no big deal. Where is 38K in construction match coming from? P

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: Lucerne in Maine – Phillips Lake III

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EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

LIMVC appears to be qualified to carry out this proposal, especially when you consider they will hire a consultant to coordinate the project, however, they do not have any experience managing 319 grant projects. LIMVC intends to partner with Hancock County SWCD for technical BMP support (good). I feel the lack of experience is worth discussing with the ET - Q

LIMVC will use HCSWCD as subgrantee and the District has a lot of experience administering 319 grant projects including Phillips Lake I and II. No issues. P

LIMVC intends to hire a consultant to coordinate the project and will utilize procurement guidelines as described in the 319 grant Administrative Guidelines. P

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Phillips Lake is relatively lightly used by the public, there is a public boat launch but it has limited parking and is not a popular fishing or boating destination. The lake is home to Camp Cappella, a day camp for disabled children. N

Water Quality Problem

Frankly, Phillips Lake doesn't have a water quality problem, historically it has excellent water quality and SDT is in the 10 meter range (SDT has increased since 1974). Phillips Lake is on DEP's NPS Priority watersheds list due to "outstanding water quality" and development pressure due to its proximity to Bangor/Ellsworth. There isn't any concern that it won't meet quality standards in the near future. N

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

The last watershed survey was completed in 2009 which is rather old and led to the development of a management plan in 2014. The Management Plan describes action to address the 40 road sites and 50 residential sites found in the watershed survey many of which were fixed in Phases I&II. The current proposal doesn't specify any particularly important NPS sites but would address half a dozen road related sites.

Feasibility for Success

Good likelihood that the project will be completed successfully due to LIMVC's partnership with HCSWCD and a consultant and the project would likely help protect the water quality of the lake. Good local support and this project would leverage off phase I&II projects. P

Cost Effectiveness

Poor, I feel that expenses are high for administration and other Tasks associated with managing the project and overall, it's an expensive proposal for what the project would accomplish. Match proposal is at the 40% minimum. N

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BIDDER NAME: Oxford County SWCD – Lake Penneseewassee II

DATE: 6/5/23

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

OCSWCD has successfully managed several 319 grant projects including a phase I project on this waterbody, no question that they are well qualified to carry out the project. It appears that they have an exceptional group of volunteers who will have significant roles in the project. P

The applicant intends to hire a consultant to manage the project. The consultant will be chosen following procurement guidelines described in the DEP's Grant Administrative Guidelines. P

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Pretty high, the lake is the centerpiece of the Town of Norway community, has good public and private access and appears to be heavily used for all types of water based recreational activities. It appears that more than most lakes in Maine, lake P has commercial some development which is very important to the local economy. P

Water Quality Problem

The lake isn't impaired and doesn't suffer from algae blooms, however, it is on DEP's NPS Priority Watersheds List due to sensitivity and projected growth (development pressure) in the watershed. The lake has SDT in the moderate range (5.7M) and oxygen depletion at the bottom depths, limiting the cold water fishery. Water quality has been collected since the 1970's and the watershed was surveyed in 2019 so OCSWCD and LAON have a good idea of water quality problems. Q

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

A watershed survey was performed on Lake Penneseewassee in 2019 and 180 erosion sites were identified. The primary sources of pollution identified included road surfaces, unstable road shoulders, ditches, culverts and the lack of adequate vegetative buffering. The resulting Watershed-Based

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Protection Plan that was developed outlines a strategy and schedule for Non-Point Source (NPS) mitigation. The proposal exhibits a good understanding of the actions needed to address NPS problems in the watershed. P

Feasibility for Success

I feel that OCSWCD and it's partners are very capable of successfully completing the proposed project and I think that it would help protect the lake's water quality as it would dovetail nicely with the phase I project and has good local support but I'm not sure on the need for this project compared to other bodies of water. Q

Cost Effectiveness

Fair, seems a little high in regard to salary for OCSWCD considering they will hire a consultant to manage the project. Very close to bare minimum match commitment (42%). P

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BIDDER NAME: PWD – Sebago Lake V

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Excellent qualification & experience, PWD has a long history of satisfactorily executing 319 grant projects and Amanda Pratt will be the project coordinator. P

The sub-grantee for the project is Cumberland County SWCD who are excellent and Chris Baldwin, who is very experienced, will provide engineering support. P

PWD will hire several consultants for the project and will follow 319 Grant Administrative Guidelines for The procurement of services when hiring, can’t ask for more than that. P

Relative Value of the Waterbody

I would argue that there is no higher value body of water that Sebago Lake in the state of Maine. It’s the water supply for 17% of the state’s population, has a high value coldwater fishery, is home to Sebago Lake State Park and is the economic hub of a large area of southern Maine. P

Water Quality Problem

PWD has been monitoring water quality at Sebago Lake since 1976 and has a clear understanding of the water quality conditions of the lake due to their prominence as advocates for drinking water quality. P

However, Sebago Lake has outstanding water quality and shows a stable trend so it’s in no danger of not meeting its water quality standards. N

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

The proposal mentions typical erosion issues associated with residential and commercial development and Sebago Lake State Park which all are heavily utilized. PWD completed a watershed management

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BIDDER NAME: PWD – Sebago Lake V

DATE: 6/1/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

plan in 2020 which is recent and maps out a strategy for addressing stressors such as soil erosion, however, Sebago Lake continue to exhibit excellent water quality so I can't say it has NPS problems. Q

Feasibility for Success

No doubt that PWD and it's partners can successfully complete the proposed project, they have a good understanding of the Crooked River subwatershed. This project will very likely contribute to successfully protecting the waterbody. Also, I noted the strong commitment to support the project by the town of Sebago and residents of the lake. P

Cost Effectiveness

OK, some expenses seem high (construction) but it's hard to judge that, on the other hand, the proposal offers a match commitment of slightly over 50% which is pretty good.

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BIDDER NAME: So. Aroostook SWCD – Meduxnekeag River III

DATE: 6/7/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

OK, SASWCD has successfully managed several 319 grant projects including Medux phase I & II, no issues here and they will receive technical support from NRCS. Will hire a consultant on a case by case basis as needed? P

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Fairly low although it provides some recreational opportunity for the greater Houlton area it isn't a boating or camping destination in the way that a lake is, again, it appears to have good access but it's extent of use is relatively low. It offers some value as wildlife habitat but isn't public water supply or home to commercial development. N

Water Quality Problem

Excellent, long term understanding of water quality conditions and problems. Due to agricultural inputs of nutrients via tributary streams it appears it is questionable if it can attain water quality standards in the future without projects like this. P

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Phosphorous and other nutrients are problematic in the Medux due to the large amount of agricultural lands in the watershed, these issues are extensive and severe (the Medux is impaired). The workplan exhibits a strong understanding of what is needed to be done to address these issues. P

Feasibility for Success

Very good feasibility of project success due to the applicants experience and track record as well as supporting partners. Not sure of the likelihood the Medux can be restored by this project but it is an

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important part of restoration – may need additional phases. The applicant doesn't show anything indicating strong local support for the project. P

Cost Effectiveness

Costs appear to be OK, nothing stands out as out of line (no match for preparing PCRs?) It's hard to gauge some things because they are agricultural in nature and the ET will need to discuss this but I think everything looks fine.

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes – McGrath/Salmon VI

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P- 7 Lakes has a high level of experience with 319 projects and have already completed phase one of Great Pond.

P-They have several well qualified staff members that would bring a lot of expertise to handling future grants.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-Part of the Belgrade lakes chain that is heavily used for camping, fishing, and boating.

P-Contains many public and private camps and provides waterfowl habitat.

P-Source of income for the area via tourist use.

Water Quality Problem

P-Both waterbodies are listed as sensitive

P-Salmon lake has had repeated algae blooms and low DO

P-McGrath pond is very shallow and at risk.

P-Long span of collected water quality data (inc. SDT!)

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-A watershed survey was conducted in 2017, and a WBPP was created the following year.

P-Most issues seem to come from residential inputs and were rated high to medium impact.

N-Both of these documents could stand to be updated.

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Feasibility for Success

P-7 Lakes will be able to complete their plan as written, given their work on previous phases of 319 on these waterbodies.

P-Strong local support.

Q-Have they already achieved all of their goals here?

Cost Effectiveness

P-All costs look reasonable, match values make sense.

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BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance – North Pond IV

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P- 7 Lakes has a high level of experience with 319 projects and have already completed phase one of Great Pond.

P-They have several well qualified staff members that would bring a lot of expertise to handling future grants.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-Part of the Belgrade lakes chain that is heavily used for camping, fishing, and boating.

P-Contains a camp for disabled children and provides waterfowl habitat.

P-Source of income for the area via tourist use.

Water Quality Problem

P-Not impaired yet but threatened, has high levels of Phosphorus.

P-Already has bloom issues and is at risk for internal recycling.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Extensive work on previous watershed surveys, with most recent observations taken during 2022.

P-Working closely with KC SWCD on their 9-element plan due to blooms and likelihood of becoming impaired.

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EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten M. Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Feasibility for Success

P-Excellent local support and buy-in, which means that improvements are likely to be maintained by the public.

P-While this phase will improve issues, more work will be needed to resolve the issues facing North pond.

Cost Effectiveness

P-Construction costs seem reasonable with current market rates, excellent rate of match.

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BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance – Great Pond II

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P- 7 Lakes has a high level of experience with 319 projects and have already completed phase one of Great Pond.

P-They have several well qualified staff members that would bring a lot of expertise to handling future grants.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-Part of the Belgrade lakes chain that is heavily used for camping, fishing, and boating.

P-Public boat launch access and Boy Scout camp on lake.

P-Source of income for the area via tourist use.

Water Quality Problem

P-Impaired for DO, poor trophic trends, and *Gloeotrichia* blooms

P-Data collection since the 1970s documents a decrease in overall quality, SDT decline, low DO, possibility of internal recycling.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Workplan details problems facing the lake well (SDT, low DO, blooms)

P-Excellent list of plans, conducted a watershed survey, WBMP, soil chemistry work, and septic survey with sensitive soils.

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Feasibility for Success

P-7 Lakes will most likely complete this project well and on time, given their history.

P-This project will not be enough to completely restore the lake and more work will likely be needed.

Cost Effectiveness

P-Good match totals and costs seem reasonable.

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-30 mile has extensive experience in NPS remediation using 319 funding and other sources, going back over a decade.

P-30 mile's list of personnel is well qualified to address the requirements of 319 grant admin.

P-ALIC is well established and should provide excellent and motivated volunteers.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-By all accounts this waterbody is well used and loved for public recreation and camping.

P-Works as flood storage when the Androscoggin river is high.

P-Excellent beach access and multiple boat launches.

P-Excellent waterfowl habitat and return of eagle populations.

Water Quality Problem

P-Report summarizes water issues in an exemplary fashion.

P-Reports of blooms on top of threat of internal recycling due to sediment issues.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Recent completion of a watershed survey (2022) has IDed many NPS sites linked to local residences.

P-Roads are also a large part of erosion issues, the workplan has good, proposed steps.

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Feasibility for Success

P- High given the multi-step plan to address the NPS issues that have been identified and the associated volunteer groups. 30 mile appears to have very well qualified staff that are more than capable of administering 319 grants.

P-Proposed lists of BMPs covers all issues mentioned.

Cost Effectiveness

P- Costs all appear reasonable.

P-Lots of match sources.

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

- P-BRWD has already completed 319 grants in the past and has an excellent track record of work.
- P-They plan to involve the town of Boothbay and KCSWCD, both of which will be excellent partners.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

- P-Important drinking water source.
- P-Tourist recreation site, important for local economy.
- P-Used for non-motorized boating, fishing, and ice activities.

Water Quality Problem

- P- This is maintenance plan as the waterbody is not impaired but may be under threat from land development.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

- N-Though there are NPS sites IDed from the most recent watershed survey, they appear to be the result of unsupervised development that should not be permitted around a drinking water source in the first place.

Feasibility for Success

- P- The involved parties have the expertise to complete the project, and as the waterbody is not impaired, should help to keep the quality of water up.
- Q-If the town is allowing unwise development, remediation should not be the goal. Will development be curtailed?

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Cost Effectiveness

N- Road repair in this community can likely be handled at the local level.

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BIDDER NAME: CWD – Cobbossee Lake IV

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-Excellent past performance of CWD with 319 grants.

P-Plan to involve Friends of Cobbossee for education and outreach.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P- Back-up water supply for Augusta.

P-Heavily used for recreation with good public access

P-Well established Bass fishery.

Water Quality Problem

P-Was previously listed as impaired, has a history of blooms, delisted, but has bloomed again in recent years.

P-Negative trends in SDT, included less than 2m measurements.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

N-Workplan unclear.

N-Not much data directly referenced.

N-WMP is dated and should be replaced.

Feasibility for Success

Q-Appears to have a lack of local partnerships, are there outreach programs in place?

P-Past performance indicates that CWD should be able to complete their goals, but it will not immediately return the lake to a 'non-bloom' status.

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Cost Effectiveness

N-Match numbers appear somewhat dubious and PM costs are high.

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BIDDER NAME: KCSWCD – China Lake III

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P- This would be the third phase of 319 work completed on China Lake, and the district is already involved in other 319 projects (Togus) and has the experience to administer the project.

P-They intend to involve China Region Lakes Alliance, a well-established association with the project.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P- High value drinking water supply, 5 municipalities!!

P-Multiple boat launches, swimming, camping, tourist and residential use.

P- Wetlands, waterfowl, and warm water fishery.

Water Quality Problem

P-Waterbody is impaired.

P-Many years of data collection, including decrease in SDT across three stations.

P-Internal loading issues.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Excellent collection of reports and data on water quality and soils

P-Roads and residential NPS sites have been IDed using the most recent watershed survey and integrated into the work plan.

Feasibility for Success

P-Excellent local buy-in

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P-Most likely will succeed in the individual NPS site remediation, however, China Lake itself will not be restored by this one project.

Cost Effectiveness

P-Costs all reasonable and match meets threshold.

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BIDDER NAME: Kennebec County SWCD - Togus

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P - Kennebec County has already completed 3 phases of 319 work in the past in addition to other water quality improvement projects. Based on their previous work, they should be well equipped to complete additional work.

P- Worromontogus Lake Association is named as assisting with project work and should be a very stable group given its long history in the area.

Consultant Qualifications

P - Though a consultant is not named, they intend to hire a well-qualified gravel road consultant following DEP guidelines.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P- Togus pond is a heavily used recreation lake with many in and on water activities in the summer including fishing and boating in the summer and snow sports in the winter. It sustains a warm water fishery, yearly trout stocking, and provides habitat to waterfowl along with many acres of riparian habitat and wetlands.

Water Quality Problem

N – The water quality of Togus pond is known to be declining with summer algae blooms and anoxic conditions. However, there is also evidence that the water quality of the lake has had issues since the 1920s.

Q – Not mentioned here, but should the impoundments be considered?

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Internal recycling is likely a problem on the lake. Both SDT and MAD have been decreasing over time and water clarity continues to decline. KC SWCD has completed a watershed survey and ID'ed a number of residential sites that could be improved.

N- No emphasis on sensitive soil work.

Q -Are roads the most serious input to the lake?

Feasibility for Success

P -Excellent buy-in from local groups and the SWCD itself has demonstrated its ability to do restoration work in the past. They clearly understand many of the issues faced by the lake and intend to create a strong foundation for continued maintenance through their educational work.

Q- Given the local use and presence of residential homes, are there other issues to consider like septic systems? They ID these as a major contributor to P issues.

Cost Effectiveness

P -Costs appear reasonable, though travel match may be low.

Q – Is Education/Outreach cost high because buffer plants/materials will be purchased for the education? Or is it all printing costs?

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BIDDER NAME: Lucerne in Maine – Phillips Lake III

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

N- LIMVC doesn't have 319 experience.

P-LIMVC plans to involve the local soil district in the project which will improve the amount of experienced personnel involved.

P-LIMVC also seems to intend to hire a qualified consultant.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N- Phillips lake does not have heavy use pressure due to limited access despite the presence of a small boat launch.

I-There may be some heavier private use due to a private camp facility on the lake.

Water Quality Problem

N-There is no water quality issue currently facing the lake and development pressures are likely to be light.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

N-Workplan addresses previous watershed survey which may have already had problems remedied.

P-Focus on road work/erosion repair.

Feasibility for Success

P- Moderate likelihood of success given the limited number of NPS sites/issues listed in the workplan.

Cost Effectiveness

N- Match is met, but admin costs appear high.

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: Oxford County SWCD – Lake Penneseewassee II

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

- P-Previous successful grant cycles for 319, lead person has extensive experience.
- P-Excellent list of named volunteers.
- P- Plan for a well-qualified PM.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

- P-Wetlands and riparian areas throughout the watershed, waterfowl habitat.
- P-Used recreationally and residentially with public access.
- Q-Do the residences direct draw from the lake? Safety?

Water Quality Problem

- P- Unimpaired but threatened. No record of blooms.
- Q-What is the nature of the projected development?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

- P-Very high number of sites found during the survey in 2019.
- P-Roads are the major source of nps, along with a lack of buffer.

Feasibility for Success

- P- Work plan clear and the point.
- P-Has excellent amount of buy-in from local partners/groups
- Q-How under threat is it?

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BIDDER NAME: Oxford County SWCD – Lake Penneseewassee II

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EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten M. Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Cost Effectiveness

Costs all seems reasonable with match threshold made.

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BIDDER NAME: PWD – Sebago Lake V

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

1. Application Qualifications
 - Relevant experience
 - Financial, administrative.
 - Technical qualifications
 - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe
 - Past performance on relevant projects
2. Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance - If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance.
3. Consultant Qualifications - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody
 - P- PWD has an excellent track record of 319 grant work and has a well skilled project coordinator.
 - P-CCSWCD is listed as a sub-grantee and they have excellent personelle who will provide proper technical support.
 - P-Consultants if hired will follow 319 guidelines.
2. Types of Uses
 - P-Very large drinking water supply for southern Maine
 - P-State park located on the lake
 - P-Coldwater fishery and tourism/ outdoor recreation center.

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

BIDDER NAME: PWD – Sebago Lake V

DATE: 06/14/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten M. Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Water Quality Problem

N-Sebago (thankfully) has stable water quality trends, important as it is a drinking water supply. P-Development/human activity on the lake are concerns.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

N-PWD has completed a watershed management plan that contains plans to address erosion issues linked to development and residential use. However, there are no indications that Sebago is under imminent threat from these NPS sources.

Feasibility for Success

P-From a protection standpoint, there is little doubt that PWD will complete their goals outlined in the workplan.

Cost Effectiveness

P-High ratio of match dollars and proposal reflects current inflation-related construction costs.

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BIDDER NAME: So. Aroostook SWCD – Meduxnekeag River IV

DATE: 06/13/23

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten M. Thompson

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

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Type or write down notes under the scoring criteria below:

P= positive; N = Negative; Q= Question, I= Interesting

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P- The SASWCD has an excellent record of completed projects working to restore water quality on both lakes and rivers. They also have a very good working relationship with the USDA for technical support.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P- The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians is tightly linked with the Medux as it has great cultural and historical value to them and runs on tribal territory.

P- The river is used as an excellent cold-water fishery and has self-sustaining brown trout populations which are uncommon in Maine.

P- The river also has a public boat launch with an annual canoe race.

Water Quality Problem

P- The SASWCD has a clear understanding of the NPS issues that face this stream. The heavy agricultural presence along the tributary streams does require management to retain water quality.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – Phosphorus run-off from agricultural inputs, particularly with small livestock operations and potato fields with open soil continues to contribute to the impairment of the Medux water quality. SASWCD has an excellent rapport with local producers that it can leverage to improve water conditions.

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Feasibility for Success

P-The project is likely to produce good results given the historical success of the district.

P-Given the lower number of operators who control large portions of land, the number of interested parties listed here is likely to improve, but not completely resolve the water quality issues facing the Medux.

Q- New land owners are mentioned and it appears they are curious. Does the district have plans to have a “new owner” specific outreach program to stop problems before they start?

Cost Effectiveness

P- Costs appear reasonable.



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Alaina Chormann
Signature

6/6/2023
Date



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Addie P. Halligan

6/12/2023

Signature

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Gregory E. Beane

Signature

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Kirsten Thompson
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