

State of Maine
Master Score Sheet

RFP# 202403076					
Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Planning Implementation					
Bidder Name:		County of Aroostook – Cross Lake, Phase 2	Androscoggin Valley SWCD – Thompson Lake, Phase 1	Cumberland Co. SWCD – Highland Lake, Phase 5	7 Lakes Association – Long Pond, Phase 6
Proposed Cost:		\$120,400	\$101,347.99	\$99,472.55	\$110,600
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Applicant Qualifications/Experience	10	9	8	8	7
Section II: Relative Value of Waterbody	10	6	10	7	7
Section III: Water Quality Problem	10	9	7	6	8
Section IV: Nature/Extent/Severity of NPS Problem	10	9	7	8	8
Section V: Feasibility of Success	25	19	19	19	19
Section VI: Cost Effectiveness	25	19	19	21	21
Section VII: Comprehensive Plan	5	3.5	0.76	4.63	2.94
Section VIII: Disadvantaged Community	5	4.1	3.66	0.17	0
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>78.6</u>	<u>74.42</u>	<u>73.8</u>	<u>72.94</u>

Bidder Name:		30 Mile River Watershed Association - Parker Pond, Phase 3	Town of Norway - Pennesseewassee Lake, Phase 3	Androscoggin Valley SWCD – Taylor Pond, Phase 1	7 Lakes Association – Messalonskee Lake, Phase 3
Proposed Cost:		\$60,633	\$150,000	\$82,818.32	\$112,570
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Applicant Qualifications/Experience	10	8	6	7	7
Section II: Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7	7	7	9
Section III: Water Quality Problem	10	7	5	7	6.5
Section IV: Nature/Extent/Severity of NPS Problem	10	6.5	7	7	9
Section V: Feasibility of Success	25	23	19	20	18
Section VI: Cost Effectiveness	25	20	23	19	16
Section VII: Comprehensive Plan	5	1.18	0	2.4	2.79
Section VIII: Disadvantaged Community	5	0	5	0	0
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>72.68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>69.4</u>	<u>68.29</u>

Bidder Name:		Cobboosee Watershed District – Cobboose Lake, Phase 4	Androscoggin River Watershed Council – Anasagunticook Lake, Phase 3	Cumberland Co. SWCD – Watchic Lake, Phase 2	Town of Otis-Beech Hill Pond, Phase 3
Proposed Cost:		\$114,694	\$55,623	\$70,987	\$116,953
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Applicant Qualifications/Experience	10	9	8	8	8
Section II: Relative Value of Waterbody	10	9	7	5	7
Section III: Water Quality Problem	10	8	5	6.5	4
Section IV: Nature/Extent/Severity of NPS Problem	10	8	6	6	7
Section V: Feasibility of Success	25	14	20	22	19
Section VI: Cost Effectiveness	25	18	19	18	20
Section VII: Comprehensive Plan	5	0.19	0	0	0
Section VIII: Disadvantaged Community	5	0	0.64	0	0
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>66.19</u>	<u>65.64</u>	<u>65.5</u>	<u>65</u>

Bidder Name:		Friends of Lake Winnecook – Unity Pond, Phase 3	7 Lakes Association – McGrath-Salmon, Phase 6	York Co. SWCD – Bauneg Beg, Phase 2	York Co. SWCD – Square Pond, Phase 4
Proposed Cost:		\$122,502	\$75,565	\$66,101	\$98,853
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Applicant Qualifications/Experience	10	8	7	3	4
Section II: Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7	6	5	6
Section III: Water Quality Problem	10	8	6	4	4
Section IV: Nature/Extent/Severity of NPS Problem	10	6	6	8	6
Section V: Feasibility of Success	25	14	14	14	13
Section VI: Cost Effectiveness	25	18	16	14	15
Section VII: Comprehensive Plan	5	0	5	0	0
Section VIII: Disadvantaged Community	5	0	0	0.71	0
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>61</u>*	<u>60</u>	<u>48.71</u>	<u>48</u>

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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.

Sixteen applications were received and reviewed. Based on the applications, amount of funding requested, and available funding, the team recommended funding ten 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), Addie Halligan (DEP), Alaina Chormann (DEP), Kirsten Thompson (DEP), and Carolina Swindel (DEP).

Alex Wong, Addie Halligan, Alaina Chormann, and Kirsten Thompson have participated in previous grant reviews and all are familiar with the State's process. This was the first review process for Carolina Swindel. 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 16 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 6/6/24 and 6/7/24 to score the proposals using a consensus decision-making process. Alex Wong served as the RFP Coordinator/Lead Evaluator and Carolina Swindel 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 10 highest scoring applications are listed below.

Project	Applicant	Grant Funds	Match Funds	Total Budget
Cross Lake Watershed Restoration Project, Phase II	County of Aroostook	\$120,400	\$105,221	\$225,621
Thompson Lake Watershed Protection Project, Phase I	Androscoggin Valley SWCD	\$101,347.99	\$86,913.98	\$188,262
Highland Lake Watershed Protection Project, Phase V	Cumberland Co SWCD	\$99,472.55	\$99,851.42	\$199,324

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Long Pond Watershed Protection Project, Phase VI	7 Lakes Association	\$110,600	\$130,500	\$241,100
Parker Pond Watershed Protection Project, Phase III	30 MRWA	\$60,633	\$40,635	\$101,268
Lake Pennesseewassee Protection Project, Phase III	Town of Norway	\$150,000	\$203,557	\$353,557
Taylor Pond Watershed Protection Project, Phase I	Androscoggin Valley SWCD	\$82,818.32	\$69,952.09	\$152,770
Messalonskee Lake Watershed Protection Plan, Phase III	7 Lakes Association	\$112,570	\$135,103	\$247,673
Cobboosee Lake Watershed Protection Project, Phase IV	Cobboosee Watershed District	\$114,694	\$88,129	\$202,823
¹ Unity Pond Watershed Restoration Project, Phase III	Friends of Lake Winnecook	\$122,502	\$111,800	\$234,302

VI. Conclusion

The 10 applications selected support the DEP's Nonpoint Source program and will benefit Maine waterbodies.

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Peter Kalin
Belgrade Region Conservation Alliance d/b/a 7 Lakes Alliance
PO Box 250
Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

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Lidie Robbins
30 Mile River Watershed Association
PO Box 132
Mount Vernon, ME 04352

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202403076, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

Dear Lidie Robbins:

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Ferg Lea
Androscoggin River Watershed Council
125 Manley Rd.
Auburn, ME 04210

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Dear Ferg Lea:

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Emma Lorusso
Androscoggin Valley SWCD
254 Goddard Rd.
Lewiston, ME 04240

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Dear Emma Lorusso:

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Heather Hunt
Cumberland County SWCD
35 Main St.
Windham, ME 04062

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Ryan Pelletier
County of Aroostook
144 Sweden St., Ste. 1
Caribou, ME 04736

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September 6, 2024

William Monagle
Cobbossee Watershed District
PO Box 418
Winthrop, ME 04364

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202403076, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

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Brian Levesque
Friends of Lake Winnecook
PO Box 73
Unity, ME 04988

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Dennis Lajoie
Town of Norway
19 Danforth St.
Norway, ME 04268

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202403076, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

Dear Dennis Lajoie:

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Kim Ericson
Town of Otis
132 Otis Rd.
Otis, ME 04605

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Melissa Brandt
21 Bradeen St., Ste. 304
Springvale, ME 04083

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BIDDER: Androscoggin River Watershed Council – Anasagunticook 2

DATE: 6/6/24

SUMMARY PAGE

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Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	8
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	6
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	20
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	19
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0.64
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>65.64</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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Done two others efficiently and well, Jeff stern and Ferg Lea well qualified, have worked with oxford county in the past, projects had a really good outcome. Previous AA reports good quality of work.

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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:

Active drinking water lake for Canton water district, has two beaches for public access and a boat ramp, medium value inland wading bird habitat. Important economic driver for two towns. Didn't specify commercial and economic impacts (lack of detail), IFW stocks brown trout, support bass and pumpkinseed.

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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 is less clear than other lakes but clearer than some, phosphorus is a little high but not currently blooming. Sediment is favorable to release P due to aluminum and iron ratio- but this is not mentioned in the application, which is a problem. Didn't provide long term water quality trend discussions, no land use breakdown for watershed, factors into understanding of water quality problem itself. Water quality if fair and they did not provide details.

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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:

Didn't have enough information on water quality problem, good job trying to cut down external sources. Have a recent watershed survey (2019) 62 erosion sites- medium amount. Didn't provide a breakdown of high, medium, and low sites to assess severity of issue. This is phase three, they have been working off of this survey steadily. Overall lacks details.

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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:

The education and access task was a bit weak, should be more specific i.e. doing a buffer planting workshop- limits feasibility for success in goal 2. "Do outreach" is too vague. Could pull plan easily based on their past performance. This is the last phase needed to address the rest of the high/medium sites which bodes well for protection of lake. Plan is achievable in the time limit. Diverse stakeholder group, the town, road association, credit unions, watershed residence, and letters of commitment for the 4 sites. Task 4 is vague-precursor to residential matching grants (?) assuming 17 of 22 will commit, this is the way oxford county has done this in the past. Needs clarification. But most of the match is not contingent on private residential. Projects are significantly underbudgeted unless there is some sort of partnership/ discount that is undisclosed. The rain garden, rubber razors install, driveway install, etc all far too low. May be using 2019 prices. Could significantly impact ability to complete the project. But match is good, may need to be increased, or all projects will not be completed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

Can definitely get done in the time proposed, good match, candidate sites seem reasonable. Match may be a little on the low side. Currently committed match is high. Unclear about the impact level of the sites- is it mostly low impact that will not hugely impact lake quality? High and medium impact sites. Concern about whether cost estimates are accurate- some may be underestimating the cost of culvert replacement, though it could be a smaller sized road- usually around \$12- \$16 thousand. May have used original estimates without adjusting for inflation? It is a driveway crossing. Recent 15 inch replacement (smaller than recommended) across 15 feet of road was \$12-\$16k in seven lakes. All cost estimates are way too low for almost everything. Some are underbudgeted but town projects- unclear if town will be contributing significant match, or MDOT match. Unreasonable for expected outcomes.

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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:

No towns in the watershed have consistent comprehensive plans. Score = 0

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	0.64

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{1.810943 \text{ sq. mi.}}{14.14189 \text{ sq. mi.}} \times 5 = 0.64$$

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Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	14
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0.71
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>48.71</u>

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Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	3

Evaluation Team Comments:

York county has managed 35 land/water grants over the years, but recently lost a staff member. Recent past performance on grants has been poor, requiring a great deal of AA assistance to push things through. New staff person has never managed a grant from start to finish before, and AA experience during field visits indicate that the new staffer may not be adequately trained to evaluate BMP sites and inspecting BMP construction. However, performance on closing out grants were good as the new staffer was able to provide deliverables. District has agreement/contract with Cumberland County SWCD for engineering assistance, but is unclear how if that is just for design services or inspection of non-designed BMPs. Minimal evidence of the applicant being able to carry out project in time frame without assistance. The problem is a perceived/observed lack of sufficient training for staff.

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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	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Mix of public and private road access to lake, no information about public access (public beach/ boat launch). Lake supports occasional robust warmwater fishery with a diversity of species- unclear about the frequency of “occasional”. Didn’t give details on species, but did provide info on endangered grasshopper sparrow habitat and sightings of other sensitive species. Doesn’t discuss into economic and commercial value/ benefits that lake provide, no info of private residences on lakes. Lake is dammed and not in its natural condition. Carry in launch for public access mentioned. No mention of whether or not lake is used often for recreation or degree of popularity, just that it might be used.

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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	4

Evaluation Team Comments:

Data provided - SDT is 3 meters which is below state average, there are anoxic low DO condition in bottom 5 meters of WC in summer months, but no discussion of overall trends in water quality. Mentions all of the reasons lakes are listed in Chap 502, but not specifically why this lake is listed, which shows limited understanding of 502 list. Water quality info is weak, frequency of every 5 years is good but longer-term information would be good since those are important things to have and make it hard to assess severity of problem, especially given that this information is all available online. Definitely concern about SDT for severity but is lacking detail and averages for water quality data are vague and could be misleading or interpreted in many different ways. Limited demonstration of understanding of the water quality issue.

DEP has a long history of work on lake (early 00's), and many problems arise due to proximity to Sanford, but this information is not well presented.

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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:

Positives- good understanding of erosion sites in watershed, recent survey (2018), identified 74 sites, presented breakdown of land use that sites were found on- residential and town and private roads are majority. This demonstrates a good understanding of issues, lumped high and medium impact sites together and didn't include the low. If some of these sites were on previous site lists that didn't get done, what has changed that could make this project more likely to get done now? Could have a little further analysis and more up to date on recent storms etc., that isn't included here but that isn't a huge issue.

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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	14

Evaluation Team Comments:

A reasonable number of sites to try to get done withing the grant period. Negative- not a lot of match is coming from town, mostly from volunteer and staff contributions. Match from town of Berwick appears to mostly be covering steering committee time, not construction. Education and outreach- workshop, buffer tool kits, is good. If executed to what is stated, it is feasible. How SW comp funds will be used in unclear. Will this be for Sand Pond Road? Comp funds can only be used for low maintenance treatment BMPs. Deep sumps provide treatment, so this would count for stormwater comp, but they are catch basins, which do not deal with erosion and require a lot of maintenance. No mention of dealing with actual erosion from road shoulders or other sources. Has this project been completely thought out? No letters of commitment.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	14

Match is weak – 40% and not great quality; construction is 55% - concerns about meeting match if projects fall through. They are addressing high and medium impact sites. Stormwater comp is solid if it comes through.

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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:

No towns with consistent comp plan, score = 0

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	0.71

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{2.181339 \text{ sq mi}}{15.42715 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 0.71$$

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Addie Halligan, Alaina Chormann, Kirsten Thompson

<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	8
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	4
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	7
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	19
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>65</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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

The grantee is the town of Otis with financial experience, but Kim's experience administering grants is not described. 10 years of experience administering 319 grants. Jeff has 5 previous 319 grants; consultants will have relevant experience with all necessary aspects. Beech Pond association has experience conducting surveys and doing follow up. A well-rounded group with experience in all aspects of grant management. It's the town's first time as a grantee, though they have been partners in the watershed survey. No relevant past experience.

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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:

Listed a handful of uses- swimming fishing etc. One public boat launch owned by town, Warm and cold-water species, 14 species of fish, lots of conserved land, located in critical salmon habitat but there are barriers, currently stocked. No mention of commercial or economic benefits. No public beach mentioned. Right next to other big lakes with public access and beaches. Is an example of outstanding water quality and clarity, oligotrophic lake.

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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	4

Evaluation Team Comments:

Long term data sets since 1974, average SDT 9.1 M, Temp and DO are typical, good conditions for cold water fish from top to bottom. No discussion so changes in long-term trends or to what time period the averages are from. Limited amount of recent data (SDT from 70's to 90's) may be too old to assess current water quality. Chlorophyll A and TP only have 3 measurements. Difficult to assess severity with this data set- nothing past 2016. The last thing available on Lakes of Maine is from 2018, which was not included. One slight improvement in SDT trend- could be indicating improvements, again this is not mentioned in application. 63% of land in watershed is conserved. Has a very low flushing rate (.23 per year), contributing to worsening water quality. There is a lot more SDT data available online that could have been included to help trend analysis. Understanding of the data is low.

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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:

Understand lake is threatened by P, recent WS survey found 116 sites or residential property and private roads and driveways. Also reference stream habitat survey 2014. Included reduction of NPS pollution, protection of new sources, education, and the need for long term monitoring. Did mention dense development (residential) on shoreline and then agriculture but didn't mention any information about agriculture issues. Unclear if any actions are needed on ag lands. From arial photograph it looks like logging has happened, but no mention of logging in land use application sections.

Overall clear understanding of what is needed, and how to prioritize action.
Since a large proportion is in conserved land there is less potential for NPS sources (negative in this context).

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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:

Concurrent efforts that Beech Hill Pond Committee is still doing NPS factsheets and letters to landowners, hosted public forums and met with road associations about sites, will implement BMPs at a quarter of all NPS sites- good progress for watershed protection. Stakeholder contributions is positive, Town has 4 sites and providing match. BHPLA and District are all contributing in various ways. Tasks are all thorough and effective, but education and access task is outdated and not very effective tool, not great. 19 road and driveway sites and 10 residential, but letters of support from town, landowners, 3 road associations, therefore there are 14 confirmed sites with supporting documentation – good commitment, but 19 is a lot of sites to get done. There is 1 road with a bunch of different sites which is a bit weirdly phrased (6 sites). Is there some sort of phasing/clustering that is being considered? May be overly ambitious. Unlikely to finish it all but still may have a successful project despite this.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION VI

Cost Effectiveness

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

Great amount and quality of match- town match noted in letter, significant match from lake association, match from landowners (34,000 or project costs). 68% of total funds are spent on construction- good return for grant investment, 50% match for construction is good. Negative could be quality of education and access- spending money on sending out brochures is not great, but gravel roads workshop and buffer workshop is good. Workshop should be broken out into a subtask. Getting a contractor to do all of residential sites should be mentioned since they are high and medium unlikely landowners can carry out.

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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:

No towns in watershed with consistent comp plans, score = 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:

No DACs in watershed, score = 0

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Addie Halligan, Alaina Chormann, Kirsten Thompson

<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	9
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	8
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	8
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	14
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	18
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0.19
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>66.19</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	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Friends of Cobbossee have been on the past 3 surveys and has YCC experience, Cobbossee lake association are going to contribute and have 2/3rds of lake residents as members with 50 years of work on the lake. Long history of performing well

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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:

Two public boat launches, two campgrounds, extensive public use based on number of courtesy boat inspections. has many natural areas of high ecological importance, popular bass fishery, with tournaments that feed the local economy. Lot of increase of boat traffic and marina is expanding- more boat use means more erosion issues. Wake regulations are unknown. Positive for use, negative for impact. Close to Augusta, widely used lake. More businesses and tourism are starting to pop up around the lake.

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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:

Blooming but not severe by DEP's definition, sediment data was not included, and lake is sensitive based on sediments for internal recycling. Did not include long term trends, emphasized 2023- 2023, flat trend. Just included water quality trends which show water quality as relatively stable except for 2023, which was a problem year for everyone. Clarity around 5 M in august since 2013, medium/average water quality severity, however it was impaired semi recently. There have been two severe blooms in both basins since 2009.

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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:

Did not discuss sediment chemistry, primarily focused on roads and camps. No real land use analysis, difficult to determine any other problems that may be occurring in watershed. However, they are focusing on development. Discuss extensive development on the lake, roads, etc. High priority sites pertain mostly to road related problems, but the survey is old (2014) which is right on the cusp of what DEP recommends, they keep up with visiting camp roads in watershed to keep up with new issues. This is phase 4, they have been working consistently off that survey, probably still have a good understanding of the main issues 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	14

Evaluation Team Comments:

7 projects a year seems realistic. Two sites have a really high cost for landowners, lists towns as providing financial support but there is no evidence of commitment financially or to the steering committee. No letters of commitment for task four from landowners or the town. All of the towns give money to the district and are on the districts board, there for there is an implied degree of a higher level of buy in. Task 4 lacks any indication of landowner interest or letters of support. No evidence of when/ how they plan to conduct outreach, this could potentially eat up the first year of the project and limit the ability to complete the project in 2 years. Concerning considering a good amount of grant and match is going to this project. 6 NPS road sites and 12 YCC sites. Outreach to homeowners to do YCC projects is proposed - identifying sites will also be time-consuming at the beginning of the project – will there be enough time to complete these? No elaboration on any existing system for landowners to request site visits about NPS issues that may be in place by YCC group. One of the tasks is having a steering committee with towns, but towns are not presently committed to being on the steering committee. Limited staff prevent them from doing this work ahead of time. But this impacts the feasibility to do proper outreach ahead of time.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	18

Match (43%) is an issue since it is contingent on landowner participation, and one landowner is majority - 30% of private landowner match is one site, with no letter of commitment. But they are using YCC to do residential sites. A large proportion going to construction doing higher priority sites will have a greater impact on water quality. Friends of Cobossee providing a lot of match. Education and outreach- lake smart start visits, outdoor classrooms, gravel road workshops, and how to form a road association are all good.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0.19

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{0.961958}{25.68235} \times 5 = 0.18728$$

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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:

No DACs in watershed, therefore score = 0

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Addie Halligan, Alaina Chormann, Kirsten Thompson

<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	6
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	9
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	3.5
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	4.1
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>78.6</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	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Friends of Cross lake and the county have done very well in the past where county acts as the past through and Focal handles all other details. Cheryl was an environmental engineer, hired ag consultant has done work in the county and gets along well with stakeholders. County is also good from previous Phases. Have a fair amount of experience. Also have someone from university helping with outreach and education. FOCLs experience in Phase 1 and what they produced was great.

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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:

Cross lake is one of the few in the region that has an improved boat launch, good entrance into chain of lakes through waterway since there are no blockages, some rare plants, cold water fishery, huge use from camp owners, lots of ice fishing. Generally small fish. No discussion of economic importance for surrounding town and tax base. But Cross is unincorporated, so the question is difficult to answer. Seasonal and year-round camps, people come in summer and winter, a few restaurants. May boost surrounding towns- but this isn't mentioned. How do other lakes in the chain get used? Lake immediately upstream has no public access at all, there are public launches on Long. Long lake, Eagle lake, Cross lake ranked respectively in terms of recreational 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:

Is impaired, had major issues from Ag since 1950s, blooms can be seen from satellites sometimes, not maintaining GPA, increased phosphorus from limestone formation, tributary streams are also impaired. SDT data and total phosphorus data but no sediment data, high flushing rate may contribute to lack of sediment data, lots of sedimentation comes down the tributaries, large watershed with steep topography that funnels into Cross.

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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:

The watershed plan exists, in phase 1 of remediation, primarily the issue is agriculture, which is what this grant is planning to address. There have been NRCS projects with the NWQI. Also included septic and sensitive soil information, land cover and nutrient load analysis in addition to watershed and drone surveys shows extensive knowledge and understanding of problem. Since there is the factor of rock formation- this is not necessarily an NPS issue, but most of it is NPS problems are agriculture - is 77% of the load.

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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:

Cover cropping (winter cover or conservation crop rotation) is easy because the farmer elects to do it, work involves confirming that it has been done in October. However, this needs to be done long term, one season of cover crop won't address these issues very well. Furthermore, some roadwork should be occurring, no work has started yet due to heavy rains last year and the contractor is backed up completing another project. However, this probably won't impact this project, just don't want to half finish phase one before jumping into phase two. However, they are unrelated, and the delays are understandable. However, phase one ag projects are done and were the only part completed successfully. Ag practices are temporary and must be continually implemented to be successful. How long will farmers implement it? Education is to inform the farmers of the benefits of cover cropping helps – defer savings to future – lower fertilizer expenses and better soil health long term.

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Cost Effectiveness**

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

Cost benefit for cover crop is high, because whether winter cover or conservation crop rotation you reduce a full year of soil running off the field. However, reimbursement for phase one is a little bit of an issue. NRCS re-imbursement rates vary radically from year to year, choice for rate was to look at seasonal rate and combine two seasons, which is not on any official NRCS forms, new NRCS re-imbursement is low. DEP can do more than NRCS to work with landowners. However, whether or not rates match- we can pay producers who are ineligible for NRCS help at all.

High percentage of landowner match for construction (presumably this is farmer costs). Costs are inescapable for the farmer because that is how much is costs to carry out, concern is that they could decide not to participate, more than half of match is contingent on landowner participation. Every farmer is paying the same portion of match, so if one farmer drops out the match ratio stays the same because you would no longer be reimbursing them. There is the possibility that this is a best-case scenario, and initial interest may be very different than actual participation. Chance that not all fund will be used?.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	3.5

Evaluation Team Comments:

All LUPC territories are consistent

$$\frac{40.96963 \text{ sq mi}}{58,53388 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 3.499651$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	4.1

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{669298482.4 \text{ sq } m}{811904442.9 \text{ sq } m} \times 5 = 4.121781$$

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• 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	6
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	8
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	19
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	21
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	4.63
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0.17
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>73.8</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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Heather is a very experienced grantee, and has done pretty well in the past, though some projects have required extensions. Chris Baldwin will be providing engineering support- 17 years of experience has worked on 319 projects before. Don't have that much staff support, but since trout and tricky and pleasant will be closing they don't have as many other active projects. Should have explained highland lake association leadership team people's backgrounds and experience.

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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:

Closest lake to Portland, offers year-round recreational opportunities, has a state-owned hand carried boat launch, but no inputs for motorized boats. Most of watershed properties are year-round residents not just seasonal, there is conserved land with hiking opportunities around the lake with habitat areas for endangered species, lake supports several species. Overall limited public access. Doesn't discuss economic benefit of lake, but given proximity to Portland it is possible that this just doesn't exist.

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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:

Has long term monitoring data since 1970, data shows long term declining water quality, SDT has gone from 6-7 to around 5 m. Was recently impaired, was removed in 2010, Recent late summer Piko blooms in 2014-2017 (first ever documented of its type in Maine- alewife related probably).

But no data for post 2017 in data overview, no explanation for stating lake could become impaired again, based on outside information this seems to be false. Hard to say if declining water quality has continued since 2017. Sediment data wasn't mentioned- data DEP has shown AL/Fe ratio could be favorable to release P under anoxic conditions (but applicant may not have access to this data). No mention of why it is listed as threatened- it is on the watch list. But they wrote a 9 element plan because of its potential to be impaired- so DEP may have told them to do this for this reason (unclear).

Negative could be that there is a new alewife population which could have caused an algal bloom issue in 2021 when they first entered the lake. Current sustaining population.

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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:

Good- watershed survey conducting in 2018- 129 erosion sites. Provided breakdown of what sites were identified in terms of number and land use. DEP staff surveyed intermittent trib road crossing in 2019, found 5 road crossings that need repair, shows further assessment of NPS issues in watershed beyond WS survey. Have been updating site tracker database as they go along. Staff from towns have complied parcels that are at risk for contributing nutrients to lake from septic systems.

Negative- did not break down severity of sites (high/ medium/low). Harder to assess the severity of the NPS problem.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Feasibility for Success**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Good steering committee, Highland Lake Association is different from the highland lake leadership team, which is split into many subcommittees, higher level of management? Is the leadership team involved in this project? They mention some things that the leadership team came up with. They have the town of Falmouth and Windham on the steering committee, both contributing 10000 in cash match towards implementation. Good landowner support Negative- task 3 focused on toads, but there are no letters of support from road associations or road owners. Only commitment is from two towns. Not entirely likely they will get to all their road sites, some cases of multiple sites on one road- so one project. Cost estimates are perhaps a little on the low end. Education and outreach plan is great and very well thought out and can be implemented with all stakeholder's collaboration, they have all collaborated.

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Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	21

Proposed match is contingent on landowner and road association participation so quality of match so on lower end, positive that towns are contributing significant cash match, match over all is 50% and construction is 49% which is a little low but given the quality of the education and access this is fine. Road sites are high priority.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	4.63

Evaluation Team Comments:

Westbrook, Falmouth, Windham

$$\frac{7.658998 \text{ sq mi}}{8.272718 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 4.629059$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	0.17

Evaluation Team Comments:

Westbrook, Falmouth, Windham

$$\frac{0.282588 \text{ sq mi}}{8.272718 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 0.170795$$

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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	8
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	8
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	19
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	21
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	2.94
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>72.94</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:

7 lakes have been managing relevant projects since 1999, has relevant financial experience. Lynn has a masters in civil and environmental engineering, and has taken over admin of the existing implementation grant. Project management skills were not explained, and they have less than a year experience with 319 projects. Stewart has a lot of hands on YCC experience, erosion and sed control, contractor management. They will have dedicated lake smart person. Didn't clarify how long Stewart has been in his role, and that Lynn is fairly limited in experience. But she has been shadowing Charlie for the last one or two years, suggesting she is getting the training she needs. But this is not explained very well. Overall, there is more staff support, but staff are newer and therefore less experienced. But is this a manageable workload. Unknown about past performance- work has been good but reporting is not always good. They have gotten progress reports etc on time, but no CSA's, have been amenable to suggestions from DEP (plus).

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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:

Public access- two boats launch, one beach, one park. Economic impact, shorefront properties provide majority in the three towns, thousands of visitors annually, unclear if this is to all Belgrade lakes or this lake specifically. Long ponds boat launch visited by thousands of visitors annually, Recreation: fishing, water recreation, sporting camps on lake, vistas, 25% of watershed is permanently protected. DWH, rare wildlife species and 22 fish species. The lake is impaired.

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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:

Lake is impaired, there is a long-term data set for understanding, weak but significant decrease in water clarity, significant decrease(?) in P in lower basin. There is anoxic conditions in the south basin, low levels of DO, and release of P from bottom sediment. Include in lake P for last 10 ears average, does not specify the bottom. Just made general statements and provided averages. Over the last 50 years water clarity has declined by 1 meter, but SDT is above average for Maine. The work plan suggests water quality stability in recent years. Is not blooming, water quality seems to be fairly stable. Also have a fast-flushing rate.

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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:

Positives- 2022 watershed model was updated with the understanding that external load of total phosphorus is 76% from north basin, Land use of sites are mostly residential and roads/driveways. Mostly medium and low impact, some high impact. Goal to reduce loads from Ag by 25% and reduce septic impacts as 124 parcels were mentioned as needing future investigation.

Negative- state 160 hypothetical sites that need to be addressed but they aren't documented. How did they come up with this number of sites? Shows a lesser understanding of nature and extent of the problem. Is this based on homes that opted out of the survey? Or from the indirect watershed but didn't get surveyed?

Negative- Indirect watershed seems to be dominant source of P from great pond. So while they should do what they can in their watershed its not going to fix the problem. Decreases the impact of this work. However, because they are working in Great pond simultaneously combining these two efforts will result in some protection.

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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:

Will address primary stressor, should be effective. Included reduction of P loads, demonstrates that protection will happen. Stakeholder contributions are good, 7 Lakes 25k match, BLA is helping with education and outreach providing 40k match for YCC and lake smart (?) Charlie will contribute prior knowledge as an independent consultant- should this be considered at this stage (?). Town of Belgrade, Rome, Mount Vernon, homeowner road associations, and many other letters of support. 5 letters of support good but leaves 8 private projects without commitment.

Negatives- likelihood for restoration is highly dependent on restoration in Great Pond and rest of indirect watershed. Some construction costs are unrealistic. Unlikely to be able to ditch a mile of gravel road for 5k, how much ditching is actually required? Specifications are necessary.

Likely to finish tasks that have commitments (all major projects) but are unlikely to complete all sites given budgetary constraints. Good job of not dropping significant sites on their last two projects.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION VI

Cost Effectiveness

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Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	21

50k of cash match, quality match from grantee, 70% going towards construction, 31 sites will be addressed so good return on investment.
However, 50% cash match is not confirmed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	2.94

Evaluation Team Comments:

Rome, Belgrade yes; Mt. Vernon, Vienna no.

$$\frac{14.39062 \text{ sq mi}}{24.49941 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 2.936931$$

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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:

No DACs in watershed. Score = 0

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Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	6
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	14
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	16
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	5
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>60</u>

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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:

Two boat launches, hand carry and public launch, summer camps and campgrounds, referenced to threatened species and vernal pools. This is not as populated or as heavily accessed as some other lakes in the Belgrade lakes area, but there are 4 youth (summer) camps and four commercial camps/ resorts/ campgrounds – adds to commercial 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	6

Evaluation Team Comments:

Long history of SDT readings, threatened, blooms in fall, WQ is not off 5 m average. P was at 11 ppb as of P survey in 2023. At risk, but rain in 2023 could have contributed to high P levels. However, there have been high P in bottom sediments in other years as well. There has been improvement in water clarity over the last 10 years in Salmon Pond, McGrath has been stable. The bottom sample is high but otherwise things seem to be OK. Average bottom TP is not stated, could represent outliers rather than mean. Mean TP for water column was 15 ppb (?). Both are PFAS consumption advisories. SDT has improved by a meter and a half from 2010 to 2018, but there could be internal P release happening, but this is not reflected in the overall trend. Salmon's water quality is worse than McGrath. Attempting first flush survey was impressive.

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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:

Last survey was in 2017, not too recent, have been working consistently off that survey. Did P survey in 2023. There is a difference in water quality between the two lakes, this was not addressed in the application, and could be due to a variety of factors. Gave a good list. Have stream studies but did not explain or discuss why water quality in McGrath is higher than Salmon but more documented sights are in McGrath. This could suggest that the true cause of the issue is not an NPS issue, could be higher internal loading. Shows less understanding of actions that are necessary to address the problems. Maps show anoxia in Salmon, suggesting many issues may be internal P release. Figure 4 is incorrectly labeled. Streams go into McGrath, which goes into Salmon, which goes into Great. Overall, limited understanding about the cause of the problem. Streams that go into McGrath are not mapped; 5 streams have a mean TP less than 11 ppb. Provided data but no explanations/interpretations. On map there appears to be a large wetland complex, which could be a source of phosphorus.

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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	14

Evaluation Team Comments:

Involvement from YCC. A large percentage of matches comes from task three, but there is only one letter of commitment. Said agriculture and septic's cause significant problems, but this is not addressed in any task, whereas development only makes up (19%) and this is the majority of points addressed in the task. Construction estimates may not be realistic because there is no amount of scale of work i.e. length of ditching on a mile of road. Lots of road sites but no letters of commitment from road associations and this task (4) is 62k in grant without any commitments from anybody.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	16

Match problems- something wrong with match time for gravel road workshop, attendees time doesn't count. Will planning really take 60 hours of volunteer time? Seems out of line with the norm. Quality match from 7 lakes and town, committee match of 20k, but a significant amount is uncommitted from landowners – possibility of not getting all the work done and throwing match totals off. Identified issues were mainly residential, but they are mostly doing road work.

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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:

All towns in the watershed have consistent comp plans. Score = 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

Evaluation Team Comments:

No DACs in the watershed. EJ Score = 0

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Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Addie Halligan, Alaina Chormann, Kirsten Thompson

<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	7
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	9
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	6.5
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	9
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	18
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	16
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	2.79
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>68.29</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:

7 lakes have been managing relevant projects since 1999, has relevant financial experience. Lynn has a masters in civil and environmental engineering, and has taken over admin of the existing implementation grant. Project management skills were not explained, and they have less than a year experience with 319 projects. Stewart has a lot of hands on YCC experience, erosion and sed control, contractor management. They will have dedicated lake smart person. Didn't clarify how long Stewart has been in his role, and that Lynn is fairly limited in experience. But she has been shadowing Charlie for the last one or two years, suggesting she is getting the training she needs. But this is not explained very well. Overall, there is more staff support, but staff are newer and therefore less experienced. But is this a manageable workload. Unknown about past performance- work has been good but reporting is not always good. They have gotten progress reports etc on time, but no CSA's, have been amenable to suggestions from DEP (plus).

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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:

More frequently used than other Belgrade lakes, Snow Pond, 4 boat launches, fishing derby, endangered and threatened bird species and iwwh. Support cold and warm water fishery, 40 loons. 600 shoreline properties, 74% year-round, benefits to local businesses and towns tax base, marsh that is largest nesting site in Maine for endangered species. 9

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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	6.5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Mention of sensitive sediment chemistry, on stormwater list and DEP list, long record of sampling, anoxia at both monitoring stations. Bottom P levels were 40 ppb. Wasn't an exact time frame for averages presented, didn't report and long-term trends, just averages and ranges. Unclear if water quality is improving or declining. Stated chlorophyll A has significantly increased, but the timeframe for this increase is unclear. Annual SDT and TP have remained stable over the same time period (from 45 years of data?). 40 ppb P is elevated but could be worse. On threatened list for two separate reasons; on watch list and has sensitive sediment chemistry, indicates potential concerning trends.

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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:

3/4 of shoreline is very developed, 3/4 year-round, and 3/4 of erosion problems are on private land. Recent watershed survey was in 2021, found 247 sites, which is more than usual, provided breakdown of site types and severity, streams survey, some tributaries had elevated total phosphorus, but they did not provide a potential explanation for those elevated levels. Have a habitat survey and historical studies on septic, however this might be dated information. NPS sites do exist on tributaries, but they aren't clearly linked to elevated P levels. All Belgrade lakes flow into Messalonskee, so elevated TP in the tributaries that flow from Long Pond could be coming from Long Pond rather than immediate watershed, however TP levels are more elevated in other streams than the ones flowing from Long. Understanding of actions were clearly laid out.

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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:

All sites are connected to residential development, mostly roads. Unclear if any of these sites have been previously addressed or failed from other phases- should be clarified. Seems achievable, it's a lot of sites but seems reasonable, but they have at least 12 private roads with no letters of commitment, so that's not guaranteed to happen.. Residential match is significant and not committed, YCC is good, but they may be overtaxed given other projects in other Belgrade lakes. 35k uncommitted match cost. 3 lakes upstream are impaired, this negatively impacts the likelihood that NPS solutions can significantly improve lake conditions. No mention of new septic survey or education and outreach regarding septs. May be missing a stressor of concern.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	16

Evaluation Team Comments

Issue with significant uncommitted match- 92.5k. But they do have two town commitments, that's only 11.5k. Total match is over half, a lot coming from construction. However, the YCC program is cost effective.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	2.79

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{27.69469 \text{ sq mi}}{49.63585 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 2.789787$$

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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:

No DACs in watershed. EJ score = 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	8
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	7
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	6.5
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	23
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	1.18
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>72.68</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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

30-mile river watershed group has done 4 successful 319 projects, one active, exp. With watershed survey, septic evals, etc.

Whitney has 14 years of experience, work with DEP has been good in the past, Lidy had been there since 2009, worked on 3 grant funded project. Parker Ponds Association has experience helping with projects.

Unclear if engineering support is needed from anyone, or if they are planning to hire a consultant, will be getting climate actions funds and working with DOT.

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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:

Positives- important to economy of surrounding towns, used for recreation, public boat launch and hiking trail with access to the lake, excellent bass fishery, stocked with salmon and brook trout. 250 shorefront properties, important to town tax revenues. Camping opportunities on island. Unclear how widely used this is. Hand carry boat launch.

Negatives- lacking benefits of terrestrial habitat information.

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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	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

Good data record. Currently on a biweekly basis, a wide variety of water quality indicators. Sediment chemistry is prone to P release, slow flushing rate, and negatively impacts water quality. 2023 was the lowest SDT depth since 2009- could be due to weather. Deep water P has been increasing in recent years, and blooms have occurred. Presented a lot of information, trends, sampling frequency, etc. Good understanding of water quality problems. Water clarity is about state average and has been stable since 2014- 2023, though there is no context to previous decades. Anoxia has only happened during 5 years of the record.

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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	6.5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Haven't had a recent watershed survey- 2011 is beyond 10-year recommendation, but accepted in 2018. Only had 46 sites from survey, not that many. Provided breakdown of severity and type, however 30 mile staff has been documenting new sites in recent years. Discuss septic issues in watershed and shoreline development on Parker occurred before zoning laws with small lot and no buffers. Demonstrated understanding of nature extent and severity of NPS problem, but they may be missing information due to outdated information. Updating tracker cannot be a complete replacement for a watershed survey without extensive work. However, road focused follow up by UMaine Farmington conducted survey and has been updated. Have been working off survey in phases for several years.

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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	23

Evaluation Team Comments:

Building on previous phases, good stakeholder groups, a lot of committed cash match from town of Vienna and road associations, ensures task 5 will get done. Seems like a reasonable amount of work, education and outreach plan is good and included a septic workshop and lake smart visits which is good. Good project support, likely to finish on time. Unclear if there is a full understanding of what sites need to get done due to the age of survey. But it appears they have evaluated all proposed sites recently.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

60% grant and 40% match ratio- which is barely meeting minimum. High quality match from town and road associations, lake association, Doing recently evaluated high priority sites, more cost effective. Good education and outreach plan.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	1.18

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{2.377114464}{10.05121346} \times 5 = 1.182501233$$

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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:

No DACs in watershed. EJ score = 0

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Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Addie Halligan, Alaina Chormann, Kirsten Thompson

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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	6
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	7
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	19
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	23
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	5
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>72</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	6

Evaluation Team Comments:

Grantee was town manager and road commissioner and worked on two previous grants and has grant management experience. Michelle from OCSWCD will be a consultant and has experience with 319, budgets, and timeliness. How will procurement work since she is a consultant? Pine tree engineering will serve as an engineer- is this an existing relationship? Volunteer experience, Sal has 319 experience, Alice Goodwin engineering and NRCS affiliate, Jim O'Brien has construction experience, Jon Jacobson also has extensive relevant experience.

Town of Norway has not been a grantee before, but they have been a partner. Concern over them doing the deliverables since they have not played a project management role in previous grants. Will Michelle be helping as a consultant and not through OCSWCD? Unsure of Michele's representation (OCSWCD?) at the time of the project. In the past Sal does implementation and Michelle does reports, so functionality of project shouldn't change too much with new grantee.

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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:

Access via town park, preserves, two private boat launches at commercial marinas. Park that serves 100-250 people per day. Hand carry public boat launch. Largest lake in Norway, lakeside Norway provides rec, education, trails, swimming, boating to town. Not primary drinking water supply but many waterfront properties draw from the lake. 570 shoreline properties 25% of tax revenue for town, 2 commercial marinas, fishing, IWWH with medium rating of significance, 25.5 acres of WBWH with high ranking. No public boat launch but other public access. A lot of use happens on causeway which is an informal access point for many people but not mentioned. Important waterbody 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	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Data since 1976 of all parameters, analysis to assess lake health is done yearly. Threatened for most at risk from new development. 5.18 is the annual SDT in 2022. 2023 4.27 SDT. Average P increase, sediment plume. Bottom P had increased and anoxia in August. Overall shows decline but only included 2022 to 2023 data set which is not ideal since those years were very different in rainfall which doesn't paint a very clear picture of how the lake is trending in the long term. Did not mention significant declining SDT since 2000. Limited understanding of understanding of long term severity.

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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:

2019 survey had 180 erosion site, primary sites were roads, ditched, culvert, and a lack of buffer, this was not broken down by severity. Sole purpose for the project is one site, which has negated all the previous phases in terms of phosphorus and sediment load to the lake. Has eroded several times and solution in past has been fill, which then washed out again. Evidence of sediment plumes reaching the lake. High severity problem, evidence of understanding of this, but context of other sites is not discussed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Cost Effectiveness**

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

58% match is good, grant funding goes completely to construction, significant committed match by town, weak contributions from lake association other than involvement. Good return for grant funds. We know the town will do it because of DOT culvert grant status, therefore match is solid.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Feasibility for Success**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Addressing primary stressor of sediment P, lots of fill has been washed out, will definitely be completed, town of Norway has committed to \$200k, stakeholders are just town and LOAN, might be fine since it's just one site. Quality of project doesn't involve much community buy in since education and outreach is very limited, \$289 match for outreach does not well address the watershed holistically, how is this involving the community and increasing awareness for NPS issues and water quality, benefits the lake in the long term. Falls short of some of the typical benefits of the 319. Project will succeed but impact to the overall watershed is limited. This may be inherent to the nature of the project, but it should be considered more, even if it is unrelated to this specific project, but community support, concurrent efforts, other engagement efforts are important to this aspect of the evaluation. WBP mentions several more projects that could be concurrent in terms of capacity building, ongoing assessment, workshops, etc, but this is not included in the application.

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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:

No towns with consistent comp plan in watershed. Comp Plan score = 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:

Entire watershed is in DAC. Score = 5

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SUMMARY PAGE

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Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Addie Halligan, Alaina Chormann, Kirsten Thompson

<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	4
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	6
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	4
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	6
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	13
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	15
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>48</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	4

Evaluation Team Comments:

York county has managed 35 land/water grants over the years, but recently lost a staff member. Recent past performance on grants has been poor, requiring a great deal of AA assistance to push things through. New staff person has never managed a grant from start to finish before, and AA experience during field visits indicate that the new staffer may not be adequately trained to evaluate BMP sites and inspecting BMP construction. However, performance on closing out grants were good as the new staffer was able to provide deliverables. District has agreement/contract with Cumberland County SWCD for engineering assistance, but is unclear how if that is just for design services or inspection of non-designed BMPs. Minimal evidence of the applicant being able to carry out project in time frame without assistance. The problem is a perceived/observed lack of sufficient training for staff.

They have ASYCC which is a plus in terms of construction and actually doing project, but we have received bad deliverables from them in previous projects that the SWCD had to revise. May cause more admin work?

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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:

State boat launch, public beach, no reference to specific species, IWWBH habitat, focus area of ecological significance, mention rare plants but no species, Bald eagles are no longer endangered, but it does indicate good habitat. Positive that IWWH and a few other things are important and referenced. 900 boats at CBI in 2019. Didn't describe economic or recreational value, or how frequently it gets used. Description of significant species was limited.

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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	4

Evaluation Team Comments:

Waterbody is threatened, SDT data isn't bad- clarity of 7 m is above state average. All problems pertain to increasing development, stated low potential for blooming. No trends to indicate declining water quality. Listed for sensitive sediment chemistry, but no high concentrations of P to indicate it is being released. Provided averages which don't seem too bad but not enough data for trends. Doesn't mention being on list as threatened anywhere in the application - implied, but should be directly stated. Doesn't demonstrate understanding and data doesn't show severe water quality 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	6

Evaluation Team Comments:

Survey done in 2019, recent, identified quite a few sites, mostly residential, major septic issues. Overall seem to understand where issues are coming from, but it is a little lacking, could go more in depth, doesn't go into specifics about erosion sites, we know that they are associated with residences but nothing else. Don't have any data for treasure island that has 80 homes, but it was on survey. Broke down survey into land use percentages and severity of sites- good. Basic understanding but not very detailed.

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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:

Septics- mentioned as nearly 1/3 of the P load, but no tasks address this.

Previous phases have experienced difficulty in securing established sites. Furthermore town (Shapleigh) sites in last phase were improperly constructed. Any town constructed projects should have an engineer to oversee construction. Large amount of match is coming from residential matching grants. In the previous phase, ASYCC has had trouble securing the number of sites proposed, unclear how this situation has been rectified. No commitment letter from town.

Concern about the town's ability to complete projects correctly and effectively

Project is a continuation of previous grants which is a positive.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	15

Match is 41%, town, ASYCC, a lot of secured match, 64% for construction which is good, doing high priority sites is good. No commitment on match for construction. Commitment letter from town would have been good, though it is mostly in kind, 3k in cash from Acton and Shapleigh each going to YCC.

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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:

No towns with consistent comp plans in watershed, Score = 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:

No DACs in watershed, EJ score = 0

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Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Addie Halligan, Alaina Chormann, Kirsten Thompson

<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	7
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	7
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	7
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	20
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	19
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	2.4
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>69.4</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:

SWCD has a lot of experience, but all personnel are new. Emma has been intentional with learning and getting up to speed, Sarah also has shown a high level of knowledge. Good partners, town, Cumberland County under contract. Overall good, confident in experience even though it is first 319 project. May require a little extra guidance from AA.

Didn't mention the town's qualifications- providing engineering and tech services. Volunteers experience as watershed road commissioner for past decade.

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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:

No public free access, but might be a boat launch soon- 2026 in Auburn. A lot of use at paid beach. IWWH and DWA.

Probably can't be made a cold-water fishery as stated.

Included economic benefits of vacation homes, tourism, yacht club membership at 76%.

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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	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

Water quality is around average, though isn't as stable as it used to be recently, no description of long-term trends. No mention of sediment chemistry gave increasing P in bottom grab samples. Favorable to releasing in anoxia- not mentioned in application.

Increasing blooms in the late summer, conductivity is rising in recent years, interesting because of associated development, concerning. On 502 list as most at risk, for sediment chemistry and sensitivity to additional P inputs.

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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, covered erosion problems well, concern about lack of addressing chloride issue. Shoreline is heavily developed- 200 shoreline homes, provided a breakdown of severity and land use types from the survey. Seem to understand problem, NPS issue, but if chloride is in 90th percentile it maybe should be addressed. 50 micro siemens above state average, unclear if this is bad relatively or concerning.

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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:

Not too ambitious, can be completed. Will be more high priority sites, strong project partners, two towns and Cumberland County. TPA is contributing 9k in match and town is contributing match. Task 3 will be beneficial to fixing NPS problems, since a lot of them were road sites. Not great that it is still pending financial approval from the town.

Good education and outreach.

Good that they have concurrent efforts that the lake association has been doing lake smart for a while and they have a matching grant for that.

7 private roads, 2 town and city sites, so lack of approval may not have a huge impact. The only thing pending from city is construction match since they are providing engineer serviced from city of Auburn.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION VI

Cost Effectiveness

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

Non confirmed match from city is an issue, construction costs seemed good, engineer did cost estimates. Other than city match mix of match is good. 65% of grant goes to construction, high quality education and access campaign. Construction match and city of Auburn may have been counted twice but may not impact overall budget amounts. Should be edited for consistency in table. No letters of commitment from private road associations.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	2.4

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{6.994444844 \text{ sq mi}}{14.55595 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 2.402606$$

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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:

No DACs in watershed, EJ score = 0

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Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Addie Halligan, Alaina Chormann, Kirsten Thompson

<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	8
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	10
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	7
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	7
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	19
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	19
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0.76
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	3.66
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>74.42</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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Subgrantee with OCSWCD, Michelle has 319 experience, and they will have CCSWCD on for engineering services. Volunteers on TLEA have a lot of professional experience, lake smart experience, and 319 experience.

SWCD has a lot of experience, but all personnel are new. Emma has been intentional with learning and getting up to speed, Sarah also has shown a high level of knowledge. Good partners, town, Cumberland County under contract. Overall good, confident in experience even though it is first 319 project. May require a little extra guidance from AA.

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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:

Lake is vital to economy of area and town and a top tourist destination for state, provides a number of recreation activities, three public boat launches, and three summer camps, supports a lot of residences, IFW supports lake for landlocked salmon, DWH, warms and cold water fishers, IWWBH, TLA does annual loon count, reported successful nesting pairs and bald eagles.

Could have been more detailed about the impact on the economy. Have numbers to back up use claims. No drinking water.

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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	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

On NPS list as threatened and chapter 502 as most at risk for new development, doesn't state listing criteria for threatened status. Sampled since 1971- long time period of monitoring but no information on sampling frequency. In 2022, algae was observed earlier in the summer than compared to historical blooms, low water clarity, and increase in Gloeotrichia, slow flushing rate, discussed internal P release but not TP grab sample values for bottom waters.

Didn't present any recent or long-term trends for water quality parameters other than algae. Should provide a time frame and numbers. Map should clarify if period of time on map is where they get the average from. Did include Al/Fe ratios. Threatened because it is sensitive to development and has outstanding water quality, but this is not stated. Has an average SDT of 9 which is way above state average.

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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 extensive watershed survey in 2023, 168 sites, largely residential and driveways, provides severity breakdown, and land use for the sites, over all demonstrates understanding of threats in the watershed. Could have more outside research to show understanding, or to make it more extensive.

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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:

Strong focus on residential site project aligns with main NPS source, TLA has committed to significant match to YCC, town has committed match. Using YCC to install BMPs on residential sites. Some confusion on BMP implementation task and YCC task - \$43k of grant money goes to YCC another task has \$37k going to residential matching grants, which seems like the same task. This may be an error. 4 sites will be done with a contractor. YCC should be its own task. Residential matching grants will be without the help of YCC (?) Task should be the 4 big projects, residential matching grants should be part of the residential matching grants. Mild concern about how many residential sites they state without any firm commitments from landowners or private road owners. Otherwise seems like a reasonable amount of work. Inconsistent statement with how many residential sites will be done/ confusing. Seems doable for YCC.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

A significant high-quality match from TLEA, but a good amount is contingent on landowner participation with no firm commitments which could be a problem. Education and outreach, workshops for gravel roads and buffers is a good return. Since it is only 4 projects, the likelihood of getting an alternative site is high if one should fall through. Leveraging stormwater comp funds, though proposed BMP may not classify as treatment and therefore may not be eligible. Could be clarified a little more, site needs to be picked out. Good discount on plants/ partnership with gardens. A lot of in-kind match except from TLEA. Residential matching grants are 10%, and this is different from the YCC. Again, seems like an error.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0.76

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{6.381429 \text{ sq mi}}{41.70973016 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 0.764981$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	3.66

Evaluation Team Comments:

$$\frac{30.52496116 \text{ sq mi}}{41.70973016 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 3.659213455$$

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BIDDER: Friends of Lake Winnecook – Unity Pond 3

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Addie Halligan, Alaina Chormann, Kirsten Thompson

<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	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	6
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	14
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	18
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>61</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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

FOLW directors represent all three town, 4 individuals have experience in grant management, septic rebate, lake smart program, community engagement, state government, grant experience, previous phases, erosion control and stormwater management. First time on 319, but had a grant for sediment analysis. Subgrant to Waldo County, co-sponsored development of WBP. The consultant will serve as project manager and have all relevant experience. Volunteers have 4 years of lake smart experience etc., combined experience of all is great.

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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:

Recreation, boating, swimming, fishing, ice fishing, two public beached, two public boat launches, 3 on sandy stream, access via carry in. Recreation area. Habitat- waterfowl protection area, aquatic habitat, 20 species of warmwater fish, 5 species of concern, 6 areas of IWWH, 12 adult loons. No mention of commercial or economic impact, serves a very large area in terms of nearest lake. Could be more detailed. Also, the lake is impaired for primary contact recreation.

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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:

Lake is impaired for primary contact recreation and persistent nuisance algae blooms, low SDT, TP average is 22.4 Chlorophyll A 22.5, significant decreasing in SDT in 2022, but increase over last decade, decreasing DO trend and Chlorophyll A. Data since 1977.

States that anoxia occurs as shallow as 6 meters and that internal P loading is occurring, but they do not include the data. Haven't done extra studies of tributaries. PFAS issue as well- this is a non-point source issue, probably land spreading, but this is only mentioned in relation to fish consumption.

Talks about sources of watershed P, but the model may not be accurate because there is a large question about what is coming in from streams that has never been pursued. Unclear if water quality is entirely understood, they have access to the published material about this problem. P may be coming from Ag on Sandy Stream but there is no data to prove it, but they are missing a piece of the puzzle by not knowing this.

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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:

Shoreline is highly developed, many structures are within 50 feet of shoreline. Ag is 6% of watershed, 2019 non paved road survey found 20 needed improvements, 8 of which ranked high.

Gravel road survey- did they include culverts; they need more details. 2021 watershed survey had 109 sites, no info on type and severity of sites. 2022 Ag and forestry assessment generalized statement about assessment but no specific on sites and sources found. 2022 sensitive sild study found 293 sites on sensitive soil were developed. WBP included additional in lake monitoring, sediment testing and analysis, watershed monitoring, and load reduction. Seem well understood but lacks details on what the issues are and what necessary actions are. Just summarize what studies were done. Did all assessments but did not provide information to understand what actions are needed. Know way to identify major NPS threat in the watershed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	14

Quality of match- 10k from town of unity plus 20k for project, road associations have 30k in match for sites. Not all are committed. What does the town warrant involve, and what is the likelihood of that getting passed. 62% of project cost is for construction, solid commitment.

Less of a good return on investment because they don't seem to be addressing the main issues, candidate sites don't have a lot of detail regarding why they have been selected. More detail will be needed for selected sites, the photos don't seem terrible so more detail would be good to explain upstream issues.

Good support and commitment.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	18

Evaluation Team Comments:

Positives- stakeholder contributions include FOLW, Unity town, road associations (already pledges match), consultant will administer. Good variety of stakeholders contributing individual expertise. 19 res and not res sites, but only 4 have been committed.

No commitment for 15 sites. Is it feasible to identify the in 2 years, good that forest service and NRCS is involved but they don't seem to be doing anything.

Addressing erosion but not Ag and forest- 43% of load, not really identifying primary sources of NPS issues. Don't address septic's. Single issue project could be missing significant P sources. Forest service and NRCS may be assisting technically, but it is unclear exactly what their role will be and what they are doing in the watershed. They do have a septic rebate program. Forestry is referenced in take two but there are no clear plans beyond that. A lot of sites to deal with, not the highest priority/ main stressors. Hard to tell if tasks are adequately addressing main NPS threats identified in watershed survey since they didn't provide the break down.

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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:

No consistent comp plans in watershed, Score = 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:

No DACs in watershed, Score = 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	8
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	5
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	6.5
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	6
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	22
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	18
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>65.5</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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Cumberland county, a lot of combined experience, excellent track record, staff personnel and volunteers, seems qualified. Didn't mention Watchic lake association, who have some experts- ecologist etc.

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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	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Semipublic- not free to the public, paying for a rental space, not for the day.
Used for fishing and swimming, though fish stocks are decreasing. DWA, vernal pools
(relation to watershed impact is unclear). Mostly benefits residents, small.

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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	6.5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Blooms, referenced that they had microcystin. Good history of monitoring, no graphs to view trends in data. Know nutrients are entering by Payne Brook. Anoxia in bottom waters, elevated nutrients in tributaries. Identifies species in bloom.

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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:

Discusses threats by runoff and development, talk about septic systems and reference as part of seasonal homes and short-term rentals. Mention Ag, climate change and internal loading. Mentions percentages of what survey showed, sounds like septic's might be the major issue but it isn't addressed beyond the septic social. Survey had 26 sites and shoreline had 17 sites. Known that development is old, perhaps septic's should be pursued more. Known that the survey did not capture parts of upper watershed, potential issues being addressed, especially for septic concerns. They have found a problem with septic's coming from that area of Payne brook, which showed higher levels of N and P. Septic, fertilizer, surface runoff could all be issues, summaries are very generalized.

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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:

Plan makes a certain amount of sense, NPS site list looks decent, costs might be a little off, some cross culvert estimates seem low, but would be achievable if they have the money. Wrote that district engineer reviewed recommendations and cost estimates. Concern that there are no support letters except from Watchic Lake association. Landowners seemed on board when engineer/ site visits occurred- was all done beforehand. Only 4 sites, so likely to accomplish in 2 years. Addressing erosion, septic, and maintenance. This will lead to 50% of NPS sites being addressed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	18

Cost effective, unsure if everything is accurate in terms of costs, culvert estimate seems low, based on current cost. Amount of match coming from private landowners is pretty high- \$23k as cash for residential sites- but no commitments.

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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:

No consistent comp plans in watershed, Score = 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:

No DACs in watershed, score = 0

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EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience (relevant exp, financial, admin, and technical quals, past performance, relevant proj – incl subgrantee, consultant, volunteers)

- ARWC Jeff – 43 years of experience in relevant work, past experience includes managing 10 grant funded projects.
- ARWC Fegus Lea P.E. – ED and Board Chair of ARWC – two decades of work on Norway lakes, providing engineering assistance, liaison between ARWC and AVCOG
- AVCOG – Jody Andersson to handle financials, experience with six figure grant projects
- Board of Directors & general Lake Anasagunticook Assoc – involved in 2023 project, serve on S.C, community contacts, funding, education etc.

P: Overall, well rounded experienced personnel, with years of experience in all aspects – financial, admin, technical.

Q: Past Performance?

Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: Access – Public Boat ramp in Canton, Two Beaches (Canton & Hartford)

P: Primary drinking water supply 90 households and 10 businesses

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P: Uses: swimming, ice hockey, skating and carnival

P: Public recreation: Trail that hugs lake – walking, jogging, skiing

P: Habitats: 80 acre wetland, warm water fishery, 12 fish species, wild brook trout, loons, deer, bear, bald eagles, ducks and moose

N: Commercial: local community of Canton and Hartford (doesn't elaborate on specific businesses)

Overall – describes many uses, important that is a primary drinking water supply, with public access.

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

Threatened Lake , algal blooms in 1980 and 1990s

P: Data collection since 1980s

P: substantial DO deplete at lower depths, entire bottom half of water column

N: severity – slightly below average, SDT is 4.7m (5 is Maine average)

Overall: not very thorough explanation of problem, main concern is that it's a drinking water supply with below (but close to average) average wq, but no blooms in recent years. Not very severe problem

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

P: Describes types of sites: 2019 watershed survey – 62 erosion sites. Roads (34 sites), Residential (17), beach/boat (7) and municipal/paths (4).

P: This grant needed to address remaining high and medium impact sites.

N: Does not describe the impact (H, M,L) of sites.

Notes: moderately developed shoreline, 118 waterfront lots/ Phase 1 in 2000, LakeSmart Program (5% of properties have award). 2019 survey, Phase II grant in 2021 – H & M impact sites,

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Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

P: Past efforts -successfully completed Phase II, and this is the last phase needed to addressed the rest –

P: likelihood of protection is high since all high/med sites will be addressed after this project, pollutant reduction of 40 tons of o soil.

P: Community is aware of process from recent project

P: Stakeholders: ARWC, AVCOG (in-kind match for financial services,) Town of Canton and Hartford – inkind match & S.C., Pine Shores Subdivision – cash match and outreach, Otis/Oxford/Dirigo Federal Credit Unions – cash match, watershed residents – S.C. mtgs and participate in workshops

P: High feasibility of success b/c match is secured for these sites (towns and other partners supply for private properties)

P: Letters of commitment – presumed to be 3 high impact, 1 medium site from Town of Hartford, ARWC, LAA, AVCOG, Town of Canton

Notes on Tasks:

Task 1 – Project Admin (ARWC, LAA, and AVCOG)

Task 2 – S.C. – 4x with diverse stakeholders

Task 3 – NPS Projects: 14 high and medium sites, 50% cost share

Task 4- Technical Assistance – 22 sites (site conditions and recommendations)

Question – unclear to me if these are the same sites from Task 3?

Task 5 – residential matching Grants – 17 residential sites found – 5 for 50-50 cost share (\$350 per site)= simple fixes. Question: are these low impact sites?

Task 6 – Edu & Outreach – presentations at annual mtgs, Canton/Hartford select board mtg, press releases, email, two workshops to demonstrate practices (camp roads and buffers, and shoreland zoning and septic care)

Task 7 - PCRs

Overall: great feasibility - Proposed tasks address primary stressor P loading, likelihood of protection as this project will complete remaining high/medium impact, many stakeholders providing support in various ways with time/funds, great diversity in tasks (esp. education and outreach)

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Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

P: 68% of project costs are for construction

P: Match – diversity of match (15k from towns in cash, LAA 10k, banks, etc. If match for private properties is mostly coming from Towns, then that is great for feasibility of success as that is secured funding.

P: Committed match – Town of Hartford 15k, ARWC engineering match, LAA 7k match (5000 cash) with more cash match coming from a Give Lively campaign (3000k), Town of Canton match 4500)

N/Q: Project costs seems underbudgeted for some of the road projects (ex: Staples hill rd, culvert replacement for site #1-08, #4-09 – however, its Town roads mainly, so they may be able to make up for cost with time)

Q: State Rd Match? Wasn't included in overall match

Question: residential match is fairly low – 875 cash, so what pays for the projects?

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Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alaina Chormann

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: Jeff has lead a number of 319 grant projects, both Ferg and the Board also have experience being involved with 319 projects as well.

P: A separate team member will be the accountant

Q: What is the past performance of ARWC

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public us and improved habitat

P: Drinking water source for 90 households and 10 businesses

P: Public boat launch, two town beaches, public hiking trails

P: Important economic driver for the two towns

P: Warm water fishery is supported by IF&W, loons, bear, bald eagle are all present in the watershed

Overall high relative value due to being an active water source and having public access

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Water quality collected since 1980

N/P: Water quality is about average with Maine lakes, phosphorus is slightly elevated around 9 ppb

N: No long-term water quality trend discussion

N: Lacked a description of watershed land use breakdown

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This section was a little weaker than the previous section, does not demonstrate a complete understanding of lake water quality

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

P: Good understanding of erosion sites in the lake watershed, recent 2019 survey found 62 erosion sites

P: Breakdown of 2018 survey results into land use categories

N: No breakdown of the severity (high, medium, low) of the sites from the 2019 survey

P: Provides info that phase II addressed 14 BMP sites

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: successful previous phases of the grant

P: successful LakeSmart program makes it likely that the remaining low impact sites will be completed during the grant

P: Large and diverse stakeholder group

P: Many sources for match

N: Task 3 does not outline the types of sites that will be addressed with BMPs and which ones have support from the town etc

Q/N: Task 4: Technical assistance task is a little confusing. How is different from residential match grant or Task 3?

N: Task 6: Education and outreach plan is weak, specifically Goal 2

Project has reasonable amount of sites and good support from stakeholders

Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Diverse sources of match, good quality from town/state

N: No letters of commitment from the town or from the state

P: Construction is 67% of the project

N: Match on the low side about 40%

Decent sources of match, however there are no letters of commitment and match is on the low end

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – Jeff and Ferg have been doing this for a long time; AVCOG involved for financial end. LAA has been involved with previous phases of this project.

Q – how much oversight will Jeff have over new hire?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – active PWS intake (Canton Water District)

P – public access – 2 beaches and 1 boat ramp, park and wetland adjacent to lake

P – Medium value IWWH

Water Quality Problem

N – WQ pretty middle of the road, less clear than other lakes. P might be a bit high compared to other lakes, but is not currently blooming.

P – active PWS and should be protected

P – Al:Fe = 2.20 (favorable), Al:P = 92.30 (unfavorable)

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – long monitoring data record

P – previous phases have demonstrated understanding of the external loading source

Feasibility for Success

P – still following the protection plan, and eliminating high priority sites

P – ARWC has been successful in previous phases

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Cost Effectiveness

P – relatively small projects, but addressing needs of watershed

P – good mix of match, so many partners shows local buy in to continuing the projects

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

No towns in the watershed have consistent comprehensive plans. Score = 0

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

$$\frac{1.810943 \text{ sq. mi.}}{14.14189 \text{ sq. mi.}} \times 5 = 0.64$$

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EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: Jeff, board, and Ferg have experience with previous 319

P: Accounting will be covered by AVCOG (Jody) good experience

Q: Have previous projects gone well? Previous AA reports they have great experience and have done well.

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: Public access via boat launch, two beaches, and public trails

P: Tourism economic source

P: Warm water fishery (stocked trout) and bass, some loons.

P: Drinking water source for 90 households, 10 businesses

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

N: What are the trends?

N: Land use is lacking

P: Long-term collection of water data, just not explained well?

P: Elevated phosphorus, should work on that?

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - *Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?*

P: Monitored data since 1980s

P: They seem to have a good grasp on their sedimentation issues.

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P-ARWC has done well in the past

P-Seem to be following previous protection plan

N-Overall plan seems short and data/trends appear to be missing

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

N: Cost table seems highly inaccurate (2019 prices?)

P- Not large funding amounts requested, but external loading needs to be addressed

P-Good match sources

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience (relevant exp, financial, admin, and technical quals, past performance, relevant proj – incl subgrantee, consultant, volunteers)

Alex – 8 years of experience in conservation field work and research – joined July 2023

Melissa – 25yrs of experience, Master Gardener, mtg facilitation, admin, outreach

P: Chris – subgrantee for engineering 25yrs

P: YCSWCD managed many grants over the years

N: Grantee past performance has been poor – challenges meeting grant deadlines, project deadlines, and not successfully at implementing the project workplan as described.

Overall: Grantee and subgrantee both have experience. However, there have been concerns with past performance, and the need to train a new staff member.

Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: Uses: swimming, boating, fishing

P: Habitat – warm water fishery – brown bullhead, chain pickerel, etc. deer wintering, 4 endangered species, 1 species of special concern

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N: not drinking water

N: no public access mentioned in description – carry in

Overall: main uses in swimming for those that live on the lake, no mention of use for the greater public, benefit to certain species, no mention of commercial benefit.

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

P: data collected since 1975, incl ST, CHla, TP and DO. DO depletion below 4m in mid-summer with potential for TP to leave the bottom sediments, SDT 3m.

Q: was there sediment chemistry done to determine the risk for internal loading?

N: Specific data included but does not explain what the data is showing and what years the “long term averages”, what are the recent trends, what is the past ten years, 20 yrs?

N: Mentions Ch.502 criteria, but only generally, this criteria is not specific to Beaneg Beg.

Overall: the data included does not describe the severity of the issue, or it's listing reasonings being specific to Beaneg Beg lake

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

P: Threatened by P enrichment, describes why concern with P.

P: survey conducted in 2018. 74 problems sites, 56 were high and medium. Greatest number of issues were on private residents and driveways. Second highest was roads.

Other: mentions Goodall Brook plan, but not the extent of the issues

Overall, seem to have a good understanding of what the problems are and how to address them.

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Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

P: Stakeholders contribution – YCSWCD lead, Bauneg Beg Lake will support education, s.c., residential matching grants, City of Sanford contribute S.C. and support work on Sand Pond Road site, Town of Berwick – limited amount of support for Sand Pond Rd.

P: Good variety of larger scale projects with residential projects & education and outreach

P: Good education tasks.

N: Of the 74 sites identified, this Phase II will address 2 additional sites and 12 residential sites for a total of 4 sites addressed – will provide some protection but not substantial protection.

Q: Purpose says 2 sites + 12 residential, but Task 3 includes 6 sites, so determining likelihood of them getting done is hard to evaluate not knowing how many sites are planned to get done.

N: Sites selected do not describe their severity or listing in the watershed survey, only subtask 3c to determine level of protection.

P/N: positive that significant amount of construction match is secured through the Stormwater Comp Funds – just need to ensure that these BMPs fit SCF specifics, but no application for stormwater comp funds have not been approved yet.

Note: ensure the stormwater comp funds are appropriately used – has to be treatment.

Notes on Tasks:

Task 1 – Project admin

Task 2 – S.C. – stakeholders above plus lake watershed residents

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Task 3 – BMP installations:

Sand Pond Rd \$21,360 in grant

Oakdale Cemetery - \$1946

3 residential sites

Task 4 – Edu & Outreach – buffer workshop, buffer tool kits, presentations and publications

Task 5- Residential matching grants – 9 grants \$600 – who will do the install? Part 2 notes says volunteers for project assistance – what does that mean?

Task 6- Pollutant load estimates

Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

P: Good amount of match from BBLA – mainly with education & outreach

P/Q: Secured \$17000 in stormwater comp (so long as BMPs fit the requirements).

N: 55% construction, which is on the low end.

Q: Unclear BBLA 4,506.84 in donated services for Task 3

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: YCSWCD – managed 35 land/water grants over the years

N: Staff member has recently left so they are down a team member. Recent past performance on grants was poor and required a lot of AA intervention and assistance. Major concerns about their ability to carry out this project in the timeline they have laid out, given past performance

N: Alex is a relatively new employee, unclear if she has the needed experience/training to see a grant from start to finish.

P: Subgrant with CCSWCD – bringing engineering experience

➤ **N:** only 10 hours for Chris is the budget is on the low end

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: Recreation/Public access – mix of public and private roads access to the lake.

P: Hand Carry access

P/N: The lake supports occasional robust warm water fishery with diverse species. The inclusion of "occasional" is vague, how often does the lake support these types of fish? Every other year? Every 10 years?

P: Endangered Grass Hopper sparrow habitat and Hessel's Hairstreak habitat as well as sightings of other sensitive species.

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N: No discussion of the economic/commercial value of the lake, how many full time/part time residences etc

Water Quality Problem – Fair to Good

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Overall decent good of water quality data, SDT is 3.0 meters which is below the state average

P: Low DO in the bottom 5 meters in summer months

N: Does not discuss overall trends in water quality, is it staying the same? Getting better etc

N: Lists the whole list of criteria for a lake to be included on the 502 list, but it is not specific to Bauneg Beg. This makes it seem like that may not have a full understanding of the main water quality issues in the lake.

N: Does not list why the lake is on the NPS threatened priority list

Q: Does BB lake have sediment chemistry that is prone to phosphorus release?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

- 1999 – watershed survey – 130 erosion sites
- 2018 – watershed survey – 74 sites

P: Good understanding of erosion sites in the lake watershed

P: Breakdown of 2018 survey results into land use categories and severity

P: Other studies in the more urban areas of the watershed

Overall demonstrates a good understanding of NPS issues in the watershed

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: BMPs at 6 NPS sites and 9 residential sites. Reasonable amount of sites to get done

N: Not a lot of match coming from the town etc, a lot of it is staff time and volunteer/landowner participation

N: Says the town of Berwick will be helping with the Sand Pond Road site but no indication of amount of match they are providing

N: Inconsistency in number of BMP sites being addressed; purpose statement says 2 high/medium site then task 3 has 6 sites listed

Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

N: Construction is 55% of the project – on the low end

N: Match on the low side about 40%

N: No letters of commitment

P: Focus on high/medium sites

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – Applicants have done many past projects

N – however, recent staff turnover has resulted in quality issues for several past projects, including one planning project that was rescinded.

Q – will staffing stabilize, and will current staff be capable of successfully completing this project?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – BWH maps show some sort of endangered wildlife habitat overlays the entire watershed and lake.

N – nothing else from the BWH maps show up for the lake or lakeshore

N – not much for public access

Water Quality Problem

N – Water quality indicative of a highly colored lake (lower SDT, higher P), not currently blooming. Not exceptionally bad nor good.

P – internal loading speculated due to DO

I – no sediment data,

Q - highly colored, so likelihood of bloom low?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – long monitoring record

P – previous phases have demonstrated understanding of the external loading sources

Feasibility for Success

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P – still following protection plan and eliminating high and medium impact sites.

Q – YCSWCD have been shaky the last couple of years with getting quality work completed by the deadline.

Cost Effectiveness

N – Match is ok, but not a great mix. Most of it is coming from the BBLA in volunteer time, and the SCF.

P – relatively small projects addressing needs of the watershed

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

No towns with consistent comp plan, score = 0

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

$$\frac{2.181339 \text{ sq mi}}{15.42715 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 0.71$$

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: YCSWCD, CCSWCD both have extensive experience in on previous grants till the 90s

N: Planning project rescinded due to staff turnover

Q: Are new staff ready (Alex Brown, 2023, is this enough time?)

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

Q: Impoundment that is predominantly wetland? What access is available for regular use?

Q: Reported use is swimming, but wetlands aren't typically attractive for swimming.

P: Sounds like ideal shorebird/wetland habitat, reports of endangered species.

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Lower DO that may need to be addressed

Q/I: Impounded, with the depth do they have sediment data?

N: Water is highly coloured, high flushing rate, would this bloom?

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - *Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?*

P: Good data record (several decades)

P: Good track record with previous projects prior to staffing changes

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Doing good work on protection plan.

Q: Removal of previous grant is concerning.

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Goals are small and attainable.

P: Match values are appropriate, if weighted to volunteer time

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EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience (relevant exp, financial, admin, and technical quals, past performance, relevant proj – incl subgrantee, consultant, volunteers)

P: Grantee – Financial experience - Town Of Otis – financial aspects of the proposal. Kim Ericson grant admin for the town, town administrator (tax collector, treasurer, etc) – 13yr.

P: Subgrant: HCSWCD – tech assistance & workshops. Past 10 years have administered 9 319 grants. Assisted with

P: Jeff Norment – tech lead, s.c, plans & reports, public workshops, pcrs, nps tracker. Extensive relevant experience, (5) 319 grant experiences.

P: Consultant – Project coordinator w/ direct experience with 319 projects, WBP, regulations, facilitation, reporting, etc.

P: Beech Hill Pond Association – spearheaded the survey, WBP and follow-out outreach. Serve on S.C. assist with landowner outreach/site visits, lead education. Steve Benner has 25yrs of experience – supported by a watershed committee

N: does not mention Kim's experience administering grants

Overall: Very well rounded group with experience in all aspects of grant management

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Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: uses – swimming, fishing, boating, bird watching, ice fishing, skiing, etc, anglers.

P: Access- public boat launch owned by Town of Otis

P: Habitat – warmwater and coldwater fishery – 14 species, largest trout . 153 acres of conserved land, extensive wildlife habitat, lake is located in critical salmon habitat (but barriers to fish passage)

Overall: One access point to public, habitat use, no public water, no commercial benefit mentioned

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

Outstanding water quality – threatened due to development threat.

P: understanding of data – 1974, average SDT 9.1m, excellent wq, temp and do are typical of a deep stratified lake, oxygen profiles indicate good habitat for cold-water fish from top to bottom

N: avgs are just from roughly 3-4 sampling points, so its hard to get a clear understanding of issue/severity.

N: not severe problem – no mention of change in current trends

Overall – great water quality, understanding of water quality data, seemingly no change in current trends

Notes: Threatened, .23 flushes/year, threatened b/c of outstanding water quality.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

P: Understanding of problem - Biggest threat is P. 2022 watershed survey – 116 sites. Greatest number were on residential properties, then private roads and driveways. 19% ranked high, over half medium and 30% low. Stream Habitat survey (2014) – priority fish habitat and potential barriers. Two crossings identified in stream habitat were also NPS sites.

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P: Understanding of actions needed: reduce NPS pollution, prevent new sources, protect undeveloped land, education, long term monitoring.

Notes: dense residential development on shoreline and agricultural

Overall: strong understanding of actions needed, thorough description, and understanding of number of phases needed and how to prioritize

Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

P: Concurrent efforts – Beech Hill Pond watershed committee – created watershed survey fact sheet, mailed notices to all nps site landowners, public forum, met with road associations, and prioritized sites.

P: Will implement BMPs at ¼ of all NPS sites, pollutant load reduction included.

P: Stakeholders: Town of Otis (administrative role, address 4 town NPS sites, provide match), BHPLA (S.C., help coordinate NPS projects, lead edu and outreach), Hancock County SWVD (S.C., tech assist, assist with workshops).

P: Tasks are well thought out and effective

N: education/outreach take – brochures may not be very effective.

N: 19 seems ambitious for no extensions

Q: Ag?

Notes: 2-3 phases will be needed.

Task notes:

Project Admin –

Steering Committee – 4x

Residential BMPs – 10 high and medium shoreline residential projects \$1600/site

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Roads and Driveways – 19 road and driveway sites (include 10 private, 4 town, and five driveway).

Edu & Outreach – 2 press releases, brochure, 2 annual meetings, e-newsletter, buffer workshop, gravel roads workshop.

PCRs

Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

P: Match from Town is secured (as grantee & noted in letter), significant match from BHPLA (\$10,039), match from Landowners (letter of support for \$12000 in project costs from Hedin Pond Association, Beech Hill Campers - 10 sites & \$10,000 matching funds, ABC Road Association \$12000 total (\$6000match),

P: Good return for investment – total of 29 sites will be addressed 68% of funds spent on construction

P: Match – construction is 50% match

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P: Kim will be the grant administrator, does not seem that she has experience working with 319 grants but does have experience with budgets/admin

P: Subgrant to Hancock County to provide Technical Assistance, HCSWCD has 319 experience

P: Hiring experienced consultant to serve as project coordinator

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: Used for swimming, fishing, and boating.

P: Public boat launch owned by the town

P: Supports warm and cold-water fishery. There are a total of 14 fish species and land locked salmon is still stocked

N: No discussion on high value terrestrial habitat/species in the watershed

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Water quality collected since 1974

N/P: Water quality is about average with Maine lakes, phosphorus is slightly elevated around 9 ppb

N: 63% of the watershed is made up by conserved land

N: SDT measurements just from 1989 and 1999. Nothing more recent is reported even though it is on the Lake Stewards website

P/N: Water quality is good/above average. Classified as oligotrophic

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

P: Good understanding of erosion sites in the lake watershed, recent 2022 survey found 116 erosion sites

P: Breakdown of 2018 survey results into land use categories

P: Provides breakdown of the severity (high, medium ,low) of the sites from the 2019 survey

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: successful previous two phases of the grant

P: Large and diverse stakeholder group, the town, road association and camping group all provided letters of support and commit to providing match to the project

N: There are a lot of BMP sites planned, could be too ambitious for the timeline

P: Task 4 BMPs to be installed at 19 road and driveway sites, 10 private roads and 4 town roads. Landowner commitments are confirmed for all road sites and most driveway sites

P/N: Task 6: Education and outreach plan is good not great. The workshops are higher quality

Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Diverse sources of match, good quality from town/state

P: Letters of commitment from the town or from the state

P: Construction is 68% of the project

N: Match on the low side about 41%

P: Match quality is good, mix of in kind match and construction match

Q: Residential matching grant is budgeted around 45k, is that high for 10 sites?

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N – first time town is applicant, no mention of capacity or experience to administer funds.

P – partners – 1) consultant quals specified adequately, looks like this entity will do the heavy lifting for grant tracking with town acting as pass through entity. 2) subgrant to HCSWCD, for TA. HCSWCD was grantee in previous phases as well as for watershed survey. Have been heavily involved with projects for a long time.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – public access – boat launch and town maintained access

P – habitat – cold and warm water fishery; some IWWH in watershed;

P – example of outstanding water quality in the state to be protected

Water Quality Problem

P – understands that outstanding water quality needs to be protected from residential and road development – 82% forested, 9% roads, highly developed shoreline

N – but aerial photos look like there is/was forestry in a good portion of the watershed as well. No mention of this history/logging roads or land use in application

I – no sediment data

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

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P – Immediate shoreline impacts have been identified in the watershed survey, and this project continues previous phases work to mitigate those impacts (10 high and medium impact sites and 19 road and driveway sites).

Feasibility for Success

P – This team has been successful in previous phases. The Town was a partner in previous phases, though not the applicant. Likelihood of success for this project is high.

Cost Effectiveness

P – plan reflects current costs

P – match diversity ok, though not the best, there is mix if in-kind and cash among the Town and Lake Association.

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

No towns in watershed with consistent comp plans, score = 0

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

No DACs in watershed, score = 0

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

N: Municipality is a first-timer

P: HCSWCD will have sub-grant, has been a previous grantee with a long good history

P: Consultant should do well as the grant tracker

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: Town maintains public access and there is a boat launch

Q: Cold and warm water? Is the balance shifting to warm?

P: Very, very good water quality

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Majority forested (82%), but developed shorelines, seem very concerned about additional development

N: Lack of explanation of forest work in the region

Q: Additional data?

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

BIDDER NAME: Town of Otis – Beech Hill Pond

DATE: 6/5/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - *Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?*

P: High and medium impact sighted ID'ed through survey

P: Next phase of previous grants to stop shoreline issues

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Town is a first-time grantee, but has been a participant in previous HCSWCD projects.

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Cost estimates are reasonable

P: Match is adequate, though could be more diverse

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

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BIDDER NAME: CWD – Cobbossee Lake 4

DATE: 6/3/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience (relevant exp, financial, admin, and technical quals, past performance, relevant proj – incl subgrantee, consultant, volunteers)

P: Relevant Exp/Quals: CWD 50yrs of managing state and federal funds for watershed improvement/protection projects.

P: Bill Monagle – ED and Lake Manager – extensive experience, including current Phase III.

P: Wendy Dennis – support w. tech assistance, years of experience, recent wa Phase II and Phase III – alum treatment

P: Friends of Cobbossee Watershed – subgrantee on past 3 phases. LakeSmart and YCC experience (unclear current role)

P: Cobbossee Lake Association – financial support & volunteers. 50yrs of protecting lake (2/3 of lake residents are members)

Overall: years of experience/knowledge, and well rounded w/ including of FOCW & volunteer support through CLA

Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: Public water supply – serves as Emergency Backup Supply to Greater Augusta utilities

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P: Aesthetic: –highly scenic

P: Uses – fishing, tubing, skiing, swimming, etc, two private summer camps, an one state-owened YMCP.

P: Access – commercial launch facility, three (one town, one state) launch sites (4318 boats inspected in 2023), R/V campground with marine

P: Commercial – DownEast magazine, motel, marine, restaurant, micro brewery= increased summer traffic

P: Habitat – bass fishing, 21 species, four high priority, wetland habitat, endangered least biteern, wetland as high ecological significance.

Overall – well written section, very detailed

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

P: Severity – was impaired. In 2023 did not meet P goals set in Lake TMDL, neither the long term goal nor iterim goal. Water clarity was the worst measured since 2013 – earliest appearance of an algal bloom and longest duration in summer since then, below avg. Severe blooms in 2009 and 2013, rapid cyano growth earlier than usual

P: Very informed understanding – nutrient enrichment and algae bloom proliferation, was removed from impaired in 2006. Water quality data included – 4.2m SDT and min clarity of 2.3m in 2023

Overall: incredibly extensive WQ section, thorough understanding, supported by data and severity of change is concerning.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

P: In WQ section, clear link between NPS issues and wq trends was made

P: well studied since 1994. April 2015 WBP. Early work focused on direct watershed, ag and nutrient mgmt. in Jock stream.

P: 2014 watershed survey – 80 sites, 27 High- mainly road sites, 45 were medium and also mainly road sites. Phases I-III had main focus on camp roads. Addressed 18 camp roads and 39 shorefront properties.

P: During these three phases to date, the CWD conducted BMP implementation projects installing a combined total of 54 BMPs on 18 camp roads spanning more than 2 miles of road surface and the FOCW stabilized 2,200 feet of shoreline on 39 private shorefront properties.

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N: watershed survey 10 years old

Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

6-10 gravel road NPS sites & 12 shorefront sites

P: Stakeholders – CWD, FOCW, CLA, Towns of Litchfield, Manchester, Monmouth, West Gardiner and Winthrop

N: “will be invited to participate” – while there is financial support, unclear if there is town commitment to the project

P: Strong and unique education and outreach task

N: “without knowing which of the identified candidate NPS sites will be addressed” – concern that since there is no extensions for this grant period, feasibility to complete all sites in the two year time frame is uncertain without some indication of landowner buy-in/commitment.

Q: Any support yet for Site 205-207 given its high cost for landowner(s). Who did the plan “by DEP to support Army Corp Permit” that includes large riprap at site 205-207?

Overall – slight concern about feasibility for success, as it does not appear there are any current projects lined up, that outreach is needed and that task does not specify how they will conduct the outreach to get landowner buy in. However, it is mentioned they have not had issues in the past. Would be helpful to know how many sites remain to be addressed (there were 80 sites found. In Phases I-III addressed 18 camp roads, and 39 shorefront properties by FOCW)

Task notes:

Project Admin – CWD will administer, FOCW YCC, edu/outreach and LakeSmart Steering Committee – 3x

Task 3: Prompting landowners and towns to use BMPs – 10-15 tech assists to private landowners, road associations, PWD and/or road commissioners for the Towns. FOCW will conduct 20 LakeSmart visits

Task 4: NPS Projects w/ cost sharing – 6 to 10 medium and high priority sites

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Task 5 – YCC – FOCW YCC at 12 sites.

Q: is that 12 sites per year, or 6 sites per year, for a total of 12

Task 6 – Education and Outreach

- Publicize project – articles, newsletters
- Outreach materials via the floating classroom – 4 days on the lake
- FOCW will work with elementary schools to promote watershed science – TadPol Patrol project
 - o Q: provide clarity of what is taught, is it related to tadpoles or is that just the name? Will it include be watershed focused?
- Training Workshops
 - o Camp and Gravel Roads workshop, How to and Why to form a road association (includes legal support – who will provide that?), NPS Sediment and Erosion Control Workshop

Task 7 – pollutant load reductions

Notes:

- in Task 2 is “project coordinator” is = the consultant?

Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

- 57% grant, 43% match

P: Quality match from FOCW nearly 16k

P: 60% project costs are construction

P: Overall good return for grant funding investment

N: \$55,000 of match is from private landowners but has been confirmed. 17k for one site of match

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

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P: Bill Monagle is an experience 319 grant manager, past performance on grants has been good

P: Wendy Dennis is also experienced with 319 projects and will be providing technical assistance

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public us and improved habitat

P: Two public access points including a boat launch

P: 900 shorefront homes **N:** does not include amount of year-round/seasonal residents

P: Heavily used by the public for recreation, hosts fishing tournaments, 21 species of fish reported

P: wetland habitat on the lake has been identified by MNAP as area with high ecological significance

N: Increase in boat traffic with Marina expansion – wake issues?

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Extensive water quality report included

P: Cobbossee failed to meet phosphorus goals in 2023, water clarity was the worst measured since 2013, which included an algal bloom (longest duration since 2013).

N: SDT graph since 2013 shows clarity around 5 meters on average which is on par with other Maine lakes

P: Used to be an impaired lake and was removed

P: 2023 overall bad year for water quality in Cobbossee, there was growth of cyanobacteria in both the south and north basins (However, 2023 was a bad year for almost all maine lakes)

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

N: Watershed survey is old, 2014, they may not have a clear understanding of the watershed threats

P: CWD has visited camp roads throughout the watershed to keep up with understanding of NPS threats

N: No breakdown of the severity (high, medium ,low) of the sites from the 2014

P: TMDL revised in 2000

P: Jock stream survey in 1994

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: successful three previous phases of the grant

P: CLA and friends of Cobbossee watershed participating in project, prior experience is a plus

N: Towns have been invited to join the SC but application does not indicate their interest in participating

N: Task 4 – a lot of grant money is going to this task, but there are no letters of support commitment from the landowners or the town – 55k uncommitted match

P: High quality education and outreach plan, not just newsletters etc. Includes workshops, outdoor classrooms.

Q: There are a lot of sites planned for this project, is this realistic ?

Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Using a YCC to do 12 residential sites, cost effective

P: Construction is 60% of the project

N: Match on the low side about 43%, slightly concerning because there are no letters of town/land owners

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BIDDER NAME: CWD – Cobbossee Lake 4

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – CWD has a long and strong project history and has been working on the lake for several decades. Wendy and Bill have done foundational watershed work in this area

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P- 2 public boat launches, several summer camps and campgrounds, extensive public use - # of CBI inspections > 4500

Q – back up water supply for GAUD? Yes, it technically is, but likelihood of it getting tapped is very low. There already is infrastructure to on Carleton Pond where there isn't on Cobbossee.

P – lots of recreation on the lake that contributes to the local economy

P – MNAP high ecological importance, bass fisheries, Least Bittern

Water Quality Problem

P – concerns well documented, very low SDT last year, and there was a bloom, though not "severe"

I – there is sediment data, but it was not included

Al:Fe	Al:P	site
1.32	4.54	2
0.77	3.32	1

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P- external sources, mostly camp roads.

Feasibility for Success

P – Candidate list contains universe of potential sites for Task 4

N – Residential sites and YCC sites are not included with the application. How are we to know that the number included is achievable?

Cost Effectiveness

P – Nice cash match from CLA, with that there is good mix of in-kind and cash.

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

$$\frac{0.961958}{25.68235} \times 5 = 0.18728$$

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

No DACs in watershed, therefore score = 0

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: CWD has done excellent work in the past (decades)

P: DEP watershed work has been completed here as well

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: 2 launchers, summer camps, camp grounds, and lots of public use

P: Courtesy boat inspections have happened here a lot

P: Strong tourism economy

P: Warm water fishery and Least Bittern habitat

Q: Listed as backup water supply, but likely will never be used. Value of this point?

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Blooms, and low SDT

P: Enough impacts around lake that trends continue downward

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - *Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?*

P: Due to camp roads, lost of soil and sedimentation issues

P: External phosphorus sources

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Good list of potential BMP sites

N: Incomplete number of residential sites

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P/Q: Match is good, but towns are potentially involved? No support letters?

Q: Lots of road work listed here, unclear if all estimates are accurate?

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P: Grantee past experience/Quals: County of Aroostok – experience, financial admin and technical quals to carry out – past experience with 604b grant and phase I 319 grant. Pelletier has various experience in managing state and federal funding. Bernier – regional community development director will be on S.C., Gendreau – deputy treasured 8yrs experience – financial aspects

P: Subgrantee past experience/quals: Friends of Cross Lake – ½ of camp owners are members, board members represent most of camp roads. Kirk and Cheryl – retired engineers with extensive environmental experience. Cheryl will be PM – 20yr experience as environmental engineer, lab. Current PM for Phase I. Kirk – experience as PM for several large environmental projects,

P: Other project partners & expertise - University of Maine Coop Extension Ag Program – edu and outreach to watershed farmers & St. John Valley SWCD, NRCS – concurrent effort with NWQI,

P: Hired ag consultant – experience in ag, soil health and 319 grant projects.

Overall experienced applicants, with well rounded backgrounds.

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Q: past performance?

Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: Uses – year round recreational uses – swimming, fishing, boating, atv, hunting, ice fishing, snowmobiling, etc. ice fishing derby

P: Public beach & Public boat launch – closest to Caribou, Westmanland, Stockholm, new Sweden, conner and woodland.

P: Habitat – coldwater fishery of statewide significant. Fish River Chain of Lakes – wild brook trout waters – self-sustaining native brook trout. State heritage fish waters, high priority wild brook trout habitat. Inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat, 7600+ acres of wetlands, Cross Lake fen as BwH Focus Area of Statewide Significant. 5 threatened or endangered wildlife species, 7 rare plants. 13 adult loons

N: no discussion of economic, or use compared to surrounding lakes.

Overall – significant usage for multiple reasons and serving multiple surround towns, significant habitat

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

Impaired – TP & SDT

P: Informed Understanding – monitoring since 1981, 2019-2021 Secchi Blitz- SDT steadily declined in north end of lake, stable in middle but fluctuated, highest in south then steady decline. High pH due to bedrock, which facilitates release of P from sediments and soils.

P: Severity – frequent lake wide algal blooms, impaired, high potential for HABs, surrounding brooks feeding it are also impaired. Eutrophic, chronic bloomed

Overall thorough understanding and data to support the severity of the problem

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

P: Understanding of problem = 2006 P Control Action Plan and TMDL, ag and row crops. 2019 watershed survey – 154 nonag sites (down to 126 after follow up), mainly

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shoreline erosion,. 56 sites were high impact, 66 medium and 32 low. Drone survey of ag land & NWQI for ag impacts. Top two practices – conservation crop rotation and cover crops, Septic Survey and Sensitive Soils – 83 parcels are highest priority for investigation, Land cover update and nutrient load analysis – P loading based on land use. (94% of total P load from stormwater runoff), ag contributes 77% of the load.

Notes:

Climate change -

23% ag land is dominated by potato production with grain rotation – major source of exposed soil/erodible soil

80% forest land is actively managed.

Residential zones – 5 on Cross Lake with up to 123 new camp/home lots. Irving filed permit for a subdivision with 17 new leased lots

Overall: very detailed description and understanding of the problem and specific actions needed, first plan I've seen that also includes climate change.

Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

P: proposed tasks address the primary stressor of ag impacts to the lake by implementing cover crop conservation practices on 1200 acres.

P: Effective tasks – 2 roundtable talks about healthy soils/cover crop benefits, press releases, articles, meetings with town governments, promoting LakeSmart, welcome packets & Annual meetings

P: protection of lake by reducing P load from ag lands by 221lbs and 38 tons of sediment.

P: Stakeholders contributions – County of Aroostok- admin, financial, serve of SC, hire ag consultant, Friends of Cross Lake – PM, UMCE – ag edu and outreach, Ag consultant – manage conservation practices, Farmers – 8 growers are anticipated to implement the conservations practices, St. John Valley SWCD, NRCS

Q/N: How do you guarantee that the farmers continue to covercrop in future years?

Notes:

Second phase of 4 anticipated phases.

Project Admin – \$31,658 task → I think the ag consultant costs should go into Task 3, otherwise all of Task 1 is match.

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S.C. – diverse group of stakeholders

Task 3 – Conservation Crop Rotation & Cover Crop BMPs on Ag NPS Sites

3 yr roation- reduces bare soil exposure from 70% of the time to 28% of the time over a 39month period. Ag consultant will work with an estimated 8 growers to implement on 1200 acres.

Education & Outreach – publicity & publications, LakeSmart, Meetings/Talks – presentations, roundtabl talks,

Task 5- PLRE

Q/N: well the application clearly describes the practices, the benefits and the partners unified approach and understanding and why and how to execute, has there been outreach to the 8 farmers, is there interest/buy-in, if not that is the main component of this project. This will determine feasibility for success.

P: Letters of Support/commitment – County of Aroostok, FOCL, UMCE, USDA NRCS, SWCD, Irving

Overall: tasks address the primary stressor, effective and well thought out – but pending landowner cooperation.

Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

P: All Project Admin is match

P: 76% of project is construction! Great return for investment

P: Quality of Match – significant match from FOCL (27,785)

N/Q: 68,800 match from landowners – significant reliance on landowners for match – 65% of construction match.

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: County has been a recipient of 604b grant and 319 grant before

N: Ryan Pelletier has only managed one 319 grant previously which is not a lot of experience, the same applied to Cheryl St. Peter

P: Dr. Nee Chim will be helping with the outreach/education portion of the grant

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: Large public boat launch, picnic area, and beach

P: Heavily used by the public for recreation year round

N: Other large lakes in the region could be used more frequently, decreases relative recreational value

P: Supports a cold-water fishery of statewide significance, cross lake = wild brook trout waters

P: Wading bird habitat, wetland and MNAP listed as a Beginning with Habitat Focus Area of Statewide Significance, 5 threatened or endangered species in the watershed

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Break down of land use in the watershed

P: Cross Lake has had poor water quality since the 1950s, with a SDT of 2 or less in half the years measured from 1981-2023

P: Frequent algal blooms including 2020

P: Cross Lake is an impaired lake and also has high potential for harmful algal blooms

P: Several other waterbodies that flow into Cross Lake are also impaired

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P: Trend analysis done for the 2019-2021 season, demonstrates an understanding of lake water quality

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

P: Watershed survey is recent in 2019, and updated in 2020

P: 2020 survey found 126 non-agricultural NPS sites, mainly shoreline residential sites

P: Breakdown of the severity (high, medium ,low) of the sites from the 2020 survey

P: TMDL in 2006

P: Land Cover update and nutrient load analysis 2020/2021 was done to determine P loading. About 77% of direct watershed P load is from agricultural land.

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

N: Tributaries flowing into Cross Lake are also impaired, would the BMPs planned help improve water quality of these tribs? Their impairment decreases the likelihood cross lake can be restored.

N: Bedrock in this watershed is high in calcium, raising pH of the water which facilitates release of phosphorus. Since this is unrelated to NPS issues does it decrease likelihood for restoration?

P: successful previous phase of the grant

P: Partner group for project is large and diverse, planning to have agricultural consultant, and eight farmers are planning to participate in the project

P: LakeSmart visits

N: Task 4 – Education and outreach task is a little weak other than the lakesmart visits. No workshops etc.

P: Task 3 – focuses on agricultural issues which is a main concern for the watershed

Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Project task

P: Construction is 76% of the project

P: Match on the high side about 47%

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – Aroostook Co has good track record, and has capacity for the financials, Cheryl and Kirk have good background, and have performed well in Phase 1, Kirk is now on the Board of SJVSWCD, assistance in Ag stuff from UMPI Extension, Ag consultant's quals spec'd out.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – closest beach and public access to Caribou, boat launch to access both Cross and Square.

P – lots of use – Ice fishing derby <1,800 participants

P – habitat – self sustaining cold water fishery, IWWH, and 5 threatened/endangered wildlife species, 7 rare plant and natural communities.

Water Quality Problem

P-Impaired, does not meet class for trophic state and is blooming. Tribs are also impaired and do not meet class for DO. Also Carys Mills formation enhances internal loading.

I – no dep sediment data

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-have done WBMP, and a Phase 1 project.

P- focuses solely on Ag practices in the watershed. Ag is the main contributor of P.

Feasibility for Success

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P – Phase 1 success with Ag contractor, Northern Tilth. Appears that same contractor is spec'd in with quals. If so, then the groundwork is already laid with the growers.

Cost Effectiveness:

Q – there is still an outstanding issue with NRCS reimbursement rates and what 319 is paying out to farmers. EPA has been looking into this, but hasn't come to any conclusions yet. Their decisions may affect the outcome of this application.

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

$$\frac{40.96963 \text{ sq mi}}{58,53388 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 3.499651$$

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

$$\frac{669298482.4 \text{ sq m}}{811904442.9 \text{ sq m}} \times 5 = 4.121781$$

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Applicant Quals

P: FOCL and County gov't have handed the previous phases well

P: Cheryl has extensive EE experience

P: Ag consultant has done well with the producers in the region

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? *Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat*

P: One of the few improved boat launches in the region

P: Some rare plants, endangered species, good coldwater fishery

P: Sees a lot of public and private use (camp owners), particularly for ice fishing

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Lake is impaired, routinely blooms, and also has impaired tributaries (1950s)

P: Limestone Carya mills increases internal loading issues

P: Influenced by Ag

I: No available sediment data

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - *Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?*

P: Completed WBMP, ongoing Phase 1

P: Focused on address the Ag issues in watershed (primary contribution of P and sediment)

P: Septic and Sensitive soils done, and landscover

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Ag consultant did well with Ag and cover cropping, seems very popular with producers.

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?
Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match*

P: Cost/benefits for cover crops is high

Q: NRCS reimbursement rates are currently at issue.

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience (relevant exp, financial, admin, and technical quals, past performance, relevant proj – incl subgrantee, consultant, volunteers)

P: CCSWCD - experience and expertise in engineering, environmental planning, project mgmt., education and admin. Over last decade – 30 projects implemented. Long history of working with Highland Lake project partners since 1990s. Heather – primary staff, 22yrs of experience in watershed protection, 6 years of supporting the Highland Lake leadership team, watershed survey, Plan and admin for 319 projects. Chris – 35yrs of civil engineering, 17+years as district engineer . Engineering services for the past 4 Highland lake projects.

Overall very strong team, only thing that would have made application stronger would be to include the qualifications of the Highland Lake Leadership Team

Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: Use: closest lake to Portland, swimming, boating, water skiing, snowmobiling, fishing, 20 miles of trails for recreation

P: Access – State public boat launch – hand carry, numerous private boat launches.

P: economical – 320 properties – tax base

P: Habitat – Acres of conserved land (Town of Falmouth 133ac, 300acr, Windham – 308, 700) = 1051 acres of conserved land. Endangered Eastern Box Turtle, habitat for

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two other species, 2 dozen species of migratory birds, fish 9 species, and 40-60k alewives

N: not very accessible to greater public use, even with proximity to Portland.

Overall uses are well described and diverse, important to the lake residents but unclear how accessible it is/used by public.

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

P: Severity – threatened, but debated about being relisted as impaired. Previous impaired for SDT 1990-2010. Declining water quality over the past 40yrs. Water clarity decreased from 6 to 7 in the 70s to 5. P concentrations have increased from 8 to 10ppb or more. Delisted due to improvement and stabilization, however, P levels continued to gradually increase. 2014-2017 – visit late summer picocyno blooms, clarity dropped 2-3m. Likely to become listed as impaired once again.

P: Understood – extensive water quality data set since 1970s by many groups. Rare bloom, peaked interest of many experts – but all experts appear to agree that reducing P into Highland is great need.

Overall data and problem is well studied, understood, and current trends suggest possible relisting as impaired. Urgency to address sources to prevent.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

P: Understanding of problem: **2018 Watershed survey** – 129 erosion sites, 71 residential and driveway and 27 private roads. Private roads have the most signification erosion issues. One ag site contributed nutrients. A second ag possibly contributing. Road study – 34 roads evaluated, 19 had been addressed in past efforts or did not indicate being a source, remaining 15 were added to tracker. **Tributary Crossings** – 5 crossings with nps issues / channel instability. **Septics** – 21 parcels met criteria for at risk to contributing nutrients.

P: Actions needed: **2017 Highland Lake Leadership Team** – Falmouth and Windham Towns with mission to improve and maintain Highland Lake. Ordinance work, water

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quality testing, survey work, determining causes, and improve education. Ongoing support/involvement in 319 grants.

P: One more grant need to reduce P loan following this application phase V.

Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

P: efforts and momentum could help prevent Highland lake from being relisted as impaired.

P: 11 high impact sites, education and outreach to prevent future sources. Pollution reduction of 44 tons of sediment and 37 pounds of P.

P: Stakeholder Contributions: CCSWCD – PM, tech assist, engineering, construction oversight, pcr, materials for education. HLA – SC, assist with road workshop and lake-friend living workshop, distribute materials. Town of Falmouth & Town of Windham – contribute 10k cash match, assist with project education/promotion, community involvement and S.c.

P: Well sequenced tasks, unique and effective education tools

Notes on Tasks:

Project Admin – CCSWCD, reasonable estimate

Steering Committee – 2x variety of stakeholders involved

Task 3: Highest Impact Sites – 11 high priority sites, anticipate 50% cost share

Task 4: Education & Outreach – Project promotion (newsletters, emails, annual meetings), Lake Stewardship/Education and Outreach Plan Implementation (private road assoc outreach, road maintenance plans, budgets, etc. Road Workshop – maintenance needs, Lakefriend practices – 3 videos to be created.

Overall: high impact sites to be addressed, likelihood of completion in 2 years (unclear of landowner buy in though), effective education tools

Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

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P: \$20,000 in cash match from the Town's, plus \$14,552 cash from prior donations = 34,552 cash secured.

P: reasonable estimates

P: Overall project match 50%

N/Q: \$48,150 of cash match from landowners (however no really expensive projects, so likelihood of replacing projects as needed seems doable).

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P: Heather Hunt experienced grantee,

P: Chris Baldwin is also providing engineering support for the project

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: Closest lake to Portland and offers year-round recreational opportunities

P: Most of the watershed's properties are inhabited by year-round residents

P: State owned hand carry boat launch

N: Sebago is more popular for public use

P: conserved land offers hiking opportunities around the lake

P: State listed habitat for endangered long-eared bat and small whorled pogonia.

P: Lake also supports several fish species

N: Alewife issues? Contributing nutrients.

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Water quality collected since 1970s show declining water quality over the past 40 years

P: SDT average went from 6-7 to 5 meters and phosphorous concentrations have also increased

P: Highland was recently on the impaired list and was removed in 2010

P: 2014-2017 recent late summer picco blooms, which were unusual and the first documented in Maine

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N: No water quality mentioned after 2017, what are the recent trends in water quality? recent algal blooms?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

P: Watershed survey was conducted in 2018, 129 erosion sites were documented

P: Provided breakdown of types of common sites identified in the survey

N: Does not provided a breakdown of number of high/medium/low sites identified in the survey

N: No breakdown of the severity (high, medium ,low) of the sites

P: DEP staff surveyed the lakes perennial tributary road crossings in 2019, found 5 stream road crossings

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: HLA is a strong association and has been applying for NPS grants outside of 319 projects, demonstrates commitment

P: There was a recent previous phase, this phase will build on that

P: Strong project participants, letters of support from Windham and Falmouth

N: Task 3- focuses on private roads, there are no letters of support or commitment from any road associations (if there are associations). It is a large chunk of grant money without any commitments

P: High quality education and outreach plan, a lot of money is going to these tasks but I think it is worth it

Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

N: Proposed match is contingent on landowner/road association participation

P: Construction is 59% slightly on low end

P: Match is high 50%

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – CCSWCD has good track record with current/previous projects, Falmouth and Windham participate in the HLLT

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – closest lake to Portland, has public boat launch (hand carry), alewife run, habitat for 2 endangered wildlife species, and 1 plant.

Water Quality Problem

P – threatened, latest IR draft still has it Cat 2, despite weird blooms in 2014-2017.

DEP sediment data

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – this and previous phases (4 of them) have been attempting to reduce P input.

P- CSL looks good and appropriate

Feasibility for Success

P – good partners, HLLT has been active, good track record through 4 previous phases

Cost Effectiveness

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P – good match mix cash and in-kind. \$20k from Windham and Falmouth cash.

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

Note: Watershed for Highland lake is not delineated incorrectly, and the portion of Westbrook should not be in the watershed of Highland Lake. Falmouth and Windham have consistent comp plans, westbrook does not.

If including Westbrook, then Comp Plan Score =

$$\frac{7.658998 \text{ sq mi}}{8.272718 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 4.629059$$

If excluding Westbrook, then score = 5

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

Note: Watershed for Highland lake is not delineated incorrectly, and the portion of Westbrook should not be in the watershed of Highland Lake. Falmouth and Windham do not have DACs within the watershed, but Westbrook does.

If including Westbrook, then EJ Score =

$$\frac{0.282588 \text{ sq mi}}{8.272718 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 0.170795$$

If excluding Westbrook, then EJ Score = 0

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: CCSWCD has a good history of projects (Heather Hunt)

P: Chris Baldwin is an experienced engineer

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: Very close to Portland (high use pressure) and has year-round residents

P: Public hand-carry launch

P: Has hiking trails and supports endangered shoreland and aquatic species

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Significant water quality decline since the 1970s, though recent trends not mentioned

P/Q: Has been added and removed from impaired list nearly 14 years ago

P: Has summer picco blooms 2014-2017

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

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P: DEP stream crossing work in the last, 5 crossing IDed

P: Watershed survey (2018) identified 129 sites, common sites IDed, but no high/med/low

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Has a good list of partners (Windham/Falmouth) and has done very well on previous projects

Q: How many more sites need help?

P: Great E/O plan

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Excellent mix of cash/in-kind match

P: Costs (construction) seem reasonable

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

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P: 7 Lakes Alliance – managed numerous projects since 1999. Admin and financial experience,

N: previous past experience – have not gotten reporting in, but got work done. Have not been submitting CSAs.

Personnel

P: Lynn – Lynn joined 7 lakes in 2023. Masters of Engineering in Civil and Environmental Engineering, erosion control policy – ordinances and enforcement. Taken over admin of 4 existing implementation grants.

N: Project Mgmt skills not explained, limited (less than 1 year) experience in 319 grant funded projects

Stuart – oversees YCC and regional watershed planning. Crew mgmt. experience, hands-on experience, certified ESC, site surveys, tech assistance, managing contractors and crews

Griffen – dec 2023, expand YCC and LakeSmart, regional LakeSmart Hub
- Did not include how long Stuart has been in the role

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Overall more staff supporting the 319 efforts, however newer staff therefore less experience in grant and project management. Currently have 4 active, applied for 3 – is this manageable amount?

Q: Ask Greg on status of current projects for past performance – lynns been included with Charlie.

Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: Public Access – 2 public boat launches, 1 public beach and 1 public park

P: Economic – shorefront properties provide 80% of property tax base in Rome, 65% in Mount Vernon and 60% in Belgrade. Tourism, landscaping, real estate, hospitality all driven by the lakes.

P: Uses: 1000s of visitors annually, fishing, waterskiing, protected lands for recreation (not specific), vistas

P: Commercial – Maine guide and sporting camps

P: Habitat – land conservation 24% of watershed permanenently protected, IWWH habitat, deer wintering, 2 rare wildlife, 23 fish species

Notes

- 6th in the chain of 7 lakes – 80% comes from upstream lakes.

Overall: Valued for access, economy, commercial, habitat, and recreation – well described.

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

P: Severity: Impaired, long term data set – weak but sigifncait decrease in average water clairy in both basins. Stabilized in the last 10 years. Significant decrease in P in south basin over last 10 yrs. Low levels of DO in deepest areas. South basin has metalimnetic and hypolimnetic anoxia – release of P from bottom sediments, but internal load remains low.

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P: Understanding: Data collection since 1970s. Over 50 yr, water clarity declined by 1m.

Overall: understanding of water quality is clear, impaired but workplan suggests some stability in recent years.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

P: 2022 watershed model updated – external load of Total P is 76% for north basin and 86% for south basin.

P: 2020 survey – 148 sites, 42% were residential, most on the north basin. Roads and driveways accounted for 41%.

P: Understanding of actions – WBP calls for addressing 16 high impact, 61 medium and 71 low over the next years. Reducing loads from ag by 25% and steps to mitigate impacts from septics – 194 high priority for investigation. Future risks – climate change and development. Four phases needed to implement actions from WBP.

Q: along with 160 sites that have not yet been documented?

I: Indirect watersheds are the dominant source, Great Pond accounting for 59% of the P load in the north. 62% in south basin.

I/N: *“while management of P from developed areas in the Long Pond watershed is a necessary planning priority, as important is the need to reduce P inputs from Great Pond to Long Pond.”*

Notes:

77% forested, 7% developed and 5% ag – development primarily on shorefront, 86 miles or roads, 59% unpaved

Q/edit – what does 160 sites not yet documented mean.

Overall the understanding of actions is well summarized and clear, includes climate change, development and septics.

Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

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P: Tasks proposed address primary stressor and will be effective: BMPs at 13 high and medium impact town and private road sites, 18 residential properties and 20 LakeSmart Evaluations, Buffer campaign, 2 gravel road workshops, outreach/education

P: Reduction of P loads by 86kg/yr in North basin, and 38 kg/yr in south basin

P: Stakeholder contributions: 7 Lakes – grantee, admin, tech assistance, YCC, lead edu & outreach. BLA – S.C., education and outreach and provide \$40,000 for YCC and LakeSmart . Charlie Bader – independent consultant on S.C., Town of Belgrade – ordinance review, S.C., Town of Mount Vernon – SC, \$20,000 cash match, Town of Rome – SC, implement BMPs, cash match of \$10,000, Homeowners/Road associations – committed \$20,000 to address high and medium private road projects . Letters from BLA, Foster Lane Association, Town of Mt Vernon, town of Rome, Wildewood estates

Q: will Charlie require a RFQ or can 7 Lakes directly hire for general 7 lakes support?

N/P: 41% of load is from direct watershed in north basin, and 38% in south basin, so likelihood for restoration relies heavily on efforts in Great Pond and the chain of lakes above Long Pond. However, it's still important to be addressing what they can of the direct watershed in tandem.

Foster lane and Wildewood Estates committed, but that leaves 8 private projects without commitments.

Overall - well sequenced tasks, addresses primary stressors, uncertainly on feasibility with 4 active projects, 3 proposals and no extensions.

Task Notes:

Project Admin – 7 lakes

SC – 7 leads w/ town, businesses, BLA

Task 3- Bmp Installations on Road – 13 town and private roads

Task 4 – BMP on Residentials – 18 residential properties

Task 5 – LakeSmart – 20 evals, volunteers

Task 6 – Education & Municipal outreach – press releases, articles, buffer campaign, review town ordinances w/ 4 mtgs with officials,

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Task – PLRE

Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

P: \$50,000 of committed cash match for BMP installations (50% of construction match is committed)

P: \$25,000 cash match from grantee – quality match

P: 76% funds going towards construction

P: Overall good return for investment, 31 sites addressed, education & outreach, 20 lakesmart evals, ordinance review.

N: 50% of cash match not confirmed.

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N: Project management experience is limited since that was Charlie's main role

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P/N: Have hired Griffen to expand the YCC and LakeSmart, not sure how trained he is yet

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

N: Other more commonly used lakes in the Belgrade lake chain

P: The Belgrade lakes in general are an economic driver for the surrounding towns

P: Long Pond has a public boat ramp that is popular, and the town also maintains a public beach and park on Long Pond

P: Contains 23 species of fish including coldwater fish that are stocked into the lake.

P: watershed provides habitat for rare plant and animal species of special concern. MDIF&W documented two rare wildlife occurrences of the Eastern ribbon snake in the area around the narrows at Castle Island Rd

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

N: Fast flushing rate

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P: Increased residential development in the watershed – seasonal homes being turned into 4 season homes

P: Water quality collected since 1970s

P: Water clarity has declined by more than a meter over the last 50 years (1 meter does not seem too severe)

P: Long Pond listed as an impaired waterbody on the states 2008 303(d) list

P: Long term trend analysis of water quality parameters, recently updated in 2022, data shows decrease in average annual water clarity in both basins. Water clarity has stabilized in the last 10 years.

Q: What about trends in the other parameters? Not just water clarity

N: TP has decreased in the south basin over the last 10 years

N: The south basin has metalimnetic and hypolimnetic anoxia, but internal load is only 4% P contributor in North basin and 1% in the south

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

P: Watershed survey was conducted in 2020 and found 148 sites were identified, provides breakdown of land use sites

P: Provided breakdown of types of common sites identified in the survey

P: 2022 watershed model was updated, total p loading is 76% for the north basin and 86% for the south basin

➤ Great Pond accounts for 59% of the P load to the north basin

N: WBMP says to address 160 sites that have not been documented, how was that number obtained ?

P: Climate change and future development considered in the extent of the NPS sites

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: Task in the plan will address the primary P contributor to N/S basins of long pond (not factoring in up lake influences)

P: 20 lake smart visits, 18 residential sites to be addressed

P: Strong project participants, a lot of committed cash and construction match for the BMP projects

N: 7 lakes has a lot of active projects and with Charlie leaving that could be a bit too much of a workload, especially with no extensions

Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: 50,000 of cash match for BMP installations

N: Other 50% of cash match not committed

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – 7LA has good track record, Charlie is still working on the project with Lynn.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – tax base, boat ramp, public beach

P – IWWH, DWA, animal species of concern and rare plants

Water Quality Problem

P – long data record (54 yrs)

P – Al:Fe = 1.5 (favorable to release P if anoxic) Al:P =32.3 (not favorable to release P if anoxic)

P – impaired for trophic trend

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – still working on camp roads

Feasibility for Success

P – have good track record for success, and doing these projects is in their wheelhouse. They will be able to get these road projects completed.

Q-this is a Phase 6 – have any of the sites on the CCL been previously addressed with 319?

Cost Effectiveness

P – good match, prices seem reasonable

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Rome, Belgrade yes; Mt. Vernon, Vienna no.

$$\frac{14.39062 \text{ sq mi}}{24.49941 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 2.936931$$

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

No DACs in watershed. Score = 0

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: A part of 7 Lakes Alliance, very good track record

P:Lynn has Engineering experience, Stuart has experience with crews

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: Belgrade lakes are a large part of the local tourist economy

N: Other lakes in Belgrade chain are used more

P: Public boat launch, public beach/park

P: Coldwater fishery (some stocking) and some endangered species

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Very long data records, declining trend starting in the 1970s

P: Impaired, has high flushing rate

P/N: Water clarity has stabilized?

N: Internal load 4% P contributor in North basin and 1% in the south basin

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - *Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?*

P: Recent watershed survey in 2020 found 148 sites, plus breakdown of common sites

P: Including climate change in their plans

P: Development is likely to become an issue, camp roads

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Have a very good track record and this plan is in line with previous work

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Match is good, costs are fair

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Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: Uses: Youth Camps (4), and privately owned commercial camps (4), swimming, fishing, boating

P: Access – one public boat loach, one carry-in boat launch

P: Economy – lake front properties account for 60% of the property valuation in Belgrade and 26% in Oakland. Season influx supports local economy.

P: Habitat – 14 species of fish, wetlands, high value plant and animal habitat, inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat, five lg deer wintering areas, vernal pools and species of special concern (did not specify)

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

Understanding Salmon Lake– past impacts from dairy farm and lumberyard. Data since 1975, includes mean of 5.0m, 15ppb TP mean, and 6.2ppb mean of chl-a.

N: (Does not specify what time period these averages are from).

Severity of Salmon– threatened. Anoxia from June to September. Elevated TP in hypolimnion. P levels at bottom of lake have been above 200ppb since 2015 – significant internal loading. 842ppb in 2020. Algal bloom in autumn after turn over

N: However, has been a significant improvement in SDT and TP over past 10yrs.

Understanding of McGrath - since 1975.

Severity of McGrath – potential for nuisance blooms is moderate, and potential for internal loading is low. DO profiles show very little depletion in deep areas. Stable since 1990.

Overall – Severity concern with Salmon, algal blooms & significant internal loading

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

P: History of problems since 1926 – 143% increase in non-shoreline development, 30% increase in shoreline and 97% increase in youth camp land. P loading estimates, identified internal loading as 32%, septic as 26%, ag 11%, shoreline 10% and nonshoreline development 9% → historic nutrient loading

P: External sources – 2017 survey: 70 shores on McGrath, 35 on Salmon. 12 high impact, 47 medium. Residential properties highest land use with problems. Instream Phosphorus – 8 streams flowing into McGrath Pond and 1 into Salmon – mean total of 11ppb with 5 streams

Land conservation, LakeSmart, YCC

Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

P: 16 high and medium site (27% of total h/m sites found), 10 residential and 20 lakesmart evals, public awareness

P: Stakeholder contribution – 7 Lakes Alliance (tech assist, YCC, edu and outreach, Project management \$7250 cash match), McGrath-Salmon Lake Association (awareness, LakeSmart evals, match cash & inkind), Charlie Baeder- consult, Town of Belgrade – SC, Town of Oakland, SC and 2 road sites \$7500 match.

N: Ag impacts make up 11% and septic's make up 26% of load, however neither are addressed through cost/share or education in these tasks, where development makes up 19% combined.

Task Notes:

Task 1 – project admin – 7 lakes

Task 2 – SC – 3x

Task 3 – Residential YCC 10 sites (significant match)

Task 4 – Road & Driveway – 16 sites at 13 road and driveway sites, 50/50

Task 5- Edu & Outreach – press releases, newsletters, social media, LakeSmart (24), 2 gravel road workshops

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Note for edits, task 5 says 24 lakesmart evals, Purpose statement says 20

Overall well sequenced tasks, however stressor of ag and specitics are not addressed, and question on feasibility with staff change over

Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

P: about a 51% match to 49% grant

P: Quality match from 7 lakes alliance, committed match total is ~\$20,768. Town match of \$7500 secured and confirmed to address sites

N: Significant landowner match to make up the difference without clear indication of commitment, esp since there is no extension year.

Notes for edits – town match not included as separate in Part 3

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Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: used for swimming, fishing and boating

P: McGrath - 5 species of fish including coldwater species Salmon Lake – 14 species of fish

P: Water shed contains extensive water resources (streams, ponds wetlands)

P: Salmon McGrath host several youth camps and commercial camps

P: carry-in boat launch and a public boat launch

N: Smaller of the Belgrade lakes, will it be used as often as the others for recreation ?

P: Areas of high-value plant and animal habitat in the watershed including, inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat (north end of McGrath Pond at Pleasant Point, outlet of Cold Brook, and near the public boat launch

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Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

N: Not impaired, on threatened list

P: Salmon: 46 years of Secchi disk transparency readings, 32 years of TP and 28 years of Chl-a.

- P: Experiences anoxia in hypolimnion, leading to release of phosphorus from bottom sediments (842 ppb in 2020 June)
- N: SDT is close to state average of 5 meters
- P: Common to see algal blooms in October due to turnover)
- N: Improvement in SDT over the past 10 years

P: McGrath – 45 years of SDT, 21 TP, 18 for Chl-a, long record of monitoring

- N: the water quality of McGrath is good not as severe as Salmon

Q: Does Salmon flow into McGrath?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

P: Recent survey was conducted in 2017 and identified 105 sites, 70 sites for McGrath and 35 for Salmon.

P: Provides breakdown in the severity of the NPS sites from the survey as well as land use break down

P: Conducted a 2023 instream Phosphorus survey from 8 streams that flow into McGrath and 1 into salmon.

N: No explanation as to why the water quality in McGrath is better than Salmon Pond, is it related to the amount of NPS issues? Because Salmon Pond had less documented NPS in the survey but worse water quality

Overall demonstrates an understanding of the NPS threats to the water bodies.

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: Experience project partner group, Charlie will be advising, towns are planning on being involved

P: YCC will be installing the residential BMPs, & Lakes YCC has been very successful in the past

N: Large chunk of match is coming from the Task 3 – there is only one letter of commitment from the town about doing road work. No indication landowners/road associations are on board to participate and contribute match

N: 7 lakes has a lot of active projects, worry about feasibility of adding more to their plate without flexibility of extensions

P: High quality education and outreach with gravel road workshop, lakesmart

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DATE: 6/4/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Alaina Chormann

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

N: 7 lakes has a lot of active projects and with Charlie leaving that could be a bit too much of a workload, especially with no extensions

Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: about a 51% match to 49% grant

P: Quality match from 7 lakes alliance, committed match total is ~\$20,768. Town match of \$7,500 confirmed to address sites

N: Significant landowner match from task 3 without any commitments

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – 7LA has good track record, Charlie is still working on the project with Lynn.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – local tax base; 2 public boat launches, youth camps,

P – IWWH, DWA, vernal pool, species of concern

Water Quality Problem

P -2023 P survey – first flush, P ppb = 11.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P - AL:Fe = 2.5 (favorable for release in anoxia) Al:P = 95.40 (not favorable for release)

Feasibility for Success

P – projects in 7LA wheelhouse.

Cost Effectiveness

P – good match, project costs seem reasonable.

Q – double check match for gravel road workshop. Attendees time can't be counted if they're just sitting there.

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

All towns in the watershed have consistent comp plans. Score = 5

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Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

No DACs in the watershed. EJ Score = 0

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EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: 7 Lakes Alliance has a good history (since the late 90s)

P: Good list of staff, Lynn, Charlie, Stuart

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: Has attached vernal pools (?), some threatened species live there.

P: Good for fishing, boating, swimming

P: Two boat launches (hand carry and public)

P: Has summer camps (4) and private campgrounds/resorts (4)

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Phosphorus survey from 2023, P ppb = 11

N: Threatened, not impaired

P: Algal blooms common in the fall due to turnover

N: SDT is not far off state average (5m)

P: 46 years of SDT readings

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - *Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?*

P: Last survey was in 2017 (not recent), 105 sites ID (70 McGrath, 35 Salmon), breakdown of severity of NPS sites.

P: 2023 instream Phosphorus survey

Q: Difference in water quality between the two lakes, reason? Water quality higher in McGrath, but more documented sights.

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

Q: Projects match what 7LA have done in the past, but would they be overtaxed with this one?

P: YCC will do most of the residential BMPs

N: Not strong focus on septic/ag

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Match is reasonable, something incorrect with gravel road workshop (60hrs?)

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience (relevant exp, financial, admin, and technical quals, past performance, relevant proj – incl subgrantee, consultant, volunteers)

P: 7 Lakes Alliance – managed numerous projects since 1999. Admin and financial experience,

Personnel

P: Lynn – Lynn joined 7 lakes in 2023. Masters of Engineering in Civil and Environmental Engineering, erosion control policy – ordinances and enforcement. Taken over admin of 4 existing implementation grants.

N: Project Mgmt skills not explained, limited (less than 1 year) experience in 319 grant funded projects

Stuart – oversees YCC and regional watershed planning. Crew mgmt. experience, hands-on experience, certified ESC, site surveys, tech assistance, managing contractors and crews

Griffen – dec 2023, expand YCC and LakeSmart, regional LakeSmart Hub

- Did not include how long Stuart has been in the role

Overall more staff supporting the 319 efforts, however newer staff therefore less experience in grant and project management. Currently have 4 active, applied for 3 – is this manageable amount?

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Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: Public use - proximity to Augusta and Waterville, swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, ice fishing, etc. Maine Pond Hockey Classic. Four state boat launches, Elite Kayak fishing tournament.

P: Commercial/economical – local businesses & town from tax based

N: doesn't specify number of tax payers or which businesses

P: Habitat – 800 acres of conserved land, wetlands/water resource benefits, several bird species that are endangered, threatened or special concern. 1300 acres of significant inland IWWH, largest nesting site for endangered Black tern and rare species – 4 species provided, 40 adult loons. Coldwater fisher – 21 species,

Notes: 600 shorefront properties

Overall – 4 public boat launch, proximity to 2 major cities, great habit & species, some general information w/out detail

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

Understanding: three upstream lakes are impaired – final lake in the chain. Data since 1970. SDT avg 5.3m, Chl-a avg 6.1, TP avg 11ppb.

- No dates given on what these ranges are from.

Severity: Threatened, Watch List/Sensitive – Sediment Chemistry. Most at risk from new development. Anoxia at bottom of lake in Lake July, as shallow as 10m through end of Sept. highest P values ~40 bottom depths.

Overall – impacts from upstream lakes, severity concern with internal loading and anoxic conditions.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

Understanding of problems: threatened by external P loading. More NPS sites than any other lake in Belgrade chain. 2023 instream P survey – 18 streams flowing into Messalonskee in 2023. 16 streams had a mean tp higher than 11ppb. 2021 survey: 247

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sites. Additional 122 that lacked buffers. 20 high, 110 medium, 97 low = great map! Stream habitat survey – 41 potential barriers. Historical studie on septics – data on spetics included but may be dated 1998.

Actions: private cost-share needed on over 75% on private property. Addressing NPS pollution- Landowner outreach in may of 2022 to all owners with NPS sites, YCC, LakeSmart, current Phase II. Anticipated at least 4 phaes needed. Two additional following this phase.

Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

P: 18 high and medium road and driveway sites, 20 residential and 24 lakesmart, public awareness through lakesmart, gravel workshop and buffer workshops

P: landowner outreach in may 2022 –

P: protection – 70 tons of sediment and 40 lbs of P.

P: Stakeholder contribution – 7 lakes will provide 11050 match, grantee, tech assist, ycc, education, etc. FOM – SC, edu/outreach, host workshops and give presentations – total of \$13,856 match. Charlie Baeder, Town of Mt.Vernon – SC and one road site \$3500 match, Town of Oakland – four sites and \$8000 cash match.

N: 12 private roads sites unclear commitment level

N: does not address septics, could have been addressed through education tools.

Task notes:

Task 1: Project admin – 7 lakes

Task 2: SC 3x

Task 3 = ycc 40 BMPs on 20 residential properties

Task 4: road and driveway BMPs – 18: 12 private roads, 5 town roads and 1 footbatch/bridge

Task 5: edu/outreach – materials, LakeSmart, 2 gravel roads and 2 buffer workshops

Task 6: PCR

Question for all 7 lakes projects – the workshops say open to greater Belgrade Lakes Region – so ensure when counting match, not double dipping.

Overall straightforward, however 12 private roads sites unclear commitment level, which amounts to significant match.

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Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

P: \$24,906 in match from 7 lakes and FOM = quality personal match, and \$11,500 match for towns to address 5 sites.

P: 55% match, 45% grant

N: \$92,500 in match for construction projects not related to town roads, no indication of likelihood of feasibility/buyin from landowners or outreach ot landowner.s

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: 7 Lakes – has managed many NPS related projects since 199, have both financial and admin experience

P: Lynn has experience with engineering and has been doing a good job taking over current 7 lakes 319 projects from Charlie

N: Project management experience is limited since that was Charlie's main role

P: Stuart has experience managing crews, has hands on construction experience, not sure about project management experience

P/N: Have hired Griffen to expand the YCC and LakeSmart, not sure how trained he is yet

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public us and improved habitat

P: There are roughly 600 shorefront properties on Messalonskee Lake and 50 on Belgrade Stream.

P: 74% of developed shoreline lots are year round residences

P: use the lake and surrounding watershed extensively for swimming, fishing, boating, bird watching, and hiking in the summer, and ice fishing, skiing, and snowmobiling in winter

P: local business benefit from the lake recreation and towns from tax base

P: 3 state boat launches

P: Messalonskee marsh is the largest nesting site in Maine for the endangered black

P: supported both coldwater and warmwater fishery hosts fishing derbys

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

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P: The watershed contains areas of dense residential and commercial development along the shoreline. A study by Colby College estimated that more than three quarters of the shoreline lots were developed

P: On 502 list as at risk for new development, threatened due to sediment chemistry

P: Has 45 years of water quality monitoring data

Historic SDT ranges from 3.5 - 7.5 m (avg. 5.3 m). Chl-a has ranges from 2.5 - 6.0 ppb (avg. 6.1 ppb), and TP in the epilimnion has ranged from 7 - 17 ppb annually (avg. 11 ppb)

N: no exact timeframe for these averages, is it 1970-2023?

P: Chl-a has significantly increased (N: does not say what time frame this increase occurred)

P: Evidence of phosphorous release from bottom sediments during anoxic events

Overall shows understanding of water quality issues in the lake but they didn't prove a time line for their measurements or graphs so it makes it harder to determine current water quality issues

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

P: Provides land use breakdown for whole watershed

P: 2023 instream survey found 16 tribs had TP higher than average lake TP

N: Does not hypothesize why the tributaries have elevated TP, is it from NPS issues or is it coming from lakes further up the chain?

P: Recent watershed survey in 2021, found 247 which is a lot of sites

P: Provided a breakdown of the survey sites and severity

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: Two previous phases of 319 projects on the lake, both successful

P: Strong stakeholder group, including two towns, Charlie and a lake alliance

P: Committed cash match from two towns

N: YCC residential match is significant and not committed

P: Education and Outreach is strong with two buffer workshops and lakesmart

N: 7 lakes has a lot of active projects and with Charlie leaving that could be a bit too much of a workload, especially with no extensions

N: Three lakes upstream are impaired final lake in the chain , how much are they leading to water quality issues.

N: Septic issues were highlighted in the Colby study but project has no tasks that try to update or address the old septic systems, could be included in education and outreach

Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: about a 51% match to 49% grant

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<p>N: Significant landowner match from task 3 and 4 without any commitments (other than the two town match of 3,500 and 8,000)</p>

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – 7LA has good track record, Charlie is still working on the project with Lynn.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – use - close to Augusta/Waterville, 4 boat launches; kayak fishing derby, Maine Pond Hockey Classic

P – endangered/threatened/special concern birds; IWWH

Water Quality Problem

P – MAR; sediments - Al:Fe = 0.30 (<3 is favorable for release) Al:P = 2.80 (<25 is favorable for release); long record; anoxic at both monitoring stations

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – >75% of shoreline developed, and 74% are year-round.

P – 75% of erosion issues on private land

Feasibility for Success

P – have good track record for success, and doing these projects is in their wheelhouse. They will be able to get these road projects completed.

Q-this is a Phase 6 – have any of the sites on the CCL been previously addressed with 319?

Cost Effectiveness

P – good match diversity, but most coming from landowner cash.

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Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

$$\frac{27.69469 \text{ sq mi}}{49.63585 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 2.789787$$

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

No DACs in watershed. EJ score = 0

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: 7LA has a good track record with NPS projects, good staff (Lynn, Charlie, Stuart)

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: Very large amount of development (600 shorefronts, 50 on Belgrade stream), ¾ of shoreline properties are year-round

P: Four (!!) boat launches

P: Messalonskee marsh is an important nest site for black terns (endangered)

P: Extensive rec opportunities year round

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Very large amount of development (600 shorefronts, 50 on Belgrade stream), ¾ of shoreline properties are year-round (high use pressure)

P: Extensive historical data on water quality, general decreasing trends in SDT, Chl-a, TP (heat maps vs. trend graphs?)

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - *Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?*

P: Landuse breakdown for the watershed

P: Phosphorus study from 2023, 16 trivs have higher TP than the lake

P: Huge number of sites (247) found during 2021 watershed survey

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Done well with previous 319 grants

P: Very strong local interest and support

P: Towns are providing cash match

N/Q: No new plan for septic?

N: Will 7LA be overloaded with the number of applications this year?

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Match is ok, too weighted towards landowners?

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience (relevant exp, financial, admin, and technical quals, past performance, relevant proj – incl subgrantee, consultant, volunteers)

P: past performance – four successful 319 projects, one active. Watershed surveys, technical expertise, LakeSmart, septic

P: Whitney – 14yrs of experience, 14 319 funded projects as PM, grant mgmt., wqm, watershed assessment, facilitation, etc. Lidie – Since 2009 – admin, finances incl 3 grant funded projects. 25yrs of related work experience, incl PM, financial mgmt., etc.

P: Volunteers – PPA actively support many programs, incl LakeSmart, Parker Pond survey and Phase I and II

Overall well rounded, years of experience, relevant experience. Any need for engineering support?

Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: access- public boat launch, and public hiking trails – water access, dozen state owned islands - four free campsites

P: Habitat – bass fishing, stock for salmon and brook trout

P: Economic – 250 developed lakefront properties- town revenues

P: use – swimming, boating

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Overall accessible by public, especially in central maine area. Could have elaborated more on habitat benefits, especially for terrestrial species.

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

Understanding: since 1976, SDT, DO, Temp, T, Chla, alkalinity, color, conductivity and pH. SDT 7.4. In 2023, SDT was 7.1m.

Severity: Threatened – sediment chemistry. Sediment chemistry from 2016 – Al:Fe is 1.6 and AL:p is 31.3, second close to vulnerability threshold. Very slow flushing rate – more sensitive to nutrient attenuation. SDT is above state standard of 5m. Moderate DO depletion in deep areas. Anoxia in 2023, and previously in 2006. TP – surface water P is stable and improving, deep waters have been highest concentrations in recent years. Increased internal P load. Results range from 6 to 34 at bottom. Potential for nuisance blooms, however green blooms in recent years.

Overall – concern is internal loading, but water quality seems relatively stable, good understanding, but severity is not major concern.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

Watershed survey – 2011: 46 sites, 27 were high/medium. Highest land uses residential, private roads and driveways. After storms sites visited in 2023 – 3 residential, 5 gravel roads and 2 town roads. Follow up – 2017, 2023 and 2023/2024.

Understanding – development prior to zoning laws, structures on small lots near water, limited buffer. Many septic systems are aging. New development. Private roads – high P & sediment loads. Increased rain event intensity. Unmonitored logging and internal loading issues too.

Overall, watershed survey is fairly outdated, but recent follow up, but unclear if that was just a handful of new sites, or existing sites and only a portion of the existing

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Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

P: Phase I completed 10 high priority road sites, 3 ycc projects.. This will address 11 = 50% of sites will be addressed – progree towards protection. 8.4 tons of sediment and 6.93 pounds of P

P:Stakeholder contributions – 30 mile – PM, PAA- SC, support outreach efforts , Town of Vienna – BMPs and match at selected sites, Road Associations – matching funds and BMPs

Tasks Note:

Task 1- PM

Task 2: SC 4x

Task 3: Residential BMPs – 6 projects with \$1500 grants for materials and construction. Tech assist abd BMPs from 30 mile.

Q: any concern with finding contractors to complete?

Task 4: Private Road BMPs – 5 private gravel roads & road walks with Dave Rocque.

Q: Dave cost grant or match? → grant funded

Task 6: 2 press releases, brochure, newsletters. LakeSmart – 8 new properties, Septic – septic expert

Task 7: PCR

P: septic's education included – addressing erosion and septic – primary stressors of concern.

P: Feasibility for success – four letters of support from road associations.

Overall this is s very modest proposal and highly feasibly to be accomplished in the two year time frame effectively.

Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

About a 60% grant to 40% match ratio

P: Quality match from PAA

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P: **solidified match** – Town of Vienna, Bearstow-grants pond road assoc (7480), Farm Road association (3200), parker Pond Shores Homeowners Association (4000), Fellows Cove (2000) = 21,730 of construction match secured = 75% of construction match!

Overall, great commitment to 75% of the construction match, quality match from PAA, and grantee, overall great return for investment and very likely to meet the match requirement.

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: 30 mile river watershed – four successful 319 projects, one active. Watershed surveys, technical expertise, LakeSmart, septic

P: Whitney – 14yrs of experience, 14 319 funded projects as Project Manager. Lidie – Since 2009 – admin, finances inc 3 grant funded projects.

P: PPA has had experience before helping with projects

N: No engineering support for the grant, will they just be hiring ?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public us and improved habitat

P: Important to the economy of the surrounding towns

P: Used for a variety of recreational activities and has a public boat launch and a public hiking trail with access to the lake

P: Bass fishery is considered excellent, stocked with salmon and brook trout

P: 250 lakefront properties – important to town tax revenues

N: Terrestrial habitat/species of importance in the watershed?

P: Camping opportunities on the islands

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Data collect by volunteers from 1976-2016 and then 30-mile took over the monitoring on a bi-weeklu basis.

P: A lot of water quality parameters collected by 30 mile, including alkalinity, pH and conductivity

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P: Sediment chemistry prone to phosphorus release from the sediments

P: Very slow flushing rate of 0.3 times per year

N: Water clarity is above average and was relatively stable between 2014-2023. The older trends in SDT is not presented is the clarity in the past decade better or worse than in the 80s/90s ?

P: 2023 was the lowest annual SDT depth since 2009

N: Anoxia in waters 10 meters and deeper has only been documented during five years (1998, 2000, 2004, 2006, and most recently in 2023).

P: Deep water TP has been increasing in recent years, indicating internal phosphorus release

P: blooms have started occurring in higher densities in summer in recent years

Overall very comprehensive report of water quality issues in the lake, demonstrates understanding of water quality concerns. Water quality is actually above average though and is relatively stable in terms of clarity and DO. Not sure if main threat to water quality is external phosphorus sources

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

N: No recent watershed survey, last one was done in 2011 which is more than 13 years ago

➤ **N:** Not a lot of sites were found during the survey either, just 46

P: Provided a breakdown of the survey sites and severity

P: 30 mile staff have been documenting new sites in recent years

P: Discussion of septic system issues

P: shoreland development on Parker occurred before current shoreland zoning laws were in place and as a result, residential developments have small lots, structures next to the water and limited shorefront buffers

Overall there is a general understanding of NPS threats in the watershed but the survey is old so I am not sure they have the full picture of what actions are needed to take to best reduce phosphorus sources to the lake

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: One previous phases of 319 projects on the lake, which was successful

➤ Has been awhile since the first phase

P: Strong stakeholder group, including a town, and road associations

P: Committed cash match from the town of Vienna and road associations, this basically insures Task 4 and Task 5 are all set

P: Education and Outreach plan is high quality and includes septic workshop and LakeSmart visits

Overall a smaller sized proposal that does not seem too ambitious, there is good project support and it is likely to get done in the two year time frame. I worry that they might not have a clear idea of the worst NPS threats in the watershed which decreases the likelihood of improving water quality

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Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: About a 60% grant to 40% match ratio

P: Quality match from PAA

P: committed match from the town and from several road associations

N: Match is on lower end

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – 30 Mile has lots of experience, and have had good project track record.
Currently has 1 other active grant for Andro lake.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – public boat launch; free camp sites on islands
Q – large swath of pristine undeveloped shoreline? Looks like much of the shoreline is developed.

Water Quality Problem

P - Al:Fe = 1.60 (<3, favorable for release of P under anoxic conditions.) Al:P = 31.1 (unfavorable for release of P under anoxic conditions)
P – low flushing rate (.3); anoxia
P – long data record

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – mostly NPS from development, plan focuses on this

Feasibility for Success

P – scope is doable, in 30MRWs wheelhouse

Cost Effectiveness

P – good mix of match, but most of cash is from residential/private sources.

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$$\frac{2.377114464}{10.05121346} \times 5 = 1.182501233$$

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No DACs in watershed. EJ score = 0

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: Has previous 319 grants (4), done LakeSmart in the past

P: Staff (Whitney and Lidie) have project management skills and experience

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: One public launch and free campsites

P: High number of lakefront properties (250)

P: High quality bass fishery, lake is stocked to maintain trout and salmon stocks

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Very slow flushing rate (0.3x)

P: 2023 had very low SDT

P: Internal loading issues from sediments

P: Increase in blooms in the summer

P: Long history of water quality data – however water quality is actually somewhat stable

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - *Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?*

P: Development is the major threat and cause of NPS

P: Known septic issues

P: Development on lake pre-dates shoreland zoning laws, small lots with little room to add protections

N: Last watershed survey was in 2011

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Looks like good stakeholders (invested)

P: Town of Vienna has committed cash match

P: Good E/O plan

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: PPA provides good match

P: Town and road association have match commitments

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience (relevant exp, financial, admin, and technical quals, past performance, relevant proj – incl subgrantee, consultant, volunteers)

P: town of Norway as grantee – submitting deliverables, and administrative role. Was Town Manager and Road commissioner, worked on two 319 grants. Grant mgmt. experience, fiscal experience - \$1million block grant, and others.

P: Michele - grand admin consultant, as needed – reporting and close out. Experience with numerous 319 projects – met budgets, completed projects, 25yrs experience

Q: how will that procurement work?

P: Pine Tree Engineering – serve as the Towns Engineer since 2001, extensive grant experience.

- Not suppose to include who the hired consultant will be, just what qualities they'd possess, experience, etc. Or existing relationship as Town engineer?

P: Volunteer Experience – Sal, president of LAON – civil engineer, experience on three 319 grants (one active) – assist town of Norway, Alice Goodwin – PE Civil and Land survey, affiliate of NRCS for AOC projects – extensive relevant experience, Jim O'Brien – 37 yrs in profession, incl construction projects. Experience in previous phases. Jon Jacobson – PE, with certifications in Construction mgmt., ESC and Stormwater Mgmt. two grant experiences.

Overall – highly capable, well rounded group with extensive experience, town of Norway has not been grantee before.

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Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: Access – Town park, preserves, two private boat launches at commercial marinas, commercial area at Lakeside Norway, Lake Penn Park 100-250 people per day in summer

N: hand carry

P: Uses – largest lake in Norway, Lakeside Norway – recreation & education, public carry in, trails

P: Not primary drinking water supply – but many waterfront properties draw from lake

P: Economic – 570 shoreline properties on 4 lakes generate 25% of the property tax revenue for the town. Two commercial marinas, rest area,

P: Habitat – fishing, bass tournaments, shallow water inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat with medium rating as significant. Bald eagle – state protected species, 25.5 WBWH with high rating.

P: all within DAC

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

Understanding- 1976 monitoring, data collection of all parameters, and analysis to provide lake health yearly.

Severity – Threatened - most at risk from new development, and growth rates. 5.18m SDT reading end of 2022, 2023 was 4.27, sediment plume, Avg P increased from 14.5 in 2022 to 15.4 in 2023. Bottom p 22 to 22.4. Bottom 6m devoid of oxygen by August

Overall shows some signs of decline, but only included 2022 to 2023 changes, would have been stronger to see larger dataset trends since those two years were very different regrading rainfall.

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P: Understanding: 2019 survey – 180 erosion sites. Primary sources were roads, ditches, culverts and lack of buffer.

P: Actions: WBP, but 2022 and 2023 overwhelmed two stable culverts – focus of this application. Phase 1 addressed 32 sites, 13 residential. Phase II addresses one culvert, this proposal addresses the. Understanding that this one site is critical to get done.

Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

P: Primary stressor – 300 tons of fill have been applied and washed out and 249 pounds of P

P: Will definitely get completed. Town of Norway committed to \$200,000 in matching funds

N: weak outreach, could still use this two year project to gain watershed residents involved. Stakeholders/community – mainly just Town and LAON involved.

Tasks

- 1: Project Admin – all match
- 2 Engineering – all match
3. BMP install – one StreamSmart crossing
4. Outreach – specific to the one project
5. PCR

Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

58% match, 42% grant.

Only grant funding is for construction.

Significant match contributed

Not great quality match for outreach.

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P: Town of Norway as a grantee – they will be submitting deliverables and doing admin work, there have worked on two previous 319 grants

P: Michele – will be grant consultant as needed, she has worked on numerous 319 projects

P: Engineering company will serve as the Towns engineer for the project

P: Volunteers for the project have their own set of professional skills that will aid the project

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: Town provides a public boat launch that is used about 1000 times per year it also has a beach.

P: The town also maintains a public hand carry boat launch

N: Only fish species mentioned are bass and trout

P: Several bass tournaments a year

P: Bald Eagle habitat on the north end of the lake, also inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat rated as high by NRPA

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: On Most at risk for new development list

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N: Monitoring frequency not discussed – monitoring since 1976 by Maine DEP but that is not frequent. Since 2015 monitoring has been done by LAON volunteers may through September but what is the frequency.

N: Historically, average Secchi disk readings are 5.72 meters, indicating moderate water clarity. At the end of the summer of 2022, Lake Pennesseewassee water clarity was 5.18 meters, declined to 4.27 in 2023. Overall average water quality.

P: Average Phosphorus (P) increased from 14.5 µg/L in 2022 to 15.4 µg/L in 2023, while bottom P increased from 22 µg/L to 22.4 µg/L. Chlorophyll concentrations, an indicator of algae growth, increased from 3 in 2022, to 4.6 ppb in 2023.

P: Anoxic conditions in August in bottom 6 meters

Overall decent report of water quality issues in the lake. There are some gaps in monitoring record and they don't discuss long term trend changes in the lake water quality. Water quality in the lake is average and not really approaching impairment.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

P: Recent watershed survey completed in 2019, found 180 erosions sites

P: provided a breakdown of the types of land uses from the erosions sites

N: No info on how many high/medium/low impact sites were present

P: Focus on Gibson Brook under Greenwood Road, which blew out in 2023 rains doing immediate and observable damage to the lake, and exposing a new, extremely harmful, erosion sites,

Overall good understanding of threats and are focusing efforts on the newest most severe issues

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

N: Somewhat small stakeholder group, not a lot of community engagement but they do have the town participating

P: Town of Norway contributing 200,000 of match

P: Because of the towns match and the focus of the task task 2 and 3 will be able to easily get accomplished in the two year period

N: Poor quality outreach

Overall a realistic project plan that will likely be accomplished in proposed timeline. Only small note is there is not a lot of community buy in since the town is contributing all the match

Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

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Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – public boat launch; town park; 2 commercial marinas

P – use – bass tournaments

P – significant wildlife habitat - NRPA

Water Quality Problem

P – Al:Fe = 2.60 (favorable for release of P under anoxic conditions) Al:P = 59.50 (unfavorable for release of P under anoxic conditions)

P – long monitoring record

P – anoxic 6 feet in 2023

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Q – 1 project – it's a big one, and they have data on how much is washed away.

No doubt this has a big impact on the lake, but is it a good project? "This single site negates all the progress made from previous efforts several times over..."

300 tons of sediment, 249 lbs P.

Feasibility for Success

P – 1 project that the town is cost sharing – will get done

Cost Effectiveness

P – Town matching >\$200k cash

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No towns with consistent comp plan in watershed. Comp Plan score = 0

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

Entire watershed is in DAC. Score = 5

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P: Town as applicant, has previous 319 grant experience

P: Engineering company secured to assist project

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: Public boat launch (2?), 2 marinas, public park on lake

P: Good bass fishery with tournaments

P: NRPA wading bird/water fowl habitat

Q: Does the lake feature in the tourism sector?

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: On the “most at risk” list for new developments

P: Anoxic at 6ft in 2023

P: Long monitoring record through DEP and LAON, SDT was stable, but recently decreasing

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BIDDER NAME: Town of Norway – Pennesseewassee 3

DATE: 6/6/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - *Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?*

P/Q: Only one goal here – is the site impact as bad as they think?

P/N: Watershed survey 2019, 180 sites ID, but not referenced heavily in this plan.

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Town is very committed to this (huge match) and only one task is likely to be completed

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?
Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match*

P: Match is very good, grant would support construction costs

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

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BIDDER NAME: YCSWCD – Square Pond 4

DATE: 6/5/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience (relevant exp, financial, admin, and technical quals, past performance, relevant proj – incl subgrantee, consultant, volunteers)

Alex – 8 years of experience in conservation field work and research

Melissa – 25yrs of experience, Master Gardener, mtg facilitation, admin, outreach

P: subgrantee for engineering 25yrs

ASYCC – Dave Burns, public service, 10yrs with asycc, director for 6

N: Grantee past performance has been poor – challenges meeting grant deadlines, project deadlines, and not successful at implementing the project workplan as described.

Overall: Grantee and subgrantee both have experience. However, there have been concerns with past performance, and the need to train a new staff member.

Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: Access – town owned public beach, limited to Shapleigh residents. State boat launch – 900 boats inspected in 2019.

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P: Habitat – BwH : wetland meadow, significant wildlife habitat, IWWBH, high occurrence of rare plants

N: was not specific on species, commercial/economic benefits

Overall fairly weak descriptions, does not include details.

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

Understanding – since 1983, exhibits good understanding.

Severity – Threatened. Avg SDT at 7.5 – over state average, P avg 5ppb, chl a avg 2.6. Station 1 around 7m, station 27-8, station 3 increasing clarity, low potential for algae blooms. Vulnerable to internal recycling due to sediment chemistry., low oxygen is limited to the bottom 6-9', however Square Pond was below both sediment chemistry thresholds, but no high P readings in deep waters

Not included was the ratios, which were...0.8, 21.4

Overall, sediment chemistry is the listing reasons, however data indicates averages above state standards, not any indication that trends indicate worsening.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

Understanding: 2019 survey – 128 sites, 73% on residential areas, town roads 7% and private roads 5%...61 high and medium, 35 of which were residential and 19 driveways. Sandy soils indicate septic are also a likely source, no ag concerns.

Actions: erosion issues and septic- at least one additional phase needed to address the remaining high and medium. Future phase will include 5 medium impact driveway sites, 2 medium beach/boat, and 2 medium impact residential. Towns recognize protecting water as impact, support the YCC financially.

Overall understanding that erosion and septic are the main concern.

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Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

4 high impact town road and private driveway sites and one boat access and 4 high impact residential, edu/outreach

P: Stakeholder contribution – YCSWCD grantee, ASYCC – subgrantee, edu/outreach, tech assist with residential matching grants, CCSWCD engineering, SPIA- SC, edu/outreach, Town of Acton \$3000 cash mach, \$10000 in-kind, Town of Shapleigh, \$3000 cash match, \$20,000 in-kind, Three Rivers Land Trust – SC and promotion of project info.

Q: ASYCC tech assist mentioned but not construction mentioned in VII.

Task Notes:

1: Project Admin- YCSWCD

2: SC – 4x → include who will lead the SC.

3. BMPs Installs: 40% cost-sharing (is that grant ? specify in edits), 3 high priority sites on 2 town roads and one driveway.

4. Edu/Outreach: Workshop – hands on insall of BMPs, presentations/publications

5. residential matching Grants: 15 conservation matching grants, (not what was included in purpose)

6. PCR

Overall – seems high likely to complete the sites since they are town projects, but would need oversight by engineer to ensure quality install based on past performance – no commitment letters from town though, commitment from ASYCC

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Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

59% grant, 41% match

64% project cost on construction

P: Quality match from Towns = \$30,000 in in-kind, \$6000 for YCC, ASYCC quality match of nearly \$13,000.

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: YCSWCD – managed 35 land/water grants over the years

N: Staff member recently left so they are down a team member. Recent past performance on grants was poor and required a lot of AA intervention and assistance. Major concerns about their ability to carry out this project in the timeline they have laid out, especially down a staff member.

N: Alex is a relatively new employee, unclear if she has the needed experience/training to see a grant from start to finish.

P: Subgrant with CCSWCD – bringing engineering experience

P/N: Subgrant with ASYCC to do YCC work, they have experience working on other grants and did well, their deliverables had issues though and needed revision by YCSWD

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public us and improved habitat

P: Town owns and operates a public beach, state owned boat launch

N: Weak description of economic/recreation value of the lake

N: No significant./important species mentioned

P: southwestern Square Pond Watershed to include a protected 65-acre wetland meadow that is listed as a significant wildlife habitat under the Natural Resource Protection Act, containing a protected Inland Waterfowl and Wading Bird Habitat.

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Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Slow flushing rate – 0.27 times per year

P: Water quality collected since 1978 by DEP and volunteers

N: No description of frequency of water quality data collection

N: Water quality is above average, and has been stable

N: No description of long term trends

P: Low oxygen recorded in the bottom 6-9 feet of the pond (does not include when or how frequently)

Overall basic report of water quality issues in the lake. Not sure grantee has full understanding of trends over the years of monitoring. Needs to be more descriptive

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

P: Recent watershed survey done in 2019, found 128 erosion sites

P: Provides breakdown of severity of the sites and provides breakdown of the land use

Overall good understanding of threats and are focusing efforts on the newest most severe issues

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: Project builds on previous recent phase of the grant

P: Strong project partners including Cumberland county, two towns and three river land trust

➤ **N** Poor performance of Shapleigh BMPs in other grant projects

P: Towns contributing

N: A lot of match is coming from the residential matching grants

P: Task 3 should be accomplished especially with commitment from the town

P: Good quality outreach with workshops and two presentations

Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: 58% match, 42% grant.

P: Half the match is from landowner participation which is not committed

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – lots of experience, but performance in past years hasn't been great.

Q – has the staff change made a difference?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – boat launch, 900 boats in 2019 – what about last year, or 2022?

P – wildlife – IWWH, bald eagle habitat

Water Quality Problem

P - Al:Fe = 0.80 (favorable for release) Al:P = 21.40 (favorable for release)

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Q – no projects on Treasure Island? What kind of septic do they have?

P – seems like most NPS in the watershed is due to development

Feasibility for Success

Q/N – 2 road sites in Shapleigh – previous Phase H Road was not constructed correctly. What about oversight at these other 2 Shapleigh sites?

Cost Effectiveness

P – good mix of cash and in-kind.

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Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

No towns with consistent comp plans in watershed, Score = 0

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

No DACs in watershed, EJ score = 0

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: YCSWCD, has extensive grant experience over several decades

N: Staff turnover may mean that current personnel are not ready to supervise a project of this scale – previous performance lately has had issues

P: Have ASYCC attached to project

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: One state boat launch, town has a public beach – CBI 900 in 2019

N: No significant species? Bald eagles?

P: INNH, NRPA, rare plants and SAR

N: Economic contribution to towns?

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: NPS issues linked to increased development

P: Threatened, low potential for blooms

N: SDT isn't that bad, with average at 7.5

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - *Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?*

P: Survey from 2019 IDed 128 sites, primarily residential, septs are also likely at issue due to sandy soils

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Project is a continuation of previous grants

P: Looks like strong involvement between CC, two towns, and three river land trust

P: E/O looks good between presentations and workshops

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Project has a good ratio of cash and in-kind funds

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience (relevant exp, financial, admin, and technical quals, past performance, relevant proj – incl subgrantee, consultant, volunteers)

AVSWCD –history of successfully 319 projects,

- Emma : manage the grant/funds, gained experience through Taylor and Range surveys, advised on Thompson and Andro Plans, and wrote the Taylor Pond. Project coordination skills, interpersonal skills, education and outreach experience – 13yrs of edu experience.
- Sarah: provide tech assist, certified in esc, masters from Conway.

Subgrantee -Chis Baldwin engineering

Volunteers – Dana Little – 22yrs, president of TPA, LakeSmart, edu/outreach & Joan – watershed Road Commissioner – survey, road commissioner for past decade.

N: does not mention Town quals, as they will be providing engineering/tech services

Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: Access- Crescent Beach (public for cost), Campground (\$20), Taylor Pond Yacht Club, free public access in winter in 4 locations, potential for increased use – the Public Boat launch est. 2026)

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P: Recreation – ice fishing, swimming,

P: Other – family owned camps,

P: Economic – to City of Auburn, vacation homes, increasing tourism, 160 membership for Taylor Yacht Club out of 210 residences.

P: Habitat – warm water fish, alewives stocking, can support Eastern Brook Trout, no invasives, deer wintering, rare plants and cmtys- 100 loons observed, one bald eagle,

Overall, currently not a lot of public access free of charge, but potential for increased, important to City of Auburn.

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

Understanding – vulnerable to P from watershed. Monitoring since 1975.

Severity – Threatened - development threat. SDT of 4.73, tp of 10ppb, chla 4ppb, color 21.7, and alka 20.4 → all within the average range for maine lakes.

P: consistent anoixa in bottom 4-5m,

P: Sediment chemistry – makes it risk for P release. Avg bottom grab is 27.05, P samples in bottom has been increasing since 2019 – 52.8 in 2022.

P: brief late summer ephemeral bloom associated with turnover. 2023 avg SDT was 4.23, climate change impacts on lthis lake.

- Doesn't mention what the historical timeframe is for these averages

Overall – data all within average range for Maine lakes, however, concern for increase P levels in bottom sediments and anoxia, and declining clarity with climate change.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

Understanding: May 2023 watershed survey – 83 erosion sites, 31 low, 36 medium, and 16 high. Most common landuse was residential/driveway 45%, roads 40%..

Actions: prior actions in 1990s and early 2000s.

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Edits - Does include the number of phases needed

Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

P: Concurrent efforts – LakeSmart for last 7 yrs, TPA matching grant program on its own

P: Proposed task to address primary stressor/effective tasks – address 7 road sites, 2 town sites. 15 residential matching grants. Public awareness.

P: watershed protection – will reduce loading by 37.32 tons of sediment, and 28.10 lbs of P.

P: Stakeholder contributions – AVSWCD – Project coordinator, TPA – SC, outreach/edu, Lakesmart, and contribute \$9003, 25 in matching grants, Town of Minot – contribute \$5000, Town of Auburn – provide tech assist to landowners and road associations and S.c., CCSWCD – engineer

P: Feasibility – many partners dividing up the work, also supporting the creation of road associations. Residential matching grant participate is high.

N: feasibility – no approval by city financial at time of application. No letters of commitment.

Task notes:

Task 1: admib

Task 2: SC 6x incl road associaionts & watershed residents

Task 3: Tech Assist – AVSWCD to residential, and City of Auburn tech assist and enginnered to road associations and homeowners, CCSWCd as needed. 15 visits total. LakeSmart evals 3 per year for TPA, help form road associations

Task 4: 4 private road projects, 2 projects (pending financial approval by city), 1 town road. 15 projects, award \$750

Edits – suggest breaking up task 4 and create a task 5 – residential matching grants

Task 5 – Edu/outreach – Gravel raods workshop, buffer planting workshop, and erosion control on shorefront properties workshop. Scholarships to Taylor pond residents.

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Task 5b – Road Assessment Documentation for Road Associations – assessment to document work or maintenance completed that year. Timeline, schedule, accountability.

Task 5c – publications and TPA outreach

Task 5d – promotional signage

Edit – cost in candidate site list is cut off

Edit – candidate site list doesn't mention which are private and which are the town roads.

Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

P: Quality match – TPA = around \$15k, total Town (in kind and cash) = 15k

P: Roughly 50/50 cost share on construction, 65% of budget on construction.

P: ~83k grant funds for 24 sites addresses, and quality edu/outreach – good return for investment.

Edit – looks like Construction match from City of Auburn is counted twice?

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P: Sarah will provide tech assist has experience,

P/N: This would be Emma/Sarah's first 319 grant, inexperience

Subgrantee -Chis Baldwin engineering

Volunteers – Dana Little – 22yrs, president of TPA, LakeSmart, edu/outreach & Joan – waterview Road Commissioner – survey, road commissioner for past decade.

N: does not mention Town quals, as they will be providing engineering/tech services

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public us and improved habitat

N: No free public boat launch access but there is access you can pay for at a reasonable price

P: Current project to get free public boat launch at Yacht Club

P: Serves as economic and recreation resource for city of Auburn and is used year round

P: Provides an excellent fish location, supports warm water fish populations

P: Pond's watershed is home to important inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat, working on improving loon habitat – over a 100 bird species have been observed near/on the pond

Overall thorough value descriptions of the waterbody only negative is no public boat launch but does not seem to hinder usage.

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Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Listed on the threatened list for two separate listing criteria

P On 502 list as waterbody most at risk

P: Water quality collected since 1975 by DEP, Lake Stewards, and TPA members

➤ **N:** Does not provide frequency of sampling

N: Water quality is about average

➤ **P:** However, evidence that it is not as stable since 2022, worsening water quality indicators

N: No description of long-term trends

P: Conductivity has been increasing in recent years and is about 50 us/cm above state average

P: Throughout its historical monitoring record Taylor Pond has consistently experienced anoxic condition in the bottom 5-5 meters of the water column.

➤ **Chem** of Taylor Ponds sediment means anoxic conditions can trigger phosphorus release, evidence in TP values that bottom samples have elevated TP values

P: TP from bottom grabs increasing since 2019

P: Within the last 5 years, Taylor Pond has experienced brief late summer ephemeral algal blooms associated with lake turnover/mixing

Overall very good understanding of water quality in Taylor Pond, only negative is frequency/timeframe of sampling not discussed. Although TPs water quality is around average, trends in parameters over the last couple years indicate worsening quality.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

P: Recent watershed survey completed in 2023, found 83 erosion sites

P: Provides breakdown of severity and land use types from the watershed survey

P: Discusses the shoreline of Taylor Pond is heavily developed with about 200 seasonal/year round homes, also provides watershed land-use breakdown

P: Most of NPS threats in the watershed are residential/driveway and roads – about 85%

Overall good understanding of threats and watershed survey is very recent. Only drawback is that there are no other watershed studies to assess NPS problems

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: Project to install BMPs at 7 private roads and two city/town sites as well as 15 residential matching grants – this addresses the Main NPS threats in the watershed

P: Strong project team including the town of Auburn/Minot and CCSWD

P: TPA contributing 9K in match and town of Minot contributing 5k in in-kind match

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BIDDER NAME: Androscoggin Valley SWCD - Taylor Pond 1

DATE: 6/7/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Alaina Chormann

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

P: Task 3 City of auburn to provide tech assist and engineering services to land owners, AVSWCD will help residents form road associations – I like the idea of helping form road associations

N: Task 4 – still pending financial approval from the town

N: A lot of match is coming from residential matching grants which is not committed match

Overall this is a realistic project that could get done within the two year timeframe, only drawback is lack of committed match. Also Phase I is worthwhile since it encourages lake residents to continue stewardship efforts

Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Quality match from TPA and in-kind match from the towns

P: Really good education and outreach tasks, specifically buffer workshops and annual assessment doc for road associations

P: 65% of budget being spent on construction

P: Project under 200k

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

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

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Q – AVSWCD is back in the game, first project in a long while. Emma is relatively new.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N – no free public access, only fee access – Crescent Beach and Yacht Club

Q – will there be a public boat launch soon?

P – in Auburn – good resource for city

P – IWWH, DWA

Water Quality Problem

P - Al:Fe = 1.50 (favorable) Al:P = 66.80 (unfavorable)

P – long monitoring record – always anoxic in the summer

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – recent survey, problem areas very salient

Feasibility for Success

P – it's not an overly ambitious plan, should be fine.

Cost Effectiveness

N – in-kind construction match from City of Auburn is “pending approval”

P – other than the City match, seems like a good mix

P – costs seem in-line.

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Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

$$\frac{6.994444844 \text{ sq mi}}{14.55595 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 2.402606$$

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

No DACs in watershed, EJ score = 0

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BIDDER NAME: Androscoggin Valley SWCD - Taylor Pond 1

DATE: 6/6/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: AVSWCD primary grantee, new staff (Emma/Sarah), but could be good to establish a relationship with them

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

N: Paid access to lake through yacht club and Crescent Beach

P: In Auburn and is well loved by residents

Q: How soon will a public launch go in?

P: IWWB habitat

P: Warm water fishery

Q: I find the suggestion that the lake can support a cold water fishery odd, do they have data to support this?

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Many years of data

P: Anoxic in the summers

P: On the 502 list

N: No trends described here

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - *Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?*

P: Very recent watershed survey 2023, 83 erosion sites

P: Most NPS comes from residential sites or roads

P: Heavily developed shorelines with camps and private homes

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Seems like high degree of support from local residents and the towns

P: BMPs will properly address current NPS threats

N: Possibly too much match from residents

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

N: City match is still pending approval

P: Match ratios do look good

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

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BIDDER NAME: Androscoggin Valley SWCD – Thompson 1

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EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience (relevant exp, financial, admin, and technical quals, past performance, relevant proj – incl subgrantee, consultant, volunteers)

AVSWCD –history of successfully 319 projects,

- Emma : manage the grant/funds, gained experience through Taylor and Range surveys, advised on Thompson and Andro Plans, and wrote the Taylor Pond. Project coordination skills, interpersonal skills, education and outreach experience – 13yrs of edu experience.
- Sarah: provide tech assist, certified in esc, masters from Conway.

Subgrantee -Chis Baldwin engineering & Heather Hunt – advising the project

Subgrantee – OCSWCD – Chantelle Hay -10yrs trail erosion, tech leader during surveys, lakesmart. Chantelle will provide tech assistance with guidance from Michelle Windsor

Volunteers – TLEA, Jim Skinner – YCC for past 3yrs, LakeSmart, ESC certified, prepares deisngs and permitting for YCC sites. Paul Cain – main liaison, lake wq monitoring, write newsletters, coordinate edu/outreach, Bill Booth – educational content, Ken – coordinating volunteer liasons, Kathy – LakeSmart evaluator, Stan – comp plan, select board

Overall, while the grantee is fairly new to managing a 319 project, she will be advised/supported by two other districts, engineering included, and engaged/committed volunteers

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Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: large lake, cornerstone of the “lakes region”, tourist destination, economy & habitat

P: Recreation – fishing, swimming, boating, winter and spring

P: Access – three public boat launches, private marina (public can use for fee) – 3000 boaters per year at marina alone,

P: Economic/recreation – Roughly 900 campers attend camps, Agassiz Village is camp for under-resources communities. Visitors stimulate local economy – restaurant, 800 boat rentals per year, camping, cabins and weekly rentals.

P: 2100 residence,

P: Habitat – deep cold water, stocked for Salmon, cold and warm water fisheries, largest smallmouth bass, significant deer wintering, inland waterfowl and wading, loons, bald eagles.

Overall high value lake for this area of Maine, significant amount of boaters & day users beyond those that live on the lake.

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

Understanding – monitoring since 1971, include Colby college. Slow flushing rate

Severity: threatened, risk of development. SDT tp is 4.8,

N: good thing for the lake but overall severity is low.

P: In recent years Gloeo observe din high densities, moderate and earlier in the years, combined with low DO and low water clarity in 2022. Low flushing rate.

P: Sediment analysis -likelihood of internal P loading from sediments. Ratio of $al(oh)_3$ – results were 1 (anything less than 3)

Overall wq parameters are stable, however the concerns are recent gloeo blooms, internal loading, and low flushing rate. Shoreline development and climate change,

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

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- 2023 survey, identified 299 nps sites. 53% on residential, roads and driveways 34%, etc.... 100 were low, 132 were medium, and 67 were high.

P: TLEAs understanding that concurrent/past actions are important – teaching in schools, YCC, LakeSmart evals, outreach to 1050 lakefront owners.

Overall, very high number of sites, primary stressor is erosion.

Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

P: Watershed protection by reducing load by 34.6 tons and 29 lbs of P

P: Stakeholder Contributions – AVSWCD grant admin, TLEA – SC, edu/outreach, YCC, significant match, Town of Otisfield – 5000 match to address town roads, OCSWCD tech assist, CCSWCD – engineering

P: effective tasks, value in the TLEA road associations consultation mtgs,

Note: does not need to add the part about procurement procedures for CCSWCD.

Notes: Task 4 and 5 are confusing about the residential matching grants & YCC – I think those would be combined but then needs to edit the amounts because it was only 5 sites per year that gets funds,

Notes: What are the stormwater comp funds going to be used for?

Overall, great to have all 3 districts involved, support from town and lake association.

Task notes:

1: Admin

2. SC – 6x

3. Tech assistance – OCSWCD – for residential matching grants 10 visits and plans.

And 5 visits by AVSWCD, LakeSmart evals at 10 per year, consultation mtgs with road associations to discuss maintenance/ host 5 annually

4. BMPs – matching grants for up to 750, total of 10. Three large projects – private road with 5 sites, two town roads, one beach access.

5. YCC – 20 sites over 2 yrs.

6. Edu, Outreach – three workshops – gravel roads, 2 buffers, publications,

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Overall very likely to be completed as planned, addresses the main stressors, great community support,

Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

P: Significant quality match form TLEA over \$50,000

Note: Part 3 has different amount for TLEA

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: AVWCD –history of successfully 319 projects, Emma : manage the grant/funds, project coordination skills, interpersonal skills, education and outreach experience – 13yrs of edu experience.

P: Sarah will provide tech assist has experience,

P/N: This would be Emma/Sarah's first 319 grant, inexperience but would be beneficial for them to gain experience .

Subgrantee – OCSWD Chantelle Hay will be providing tech assist with guidance from Michelle Windsor who has 319 experience

Subgrantee -Chis Baldwin engineering

Volunteers – have a lot of experience, including being experienced with LakeSmart and education and outreach

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public us and improved habitat

P Thompson Lake is vital to the economy of area towns and is a top tourist destination for the state

P: Provides fishing, swimming and boating opportunities, 3 public boat launches, three summer youth camps on the lake

P: Lake has 2,100 seasonal and year round residences

P: IF & W manages the lake for landlocked salmon, lake supports a cold and warm water fishery

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P: The watershed is also home to multiple significant deer wintering habitats on the north and south sides and important inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat. TLEA conducts annual loon counts on the lake as well, with successful nesting pairs recorded last year. Large areas of undeveloped land support a healthy population of Bald Eagles,

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: On NPS list as threatened and on chapter 502 as at risk for development

➤ N: Does not describe why the lake is on the NPS threatened list, what is the criteria?

P: Water quality has been sampled since 1971,

➤ N: does not detail time frame /frequency for the sampling or provide long term trends, is it staying stable getting worse?

P: In 2022, Gloeo was observed earlier in the summer compared to historical observations. Low dissolved oxygen concentration and low water clarity, combined with more dense populations of Gloeo, are all concerning indicators of declining water quality.

P: Slow flushing rate

N: Talks about internal phosphorus release but does not provide numbers from TP grab samples in the bottom waters

Overall okay understanding of water quality in Thompson Lake, I thought it was a little weak since it didn't really mention any recent or long term trends in any of the water quality parameters, just provided averages. Only recent trends discussed is Gloeo blooms.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

P: Recent watershed survey carried out in 2023, found 168 sites, 53% of sites were residential and 34% roads and driveways

P: Provides breakdown of severity of erosion sites documented

P: provides watershed land use breakdown

Overall good understanding of threats and watershed survey

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: Strong focus on residential site projects which aligns with survey findings

P: TLEA has committed to significant amount of match – 32k to supplement the YCC program, Town of Otis field contributing 5,000 in match

N: about 30k in match contingent on residential matching grants

N: Private road and town road projects are still pending approval from private landowners

P: Using the YCC to install BMPs on residential sites

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Q/N: There's 43K of grant going to the YCC residential projects and then 37 to the residential matching grant task. I am confused how these two things are separate ? Should the tasks just be combined ?

P: High quality education and outreach plan – workshops for buffers and gravel roads

Overall this is a pretty realistic project that could get done within the two year timeframe, do have concern over the 30 residential sites being planned on getting done during the project. It's a lot of time consuming work to do the landowner coordination to get 30 sites, that's why most project only have 12-15 residential matching grants sites. Especially since they have no firm commitments from any landowners

Cost Effectiveness

P Significant high-quality match from TLEA

P: High quality outreach and education

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Q – AVSWCD is back in the game, first project in a long while. Emma is relatively new.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – 3 public launches, 1 private, Phighly utilized, important to local economy, summer camps, fishing tournaments

P – IWWH, DWA,

Water Quality Problem

P - Al:Fe = 1.00 (favorable); Al:P = 65.8 (unfavorable)

P – long monitoring history

P – slow flushing rate,

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – Gloeo

P – survey last year found nearly 300 sites, 232 being high and medium impact

Feasibility for Success

P – OCSWCD doing RMG

P – plan doesn't seem overly ambitious

Cost Effectiveness

P – good mix of match, nice to see plantings being donated.

P – costs seem in-line

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$$\frac{6.381429 \text{ sq mi}}{41.70973016 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 0.764981$$

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

$$\frac{30.52496116 \text{ sq mi}}{41.70973016 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 3.659213455$$

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EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: AVSWCD has new staff, less experience but would be good to partner with them (Emma)

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: 3 public launches, 1 private

P: Has IWWH and DWA

P: Supports 3 summer camps, fishing derbies, and other activities (large tourism draw)

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Threatened and on the 502 list

P: Slow flushing rate

P: Good history of data

Q: Seems like there are TP grab samples, but where is the data? Trends are not referenced well.

P: Gloeotrichia bloom

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - *Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?*

P: Huge number of sites on latest survey (2023), 199/299 scored as high and medium impact

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Plan seems attainable, good focus on residential sites

N: Private roads require approval still

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Good variety of match sources (including plants!)

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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BIDDER NAME: Friends of Lake Winnecook – Unity Pond 3

DATE: 6/6/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience (relevant exp, financial, admin, and technical quals, past performance, relevant proj – incl subgrantee, consultant, volunteers)

FOLW – directors represent all three towns. 175 members,

President Brian Levesque – since 2017, update the 2007 plan, grant for sediment analysis, increased membership, septic rebate program and establish LakeSmart. On planning board.

Mary Ann Haye s – project and grant admi – 40 yrs of relevant professional experience – grant admin, watershed restoration and cmtty engagement. MaineDot, Maine State Planning Office, Maine Rural Partners – grant experience. Led Phase I with 30 site projects.

Charlieg Schaefer – financial mgmr – trustee and treasuer experience at Unity Utility District & financial secretary.

Valerie Derosier – expert in EC& stormwater mgmt. – professional site evaluator and tech assist – works at MaineDOT as enviro tech, previously at DEP.

P: Incredibly well rounded group from FOLW with relevant financial, admin, and technical expertise

Subgrant – WCSWCD – assist with edu & outreach – previous relevant ep - cosponsor developed of the WBP, experience with public education.

Consultant – serve as PM, will have experience with 319 grant program, preparing NPS plans/reports, pcrrs, designing bmps, working with landowners, etc.

Volunteers – LakeSmart evals, edu materials, recruiting landowners, Buffer Campaign w/ 4 years of lakeSmart, and 5 years of wqm experience.

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Overall, very solid group with combined skills to meet all aspects of grant mgmt. and execution.

Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: Uses – recreation, boating, swimming, fishing, ice fishing, xc skiing.

P: Access – two public beaches, two public boat launches. Private access via carry in at many locations. Field of dreams recreation

P: Habitat – Carlton pond waterfowl protection area, 3400ac wetlands, 100mil streas, 4335 riparian habitat. 5 threatened, endangered or species of concern, 73% of watershed is large undeveloped forest blocks. 6 areas of IWWH, 12 loons, 7 juveniles. 20 fish species, warm water fishery (however, PFAS consumption advisory),

Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

Understanding – data since 1977,

Severity – impaired, primary contact recreation and persistence nuisance algal blooms, risk of new development. SDT fell to 2m or less in 32 of the 41 years sampled, high frequency of blooms, TP avg of 22.4, chl-a 17.5. 2022 SDT trend analysis showed significant decreased in SDT, but past decade showed strong increasing trend. Decreasing DO, decreasing chl-a

Overall, severe concern with trends of algal blooms, SDT readings, high P, climate change impact. Have an understanding of the wq trends, but didn't explain the internal loading severity (bottom P readings or al/fe ratios).

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

Understand – shoreline highly developed. 64% of the 286 structures are within 50 feet of shoreline. 66miles of road, many unpaved. 8% of watershed developed, ag 6%. Developed land and roads account for 24% of the P load, ag for 23% of load, timber 20%. .Eight stream crossing barriers, 7 potential.

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2019 – nonpaved road survey – 54 roads survey, 20 roads needed improvements, 8 ranked high

Q/N: Did this include culverts? Could use more detail here

2021 watershed survey: 109 sites

2022 Ag & Forestry Assessment – make up 10% of forested land

Q/N: were these a source?

2022: Sensitive Soils – 419 parcels located on sensitive soils, and 293 were estimated to be developed.

2022: WBP - in lake monitoring, sediment testing and analysis, bathymetric ap, watershed modeling. Reduction goals of 704kg/yr of P from direct, 121 from indirect, and 731kg/yr of internal P

Overall, lots of studies – well understood, but workplan lacked details on site information.

Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

P: Stakeholder contributions – FOLW financial mgmt., liaison, education & match, WCSWCD – subgrantee, edu/outreach, Town of Unity – address sites, Road Associations – pledged match already for 3-4 sites, consultant – administrator of grant

P: plans to do 10 h/m residential and 9 nonresidential = 19 total

Commitment for 4 sites (1 town, 3 private roads). Noncommitment for an additional 5 sites. Almost half commitment.

Q: Does that seem feasible to accomplish all in 2 years?

P: Great to have involvement with Forest Service and NRCS

Notes – more details for site 105, currently photos mainly show beach, not road issue.

Q: What are the leadership meetings? Are the forest service and nracs separate meetings than the SC and the leadership mtgs? Doesn't specify the intent of the meetings.

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N: addressing erosion issues, but not doing an ag outreach/education or forest, combined makes up almost 43% of the nps load, or septic .

Notes:

Task 1: project admin – PM and FOLW

Task 2: SC mtgs – 4x and 6 leadership meetings

Task 3: Residential BMPs - 10 h/m sites, CSA with 50% match \$1500 per site

Task 4 – Nonresidential BMPs- 9 nonresidential sites, 4 private roads, 3 driveways, 1 town road/beach, 1 boat access.

Note: this task need smore details on types of projects given the cost.

Task 5 – Edu/Outreach: newsletters, annual mtgs, emails, brochure. Workshops – buffer bundles, gravel roads workshops, targeted outreach (stream crossings and permitting?)

Notes: should elaborate on stream crossings and permitting, which sites are these specific to?

Task 6 – pollutant load

Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

P: Quality of Match - (\$5000 cash match & \$23067 in-kind), Town of Unity 10k match plus \$20k for project, road associations 16k cash match for 3-4 sites. Guaranteed roughly 36k in match

- Not commitment is 20k, but overall pretty solid commitment

N/Q: unlcear if town warrant is a guaranteed thing?

62% project costs is for construction

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Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: Mary Ann Hayes will serve as main point of contact for project, has MA in public policy and management, has experience with project and grant administration. Has executed numerous state and federal grants

P: Valerie Derosier has experience with erosion control and stormwater management and will be a site evaluator and provide tech assit

P: Hiring consultant for a project manager

Q: any need for an engineer?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public us and improved habitat

P: Two public boat launches and two public beaches

P: Heavily used for recreation year round

P: Watershed provides habitat for rare plant and animal species of special concern including blue heron and black tern, 6 areas of inland wading bird habitat, 12 adult loons on lake in 2023

P: Contains 20 species of fish, only warmwater habitat for fish in the alke

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Listed as impaired on NPS priority watershed list and is also on 502 list for at risk of development

P: Water quality measured since 1977, Minimum SDT fell to 2 m or less in 32 of the 41 years sampled at Station 1,

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P: A 2022 trend analysis showed a significant decrease in SDT over the entire time series, indicating a decrease in water clarity over the long-term.

- However, SDT showed a strong increasing trend over the past 10 years, indicating that water clarity has improved in recent years.

P: Decreasing trend in Chl-a over past 10 years

P: decreasing Chl-a and increasing water clarity could be linked to drought conditions experienced from 2010 to 2022

P: Recent data show anoxia occurs as shallow as 6 meters in Unity pond, internal P loading is large source of P in the lake (N: does not provide data to back up this claim)

Overall really great understanding of water quality in Unity Pond. Discussion of short and long term trends in water quality parameters and even presents hypotheses from the observed trends over the last 10 years. Lake is also impaired which demonstrates severity of water quality issue.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

P: Non-paved road survey done to assess gravel roads in the watershed – 20 roads were needing improvements included 9 ranked high priority

P: recent watershed survey done in 2021, documented 109 NPS sites

- **N:** Does not provide breakdown of land use for the nps sites or severity of the sites

P: Agriculture and forestry assessment - An assessment of the current state of agriculture and forestry in the watershed was conducted by WCSWCD with support from the USDA/NRCS and Maine Forest Service

P: Sensitive Soil Analysis for septic short circuiting potential

Overall has conducted a lot of assessments in the watershed and demonstrates a understanding of the NPS issues, however type of land use for the NPS issues was not provided so there's no way of us telling what is the major NPS threat in the watershed, is it residential? Gravel roads?

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: installing best management practices at 19 NPS sites (4 private roads, 3 driveways, 1 town road, 1 boat access, 10 residential)

N: can't really tell if the focus of the task are addressing the main NPS threat because they did not provide that info

P: Great project partner group, road associations have pledged 16k and FOLW pledged 6k in cash match and 23k in in-kind match, Town of Unity pledged 10k in cash match with the potential of an additional 20k

P: High quality education and outreach – Lakesmart visits and buffer workshops

Overall this is a pretty realistic project that could get done within the two year timeframe. The commitment from the town and road association is great

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Cost Effectiveness

P: Good high quality match

P: 62% for construction

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Q – first time for FOLW, but quals seem to check out. I know Val professionally, used to work with her in the Land Bureau – she's sharp.

P – consultant spec'd out

P – help from WCSWCD as subgrant

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – 2 public launches on pond, 3 on Sandy Stream, 2 public beaches

P – rare plants and animals, IWWH,

Water Quality Problem

P – impaired

P – PFAS consumption advisory for black crappie

P – long monitoring history, decrease in SDT, DO

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – highly developed shoreline, developed land attributing 24% of P load

P - blooming

Feasibility for Success

P – good support from town and road associations where work is happening

Cost Effectiveness

P – good mix of match

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No consistent comp plans in watershed, Score = 0

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

No DACs in watershed, Score = 0

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: FOLW have a large membership, very good mix of personnel

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

P: Many recreational activities, boating, swimming, (ice) fishing,

P: Two public beaches, two public launches

P: Huge acreage of IWWH

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Extensive data since the 1970s

P: Persistent blooms, very low SDT at times, decreasing DO over time

P: PFAS advisory on black crappie

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

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P: Highly developed shoreline, great deal of unpaved roads and driveways.

P: 2022 Sensitive soils 419 parcels on sensitive soils with more to be developed

P: Nuisance algal blooms

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Huge collection of stakeholders including Forest Service and NRCS

P: Support from road associations and towns

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Excellent match quality/ratio and plan is attainable

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience (relevant exp, financial, admin, and technical quals, past performance, relevant proj – incl subgrantee, consultant, volunteers)

P: Grantee: CCSWCD - experience and expertise in engineering, environmental planning, project mgmt., education and admin. Over last decade – 30 projects implemented. Long history of working with Highland Lake project partners since 1990s. Heather – primary staff, 22yrs of experience in watershed protection, 6 years of supporting the Highland Lake leadership team, watershed survey, Plan and admin for 319 projects. Chris – 35yrs of civil engineering, 17+years as district engineer . Engineering services for the past 4 Highland lake projects. Experience working with WLA oh Phase I and allocating stormwater comp funds.

Overall solid group, would have made it a bit stronger to mention WLAs experience & quals & involvement, even as volunteers.

Relative Value of the Waterbody (public use, access, drinking water supply, public rec, scenic and aesthetic, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, commercial, potential for increased public use):

P: Uses – fishing, swimming, wildlife.

Access- semi-public access through Kiwanis Club (community programs and rentals)

Habitat – coldwater fishery, but depleted due to deteriorating wq. Currently 11 species. Undeveloped forest blocks, deer wintering, wetland habitat and significant vernal pools.

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Water Quality Problem (extent workplan exhibits informed understanding, severity)

Severity – threatened . Lakes at risk for new development. 2023 visible cyano bloom for the first time. Page Brook – high N and P than Paine. Both had low oxygen and pH (could be natural). SDT average is 5.5. TP 9.6ppb, Chla 3.9ppb. Low DO frequency recorded in deep spot. Highest P ever recorded in 2023 with severe rain events. Blooms in sept and October, and low do & contained high level of microcystin.

Understanding – P from stormwater runoff related to development. Monitoring lake since 1974. SDT readings continually. 2016 – established long-term DO and temp logging chains for continuous monitoring. Sampling at Paine and Page Brook for 3 years.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (workplans understanding of the problems, what actions are needed)

Understanding – moderately dense development, 200 shoreline on 5.5miles of shoreline. Development pressure w/ proximity to Portland. Threatened by polluted runoff from existing and new development, P enrichment via internal loading, and climate change. Demonstrates thorough understanding. Aging/malfunction septic, ag, logging and gravel perations, all of which occur in watershed. Assessed for sites for past 30 years.

Severity – 2019 survey – 26 sites (44% town road, 22% private road, 13% residential, 13% state and 4% logged, 4% beach/boatch0. 59% of sites were erosion issues, 21% culvert issues, 8% buffer, 5% roadside plow/grader, 3 development, 3 ag. Shoreline survey 17 high impact sites out of 175 analyzed.

N: Did not discuss how many of the 26 were high, medium and low

Feasibility for Success (successfully completed, waterbody protected/restored, adequate info included, proposed tasks address the primary stressor, effective tasks, stakeholders contribution, previous or concurrent efforts, community support)

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P: Overall only 26 sites to address, already completed...3 high impact sites, one town road and 11 residential. Will address 4 preiority road sites, and 7 preiority residential sites. Therefore this phase will complete roughly 50% of the sites = progress towards proteciton

P: Effective tasks – address erosion, septic and maintenance.

P: Stakeholder contributions – CCSWCD – PM, WLA – SC, project promo, landowner liaison, providing in-kind and cash match to overall project goals., Town of Standish – stay informed, already addressed their sites.

P: All four sites have already been visited by district engineer and reviewed reocmmendaions, determined remediation and cost estimates

Task notes:

1. Project admin
2. SC 4x – incl watershed residentials, local LakeSmart evaluators
- 3a. BMP install sat 4 high priority sites – CCSWCD to do engineering. Most sites will be 50%
- 3b. Residential – 7 high priority sites. 50% cost share
- 4a . Project promo/awareness – emails, lakesmart evals, website, newsletter, press release, presentations, welcome packets
- 4b – Spetic workshop = ccswd to conduct with support from WLA
5. pollutant loads

Note – lakesmart should be its own subtask

N: No letters of support, however, workplan states engineer has visited all sites. Some costly residential sites – including 10a and 10b

Cost Effectiveness (good return for investment, reasonable for expected outcomes, amount and quality of match)

P: Quality match from WLA, totally 15,194 between in-kind and cash match.

P: 50/50 cost share for construction.
56% spent on construction

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P: Cost estimates seem very accurate, due to distinct engineers visit to all sites

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Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: Heather Hunt experienced grantee,

P: Chris Baldwin is also providing engineering support for the project

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public us and improved habitat

P: Watchic is located near Portland

P: Provides many recreational opportunities including fishing, swimming, boating

N: Semi public lake access through Kiwanis club, they open their lake faccess for community programs and tented camping lots

P: Coldwater fishery depleted in recent years

P: Watchic Lake Watershed includes several undeveloped forested land blocks north of the lake containing deer wintering area, wetland habitat, and significant vernal pools.

Overall semi-weak value description, habitat importance limited as well as economic importance. No full public access

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Listed as threatened due to sensitivity to additional phosphorus inputs

P: On 502 list for risk of new development

P: Experienced its first cyanobacteria bloom in 2023, several species identified

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P: Sampling at tributaries over 3 years and indicated elevated N and P

➤ N: Still within acceptable range for water quality

N: Water quality is about average with maine lakes, no discussion of long or short term trends

P: Oxygen depletion in bottom water could be leading to internal phosphorous release

➤ N: No data to back up phosphorus release

Overall good understanding of water quality. Negatives is no discussion of long or short term trends in water quality, they just presented averages and ranges of the parameters

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Understand of what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

P: Discussion of agriculture, logging, and septic systems in the watershed, specifically horse farms

P: Recent watershed survey in 2019

➤ Negative just an update

P: Application provides breakdown for all the different types of sites from new and old survey

The survey identified 26 sites with NPS pollution potential (44% town road, 22% private road, 13% residential and commercial, 13% state road, 4% logging operation, and 4% boat or beach access). NPS pollution threats identified during the survey were 59% erosion issues, 5% roadside plow/grader berm, 3% new development, and 3% animal/nutrients input

N: No info on high medium low severity of sites, just info on 17 high impact sites

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support

P: Four priority road sites, 7 residential sites

P: Definitely feasible project for 2 years

Cost Effectiveness

Good return for investment?

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

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Relative Value of the Waterbody

Water Quality Problem

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – CCSWCD, good team, good experience, good results

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N – “semi-public” access via Kiwanis Club

P - DWA

Water Quality Problem

I – no sediment data

P – blooming, microcystin

P – influent nutrients in Paine brook

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – development

Q – septic identified, but only a septic social is proposed. Why not a survey?

Vulnerability analysis?

Q – if elevated nutrients coming in from Paine Brook, no sites on McGill Fern Rd?

Feasibility for Success

P – plan achievable

Cost Effectiveness

P – good match mix

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BIDDER NAME: Cumberland Co. SWCD – Watchic 2

DATE: 6/5/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection
Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

No consistent comp plans in watershed, Score = 0

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

No DACs in watershed, score = 0

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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 - Financial, admin, technical, personnel – past performance. Subgrant eligibilities, consultants?

P: CCSWCD, they have a good track record with grants, huge amount of personnel and volunteer experience

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Public use – access? Drinking water, recreation, scenic and aesthetic benefits, aquatic and terrestrial benefits, commercial, potential for increased public use and improved habitat

N: no real public access (Kiwanis Club access)

P: Used for fishing and swimming though fish stocks are decreasing

P: DWA and vernal pools

Water Quality Problem - Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Records of both blooms and microcystin

P: Nutrients entering by Paine Brook

P: Long history of data, has long term trends of WQ

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - Understand what actions are needed to address NPS issues?

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P: Under threat from development (200 shorefront sites)

P: Septics are at issue

Q: Shouldn't septics be a larger focus of this application?

P: Climate change and internal loading are also at issue here

Feasibility for Success - *Likelihood waterbody protected or restored? Capacity/info to determine actions needed, well-sequenced tasks, stakeholders/municipalities, other concurrent efforts, community support*

P: Plan makes sense

P/Q: Cost estimates reviewed by engineer but seem low in places?

Q: Why are there no support letters?

Cost Effectiveness - *Good return for investment?*

Cost estimates are reasonable? Quality of proposed match

P: Match ratios are good

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

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



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Alaina Chormann
Signature

6/2/2024
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