

State of Maine
Master Score Sheet

RFA #202503047					
Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation					
Bidder Name:		Hancock Co. SWCD – Branch Lake	7 Lakes Alliance – McGrath- Salmon	Town of Wilton – Wilson Pond	Cumberland Co. SWCD – Crescent Lake
Proposed Cost:		\$114,599.00	\$75,400.00	\$149,996.00	\$81,156.42
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Required Match ≥ 40%	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Eligible Organization	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
NPS Priority Watershed	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Section I: Applicant Qualifications/Experience	10	6	8	8	9
Section II: Relative Value of Waterbody	10	10	9	8	8
Section III: Water Quality Problem	10	5	8	6	6
Section IV: Nature/Extent/Severity of NPS Problem	10	7	6	7	6
Section V: Feasibility of Success	25	20	16	21	21
Section VI: Cost Effectiveness	25	21	20	23	13
Section VII: Comprehensive Plan	10	8.9	10	2.1	10
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>77.9</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>75.1</u>	<u>73</u>

Bidder Name:		7 Lakes Alliance – North Pond	Oxford Co. SWCD – Little Penneseewassee	Town of Newport – Seabasticook Lake	Androscoggin Valley SWCD – Upper & Middle Range Ponds
Proposed Cost:		\$110,820.00	\$91,375.00	\$48,303.00	\$89,760.00
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Required Match ≥ 40%	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Eligible Organization	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
NPS Priority Watershed	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Section I: Applicant Qualifications/Experience	10	8	8	8	7
Section II: Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7	8	7	7
Section III: Water Quality Problem	10	9	8	10	6
Section IV: Nature/Extent/Severity of NPS Problem	10	8	8	6	7
Section V: Feasibility of Success	25	18	20	14	16
Section VI: Cost Effectiveness	25	20	18	24	13
Section VII: Comprehensive Plan	10	1.4	0	0.6	10
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>71.4</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>69.6</u>	<u>66</u>

Bidder Name:		Hancock Co. SWCD – Beech Hill Pond	Cumberland Co. SWCD – Watchic Lake	York Co. SWCD – Square Pond	York Co. SWCD – Bauneg Beg Pond
Proposed Cost:		\$119,510.00	\$81,697.39	\$99,540.79	\$68,071.09
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Required Match ≥ 40%	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Eligible Organization	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
NPS Priority Watershed	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Section I: Applicant Qualifications/Experience	10	6	9	5	5
Section II: Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7	4	6	4
Section III: Water Quality Problem	10	6	8	5	5
Section IV: Nature/Extent/Severity of NPS Problem	10	7	6	5	4
Section V: Feasibility of Success	25	19	17	14	10
Section VI: Cost Effectiveness	25	17	16	15	10
Section VII: Comprehensive Plan	10	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>38</u>

Award Justification Statement
RFA #202503047 Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects
Watershed-based Plan Implementation

I. Summary

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

Twelve applications were received and reviewed. Based on the applications, amount of funding requested, and available funding, the team recommended funding 8 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), John Maleri (DEP), Kirsten Thompson (DEP), Kristin Feindel (DEP). Notes were taken by Ellie Hatt, Maine Conservation Corps intern with the DEP, Division of Environmental Assessment.

Alex Wong, John Maleri, Kirsten Thompson, and Kristin Feindel have participated in previous grant reviews and all are familiar with the State's process. Maine DEP staff participating on the evaluation team have extensive experience with these types of projects, including the typical costs and scope of work.

Coordination and orientation of the ET was conducted via email. ET members conducted independent reviews of 12 applications and took notes on the applications received. Comprehensive Plan Consistency information was provided by Tom Miragliuolo, from the Maine Planning Assistance Program, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, and the scores calculated by Alex Wong. The group met concurrently in-person and via MS Teams on 7/8/25 to score the proposals using a consensus decision-making process. Alex Wong served as the RFP Coordinator/Lead Evaluator.

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 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;
- strong local support and a well-rounded team of partners participating in the project; and
- consistent comprehensive plans in watershed towns.

V. Cost Proposal

Eight applications received the highest scores based on the grant amount requested, local match, and total project costs.

VI. Conclusion

The 8 applications selected support the DEP's Nonpoint Source program and will benefit Maine waterbodies.



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Mark Whiting, Board Chair
Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District
474 Bucksport Rd.
Ellsworth, ME 04605

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Dear Mark Whiting:

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Chris Monz, CEO
7 Lakes Alliance
PO Box 250
Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

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Dear Chris Monz:

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Maria Greely, Manager
Town of Wilton
158 Weld Rd.
Wilton, ME 04294

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Dear Maria Greely:

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Christopher Brewer, Director of Finance
Cumberland Co. SWCD
35 Maine Street, Suite 3
Windham, ME 04062

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

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August 11, 2025

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RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202503047, Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation

Dear Melissa Brandt:

This letter is in regard to the Request for Applications (RFA) referenced above, issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The Department has evaluated the applications received using the evaluation criteria identified in the RFA and is hereby announcing its conditional contract awards to the following applicants:

Project	Applicant
McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Watershed Protection Project, Phase VI	7 Lakes Alliance
North Pond Watershed Protection Project	7 Lakes Alliance
Middle + Upper Range Ponds Watershed Protection Project	Androscoggin Valley SWCD
Crescent Lake Watershed Protection Project	Cumberland Co. SWCD
Branch Lake Watershed Protection Project, Phase IV	Hancock Co. SWCD
Little Pennessewassee Watershed Protection Project, Phase I	Oxford Co. SWCD
Sebasticook Lake Watershed Restoration Project, Phase IV	Town of Newport
Wilson Lake Watershed Protection Project, Phase II	Town of Wilton

The applications listed above received the evaluation team’s highest rankings. The Department will be contacting the aforementioned applicants soon to negotiate a contract. As provided in the

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #: 202503047

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

BIDDER: HCSWCD – Branch Lake 4

DATE: 7/8/25

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Alex Wong, John Maleri, Kirsten Thompson, Kristin Feindel

<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	6
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	10
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	5
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	7
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	20
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	21
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	8.9
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>77.9</u>

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**EVALUATION 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:

Demonstrates experience with NPS project, meets basic qualifications. Good project history. In transition with project manager – not sure if this is going to be an issue. They do mention they are looking for consultant assistance, but based on budget, looks like quite a bit of work will still fall on a new staffer.

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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:

Very valuable – 2 public boat launches, multiple public access points, public drinking water supply for Ellsworth, cold water fishery, is Critical Atlantic Salmon habitat

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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:

High quality water with improving trends; lots of land in watershed protected from development. Not much of a “problem”, but presents as a case for protection.

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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 watershed survey and watershed-based plan update. Demonstrates adequate understanding of problem, provided adequate data, though discussion of septic systems as NPS source was missing.

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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:

Tasks seem reasonable and achievable, though lack of septic systems might not get at the whole picture. Many good efforts going on lake wide.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Project work and costs are reasonable for outcomes, good diversity of match type and sources. Good to see town involvement. Questions about salary and distribution of work with the consultant – work and costs unclear. Also calculation errors in budget made it difficult to fully assess cost effectiveness.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	8.9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Watershed towns	area of watershed in town (m ²)	consistent comp plan
Dedham	8226128.96	no
Ellsworth	59225550.2	yes
Orland	5600820.71	yes

$$\frac{\text{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\text{Total area of the watershed}} \times 10$$

$$\frac{(59225550.2 + 5600820.71)}{(8226128.96 + 59225550.2 + 5600820.71)} \times 10 = 8.9$$

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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

BIDDER: 7 Lakes Alliance – McGrath-Salmon 6

DATE: 7/8/25

SUMMARY PAGE

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Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

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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	8
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	6
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	16
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	10
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>77</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:

Provided a good organizational and personnel resume, demonstrates project experience.
Good project history.

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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:

Highly utilized waterbody – 2 boat launches (provided usage numbers for of them), 3 summer youth camps, 4 private campgrounds, provided property value to towns. Provided habitats and species of special concern.

Very good presentation of community and ecological 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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Demonstrated understanding of the 2 lakes, where Salmon has declining water quality trends and McGrath does not. Provided data to support understanding.

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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:

Tributary P investigation in 2023 helps narrow down the watershed input, demonstrated understanding of nutrient inputs shifting from agriculture to development. Unclear if proposed tasks include sites in the tributary watersheds. Did not address septic impact on potential nutrient loading. Site selection was not clear as to which survey was being utilized. Are these new sites, or old sites?

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

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

Proposed projects are reasonable, and within the applicants capability of completing. 7 Lakes has a proven project history with these types of projects. However, because Salmon Lake is so different from McGrath Pond, unsure if the same measures will have an equal effect in the different lakes.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Costs seem appropriate, strong cash match from town. Good letters of support.

Errors in budget calculations made it difficult to fully assess cost effectiveness.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

Belgrade and Oakland both have consistent comp plans.

Watershed Town(s)	Area (m2)	Consistent Comp plan
Belgrade	10128820.3	yes
Oakland	12521325.6	yes

$$\frac{\text{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\text{Total area of the watershed}} \times 10$$

$$\frac{(10128820.3 + 12521325.6)}{(10128820.3 + 12521325.6)} \times 10 = 10$$

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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BIDDER: Town of Wilton, Wilson Pond Phase 2

DATE: 7/8/25

SUMMARY PAGE

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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	8
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	6
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	7
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	21
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	23
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	2.1
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>75.1</u>

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BIDDER: Town of Wilton, Wilson Pond Phase 2

DATE: 7/8/25

**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:

Town has the capability to do all the bills and budgeting, will hire a qualified prof to do the grant management, though detail of staff experience is missing and town manager is new.

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Documented value well – good public access (3 public access points), year-round recreation. Did a great job explaining economic value, though could have provided more hard data. Documented ecological value as well – cold water fishery, wetlands, habitat 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:

Demonstrated understanding of water quality problems, or lack thereof. Provided data to support conclusions that water quality seems to be getting clearer, but productivity is increasing despite no increase in nutrient load. Water quality seems to good.

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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

Recent watershed survey and watershed-based plan is good. Provided preliminary estimate of nutrient load reduction. Good detail on issues and understanding of problem, also provided good background on previous efforts.

The pond is not as threatened as others

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

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

Proposed projects are reasonable, and will reduce sedimentation if constructed correctly. However, the project list is very long – wondering if all the work can get done over the course of 2 seasons. Good coordination with MDOT makes it more likely that the state road projects will 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	23

Evaluation Team Comments:

Extremely high match (74%) from MDOT and lake association. Some construction costs seem low, and some residential BMP costs seem high. Strong commitment from partners is evident.

Minor errors in budget calculations.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	2.1

Evaluation Team Comments:

None of organized towns have consistent town plans. But two unorganized towns are considered consistent (LUPC).

Watershed towns	Area (m ²)	Consistent Comp Plans
Temple	18776694.8	no
Perkins Twp	5090539.48	y
Carthage	843266.769	no
Wilton	35302543.1	no
Washington Twp	9765600.86	y
Jay	84075.9958	no

$$\frac{\text{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\text{Total area of the watershed}} \times 10$$

$$\frac{(5090539.48 + 9765600.86)}{(18776694.8 + 5090539.48 + 843266.769 + 35302543.1 + 9765600.86 + 84075.9958)} \times 10 = 2.1$$

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BIDDER: CCSWCD – Crescent Lake

DATE: 7/8/25

SUMMARY PAGE

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<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	9
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	6
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	6
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	21
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	13
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	10
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>73</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:

Excellent summary of organizational experience and individual team members 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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Demonstrated value to the community and environment well – public beach, public boat launch, 4 children’s summer camps, habitat for animal and plant species of concern

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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:

A robust long term data set exists for this lake, but was not used. Only long term averages were reported. More quantitative data would have helped support conclusion that a water quality problem exists. Only offered that DO was slightly decreasing. Chl- a is a little above average, and P at one of the sampling sites is a little above 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	6

Evaluation Team Comments:

Recent watershed survey and watershed-based protection. However, survey technique leaves some NPS sources undetected. Therefore, a complete understanding of erosion issues is not presented.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

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

Applicant has history of successful projects, and project list seems achievable. Town support, while mentioned, seems minimal and not as well defined as other partner roles.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Costs seemed reasonable, good lake association match. However, watershed town involvement seems to be minimal - they are listed as partners, but are not contributing any match.

Also, work plan has errors in budget calculations, unsure of actual amounts of grant and match request.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

Every town has a consistent comp plan.

watershed towns	Area (m ²)	Consistent comp plan
Poland	383173.625	yes
Casco	3896936.76	yes
Raymond	14935480.2	yes

$$\frac{\text{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\text{Total area of the watershed}} \times 10$$

$$\frac{(383173.625 + 3896936.76 + 14935480.2)}{(383173.625 + 3896936.76 + 14935480.2)} \times 10 = 10$$

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Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Alex Wong, John Maleri, Kirsten Thompson, Kristin Feindel

<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	9
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	8
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	18
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	1.4
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>71.4</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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Provided a good organizational and personnel resume, demonstrates project experience.
Good project history.

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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:

Well utilized lake – 1 public boat launch, and 75% of shoreline lots developed. Serpentine is important wetland for wildlife. More data on economic value (such as % of tax base) and use (like # of boat inspections at the public launch) would have been good.

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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:

Demonstrated understanding of the water quality problem, and supported with data. Provided nutrient loading targets and where they are now. Increased average P in the last 5 years with an epi-core max of 22ppb, seasonal anoxia, decreasing clarity, and a HAB last year all indicators of worsening 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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Recent watershed survey completed, and 9-element watershed-based management plan in 2024. Presents a good current understanding of NPS issues.

However, the WBMP reports 31% of P load attributed to agriculture. This project doesn't address agriculture, only development issues, so it's not the full picture. They do recognize this is going to take more phases

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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

Project doesn't address ag and septic. The WBMP attributes 31% of P load attributed to agriculture. The project is also focusing on external sources only. That said, the tasks that were offered seem very doable as 7 Lakes constructs the proposed BMPs often.

Overall, an incomplete picture at this point.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Overall cash match is 55%, with strong cash match from 7 Lakes, however, not much match diversity. Unclear how much match is coming from watershed towns. Difficult to determine cost effectiveness due to calculation errors in the budget. Also, PCR cost seems high.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	1.4

Evaluation Team Comments:

The only comp plan from a town in the watershed is from Rome.

Watershed towns	Area (m ²)	Consistent comp plan
Norridgewock	499731.674	no
Mercer	16410492.6	no
Smithfield	32347052.8	no
Rome	7801089.63	yes

$$\frac{\text{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\text{Total area of the watershed}} \times 10$$

$$\frac{7801089.63}{499731.674 + 16410492.6 + 32347052.8 + 7801089.63} \times 10 = 1.4$$

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SUMMARY PAGE

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Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

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<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	8
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	8
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	8
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	20
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	18
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>70</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:

Provided complete resume for staff and partners. OCSWCD and LAON have good track record with previous 319 grants.

Michele is phasing out, Chantal hasn't been the main project lead yet.

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Publicly accessible, but limited – hand carry and limited parking. Property tax base mentioned, but no details provided. Utilized for sport – fishing and bird hunting. Ecological value not supported with data.

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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:

Demonstrated understanding of water quality problem, great representation of data to support narrative. HABs in the past 4 years, and have MST data that suggests bacterial issues from cattle feces.

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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

Recent watershed survey and alternative 9-element plan completed, erosional issues are current. Most of the issues are linked to development - driveways, roads, etc.. Septic vulnerability study is mentioned, but actions are absent from the plan. Mentions agricultural sites, but actions are limited to erosion control, and not nutrient management.

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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

Proposed projects seem reasonable. LAON has track record of getting more done for less. Strong letters of support from project partners.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Quite a bit of match generated. Some sites on the candidate site list are all match from Town. Good mix of cash and in-kind. Cost of stream crossing seems low. Calculation errors in budget made it difficult to fully assess cost effectiveness.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	0

Evaluation Team Comments:

Town of Norway does not have a consistent comp plan.

Watershed town(s)	Area (m ²)	Consistent comp plan
Norway	6828080.6	no

$$\frac{\text{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\text{Total area of the watershed}} \times 10$$

$$\frac{0}{6828080.6} \times 10 = 0$$

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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	10
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	6
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	14
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	24
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	0.6
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>69.6</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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Town of Newport has relevant experience, personnel, and facilities. Provided good qualifications for hiring an experienced contractor.

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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:

Extensive recreational use – 3 boat launches, commercial alewife fishery, ecological value-species of concern.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Demonstrated understanding of long history of impairment. Water quality is improving water but experiences algae blooms, high p, internal loading. Did provide reduction goals from the 9-element plan, as well as preliminary load reductions from proposed BMPs.

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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:

Recent watershed survey 2023 and 9-element plan update in 2024, current with erosion sites. Acknowledges potential loading issues from septics, but does not include mitigation measures. Agriculture was not included as potential loading source, despite being identified in the recent watershed survey and 9-element plan.

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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

Tasks seem achievable, though only addressing part of the nutrient load. Agriculture and septic systems should be included in the plan of mitigation measures.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	24

Evaluation Team Comments:

High match percentage (59%), more cash than in-kind. Project estimate seems reasonable.

Minor calculation errors in budget calculations

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	0.6

Evaluation Team Comments:

Out of six towns that make up watershed, only one has a comp plan.

Watershed towns	Area (m ²)	Consistent Comp plan
Exeter	6609603.02	no
Palmyra	2642508.66	no
Corinna	24067895.8	no
Saint Albans	7875494.34	yes
Stetson	20416730.4	no
Newport	76482152.3	no

$$\frac{\text{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\text{Total area of the watershed}} \times 10$$

$$\frac{7875494.34}{6609603.02 + 2642508.66 + 24067895.8 + 7875494.34 + 20416730.4 + 76482152.3} \times 10 = 0.6$$

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BIDDER: AVSWCD – Upper & Middle Range Pond

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Alex Wong, John Maleri, Kirsten Thompson, Kristin Feindel

<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	6
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	7
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	16
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	13
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	10
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>66</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:

Good summary of personnel experience, but did not provide enough information about organizational capacity/experience with grants/projects. Staff are acquiring more experience and successfully administering other NPS grant projects.

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Lakes are well used. Public access – 1 boat launch on Upper (state owned) and 1 on Middle (fee-based private), can boat between; winter fishing derby. Economic impact inferred, but no data to support. Ecological value – cold water fishery, IWWH are positive.

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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:

Too much narrative without data to support. No trends analyzed, only one data point from 5 years ago was cited. No connection made between DO and nutrient loading. There are long data sets available for both Upper and Middle Range that could have been used to demonstrate an issue. Known issues are sensitive sediment chemistry and recent algal 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	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

Recent watershed survey done and alternative 9-element plan completed. Good understanding of external nutrient input. Did not address septic systems as a possible source of nutrient loading. Mentioned agriculture, but then nothing in the work plan addresses it.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

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

Tasks seem reasonable and achievable, though questions remain about overall success because septic systems and agriculture were not included in the project. Seems to be renewed interest in the lake (LakeSmart program started in 2024), which may be a catalyst for more work in the future.

Alex

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Cash and in-kind match from town and road associations. Evident that good work was done ahead of time to line up this match ahead of time. However, some issues with cost allocations exist –

- High lake association match but not great use of match in budget- ie 13,000 supplies.
–Bad cash match.
- Publications and outreach match is very high

Also calculation errors in budget made it difficult to fully assess cost effectiveness.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

All three towns have comp plans

Watershed towns	Area (m ²)	Consistent Comp plan
Poland	22926465.8	yes
New Gloucester	2170098.52	yes
Raymond	1583361.85	yes

$$\frac{\text{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\text{Total area of the watershed}} \times 10$$

$$\frac{(22926465.8 + 2170098.52 + 1583361.85)}{(22926465.8 + 2170098.52 + 1583361.85)} \times 10 = 10$$

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BIDDER: HCSWCD – Beech Hill Pond 3

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Alex Wong, John Maleri, Kirsten Thompson, Kristin Feindel

<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	6
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Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	7
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	19
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	17
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>62</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:

Demonstrates experience with NPS project, meets basic qualifications. Good project history. In transition with project manager – not sure if this is going to be an issue. They do mention they are looking for consultant assistance, but based on budget, looks like quite a bit of work will still fall on a new staffer.

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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:

Multiple public access points – beach and boat launch, extensively used by the public; cold water fishery. Some facts on use are dated, unsure if it reflects current usage.

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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:

Claims of development pressure are unsubstantiated. Though second-tier development may be occurring, no scale or extent was provided. With that, only 9% of the watershed is developed. Water quality is high – no real “problem”. Presents as a case for protection, but the main issue presented – development – was not supported with data.

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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 watershed survey and updated report provided updated understanding of erosion issues. Application talks about soils in the area, but does not link it to potential septic issues.

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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:

Tasks seem reasonable and achievable, though septic systems should be included as a potential NPS source to mitigate.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Overall, project costs seem reasonable, though salary & fringe for the Admin task seem high if they are also planning on hiring a consultant to manage the project. The breakdown of work between the 2 wasn't clear, and for the cost specified, will there be overlap of duties?

Calculation errors in budget table made it difficult to fully assess cost effectiveness.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	0

Evaluation Team Comments:

Otis does not have a consistent comp plan.

Watershed town(s)	Area (m ²)	Consistent Comp Plan
Otis	52116133	no

$$\frac{\text{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\text{Total area of the watershed}} \times 10$$

$$\frac{0}{52116133} \times 10 = 0$$

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

BIDDER: CCSWCD – Watchic Lake, Phase 2

DATE: 7/8/25

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Alex Wong, John Maleri, Kirsten Thompson, Kristin Feindel

<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	4
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	8
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	6
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	17
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	16
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>60</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:

Excellent summary of organizational experience and individual team members 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	4

Evaluation Team Comments:

Public access is limited – no public launch, and for the most part, the Kiwanis Club is private – they just open it to the public for limited events. Work plan mentions shoreline properties, but doesn't provide connection to economic value to the town. Ecologically – failed cold water fishery, but has wetlands, DWAs, and significant vernal pools

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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:

Demonstrates understanding of issues. Long term water quality data set is referenced, low DO and sediment chemistry, development, and weather leading to HABs in 2023 and 2024. Good to get nutrient data from tributary sampling to narrow down NPS sources. Also good to have temp/DO data loggers over last 9 years.

Only last 2 years have been a problem for clarity, attributed to weather/HABs.

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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:

Long history of watershed work. However, most recent watershed survey is aging - 6 yrs old, also FB watershed survey process may leave some residential issues undetected. Although nutrient load from the tributaries was mentioned, the work plan does not include work in those areas. Also, septic systems were mentioned as a potential source of loading, but the work plan does not address these sources.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

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

Tasks seem reasonable and achievable, buffer boost is a great idea. However, with focus solely on erosion in the immediate watershed, unsure if ultimate goals will be met. Should include septics and tributary watershed work.

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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:

Good overall match, but diversity is low. Town is listed as a partner, yet does not seem to have any role. Unclear where road association match is accounted for, might be lumped in with private land owners? Salary and fringe seemed reasonable. Minor calculation errors in the budget tables.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	0

Evaluation Team Comments:

Standish does not have a consistent comp plan.

Watershed Town	Area (m ²)	Consistent Comp Plan
Standish	21332975.8	no

$$\frac{\text{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\text{Total area of the watershed}} \times 10$$

$$\frac{0}{21332975.8} \times 10 = 0$$

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BIDDER: YCSWCD – Square Pond

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Alex Wong, John Maleri, Kirsten Thompson, Kristin Feindel

<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	5
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	6
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	5
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	5
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	14
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	15
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>50</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	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

The District has a long record of 319 work, the Program Mgr has been with the District since 2006 and has experience with the projects and financial mgt. However, 2 out of 3 staff are relatively new to the district and NPS work, though Alex is getting more experience. Performance on current grants where the District is a partner is poor, wonder if work load described in the resume is too much?

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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:

Public access with boat launch and beach. CBI inspection data for last year a good inclusion. Ecologically valuable – IWWH, rare plants, wild brook trout in outlet stream, quite a bit of conserved land in the watershed. 66% built on shoreline lots, but no mention of tax base.

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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:

Averages for SDT, P, and Chl-a reported, but unclear on the time frame. Square Pond has a long data set dating back to 1977, but with breaks in monitoring from 1978-1982, 1995-2005 and 2011-2013. Should have included some time frame and trend analysis to convey whether or not water quality is getting better or worse.

Lake has sensitive sediment chemistry, some discussion of DO and anoxia in lower depths, but analysis lacking – just relies on long term average. There could be some correlation between anoxia and P concentration that might support internal loading hypothesis.

Understanding of water quality problems not completely demonstrated.

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Other non-erosion sources of NPS considered – Ag and Septics – good. But, don't have a good sense of recent work or current impact. Unclear of scope of work accomplished from the 2011 or the 2019 watershed surveys – what's left from either of those? What's the scope of what remains vs. what's been done? Load reduction results from Phase 2 and 3 were not included.

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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

The proposed actions seem reasonable, and achievable. However, septic mentioned as a potential issue, but no actions to address them are included in the plan. Is this work plan incomplete?

Appears to have engaged partners with good local support, however, no letters of that support were included.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Good cash match presented, though not backed up with letters of support. Good match package overall.

PCR and SC costs seem high. Minor errors in budget calculations.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	0

Evaluation Team Comments:

Watershed towns	Area (m ²)	Consistent Comp Plan
Shapleigh	5544689.74	no
Acton	5583215.65	no

$$\frac{\text{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\text{Total area of the watershed}} \times 10$$

$$\frac{0}{5544689.74 + 5583215.65} \times 10 = 0$$

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

BIDDER: YCSWCD – Bauneg Beg 2

DATE: 7/8/22

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Alex Wong, John Maleri, Kirsten Thompson, Kristin Feindel

<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	5
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	4
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	5
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	4
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	10
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	10
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>38</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	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

The District has a long record of 319 work, the Program Mgr has been with the District since 2006 and has experience with the projects and financial mgt. However, 2 out of 3 staff are relatively new to the district and NPS work, though Alex is getting more experience. Performance on current grants where the District is a partner is poor, wonder if work load described in the resume is too much?

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

No public boat launch, limited public access points either permit requirement or via conservation land trails. Mentions property ownership, but no details on value to towns provided. Ecological value documented – vernal pools, IWWH, endangered, threatened, and special concern plants.

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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:

Large historical data set starting in 1975, only reported long term averages, no trends. A quick look at available data reveals water quality is getting better over recent years – decreasing P and Chl-a, and increasing clarity. Could be tied to recent NPS activity and the need to continue.

Did mention anoxic and potential for internal loading, but didn't provide evidence from data set.

Complete understanding not demonstrated.

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Included results from latest watershed survey, though it is aging. Discussed erosion issues associated with residential, but does not consider septic impact. Extensive discussion of work in portions upper watershed (Great Works River and Goodall Brook), but no direct connection is made to Bauneg Beg – load reductions/impact of this work to the pond would be good to include. Also, with the very high flushing rate reported, a discussion of impact of nutrient load would be good.

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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	10

Buffer toolkits are a great idea. Site selection – 3 sites are high in the watershed and on tributaries. Need more discussion on nutrient spiraling in the streams and residence time in the lake.

Work plan confusing – Task 3 states 3 construction projects, 5 are listed, and 5 are accounted for in the budget. Unclear what tasks are being planned, feasibility difficult to determine. Also sites for Task 5 are undetermined. Difficult to assess feasibility of success on these sites without any information.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

Leveraging SCF is great. Very committed Lake Association and match – but with the BMP site selection so far away from the pond, how will volunteer match-time be allocated? Steering committee cost seems high, Sand Pond Road site cost seems low for work described in plan. Same issues with confusing work plan as in previous section – difficult to determine cost effectiveness if the number and quality of sites is unknown. No letters of support from towns, BBLA.

Minor errors in budget calculations noted.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	10	0

Evaluation Team Comments:

Both North Berwick and Sanford do not have comp plans that are consistent.

Watershed towns	Area (m ²)	Consistent Comp Plan
North Berwick	17040772.7	no
Sanford	22915351.6	no

$$\frac{\text{Area of the watershed with a Consistent Comprehensive Plan}}{\text{Total area of the watershed}} \times 10$$

$$\frac{0}{17040772.7 + 22915351.6} \times 10 = 0$$

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #: 202503047

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

BIDDER NAME: HCSWCD – Branch Lake Phase 4

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

N – technical lead isn't hired yet. Jeff's role seems to be reduced, unclear about the director for the project.

P – Mark and Mary have good resumes.

P – well defined consultant qualifications

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – Public water supply

P – 2 boat launches, state park, public forest, commercial campground; YMCA campground

P -IWWH, vernal pools; critical Atlantic salmon habitat;

P – upstream Harriman Pond (in the watershed) is Heritage pond

Water Quality Problem

P – stable SDT, meets standards – no real problem – good candidate for protection

N – no real problem

Q- should this be less important than a lake that is impaired?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – WBP update in 2022

Feasibility for Success

P – costs seem reasonable,

P – applicant should be able to pull off the bmp's, but hole where Jeff is going to be.

Consultant can help fill that hole.

Cost Effectiveness

P – good match, diverse sources. Good to see town involved.

Comprehensive Plan – to be calculated during the eval team meeting

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

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

BIDDER NAME: HCSWCD – Branch Lake Phase 4

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P/N – Chairman of Board/Acting ED has experience with NPS projects, managing grants, and watershed surveys but no direct 319 management experience

N – Technical lead is not hired

P – Training for technical lead will be provided by person very familiar with 319 grants

P – Applicant proposes to hire a consultant and included detailed qualifications

P – Branch Pond Lake Association and City of Ellsworth both seem to be committed partners

I – Harriman Pond Lake Association also a partner and group launched in 2024!

Overall a very comprehensive applicant and partner group. Would like to have seen a hired technical lead, so that is a question, but overall seems strong.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – Public drinking water supply

P – Two public boat launches

P – Sizeable shoreline development – 200 parcels

P – Frequently used for recreation:

Major rec lake between Bangor and Ellsworth

I – Included details on the size of all of the water resources in the watershed – impressive!

P – Extensive coldwater fishery – reputation as great fishing

P – Critical salmon habitat – Harriman Pond is a Heritage Fish Waters

Water Quality Problem

Water body not impaired – threatened due to value

Water quality very good and even improving over last decade

P – Harriman Pond also with good SDT but some potential indications of decline from 2019-2022 compared with historical averages

P -

Essentially no water quality problems but there is definitely value in protecting this outstanding water quality.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P - List biggest threat a P enrichment from development

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BIDDER NAME: HCSWCD – Branch Lake Phase 4

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

P – WBPP completed in 2022 – Survey completed in 2021 – 184 sites – mainly residential

P – 3 earlier phases of Implementation plans

I – Landowners of Harriman formed a Lake Association in 2024

Overall a good understanding of how to protect Lake and it's excellent water quality

Feasibility for Success

P – Project will address 10 high and medium sites

N – Not the best proposed TSS and P reductions but not too bad

P – Good SC which already includes some Road Association participants and the City of Ellsworth

Overall a seemingly strong group of stakeholders with a good basis for completion of the project

Cost Effectiveness

\$196k total – 42% match - \$114k to grant

P – 70% of proposed work going to construction

N - \$12k+ from grant to project admin – seems high

N - \$14k of grantee staff time for Task 4 – seems high

P – 50% match for construction – over \$69k in construction match

N- Almost as much contractual money than Salary of the grantee. Seems repetitive

Overall some high projections particularly with salary in some areas and some potentially duplicative consultant costs but overall a generally okay proposed cost.

Comprehensive Plan – to be calculated during the eval team meeting

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

BIDDER NAME: HCSWCD – Branch Lake Phase 4

DATE: 7/3/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Kristin Feindel

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – has relevant experience, financial, administrative & technical qualifications, personnel and facilities

N – do not currently have a project manager

P – plan to hire experienced contractor

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P - Two public boat launches

P – Public access at Branch Lake State Park, YCMA camp, public forest, hiking trails

P – Primary Drinking water supply by City of Ellsworth

P – Coldwater fish such as landlocked salmon, brown trout, lake trout (togue), brook trout, and rainbow smelt.

Water Quality Problem

P – high water quality lake with improving/stable water quality trend

N – not known if there is much true development pressure, especially given the protected lands

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – fairly recent survey (2021) and WBP (2022) update

P – summary of NPS sites from survey

Feasibility for Success

P – past and recent efforts (phases 1-3, Source Water Protection, Road Grant Program, LakeSmart, building permit letter program)

P – tasks seem reasonable and doable

P – proposed tasks appear to address the primary pollutants of concern

Q – should septic systems be included as a potential pollutant source?

Cost Effectiveness

P - project work and cost estimates are reasonable for the expected outcomes

P – strong lake assoc cash match (\$10.5K) and City cash match (\$3.5K)

Comprehensive Plan – to be calculated during the eval team meeting

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

BIDDER NAME: HCSWCD – Branch Lake Phase 4

DATE: 07/07/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-Has previous 319 experience with multiple phases

P-Plan to hire an experienced project manager/consultant.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-Two public launches

P-Primary drinking water supply

P-Campsites, public access with State park, public trails

P/N-Coldwater/warm water fishery-has bass, trout impacts?

Water Quality Problem

Q-Listed as threatened, but is more development possible with current regulations/easements?

P-Water quality seems to be improving

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Updated WBP in 2022

P-Surveyed in 2021

P-Includes details of the NPS survey

Feasibility for Success

P-Strong track record with 319 grants and others to preserve/improve water quality.

P-tasks will address sedimentation issues from roads

N-Town/private roads are at issue, is it beyond the town's maintenance?

Q-Total list of sites in question seems quite low, primarily roads issues (including the logging portion)

Cost Effectiveness

P-Good cash match from lake group

P-Pricing seems reasonable

Comprehensive Plan – to be calculated during the eval team meeting

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RFP #: 202503047

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

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Association – McGrath-Salmon Phase VI

DATE: 7/5/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – provided resume of experience for 7LA (13 319 implementation grants since 1999), experience of Lynn (6 319 projects) and Stuart (83 BMPs). 7LA receives CBI grants, RCP grants, LMF grants, MOHF grants, has annual audit.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – 2 public boat launches, local property tax base – 60% valuation in Belgrade, 25% in Oakland; 3 youth camps; 4 private commercial campgrounds; town-owned Pleasant Point Park (McGrath) has hand-carry access; state launch on Salmon had 936 CBIs last year.

P- IWWH, DWA, vernal pools, wild brook trout in Cold Brook, species of special concern

Water Quality Problem

P-NPS Threatened; Salmon internally loaded (P>400ppb at bottom)

I – McGrath is not as bad off as Salmon, yet they are connected.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – good understanding of historic ag inputs and more recent shift to residential development.

P – stream P study in 2023 narrows down upper watershed impacts

Feasibility for Success

P- the projects proposed can be accomplished by 7LA.

Q – McGrath might be protected from external load, but Salmon’s internal load, blooming might still recur.

Q – are sites listed on Candidate site list repeats? – need to double check if awarded.

Cost Effectiveness

P – costs are in-line with expectations

P – 55% match, cash from towns & watershed association, in-kind from watershed association and landowners

N – food and drink not allowable expenses – need to revise if awarded.

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BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Association – McGrath-Salmon Phase VI

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – 7 Lakes has managed 13 319 Implementation grants since 1999 – was on SC for North Pond Survey and WBPP 2024

P – Lynn Project Coordinator – Experience on 6 319 grants including North Pond Phase IV

P – Stu Cole – Manages YCC – involved in 319 projects

P – Organization has extensive experience managing grants from State

N – Notes financial capacity to complete the project but doesn't explain further

N – McGrath Pond and Salmon Lakes Association (MSPLA) – Project partner - Limited description and don't describe work done with current Implementation effort or what they will do with this next Phase

Overall a qualified organization who seems to be capable of administering the project. Could have included much more on the MSLPA and what they have/will do.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N – No drinking water

P – State boat launch – public park w beach

P – Included detailed land use breakdown – 45% of residential lots are within 250ft of shoreline

P – Recreational activities swimming boating fishing

P – Youth and private camps on the water (5-7 camps)

P – Town of Belgrade's population doubles in summer – seasonal lake residents – important economic benefits

P – Property value details – 60% come from lakefront

P – Coldwater and warmwater fishery – 15 species

P – Include limited details on natural resources and wildlife in the watershed

Overall a good understanding of the value of the Lake – could have included a bit more on the natural resources and wildlife and quantified the benefit to the local community a bit better but still good

Water Quality Problem

Not impaired – threatened Sediment Chemistry

Salmon Pond Data:

P – Data collected since 1975 – annual seasonal anoxia observed and elevated TP in hypolimnion – significant internal loading

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

P – Surface TP increases from 12 pbb in May to 19 pbb in October annually

P – Worst single SDT reading in September 2023

McGrath Pond Data:

Listed as sensitive

N – Does not stratify (more shallow) and no anoxia = lower internal loading issues

N – SDT readings often reach bottom and statistical data shows improvements in water clarity since 1990

Overall a good, if not somewhat limited here, understanding of water quality issues – Salmon Pond suffers from more problems including a big concern with internal loading. McGrath in much better shape by comparison

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – Long history of surveys and studies started with 1984 P study – historic agriculture and landfills as primary nutrient sources

P – Note Colby College study of substantial land use changes including big shifts in development on and off shoreline

P – 2017 watershed survey – 105 NPs sites – 2018 WBPP – 2023 TP grab sample from streams show two are still elevated.

P – Also been several implementation efforts starting with 2000 Phase I and ending with 2022 Phase V – current Phase is anticipated to be the last

Feasibility for Success

Proposing 8 roadway/driveway sites and 10 residential sites

P – These are the remaining sites stemming from the Watershed Survey and periodic updating

N – No pollution reduction estimates? How come?

P – Proposing a comprehensive SC including town reps

N – Septic are a dominant nutrient source but not addressed in outreach – how come?

In general a well tasked project that would likely succeed with implementation by grantee but there is a large load source in septic systems that is not addressed at all.

Cost Effectiveness

\$164k total - \$75.4k to grant

54% match

77% to construction

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P- Good match and construction percentages

N – No TP and TSS reduction estimates to compare to cost

P – Town is committed to supporting Birch Meadows Drive with \$12k

N – Couldn't verify total amount of construction match based on LOC provided. Where is rest from?

In general this is likely a cost effective project with some minor questions about budget numbers

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BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Association – McGrath-Salmon Phase VI

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Kristin Feindel

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – has relevant experience, financial, administrative & technical qualifications, and facilities

N? – does direct project staff does not have extensive experience with 319 grant work?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P - State boat launch on Spaulding Point Rd.

P - Pleasant Point Park: public park with beach

P – youth camps and commercial camps

P – extensive use of lake

P – coldwater fishery, including brown and brook trout

Water Quality Problem

P – Salmon Lake - sediment chemistry vulnerability, seasonal anoxia, high TP

P – Salmon Lake – algae bloom in 2023

N – McGrath Pond – water clarity improved and stable, potential for internal recycling low

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – additional stream P assessment by Colby College

P/N – survey (2017) and WBP (2018) – have there been any important new sources of erosion? Candidate site list does indicate new sites.

N – minimal description of survey findings and current make-up of NPS sites

N – does not address if septic systems are still a source

Feasibility for Success

P – many past and recent efforts (phases 1-5, YCC, lakesmart)

P – good partner support (YCC, Towns, lake assoc)

P – tasks seem reasonable and doable

P – proposed tasks appear to address the primary pollutants of concern

Cost Effectiveness

P – strong cash match (\$17.2K) from 7 Lakes

P – strong cash match (\$10K) from Oakland

P – project match high (55%)

N – match total from part 3 not same as part 2, leading to questions of accuracy of amounts

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BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Association – McGrath-Salmon Phase VI

DATE: 07/07/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-7 lakes is very well qualified with previous 319 experience and strong admin skills

P-PM has extensive 319 experience

P-YCC involvement

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-State launch and public park/beach

P-Youth camps along the waterfront

P-Heavy rec use in the summer (town pop. Doubles)

P-Supports cold and warm water fishery

Water Quality Problem

P-Threatened, not impaired

P-Huge amount of historical data and good representation of trends

N-SDT numbers are improving

P-Concerns about internal loading

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P/N-2017 watershed survey, but this is now out of date

P-Multiple phases of previous 319 grants

P-Previous agriculture/landfill issues, current issues stem from development

Feasibility for Success

P-Total number of sites is reasonable

N-Septics are no properly addressed

N-The out of date survey is concerning, are these sites still the major issues?

Cost Effectiveness

P-Excellent match (over 50%)

P-Good cash match from town

P-Inclusion of letters of support

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BIDDER NAME: Town of Wilton – Wilson Pond, Phase 2

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – town has much experience with federal grants, quals for consultant good, FOWL has good experience

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – 3 public access – Kineowatha Park, trailer and hand carry launches

P – IWWH, DWA, vernal pools;

Water Quality Problem

P – trend analysis – increasing clarity, but also increasing Chl-a, and no trend in TP.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – WS last year,

Feasibility for Success

P – over the course of 3 phases, they will protect the lake

Cost Effectiveness

P – match far exceeds grant – leveraging MDOT funds – likely very good project outcomes for cost

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BIDDER NAME: Town of Wilton – Wilson Pond, Phase 2

DATE: 7/3/25

EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – Note that the town is recipient of several federal grants – need to fill single audit report

P – Town manager listed who oversaw Wilson Pond Phase II project

P – town plans to hire qualified consultant – Eco Instincts – lots of experience with 319 projects

P – Partnering with Friends of Wilson Lake for promotion of the project

Overall seems like a strong program team with experience needed to be successful

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N – Not drinking water

N – Only 85 developed shoreline parcels

P – Beach and dock and town owned public boat launch site + carry in boat launch

P – Include details on roads and large developments in watershed

P – Note recreation activities and include fishery details – two ice fishing competitions

P - Include natural resource data – important wildlife species, watershed acreage for protected resources

N – No specifics on the economic or commercial impact of the Lake or details on the number of visitors/recreators it attracts

In general they seem to have a good understanding of the value of the lake but could have included some more specific data on usage if it was available

Water Quality Problem

P – On Watch List as result of declining trends

N – Negative Water quality trends are from prior to 2016 and trends have reversed in recent years

P – Data collected since 1974

P/N – SDT has approached blooming thresholds but has just stayed above it in recent years

P – Significant trend of increasing Chl-a – no trend in TP

P – DO profiles do indicate low DO in deep areas

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Overall water quality is above average but SDT have shown concern for dropping below algal bloom thresholds but that trend has reversed in recent years. Chl-a trend is continuing to increase

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – 2016 Watershed Survey – 62 sites – WBPP in 2017 – Phase 1 Implementation in 2018-2019

P – updated survey in 2024 – 76 sites to Wilson Lake

Overall project Partners have continued to move forward in addressing NPS issues, particularly in response to 2005-2015 decline in water clarity. Past efforts have seemed to have been working

Feasibility for Success

P – Propose to address 14 NPS sites – 6 town road, 3 public sites, 1 driveway, 4 residential

P – Maine DOT will address 6 state road sites.

P – One municipal site already has engineered design

Overall seems like a strong likelihood that proposed sites would be completed since a majority are town owned. Excellent to bring in Maine DOT for state road sites as well.

Cost Effectiveness

26% of Total Project to Grant

P – Large match percentage from Town and Maine DOT and large proposed TSS and P reduction

N – I am seeing some discrepancies in what is included in their Section XI budget tables and the costs included in the tables at the end of each Task – particularly in Construction

In general this project is bringing a very large percentage of match, including state match to support state roads, and would bring a high amount of TSS and TP reduction if funded

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DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Kristin Feindel

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – has relevant experience, financial, administrative & technical qualifications, personnel and facilities

P – plan to hire experienced contractor

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – public beach and dock

P – public boat launch

P – coldwater fishery, including small native salmon population, lake trout, and brook trout

P – extensive recreational use

Water Quality Problem

P – above average water quality, but occasional low DO in deep areas and low SDT readings some years

P/N – water clarity trend improved over last 10 years

P - exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – very recent survey (2024) and WBP (2025) update

P – summary of NPS sites from survey

N – septic systems not mentioned if investigated as source or not

Feasibility for Success

P – many past and recent efforts (phase 1, lakesmart)

P – tasks seem reasonable and doable

P – proposed tasks appear to address the primary pollutants of concern

N – should septic systems be included as a potential pollutant sources?

P – good coordination with DOT work and Town work

Cost Effectiveness

P – very high match percentage (74%) due primarily to state and town road work

P – strong lake assoc cash match (\$8.4K)

N? – residential BMP task cost of \$12K - seems high for 4 sites, but reasonable?

N? – are some of the DOT sites ones that would be done as maintenance? Is there an extra water quality aspect to them? Would they be done anyway?

P - project work and cost estimates are reasonable for the expected outcomes

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BIDDER NAME: Town of Wilton – Wilson Pond, Phase 2

DATE: 07/03/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: Town has adequate staffing and experience with previous environmental grants.

N: Specific staff experience is not detailed, and the town manager is relatively new.

P: Town plans to hire a consultant to supervise the plan.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Public beach, dock, and launch x2.

P: Used year-round for recreation.

P: Supports cold/warm water fishery

P: Property also provides water access for canoes and kayaks, a playground, picnic areas, tennis courts, volleyball courts, ball fields and walking trails.

Water Quality Problem

N: Water clarity was declining but has improved.

P: Not impaired but listed as threatened due to development.

P: DO has remained somewhat high and Secchi disk readings have not dropped below 2m.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems -

P: Issues are linked to development, specifically private drives, shorelines, and roads.

P: Land has been placed into conservation easements and eroded areas repaired.

Feasibility for Success

P: Lake is threatened, so project would reduce soil influx and maintain quality

N: Leans heavily on road infrastructure, only slight focus on buffers or reducing development.

P: Culvert repairs seems adequately sized.

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

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

N: Municipal project is very expensive, while some of the other projects seem under priced.

N/Q: Very large number of sites. Is this possible in two years?

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RFP #: 202503047

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

BIDDER NAME: CCSWCD – Crescent Lake

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – complete picture of who will be working on the project and experience.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – public beach, public boat launch, 4 kids camps, trib to Sebago

P – Deer Wintering Area, fisheries mgt – bass; animal and plant species of concern habitat

Water Quality Problem

P – long data set

N – trends not mentioned, only averages, except for DO. Would have been nice to see a graphic of that.

P – demonstrates understanding of warming waters on anoxia/nutrient release from sediment

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – 2024 watershed survey – immediate watershed only

Feasibility for Success

P – pollution abatement goals seem reasonable

P – CCSWCD has good work history for accomplishing mitigation projects, and for 5 roads, has an engineer on staff.

Cost Effectiveness

P – costs seem reasonable

P – Match is ok – PWD and CLA providing cash/in-kind.

N - Wondering about the Towns – they are mentioned as partners, but they're not providing any match.

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BIDDER NAME: CCSWCD – Crescent Lake

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – CCSWCD has extensive experience working with NPS projects

P – Applicant included specific experience working with Crescent Lake Association

P – Senior Project Manager – 23 years of exp. – 3 dozen 604b and 319 projects – worked with WLA

P – District engineer – 35 years of exp. – wide variety of 319 projects – has advised CLWA on specific projects including most recent 319 implementation effort.

P – Included Dir. Of Finance

P – Crescent Lake Watershed Association – been around since 2008 and worked with CCSWCD on various projects including 2014 Phase 2 Implementation Project and 2024 WBPP update.

N – Did not include any specific details on CLWA members and how they could support the project.

Overall seems like the applicant has the relevant experience needed, has worked with the CLWA in the past and seems capable of completing the project

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N – Not primary drinking water source but flows into Sebago which does provide drinking water

P- 2 public beaches on lake and public boat launch

P – 200 shorefront parcels

P – Recreational opportunities – including private and youth camps which bring thousands to lake – provide economic growth

P/N – Fishing – IF&W manages the lake via a dam – popular bass fishing but otherwise limited fishing data

N – Limited watershed natural resource information

N – Limited data on economic benefit of lake

Overall this proposal showed limited details on the value of the waterbody outside of the need for clean water to support shorefront properties and camps and to support clean water that eventually flows to Sebago and is drinkable.

Water Quality Problem

P – Extensive data collection – samples and tested for over 50 years – 42 years of SDT, 15 years of TP

P – SDT readings have shown slightly above average water quality

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P/N – Note that DO readings have been slowly decreasing over time but don't share any data

P – Note an increase in average temp

Overall there does seem to be a very extensive database of sampling and testing at Crescent but not much is shared here to note that water quality problems outside of a mention of decreasing DO without any specific data included. Could have shared more in my opinion. Also, no real mention of what they think could be causing the DO drops?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – Several historic efforts to address NPS pollution in the past – starting with 2000 watershed survey and culminating in a 2024 Survey and 2025 WBPP.

P – 2024 Survey ID'd 23 non-shoreline sites and 92 shorefront sites lacking adequate stabilization

N – Is a shoreline survey enough to understand erosion impacts on shorefront properties

P – Also historic implementation efforts starting with demo projects and 2 phases of implementation efforts in 2011 and 2014.

N – Limited description of how development is impacting the watershed – is it increasing, etc etc.

Overall the applicant shared details of the historic efforts to address NPS pollution in the watershed but not much in the way of understanding the extent and severity of the NPs problem

Feasibility for Success

Project proposes to address 16 high priority sites

P – Project includes an adequate SC team but does like DEP first – should clarify that grantee will manage the SC

P – SC includes a road association

P – 6 NPS gravel road/driveway sites will be addressed and all have been visited by CCSWCD engineers

P – 10 shoreline residential sites will be addressed as well with \$500 matching grants

Overall the project would have a high likelihood of being successful – the applicant and SC seem to have the means to be able to complete the proposed projects

Cost Effectiveness

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

\$146k total - \$81.1k to grant – 44% match

49% to construction

N – Seems like lots of salary time

N – Less than 50% to construction

P – Good return on proposed TP and TSS reductions for the cost

P – Quality match from PWD, Lake Association, and road Association along with LOCs

In general the project seems to have a moderate cost effectiveness. The proposed budget does seem to include high levels of staff time and has an overall construction budget of less than 50% of total costs but the proposal is not unreasonable in my opinion

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EVALUATOR NAME: Kristin Feindel

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – strong relevant experience, financial, administrative & technical qualifications, personnel and facilities

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P - Public beaches in Casco and Raymond; boat launch in Raymond

P – four youth camps and commercial campground

(P) – in watershed of Sebago Lake, which is large drinking water supply

P – many camps and use

Water Quality Problem

N – water clarity slightly above state average and stable

P – DO slowly decreasing over time creating anoxic or near anoxic conditions higher in the water column

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – recent survey (2024) and WBP (2025)

Q – does the shoreline vulnerability survey result in accurate assessment of NPS sites in the developed shoreline areas?

Feasibility for Success

P –past and recent efforts (phases 1-2, lakesmart)

P – tasks seem reasonable and likely to occur successfully

Cost Effectiveness

P – Lake assoc cash match strong (\$5K)

P – 44% match

N – Personnel expenses high (\$63.5K, \$30.9K is indirect)

Q – assume Crystal Lake Assoc should be Crescent Lake Assoc, but match amounts correct?

N – match in part 3 not equal to match in part 2, so unsure if cash match from PWD and lake assoc correct

P - overall, project work and cost estimates are reasonable for the expected outcomes

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EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-The district has all relevant experience needed for 319

P-Project manager is very experienced

P-Good working relationship with CLWA

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-One public launch, and two public beaches

P-Has several youth camps and other private camps

P-Heavily used for aquatic rec

N-Warm water bass fishery, but called cold water? Unclear.

Water Quality Problem

N-Currently meets GPA

N/P-references decreasing DO levels but provides no data

Q-Septics?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Previous Phase 1-2 319s

P-Updated watershed survey in 2024, historic work in 2000

P-Includes details from NPS survey

N-No septic info

Feasibility for Success

P-Sites selected likely do have high impact

P-Includes shoreline sites as well as roads

N-No inclusion of septics

Cost Effectiveness

P-Match is over 40%

N-Salary is high and nearly the same as construction

P-Cost estimates seem accurate

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

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Association – North Pond

DATE: 7/3/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – provided resume of experience for 7LA (13 319 implementation grants since 1999), experience of Lynn (6 319 projects) and Stuart (83 BMPs). 7LA receives CBI grants, RCP grants, LMF grants, MOHF grants, has annual audit.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – public access; tax base – 351 of the 465 lots developed

N – no data for CBI; no tax base data for economic impact

P-IWWH; sand hill cranes in the Serpentine;

Water Quality Problem

P- NPS Threatened

P – showed good understanding of issues – nutrient load (increasing TP in 5-yr average epi-core to 22ppb); anoxia near sediment driving internal loading; declining clarity since 2018.

I – North Pond updated their WBP last year as a 9-e plan rather than an Alt 9-e plan due to internal loading.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – recent WBMP update, refresh of the watershed survey; expansion of nutrient sources; new analysis of internal loading issues

N – this project only addresses urban(?) development as sources of erosion (32kg/yr), without addressing Ag (18kg/yr), Forestry (8kg/yr), and Septic Systems (32kg/yr).

These other areas should be addressed in this project. Even if all of the urban development load were to be reduced as a result of this project, there would still be roughly 66% of the load still unmitigated.

Feasibility for Success

P- recognizes that 3 more phases after this one are needed

P – proposed tasks can be accomplished by 7LA – they have a good record in building BMPs.

Cost Effectiveness

P/N – there is match, but most of it is coming from 7LA. Unclear how much match is coming from watershed towns.

N – difficult to determine cost effectiveness because of budget math issues.

Comprehensive Plan – to be calculated during the eval team meeting

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BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Association – North Pond

DATE: 7/3/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – 7 Lakes has managed 13 319 Implementation grants since 1999 – was on SC for North Pond Survey and WBPP 2024

P – Lynn Project Coordinator – Experience on 6 319 grants including North Pond Phase IV

P – Stu Cole – Manages YCC – involved in 319 projects

P – Organization has extensive experience managing grants from State

N – Notes financial capacity to complete the project but doesn't explain further

N – North Pond Association – NPA – Project partner - Limited description and don't describe work done with current Implementation effort or what they will do with this next Phase

Overall a qualified organization who seems to be capable of administering the project. Could have included much more on the NPA and what they have/will do.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N – Not drinking water

P – Public boat launch in Smithfield

P – Vital rec and economic resource – swimming boating and fishing

P – Wildlife including Loons and waterfowl

P – Shoreline development is significant – 351 developed lots

P – WOSS – original site of nesting cranes in Maine

N – Could have included more on fishery and specific economic indicators

A somewhat detailed description of the value of the waterbody, particularly with shorefront tax base, but could have included more on wildlife, fishery, and natural resources

Water Quality Problem

P – Not impaired but expected to be listed due to steep decline

P – Threatened due to development pressure and P-eutrophication

P – Current ten year TP levels are above 10ppb (needed to restore class GPA)

P – Epilimnetic core samples show TP at 22 ppb

P – Seasonal anoxia driving internal loading

P – Declining water quality since 2018 – SDT down to 3.2m down from 4.1 – Minimal SDT readings in 5 of last 7 years

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P – Chlo-A also increasing

Detailed documentation of troubling recent water quality issues – threats from development

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – 2022 watershed survey and 2024 WBP – 91 sites ID'd in survey

P – Note key threats including shoreline development, road and driveway runoff and future development.

P – 4 319 Implementation grants since 2018 – latest ongoing now

N – Project doesn't address agriculture or septic but they do not it as a contribution

Describes a specific understanding of threats as described in WBP – but limited in what they included.

Feasibility for Success

Propose to address 24 sites – 9 on private roads and 15 on residential sites

P – include a comprehensive SC with town and NPA participation

N – No proposed reductions in TP/TSS included

N – doesn't address big load contributors – ag and septic

Seems feasible for success with what they propose, especially with the amount of recent implementation work.

Cost Effectiveness

\$246k total - \$110k to grant – 55% match

P – High match percentage

P - 80% construction – good amount

P – Strong cash match from Landowners of Roads

N – Don't seem to see an LOC from Road Associations – would have been nice

P – YCC Match costs to support residential BMPs

Overall seems like a worth project with a high match and impact – 80% towards construction

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EVALUATOR NAME: Kristin Feindel

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – has relevant experience, financial, administrative & technical qualifications, and facilities

N? – does direct project staff does not have extensive experience with 319 grant work?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – state-owned public boat launch

P? – summer camps not mentioned directly, but indirectly

Water Quality Problem

P – steep decline in water quality since 2018

P – algal blooms in 5 of last 7 years, including harmful algal bloom advisory in 2024

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – survey (2022) and WBP (2024) recent

P – septic vulnerability study done and agric areas included in WBP

P – survey and WBP findings summarized

Feasibility for Success

P – many past and recent efforts (phases 1-4, YCC, lakesmart)

P – good partner support (YCC, Towns, lake assoc)

P – tasks seem reasonable and doable, though ambitious

P – proposed tasks appear to address the primary pollutants of concern

Cost Effectiveness

P – strong cash match (\$17.2K) from/for 7 Lakes

N – PCR task seems high (\$1.6K)

P – project match strong (55%)

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BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Association – North Pond

DATE: 07/07/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-7 lakes is very well qualified with previous 319 experience and strong admin skills

P-PM has extensive 319 experience

P-YCC involvement

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-One public launch

P-Heavily used for aquatic rec

N-warm water fishery with bass

Water Quality Problem

P-Development pressures increasing (threatened)

P-TP levels are high over ten years

P-Anoxia in the warmer months, declining SDT

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Updated WBP in 2024

P-2022 watershed survey

P-Main threat is increased shoreline development

P-Very detailed portion of report

Feasibility for Success

P-Reasonable number of sites addressed in work plan

P-Construction will reduce sediment

Cost Effectiveness

P-Excellent level of match, over 50%

P-heavily weighted to construction projects

P-Good cash match

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BIDDER NAME: OCSWCD – Little Pennessseewassee (Hobbs Pond), Phase I

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – good quals for Michele, Chantal, and Ross; LAON very experienced

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – public access and carry-in 10hp limit

N – tax revenue mentioned, no data to back up

Water Quality Problem

P – nice data summary and highlight of recent trends compared to overall data set

P – demonstrates correlation between near bottom P concentrations and clarity

P – recent blooms

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – trib sampling and MST; identifying Ag as source

P – watershed survey conducted last year

Feasibility for Success

P – addresses both Ag and shoreline/road development

P – OCSWCD and LAON have good project history

Cost Effectiveness

P – generating high match from many partners – good for the roads

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EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – PM – Michele Windsor – experience with several 319 grants – has financial experience/Quickbooks skills

P/N – E&O Coordinator – experience with surveys and CSA/installations at Thompson Lake and Taylor Pond but not on Hobbs

P – Engineer on management team

P – Lake Association participation with specific background on individuals who will be participating. Well done.

No consultant involved but bidder management team seems to have effective experience. Lake association also has impressive list of members who can add value.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N/P – Note no public drinking water but there is water use by shorefront properties

N – only carry in access fore boats and swimming

N – Only 44 shorefront developments

P – Note the roads that run near the Pond

P/N – Note the property tax revenue the lake provides for the Town but no specific information on this

P – Note fishing populations

N – Very little information on the natural resource benefits the lake supports

Overall a somewhat detailed description of the waterbody but could have used more data and provided more information as to why it is so valued by the town/community

Water Quality Problem

P – Do show data of decreasing water clarity from 2020 – historically SDT readings have been stable

P – Note that the pond is listed as Most at Risk from New Development and sensitivity to eutrophication

P – Include total P graph which show relatively high concentrations and a recent increase in bottom waters

P Cyanobacteria has been observed in recent years – photo from 2021

Q – It's a bit difficult to understand if the Microbial Source Tracking done was for Hobbs or Lake Penneesseewassee but they do not that cow DNA has been detected.

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Overall the understanding of the water quality problem seems to be understood. They do note some suspicions of internal loading problems but they don't have any sediment data to support it.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – Proposal shows how P entering the lake can create feedback loop to release additional sediment loads.

P – Lakes Association has special monitoring program for Hobbs to aid in understanding of cyanobacteria blooms

P – 2024 watershed survey – 54 sites – mostly residential and some specifically on agricultural land – also completed a septic analysis

N – Note ag impacts but don't dive into the severity – they could be really high impact

N – Don't mention development of WPP

Overall the project partners seems to have a good understanding of the NPS problem and understand the urgency required here due to recent cyano blooms

Feasibility for Success

P – 29 sites proposed to be addressed – all high and medium

Q – Can they handle that kind of workload in 2 years?

P – Substantial estimated TSS and TP reductions

N – Could clarify who would lead the SC. DEP listed first.

P – 21 proposed sites on town property, town roads, private roads and agriculture

P – 5-8 residential NPS sites also proposed

Seems like a very large workload but could be feasible. Proposal did include letters of support from road associations and farms which show that some work has already been done. Not enough LOS for all needed sites though.

Cost Effectiveness

53% of project costs to grant

83% of costs to construction – good rate

Q – Was a bit confused by their Construction Match costs and how they calculated it.

In general a cost effective project with a strong match commitment from the Town of Norway (\$25k) and some included LOS with pledges of funding from site and project partners.

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EVALUATOR NAME: Kristin Feindel

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – has relevant experience, financial, administrative & technical qualifications, personnel and facilities

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – public swimming and carry-in access

P – cold water fishery including brook trout

Water Quality Problem

N – stable longer term water quality trend

P – DO depletion in bottom of lake

P – recent SDT, TP, cyanobacteria blooms indicate declining water quality

P – additional assessments of water quality, including E. coli and MST

Q – What weather were the MST samples taken, how many, what were the E. coli results? Was a QAPP/SAP followed?

P - exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P –recent survey (2024) and WBP (2025) update

P – summary of NPS sites from survey

P – septic system vulnerability analysis

Feasibility for Success

P – past and recent efforts

P – tasks seem reasonable and doable

P – proposed tasks appear to address the primary pollutants of concern

P – strong letters of support of candidate sites, including farm, to complete work

Cost Effectiveness

P - project work and cost estimates are reasonable for the expected outcomes

P – 47% match overall

N/Q – no town or lake assoc cash match, just in-kind?

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DATE: 07/03/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: Staff has great experience with previous grant projects, including 319.

P: Accounting experience is great for managing grant funds.

P: Staff all have experience working for the district.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Recreation for local residents.

N: Is a drinking water source for residents (non-municipal).

Q: Area is primarily forested, and the lake is not impaired, any interest in conservation easements?

P: Public boat launch and cold/warm water fishery.

Water Quality Problem

P: Great representation of data and lots of data.

P/Q: Has experienced blooms but isn't impaired?

N: Not impaired, but at risk.

P: Bacterial issues with cattle.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: Issues are linked to development, specifically private drives, shorelines, and roads.

P/Q: Septic is mentioned but is it a problem?

N: Most issues linked to private roads, who is responsible for said roads?

N:Ag is mentioned, but how big is the impact?

Feasibility for Success

P: Improving culverts and assessment of ditch issues is thorough.

N: Leans heavily on road infrastructure, only slight focus on buffers or reducing development.

Q: Can they complete the level of construction they want to do?

Cost Effectiveness

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P: Costs are reasonable for most.

Q: The restoration of stream bed section is confusing, will there be a new culvert or a bridge installed?

N:Not much cash match

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BIDDER NAME: Town of Newport – Sebasticook Lake, Phase 4

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – Town is capable; good quals for consultant listed

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P- public launch

P – commercial alewife fishery

P – IWWH, species of concern (upland sandpiper)

Water Quality Problem

P -impaired lake; internal loading

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – 9-e plan recently completed along with watershed survey

Feasibility for Success

P – over 4 phases, maybe; but...

N - this phase is only immediate watershed, and there is much ag in the extended watershed.

Cost Effectiveness

P- very low cost plan, generating more match than grant, but

N – most of it is from the Town of Newport – not a lot of diversity, but

P – Newport is all in on this project.

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BIDDER NAME: Town of Newport – Sebasticook Lake, Phase 4

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EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – Town of Newport – Town Manager has grant mngmt experience including 319 and 604b – Admin support from Clerk and Treasurer

N – Could have included more experience details for admin support roles

P – Will hire consultant for Project Manager – experience managing planning and implementation grants at all levels

P/N – Partnering with Lake Association but no specific expereince of members documented that would support project goals.

Overall a good group of partners who would likely be able to lead an effective implementation project

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N – No drinking water

P – State owned boat launch and two carry in boat launches

P – Largest lake in single township

P – List extensive ponds and streams that flow in and out of Lake

P – Includes details on road network surrounding lake

P – 371 devleoped properties along shore but watershed is mostly undeveloped

P – 181 farms in the direct watershed

P – Recreational activities listed and commercial benefits noted but no real data

P – Managed as warmwater fishery due to anoxia in colder waters

P – Extensive habitat details included including threatened endangered or special concern species including great blue heron

Lots of details listed for the relative value of the waterbody but more specific data could have been shared to support statements.

Water Quality Problem

P – Listed as impaired for due to cultural eutrophication stemming from NPS pollution and historical industrial waste and municipal wastewater discharges that resulted in a drastic deterioration in water quality in the 1950s

P – Monitoring began in 1972

P – SDT and Chl-a have both improved but water quality remains poor as algal blooms occur most summers

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I - Of the five years when Secchi disk transparency (SDT) readings did not drop to 2 m or less, four were within the last 10 years.

P – Anoxia occurs most summers near the bottom – drawdown every fall to release P-laden waters

Extensive knowledge and history of the problem that has been impacted by seemingly everything – municipal waste, agriculture, development,

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – Extensive work has been done historically to support lake

I – TMDL for P in 2001

P – 2023 Watershed Survey – 172 sites ID'd – highest on residential sites, town roads, and private roads

P – WBPP accepted in 2025 – high targets in WBPP to reduce Total P by 3.5ppb which will reduce bloom possibility and increase water clarity

Historically very severe NPS (and PS) problems. WBPP offers pathway to fix. Project seems to have a good understanding of nature extent and severity and trends are moving in the right direction.

Feasibility for Success

P – Proposing 14 NPS sites – all high and medium mostly town roads (9).

P – Good TS and TP returns

P – Good partner list and contributions from Town and Lake Association

Cost Effectiveness

41% to grant

N – Only 39% of project to construction

Good match contributions from Town and Lake Association. Overall somewhat limited construction budget but still a generally acceptable cost effectiveness for the proposed project, especially on an already impaired lake.

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EVALUATOR NAME: Kristin Feindel

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – has relevant experience, financial, administrative & technical qualifications, personnel and facilities

P – plan to hire experienced contractor

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – state-owned boat launch and two carry-in launches

P – extensive recreational use

Water Quality Problem

P – severe water quality impairment dating to 1950s, including point sources and agricultural inputs

P – improving water quality, though still has algae blooms, high TP, Chl-a, internal loading

P - exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P –recent survey (2023) and WBP (2025) update

P – summary of NPS sites from survey

N – septic system database findings do indicate if systems are vulnerable due to age, soils, location

N – did not indicate if agricultural sources still exist in watershed or not

Feasibility for Success

P – many past and recent efforts (phases 1-3, annual lake drawdowns)

P – tasks seem reasonable and doable

P – proposed tasks appear to address the primary pollutants of concern

N – should agriculture and septic systems be included as a potential pollutant sources?

Cost Effectiveness

P – very high match percentage (59%)

P – low grant funds (\$48K)

P – very strong City cash match (\$20K) and lake assoc cash match (\$12.5K)

P - project work and cost estimates are reasonable for the expected outcomes

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EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P- Has good previous experience and as the sole grantee, the town will not have to compromise decisions.

P-Will contract with experienced facilitator.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P- Three launches total, one state owned, two carry-in.

P-Used for swimming, boating, and fishing, is a regional hub.

Water Quality Problem

P-Plan thoroughly covers historical issues (green paint), including serious impairment related to point sources and agricultural/hog operations.

P-Town has a detailed explanation of possible current issues in the watershed.

P-Water quality has improved somewhat, but still has phosphorus issues, blooms, and clarity issues.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-WBP updated in 2025

P-Summarized details from 2023 survey

Q- Survey IDs 181 farms, but does not detail types or NPS issues on said farms

N-Much missing data (60%) in septic survey, particularly on lack of conditions

Feasibility for Success

P-Several previous phases completed, good history

P-Tasks are all doable

N-Agriculture may be a large portion of the issue, but is not heavily mentioned?

Q-Why delay on approaching septic issues?

Cost Effectiveness

P- Relatively low cost of grant overall

P-Good match from town and lakes association

N-Construction costs seem unusually low in places (only a \$1000 for armoring and culvert replacement?)

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BIDDER NAME: AVSWCD – Middle & Upper Range Ponds

DATE: 7/6/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

N – needs more info on financial capacity of the District – who does finances? How are current grants being administered?

P – good background for staff

Q – if awarded, need to reclassify CCSWCD as sub-grantee and not contractor

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – public access at SP – 10hp motor limit; Range Pond SP 150k-170k visitors/yr; ice fishing derby;

Q/N – use for SP launch reports only non-motorized – why? What is daily use at launch?

Q – how does Poland Spring resort factor in?

P – IWWH; vernal pools; nesting bald eagles

Water Quality Problem

N – no trend data provided. There is plenty of data that could have been utilized from the Lakes of Maine site but only 1 data point from for DO was provided. Trends for WQ parameters were mentioned, but not supported. This is inadequate.

N – There's no linking of DO issues to nutrient inputs. An understanding of the issues is not demonstrated.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – recent watershed survey focused on residential and private roads, but N – ag was singled out in the land use section, and 5% of the watershed was in Ag use. If Ag was specifically highlighted, there should be some emphasis for this in the tasks. All of the NPS issues haven't been addressed in this work plan.

Feasibility for Success

P – there is quite a bit of focused work in the direct watershed on residential and private roads. The LRs seem reasonable, and success will further protection goals.

N – Ag should really be addressed in the work plan if it was important enough to mention.

Cost Effectiveness

P – costs seems reasonable; cash and in-kind match from towns and 6 road associations is good ground work.

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EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – Lead project Director – 4 years at AVSWCD – currently manages 2 active 319 grants and supported the Range Pond Watershed Survey

P – Tech Director certified in E&S and has supported 310 projects on other Ponds

N – No specific organizational details for financial capacity and admin work

P – Subcontracting with CCSWCD for Engineering help

P – Range Pond Association (RPA) listed as partner and details included on specific members and how they can help support the project – includes water sample testers

Overall this is a moderately detailed qualification section. Would have liked to see a bit on how the applicant was capable to manage the financial and admin costs but in general a good team is put together.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N – not drinking water

P – Public and private boat launches on Upper and Middle Pond – Private Marina on Middle Range Pond

P – Note the watersheds are “moderately developed”

N – Note shoreline development but no numbers or data

P – Commercial properties private resort and golf course and brewery

P – Note value of Poland Spring House Resort

P/N Range Pond St Park – top 10 most popular state park in Maine – 150k visitors a year but note this is on South Range and not included in this proposal.

P – Fishing – cold water – managed for trout – very popular - Fishing Debry hosted by IFW every year

P – Included details on wildlife – waterfowl, eagles, loons – Loon restoration project

N – Limited information on the natural resources that support the waterbody

Overall a comprehensive section that details the relative value of the Ponds – very heavily used (although much of it is on South) and fishing is a high priority.

Water Quality Problem

Listed as threatened based on multiple criteria including sediment chemistry, current water quality and potential for development.

P – Monitoring since 1974

P – Note water quality is average but metrics have fallen in last decade

P – Anoxic in Middle and Upper Range pond

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N – Don't share any specific data supporting their claims.

Overall the proposal notes that water quality is average but falling but don't provide any data to show this. Should have included more.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – Note historic assessment work in 2003 and 2024 Survey

P – Note Phase 1 Implementation Plan in 2004

N – No mention of WBPP – just survey

Not much included here related to the nature, severity, and extent of the problem. Seem to imply that development and runoff is responsible for NPS but don't expound much on how or why that is. Could use more.

Feasibility for Success

Propose to address 25 high and medium impact sites

P – Comprehensive SC includes Town and CCSWCD who will be hired as contractor

P – Bulk of work being completed is 12 sites on 5 town roads – Town of Poland has committed to fund work at an additional 12 sites

P – Residential matching grants

P – LOCs from Town and specific road associations

N – Note agriculture as a problematic source but they do not have anything to address it.

Overall the project seems to be feasible and has strong support from the Town to address 12 of the priority NPs sites.

Cost Effectiveness

\$165k total - \$86k to grant – 46% match

59% to construction

N – Match from Lake Association seems high and is including almost everything they do.

N – Some questionable salary areas

P – Good proposed TSS and TP reduction estimates

P – Several sites to be addressed

Overall seems like a generally cost effective project

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

BIDDER NAME: AVSWCD – Middle & Upper Range Ponds

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Comprehensive Plan – to be calculated during the eval team meeting

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BIDDER NAME: AVSWCD – Middle & Upper Range Ponds

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Kristin Feindel

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P –relevant experience, financial, administrative & technical qualifications, personnel and facilities

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – public state boat launch

(P – Range Pond State Park on Lower Range)

P – commercial marina

P – coldwater fishery, brown, brook, and rainbow trout

Water Quality Problem

P – sediment chemistry vulnerability

P – above average water quality, but declining over last 10 years

P – algal bloom in 2022

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – recent survey (2024) and WBP

P – summary of NPS sites from survey

N – does not address if septic systems may be a source or not

Feasibility for Success

P/N – past watershed work, but phase 1 was 20 years ago

P – lakesmart started in 2024

P – workshops/trainings partnerships strengthen this task

N – project signage task has low cost (\$250 match for signs) that does not include labor to design; thoughtful design is very important to making a sign worthwhile

P – tasks seem reasonable and doable

P – proposed tasks appear to address the primary pollutants of concern

Cost Effectiveness

P/N – high lake assoc match (\$27K), but cash match (\$13.7K) is for supplies for mailing and annual meeting and time estimate seems high (includes water quality monitoring and reporting, legal?)

N – publications and RPA outreach task match very high (\$25K) for outreach task

P – project match 46%

P - overall, project work and cost estimates are reasonable for the expected outcomes

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BIDDER NAME: AVSWCD – Middle & Upper Range Ponds

DATE: 07/07/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-Applicant has previous 319 grant experience

P-Staff have additional training in sed. Control

Q-Why the need to contract with another soil district?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-One public launch, one paid

P-Stocked Coldwater fishery

P-used for recreation heavily – PWC banned, seadoo?

N-Development level is not thoroughly quantified

Water Quality Problem

P-Long history of monitoring

N-Trends not well described, reference to single data point of DO

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-record of assessments in 2003 and 2024

P-NPS survey and site information not listed clearly

Feasibility for Success

P-Letters of support included with RFA

N-Focus on town roads

P-Good level of local match

Cost Effectiveness

P-Over 40% match

P-Costs of tasks seem reasonable

N-Salary portion seems to be high

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RFP #: 202503047

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

BIDDER NAME: HCSWCD – Beech Hill Pond Phase 3

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

N – technical lead isn't hired yet. Jeff's role seems to be reduced, unclear about the director for the project.

P – Mark and Mary have good resumes.

P – well defined consultant qualifications

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – 3rd highest in winter fishing; 6th highest in open water fishing in Hancock Co., generating \$100k in revenue; but

N – figures are from 2012-2018.

P – largest lake trout on record

P – public access – beach and boat launch

P – is a high quality lake that needs protection

Water Quality Problem

P – good understanding of issues – there is no water quality problem

N - there is increased second tier development on soils that may easily pass

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P -recent WS, demonstrates understanding – second tier development and soils

Feasibility for Success

P – will be able to prevent loading, therefore will help protect BHP.

Cost Effectiveness

P – costs seem reasonable

N – not a great diversity in match, relies heavily on landowner match

P- good that Otis is involved.

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RFP #: 202503047

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

BIDDER NAME: HCSWCD – Beech Hill Pond Phase 3

DATE: 7/6/25

EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P/N – Chairman of Board/Acting ED has experience with NPS projects, managing grants, and watershed surveys but no direct 319 management experience

N – Technical lead is not hired

P – Training for technical lead will be provided by person very familiar with 319 grants

P – Applicant proposes to hire a consultant and included detailed qualifications

P – Beech Hill Pond Lake Association seems a committed partner

Town not listed as partner but will be on SC

Overall a comprehensive applicant and partner group. Would like to have seen a hired technical lead, so that is a question, but overall seems strong.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N – Not drinking water

P – Public beach and public boat launch

P – Included detail breakdown of watershed land uses, including percentages

P – Noted active blueberry fields in watershed

N – Note shoreline development but no information on parcels of details

P – Seems like lots of development pressure – town has modified zoning rules to slowdown development impacts

P – Active fishery cold and warm – included detailed angler information including usage and potential economic benefit – from 2015

Overall an active waterbody that is being impacted by development and historic agriculture usage.

Water Quality Problem

Listed as threatened due to potential development impacts

SDT readings over 30+ years show stable with improvements over last 10 years

N – Limited Chl-A data

N – No TP data collected since 2016

Not much information included here, likely based on limited data. Definitely seem to hit home the developmental threats but do they have the data to back it up?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – WBPP accepted in 2024 – Survey in 2022 – 116 sites

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BIDDER NAME: HCSWCD – Beech Hill Pond Phase 3

DATE: 7/6/25

EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

P – Received technical assistance from HCSWCD in 2024 to address NPS sites

Partners seem to understand the developmental impacts and the NPS threats that stem from them. Not much in the way of recent work outside of some technical assistance support but the WBPP and Survey was completed so the need is there.

Feasibility for Success

P – Proposing work at 20 NPS sites – 9 high impact – 10 medium

P – Modest proposed TSS and P reductions

P – Does include a comprehensive SC with the proper partners

N – No mention is septic systems as a pollution source

Overall the project proposes work at a high number of sites and the SC seems equipped to be able to do it.

Cost Effectiveness

\$206k total - \$119k to grant

68% for construction

N - \$14k project admin seems high - \$3.3k to Indirect also high

P – Over 50% construction match for NPS Road Sites

N - \$12k salary for Task 4

N – Almost double the amount of Salary than the Contractor. What is the contractor doing?

N – Why so much in Indirect Costs for Task 1?

N – Over \$70k in construction match but not much description on where it is coming from.

Some questionable budgeting decisions so not sure this would be the most cost effective project. Does include some good match (although limited details on where it is coming from

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BIDDER NAME: HCSWCD – Beech Hill Pond Phase 3

DATE: 7/3/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Kristin Feindel

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – has relevant experience, financial, administrative & technical qualifications, personnel and facilities

N – do not currently have a project manager

P – plan to hire experienced contractor

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P - One public beach and public boat launch – Town of Otis boat launch on the south end of the lake (built by MDIFW)

P – Extensively used by public

P – cold water fishery, including native brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*), lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*) and landlocked salmon (*Salmo salar*).

Water Quality Problem

P – high water quality lake with development pressure

N – development pressure described but does not include numbers, so unsure how much true pressure there is

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – recent survey (2022) and WBP (2024) update

P – summary of NPS sites from survey

Feasibility for Success

P – past and recent efforts (phase 1 & 2, NPS Technical Assistance)

P – tasks seem reasonable and doable

P - proposed tasks appear to address the primary pollutants of concern

Q – should septic systems be included as a potential pollutant source?

Cost Effectiveness

P - project work and cost estimates are reasonable for the expected outcomes

N – salary & fringe (\$32K) and contractual (\$13K) grant amounts seem high

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BIDDER NAME: HCSWCD – Beech Hill Pond Phase 3

DATE: 07/07/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-Has previous 319 experience with multiple phases

P-Plan to hire an experienced project manager/consultant.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-Public boat launch and public beach

P-Very popular for aquatic rec

P-Native trout (brook/lake) and landlocked salmon supported (oligotrophic)

Water Quality Problem

P-Water quality right now is extremely good

N-only 9% of watershed is developed, is the “new development” in this percentage?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Recent update to WBP (2024)

P-NPS survey from 2022 with summary of sites included

N-Concern about “steep” sites not quantified

N-Camps mentioned, nothing about septics, old or new.

Feasibility for Success

P-Has previous experience on grants and has done well

P-Tasks are fairly reasonable

N-No mention of septics

N-Unclear how many of these roads fall under regular/deferred maintenance work.

Cost Effectiveness

P- Construction costs seems accurate

N/Q- Why is salary so high?

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BIDDER NAME: CCSWCD – Watchic Lake, Phase 2

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – complete picture of who will be working on the project and experience.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – semi-public access

P – DWA, vernal pools

N – economic value for Standish?

I – previous BwH maps showed habitat for state species of concern. No longer there.

Water quality issue?

Water Quality Problem

P – cyano bloom in 2023 and 2024

P – continual temp/do monitoring since 2016

P – exploration of tribs

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – cyano bloom impacts

P – demonstrates understanding of DO on internal cycling

N – WS is 6 yrs old now; last project closed out in 2022 – up to date info?

N – no sites along tribs, yet could be a source of loading in Page Brook?

Feasibility for Success

P – projects that are listed are achievable, costs seem reasonable

P – applicant has good record of completing these types of projects

N – doesn't address stream loading

Cost Effectiveness

N – diversity of match is low - road association match is planned for, but not listed in match tables – just lumped in with private landowners? no town involvement?

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BIDDER NAME: CCSWCD – Watchic Lake, Phase 2

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – CCSWCD has extensive experience working with NPS projects

P – Applicant included specific experience working with Watchic Lake Association

P – Senior Project Manager – 23 years of exp. – 3 dozen 604b and 319 projects – worked with WLA

P – District engineer – 35 years of exp. – wide variety of 319 projects – has advised WLA on specific projects

P – Included Dir. Of Finance

P – Watchic Lake Association – been around a long time and worked with CCSWCD on various projects including 2022 Phase 1 Watchic Implementation Project

P – Included 3 members with various relevant water quality experience

Overall seems like the applicant has the relevant experience needed, has worked with the WLA in the past and seems capable of completing the project

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N – Not drinking water

P/N – Public access and carry in boat launch on a public beach

P - Almost 200 shorefront properties – 1//2 are year round residents

P – Recreational opportunities – swimming boating fishing wildlife viewing

P – Coldwater fishery has been depleted due to water quality

Limited information on natural resources around the lake

N – Nothing included on non-fish wildlife

Limited information on waterbody value – no quantifiable data on the impact the waterbody has on the local community

Water Quality Problem

Threatened – Most at risk of new development

P – Note the heavy development pressure being in Greater Portland area

P – First cyanobacteria blooms in 2023 and again in 2024

P – P samples taken at inlet brooks and show higher levels of N and P – could indicate NPS issues

P – SDT typically between 4 and 6 m but in 2023 several large rain events led to worse water quality readings since 1977 – led to cyanobacteria blooms which returned in 2024 even with good water quality

P – Cyanoblooms tested positive for microcystin

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EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Overall seem to understand that P is coming from increased development and NPS issues that stem from it.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – Demonstrate understanding of impacts of development/runoff leading to increase Phos

P – Also note working with agriculture – worked with horse farm to install BMPs before

N – 2019 survey only ID'd 26 sites – mostly roads

P – Shoreline survey in 2019 added 17 more high impact shoreline sites

P – 2020 WBPP and 2021 Implementation Plan – addressed 3 high impact sites

Overall a good understanding of how development will impact the Lake. Not many sites stem from Watershed Survey but the cyanobacteria blooms indicate a problem is happening so support would help.

Feasibility for Success

P - Proposing to address 4 priority sites on roads and 7 on shorefront properties

N – List DEP first on the SC roles list – should clarify who will run the SC

P – LOC from Lake Association supporting 4 road sites

Likelihood of success seems high based on limited number of sites and

Cost Effectiveness

\$142k total \$81 to grant

62% to construction

P – All 4 road sites have been visited by CCSWCD engineers to review concept recommendations

P – Prelim cost estimates to residential sites also created by CCSWCD

P - 50% match supported for Road NPs and residential sites

P – Some extensive residential sites with big projects – could be good to support if 50% match is included

Overall a relatively cost-effective project – not a high number of sites but applicant has already visited them and has projects seemingly ready to go.

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BIDDER NAME: CCSWCD – Watchic Lake, Phase 2

DATE: 7/8/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Kristin Feindel

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – strong relevant experience, financial, administrative & technical qualifications, personnel and facilities

Relative Value of the Waterbody

(P – semi-public access at Kiwanis Club)

P – many camps and use

Water Quality Problem

P – recent microcystin blooms, decreased DO readings, high P

N – scorecard does not show negative water quality trend (does this not include 2023 & 2024 data?)

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – long history of watershed assessments and work

N – working from NPS site list from 2019 – have they been visited/reassessed since 6 years ago?

N – does not address if septic systems may be a source or not

Feasibility for Success

P – buffer boost task targets recent storms and need for shoreline planting

P – tasks seem reasonable and likely to occur successfully

N – are the 2019 NPS sites still the highest priority given the large storms discussed?

Cost Effectiveness

P – Lake assoc cash (\$8K) and time match (\$7.7K) strong

P – 43% match

P – overall cost seems reasonable

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BIDDER NAME: CCSWCD – Watchic Lake, Phase 2

DATE: 07/07/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-Has solid admin, financial, and management experience

P-Has previous grant experiences.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N-Access is only “semi-public” but sounds like facilities are high quality

P-Is used heavily for aquatic rec

N-Is a failed cold water fishery

Water Quality Problem

P-Microcystin blooms, increasing P

P-low DO

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Has a good track record of watershed data

N-Septics may be at issue, but are aren’t quantified

P-Threatened, not impaired

Feasibility for Success

N/Q-the NPS survey is out of date, are they targeting the right issues?

P-Tasks seems reasonable (buffers, armouring)

Q- Are buffers going to stand up to extreme storms?

Cost Effectiveness

P-Construction costs are up to date

P-over 40% match, with decent cash match from lakes association

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BIDDER NAME: YCSWCD – Square Pond, Phase 4

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – good experience listed

N – poor performance on current grant projects

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – public beach and boat launch (781 CBI in 2024)

P – IWWH; wild brook trout; vernal pools; rare plants

Water Quality Problem

P – sediment chemistry sensitive to internal loading;

N – no data or trends provided

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – protection plan from 5 yrs ago; identified residential issues as the most prevalent

Feasibility for Success

Q – based on past performance, unsure if what they present is actually achievable

P – the plan is adequate to reduce nutrient input and protect the pond for this phase

Cost Effectiveness

P – high level of match, leveraging work from SPIA and CCSWCD.

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BIDDER NAME: YCSWCD – Square Pond, Phase 4

DATE: 7/3/25

EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – Bidder has experience in 319 grants – includes Program Manager as bookkeeper w 319 management experience

P – Subgrating w engineer for tech support and YCC for installation

N – No letters of support from any project partners

P – Including partnership with Three Rivers Land Trust but very rarely mentioned in proposal

Seems like a strong team but really would have liked to see letters of support to confirm commitments of project partners

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – Public boat launch and public beach

P – Heavily developed – over 400 residences

P – Include habitat data for watershed

P – 781 boats inspected by Courtesy Boat Inspector Team

N – Very limited information on recreational resources with hard data, especially for fishing

N – Note gravel pit and Christmas tree farm in watershed

N – No data on economic/commercial benefits of the resource

Not much specifics included to understand the relative value – would want to see more data specifically backing up what they want to do

Water Quality Problem

P – Data collected since 1983 – good understanding

P – Note that the pond is below modeled sediment chemistry thresholds

N – Hardly anything included on the development impacts, of which you would think there are many with 400 shore properties

Threatened – SDT, P, and ChIA all above averages – low threat for algal blooms
Sediment chemistry is listed as the reasoning but not seeing high P in deep waters

Overall while the pond is below modeled sediment chemistry thresholds which make it susceptible to internal loading there is no indication from monitoring that this is happening so is it getting worse?

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EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – 2019 watershed survey – 128 sites – 73% residential

N – Septic noted as a big potential source

P – Town support YCC group financially so seem to understand and see value in helping the issues

Will need future Phases to fully implement WBPP but seem to understand and focus on the impacts of erosion mainly at residential sites

Feasibility for Success

P – focusing on 8 “public” sites – town roads, boat launches, beaches – would likely succeed

P – Also including 15 residential sites for bugger components

P – Seems to be lots of contributions from partners – Towns contributing (including \$19,200 from Acton in construction match)

P – Lots of interest noted, particularly in residential sites through YCC

N – No letters of support from town which would have helped with installation on so many public sites

Seems like it would be feasible based on town support but no letters included to strengthen submission

Cost Effectiveness

P – Towns committing to significant match, including ~\$20k from Acton

N – No support letters about this

P – YCC committing to significant match

N – No support letter about this

N – Questions on total construction costs. May have more than what is listed.

58% of total project going to grant – 54% of project to construction

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BIDDER NAME: YCSWCD – Square Pond, Phase 4

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Kristin Feindel

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – has relevant experience, financial, administrative & technical qualifications, and facilities

N – direct project staff does not have extensive experience with 319 grant work

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – state boat launch in Acton (and Town-only beach in Shapleigh)

P – cold-water fishery, stocked with landlocked salmon, brook, lake and brown trout

P – used extensively for recreation

Water Quality Problem

N – water quality is average and appears to be stable

P – vulnerable to internal recycling due to sediment chemistry

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P/N – survey (2019) and WBP (2020) – have there been any important new sources of erosion?

P/N – indicates sandy soil and potential contribution of septic systems however not described further

Feasibility for Success

P – many past and recent efforts (phases 1-3, ASYCC projects)

P – many engaged partners (ASWYCC, SPIA, CCSWCD, Towns of Acton & Shapleigh)

P – tasks seem reasonable and doable

P – proposed tasks appear to address the primary pollutants of concern

Cost Effectiveness

N – PCR grant cost seems high (\$1.7K)

P – solid cash match from both Acton (\$3K) and Shapleigh (\$3K)

P – project work and cost estimates are reasonable for the expected outcomes

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BIDDER NAME: YCSWCD – Square Pond, Phase 4

DATE: 07/07/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: Staff has fairly extensive environmental science experience on the order of several decades.

P: Alex B. has experience with 319 grants in the past.

N: Most staff is new to the district.

Q: Did York experience issues with previous 319 projects and was it with the same staff? This is a Phase 2?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: warm water/cold water sport fishery – I'm assuming that it must be restocked due to temp?

P: Parks and public launch with a CBI station, a fair amount of public interest.

P: Has IWWBH area.

Water Quality Problem

P: Three monitoring stations.

P: Vulnerable sediment as measured by MDEP, but no current issues with internal recycling (clear lake, possible that DO levels are preventing excessive release.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: Issues are linked to development, specifically private drives, shorelines, and roads.

P: Sandy soils may also lead to septic impacts.

N: Specific about the development, but not clear on causes (Lawns? Mowing? Impervious?)

Feasibility for Success

N: Specifics are lacking, do site issues fall under regular maintenance?

P: Leans heavily on road infrastructure, only slight focus on buffers or reducing development.

P/N: Much more engaged partners, but no LOC?

Cost Effectiveness

N: Not sure about costs for just the steering committee.

N: No letters of support about match?

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DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – good experience listed

N – poor performance on current grant projects

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P- carry in access; recreational trails

P – habitat value – IWWH, vernal pools; endangered/threatened species of concern both plant and animal

N – no data for economic value offered

Water Quality Problem

P – long term data set

N – data not provided

P – demonstrates understanding of DO/internal P release

N – no data for DO concentrations – would be nice to see trend

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

N – last WS in 2018; Lake plan from 2019

P – completed phase 1 in 2022 – LRs?

N – residence time vs. nutrient load discussion?

Feasibility for Success

Q – based on past performance, unsure if what they present is actually achievable

Q – 2 big sites are on the great works river, 1 residential site is high in the watershed on unnamed stream – are these really going to have a large impact on the lake?

Cost Effectiveness

P – generating a high percentage of match, most of which is volunteer time from the BBLA. Which is good.

P – leveraging SCF funds

N – budget questions – additional BMP site included in task cost, RMG sites not listed in candidate site list?, calculation errors in budget.

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #: 202503047

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

BIDDER NAME: YCSWCD – Bauneg Beg, Phase 2

DATE: 7/3/25

EVALUATOR NAME: John Maleri

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – Bidder has experience in 319 grants – includes Program Manager as bookkeeper w 319 management experience

P/N – Includes conservation tech on project team but limited work with 319 grants

P – Subgrating w engineer for tech support

N – No letters of support from any project partners

Seems like a strong team but really would have liked to see letters of support to confirm commitments of project partners

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N – Not drinking water

N – Only carry in launch

P – Include fishing species data

P – Include habitat data including natural resources present like SVPs and wetlands and endangered threatened and special concern plants

Overall don't include specific data on the economic or commercial value of the waterbody. Also just seemed to be used for swimming, small boating, and fishing but no hard data included to support and contextualize the value

Water Quality Problem

N – Currently meeting water quality standards

N – Include data on “long term averages” but no specifics on what that means or to show any recent trends

P – Note the lake is listed as Most at Risk to New Development

N – Don't seem to include specifics as to why Bauneg Beg is on this list

P – Note P enrichment as main threat – target residential areas private roads and driveways as contributing to this threat

The project includes just top level data on monitoring on the Lake and mention reason for threat but this is not specific to this lake – only general – would want to see more as to why they think there is a problem specific to this lake

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

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P – Notes P enrichment as threat and how this happens

P – Then links with 2018 watershed survey and highest percentage of sites coming from residential/driveways and roads

Q – Several large landowners opted out...how come?

P/N – Note Goodall Brook survey and work done there but don't tie them specifically back to this Lake

Overall a seemingly limited understanding of the specific issues – seem to look just for phosphorus sources for development but don't mention any other options – septic, agriculture, etc. Show us why you know that development is the source.

Feasibility for Success

P – Good project team including City/Town participation

N – Purposes mentions 13 high and medium sites but very unclear via Tasks how they get to 13

- Task 3a – One Road – lots of work happening along the road though – no severity details included
- Task 3b – Cemetery site – no severity details included
- Task 3c – 3 residential sites – one high – 2 medium

P – Includes residential matching grant for 9 residential sites

N – No letters of support

Q – Note Stormwater Comp Fund dollars – have those been approved?

Q – Travel included in Task 6 – Pollutant Load Estimates – why?

Overall difficult to determine feasibility for success with unclear descriptions of the sites and how many projects will take place. Also no letter of support or commitment from Sanford for town sites – would have been very helpful

Cost Effectiveness

N - 60% of project to grant – high percentage

P - Bringing in good match with Stormwater Comp Fund site

N – Couldn't rectify task table amounts and listed budget amounts in Section XI.

Have concerns with costs since project is only bringing 40% match and budget tables in Section XI do not fully align to the budget items listed in the individual task tables

Comprehensive Plan – to be calculated during the eval team meeting

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BIDDER NAME: YCSWCD – Bauneg Beg, Phase 2

DATE: 7/7/25

EVALUATOR NAME: Kristin Feindel

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – has relevant experience, financial, administrative & technical qualifications, and facilities

N – direct project staff does not have extensive experience with 319 grant work

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P/N – carry-in launch that requires a permit (only N. Berwick residents?)

P – public hiking trails border part of lake

Water Quality Problem

N – minimal water quality information

N – water quality appears to be stable

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P/N – survey (2018) and WBP (2019) – have there been any important new sources of erosion?

N – does not address if septic systems may be a source or not

Feasibility for Success

P – many past and recent efforts (phase 1, Goodall Brook projects)

N – several sub-task descriptions in BMP task make it unclear what work will be done

P – tasks seem reasonable and doable

P – proposed tasks appear to address the primary pollutants of concern

Cost Effectiveness

N – PCR grant cost seems high (\$1.7K)

P – leveraged with stormwater comp funds (for Sand Pond Road)

N – BBLA and citizen volunteer time seems unrealistically high (388 + 98 hours = \$15K)

N – no town cash or construction match

P - overall, project work and cost estimates are reasonable for the expected outcomes

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BIDDER NAME: YCSWCD – Bauneg Beg, Phase 2

DATE: 07/03/2025

EVALUATOR NAME: Kirsten Thompson

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: Staff has fairly extensive environmental science experience on the order of several decades.

P: Alex B. has experience with 319 grants in the past.

N: Most staff is new to the district.

Q: Did York experience issues with previous 319 projects and was it with the same staff? This is a Phase 2?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: warm water sport fishery – logical, the lake is rather shallow.

P: Parks and carry-in boat access

Q: A permit is needed for the access, does this mean the launch is private or semi-private?

N: Blue herons aren't endangered.

Water Quality Problem

N: Trends not evident?

N: Not impaired, but listed as threatened due to development.

P: DO depletion could cause P issues in the future.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: Issues are linked to development, specifically private drives, shorelines, and roads.

N: Goodall brook mentioned but few specifics.

N: Soil erosion listed as primary source of P, what about septic?

Feasibility for Success

P: Lake is threatened, so project would reduce soil influx and maintain quality

N: Leans heavily on road infrastructure, only slight focus on buffers or reducing development.

Cost Effectiveness

N: Not sure about costs for just the steering committee.

Q: Is Sand Pond rd site properly priced? Seems like it may be low given current pricing.

N: No letters of support about match?

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Signature

7/2/25

Date



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6/18/25

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Signature *Kirsten Thompson* Date 07/01/2025



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