

State of Maine
RFA / Proposal Master Score Sheet

Instructions: Complete the Master Score Sheet below providing all of the requested information for each bidder that submitted a proposal in response to the RFP. This document is to be included in the Selection Package submitted to the Division of Procurement Services for review/approval.

SCORESHEET FOR RFA#202003056: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation									
PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY:		7 Lakes Alliance Great Pond		7 Lakes Alliance McGrath -Salmon		7 Lakes Alliance North Pond		CASWCD Kennedy Brook	
COST:		Cost:	\$140,250	Cost:	\$94,270	Cost:	\$104,950	Cost:	\$35,974
EVALUATION ITEM	POINTS AVAIL.								
Section I: Qualifications Experience	15	11		11		11		6	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	9		8		6		8	
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	8		7		9		8	
Section IV. Nature Extent Severity NPS	10	9		7		7		2	
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	16		16		16		7	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	20		17		21		5	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	3		5		0		0	
Total	100	76		71		70		36	
PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY:		CCSWCD Trickey Pond		CCSWCD Trout Brook		Cobb. Watershed District – Cobbossee		County of Aroostook Cross Lake	
COST:		Cost:	\$75,811.26	Cost:	\$45,801	Cost:	\$93,847	Cost:	\$149,775
EVALUATION ITEM	POINTS AVAIL.								
Section I. Qualifications Experience	15	14		12		13		10	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8		7		8		8	
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	7		7		5		9	
Section IV. Nature Extent Severity NPS	10	7		5		4		9	
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	15		20		15		18	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	13		19		17		19	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0		5		3		4	
Total	100	64		75		65		77	

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PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY:		Georges Pond Assoc - Georges Pond		Kittery Spruce Creek		Ogunquit Ogunquit River		Tospham - Topsham Fair Mall Stream	
COST:		Cost:	\$84,265	Cost:	\$88,298	Cost:	\$61,990	Cost:	\$153,479.48
EVALUATION ITEM	POINTS AVAIL.								
Section I: Qualifications Experience	15	12		4		7		5	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	5		6		9		3	
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	9		5		7		8	
Section IV. Nature Extent Severity NPS	10	6		5		7		6	
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	19		10		13		13	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	16		6		12		13	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0		5		3		5	
Total	100	67		41		58		53	
PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY:		YCSWCD Kennebunk River							
COST:		Cost:	\$88,248	Cost:	\$	Cost:	\$	Cost:	
EVALUATION ITEM	POINTS AVAIL.								
Section I. Qualifications Experience	15	9							
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	10							
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	7							
Section IV. Nature Extent Severity NPS	10	5							
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	14							
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	15							
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0							
Total	100	60							

From: [Garland, Wendy](#)
To: [Charlie Baeder](#)
Cc: [Beane, Greg E](#)
Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Implementation
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:27:50 PM
Attachments: [7LA Great Pond.pdf](#)

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Congratulations on the conditional award for your application, Great Pond Watershed Restoration Project, Phase I.

Greg Beane will be serving as the project's assigned Agreement Administrator and will contact you soon to discuss/negotiate the final work plan for the contract. Please contact me if you have any questions in the meantime.

Wendy Garland

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To: [Charlie Baeder](#)
Cc: [Beane, Greg E](#)
Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Implementation
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:27:56 PM
Attachments: [7LA McGrath Pond Salmon Lake.pdf](#)

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Congratulations on the conditional award for your application, McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Watershed Protection Project, Phase V.

Greg Beane will be serving as the project's assigned Agreement Administrator and will contact you soon to discuss/negotiate the final work plan for the contract. Please contact me if you have any questions in the meantime.

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To: [Charlie Baeder](#)
Cc: [Beane, Greg E](#)
Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Implementation
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:28:01 PM
Attachments: [7LA North Pond.pdf](#)

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Congratulations on the conditional award for your application, North Pond Watershed Protection Project, Phase III.

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Charlie Baeder
7 Lakes Alliance
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Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918-0250

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RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202003056, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

Dear Charlie:

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NPS Program Coordinator, Bureau of Water Quality

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From: [Garland, Wendy](#)
To: [Randy Martin](#)
Cc: [Hoppe, Kathy M](#)
Subject: Notice Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Implementation
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:28:25 PM
Attachments: [CASWCD Kennedy Brook.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Thank you for submitting an application to Maine DEP's Request for Applications - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Implementation (RFA#202003056). Attached, please find a copy of the 'Notice of Conditional Contract Awards' regarding this RFA.

Although the Kennedy Brook Watershed-Based Management Plan Implementation Project was not selected for funding under this RFA, I encourage you to contact me or Kathy to further discuss your application and possible next steps. DEP looks forward to future work with the District and City of Presque Isle to protect this important resource.

Wendy Garland

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Randy Martin
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Presque Isle, ME 04769

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RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202003056, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

Dear Randy:

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:

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From: [Garland, Wendy](#)
To: [Heather True \(htrue@cumberlandswcd.org\)](mailto:htrue@cumberlandswcd.org)
Cc: [Pratt, Amanda](#)
Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Implementation
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:28:15 PM
Attachments: [CCSWCD Trickey.pdf](#)

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Congratulations on the conditional award for your application, Trickey Pond Watershed Protection Project.

Amanda Pratt will be serving as the project's assigned Agreement Administrator and will contact you soon to discuss/negotiate the final work plan for the contract. Please contact me if you have any questions in the meantime.

Wendy Garland

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From: [Garland, Wendy](#)
To: [Heather True \(htrue@cumberlandswcd.org\)](mailto:htrue@cumberlandswcd.org)
Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Implementation
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:28:20 PM
Attachments: [CCSWCD Trout.pdf](#)

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Congratulations on the conditional award for your application, Trout Brook Watershed Restoration Project, Phase IV.

I will be serving as the project's assigned Agreement Administrator and will contact you soon to discuss/negotiate the final work plan for the contract. Please contact me if you have any questions in the meantime.

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Heather Huntt
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RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202003056, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

Dear Heather:

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NPS Program Coordinator, Bureau of Water Quality

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From: [Garland, Wendy](#)
To: ryan@aroostook.me.us
Cc: [Hoppe, Kathy M](#)
Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Implementation
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:27:41 PM
Attachments: [County of Aroostook Cross Lake.pdf](#)

Notice Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

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Congratulations on the conditional award for your application, Cross Lake Watershed Restoration Project, Phase I.

Kathy Hoppe will be serving as the project's assigned Agreement Administrator and will contact you soon to discuss/negotiate the final work plan for the contract. Please contact me if you have any questions in the meantime.

Wendy Garland

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Dear Ryan:

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From: [Garland, Wendy](#)
To: wmonagle@roadrunner.com
Cc: [Beane, Greg E](#)
Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Implementation
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:27:37 PM
Attachments: [CWD Cobbossee Lake.pdf](#)

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Wendy Garland

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Dear Bill:

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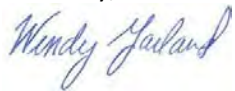
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From: [Garland, Wendy](#)
To: [John Eliasberg](#)
Cc: [Beane, Greg E](#)
Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Implementation
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:27:46 PM
Attachments: [GPA Georges Pond.pdf](#)

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John Eliasburg
Georges Pond Association
P.O. Box 30
Franklin, ME 04634

July 21, 2021

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202003056, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

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From: [Garland, Wendy](#)
To: ["Jessa Kellogg" \(JKellogg@kitteryme.org\)](mailto:JKellogg@kitteryme.org)
Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Implementation
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:28:22 PM
Attachments: [Kittery Spruce Creek.pdf](#)

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Although the Spruce Creek Watershed Restoration Project, Phase VI Project was not selected for funding under this RFA, I encourage you to contact me to further discuss your application and possible next steps. DEP looks forward to further work with the Town of Kittery to protect this important resource.

Wendy Garland

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Jessa Kellogg
Town of Kittery
200 Rogers Road
Kittery, ME 03904

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From: [Garland, Wendy](#)
To: [townmanager](#)
Cc: [Halligan, Addie](#)
Subject: Notice of Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Implementation
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:28:06 PM
Attachments: [Ogunquit Ogunquit River.pdf](#)

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Matthew Buttrick
Town of Ogunquit
23 School Street
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Dear Mr. Buttrick:

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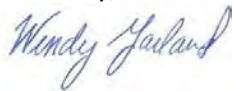
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To: ["Rod Melanson"](#)
Cc: [Feindel, Kristin B](#)
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Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:28:06 PM
Attachments: [Topsham TFM Stream.pdf](#)

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Rod Melanson
Town of Topsham
100 Main Street
Topsham, ME 04086

July 21, 2021

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202003056, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

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Cc: [Halligan, Addie](#)
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Attachments: [YCSWCD Kennebunk River.pdf](#)

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Mindee Goodrum
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RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202003056, Watershed-based Plan Implementation

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RFA #: 202003056

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

BIDDER: 7 Lakes Alliance – Great Pond

DATE: 6/23/21

Instructions: *The purpose of this form is to record all evaluation notes and scoring that is obtained through consensus discussions among the full evaluation team for this Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The RFP Coordinator or Lead Evaluator should complete this form and maintain the only copy. This form should reflect the full team's consensus evaluations, and this form is **not** meant to take the place of individual evaluation notes, which are still required from each member of the evaluation team. A separate form is available for individual evaluation notes. Please submit a copy of this document to the Division of Procurement Services as part of your contract award selection documents.*

DEPARTMENT NAME: Maine DEP

NAME OF RFA COORDINATOR: Wendy Garland

NAMES OF EVALUATORS: Greg Beane (DEP), Wendy Garland (DEP), Addie Halligan (DEP), Amanda Pratt (DEP)

SUMMARY PAGE

Pass/Fail Criteria		
	Pass:	Fail:
◆ Match at least 40%	X	
◆ Eligible recipient	X	
◆ NPS Priority Watershed	X	
Points Awarded:		
Numerical Score:		
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience (Max: 15 Points)	11	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody (Max: 10 Points)	9	
Section III. Water Quality Problem (Max: 10 Points)	8	
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (Max: 10 Points)	9	
Section V. Feasibility for Success (Max: 25 Points)	16	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness (Max: 25 Points)	20	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan (Max: 5 Points)	3	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)	76	

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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

BIDDER: 7 Lakes Alliance – Great Pond

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

Total Points Available: 15 points Score: 11

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience – 7LA has extensive, relevant experience with watershed planning and implementation grant projects. Recently completed Great Pond planning project.
- Financial, administrative – Good financial and admin experience and track record, except that there is past history of delays with deliverables and reporting. Additional person hired, which may help with this issue.
- Technical qualifications – Strong technical skills on staff, although Art’s quals not provided.
- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – Strong quals and ability to carry out the project and within timeframe. Although depending on outcome of RFA, may need to discuss 7LA ability and capacity to carry out so many projects concurrently.
- Past performance on relevant projects – Past relevant projects have gone well although often somewhat delayed or later with deliverables.

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

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

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 9

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Overall, very high value lake and good description. Public boat launch on SW shore. Large, well-known large of regional significance. 866 shoreline homes, 2 private marinas, three summer youth camps, golf course. Extensive recreational uses. Scenic fixture to Belgrade Lakes Village and sweeping views from hiking trails overlooking the watershed. 61 adult loons on lake in 2019. Wetland complex at Great Meadow Stream considered 'Exemplary Natural Community' – fen. Esker complex, bogs, fens, rare plant communities, 18 fish species including coldwater and warmwater species.

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

- Availability (access) of use – High
- Extent of use – High. Regional destination and largest in the Belgrades.

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Not applicable
- Public recreational opportunities – Good recreational opportunities
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits – See above.
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – See above.
- Commercial benefits – Important tourism value to lakes region.
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat -
- Other

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 8

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Impaired due to decreasing trophic state. Decreasing SDT, anoxia expanded but now relatively stable. Very good explanation of water quality problems, supported by recent and comprehensive planning project. Only shortcoming was that sediment chemistry not provided.

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

Not a severe impairment.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 9

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Excellent understanding and description of NPS problem. Good description of NPS sources, including loading breakdown, development pressure, NPS survey results and septic parcels.

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

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 16

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Very likely to be completed successfully as proposed. YCC and LakeSmart tasks have ambitious targets but probably doable.

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

Great Pond impairment is not severe – nearly stable already. Continued work will help restore successfully.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks - Good
- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government
- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – Extensive long term and ongoing efforts in the watershed.
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – Strong local support.
- Other – NPS task needs more summary information and more details needed in LakeSmart and municipal ordinance tasks. Should be Phase V not Phase I? Confirm stream crossing sizing is adequate on candidate site list.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 20

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Reasonable overall cost and very good investment in helping restore an important lake. Large % of grant focused on construction (~80%).

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

Project costs and tasks reasonable, although staff hours seems high (795 hours).

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

Very good – 56% overall match. Very good contributions from 7LA, BLA, Belgrade and Rome. Landowner match is relatively high but not clear how likely.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 3

Evaluation Team Comments:

No points were awarded since none of the watershed towns have consistent comp plans.

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Town(s)	Comp Plan Consistency	% Watershed with Consistent Plan	Points
Belgrade	Yes	55%	3
Oakland	Yes		
Mercer	No		
Rome	No		
Smithfield	No		

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Pass/Fail Criteria		
	Pass:	Fail:
◆ Match at least 40%	X	
◆ Eligible recipient	X	
◆ NPS Priority Watershed	X	
Points Awarded:		
Numerical Score:		
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience (Max: 15 Points)	11	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody (Max: 10 Points)	8	
Section III. Water Quality Problem (Max: 10 Points)	7	
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (Max: 10 Points)	7	
Section V. Feasibility for Success (Max: 25 Points)	16	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness (Max: 25 Points)	17	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan (Max: 5 Points)	5	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)	71	

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

Total Points Available: 15 points **Score:** 11

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience – 7LA has extensive, relevant experience with watershed planning and implementation grant projects. Recently completed Great Pond planning project.

- Financial, administrative – Good financial and admin experience and track record, except that there is past history of delays with deliverables and reporting. Additional person hired, which may help with this issue.

- Technical qualifications – Strong technical skills on staff, although Art’s quals not provided.

- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – Strong quals and ability to carry out the project and within timeframe. Although depending on outcome of RFA, may need to discuss 7LA ability and capacity to carry out so many projects concurrently.

- Past performance on relevant projects – Past relevant projects have gone well although often somewhat delayed or later with deliverables.

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

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

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Overall, moderate value lake. Located in a lakes region and not the most frequented, but value for residents and wildlife/habitat.

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

- Availability (access) of use – Public boat launch on Salmon Lake.
- Extent of use – Town Park with ball fields and carry in boat launch – mostly used by locals. High recreational use.

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Not applicable
- Public recreational opportunities – Good recreational opportunities
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits –
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – McGrath - 15 fish species, both cold and warmwater. Salmon – 14 species of fish including well known smelt fishery in the 1980s. 2016 loon count documented 18 adults and 2 chicks. 2020 count was 2 adults and 1 chick. Several BWH.
- Commercial benefits – Three youth summer camps and 4 commercial camps.
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat -
- Other

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 7

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Good overall description of both ponds. Could have provided details on the blooms in recent years and sediment chemistry (Salmon at risk and some potential for McGrath).

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

Not impaired but Salmon Lake on high threat of impairment in future – on watch list with likely anoxia and internal loading. McGrath is not impaired or as at threatened.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 7

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Good overview and level of detail provided for NPS sources from relatively recent survey. Agricultural sources not mentioned. Could have listed number of residential and road sites.

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

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: ___16___

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Very likely to be completed successfully as proposed.

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

Project will address important NPS sites and carry out important actions to protect the lakes. Not clear if enough watershed work can be done to keep Salmon Lake off impaired list, but good to attempt to protect both.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks – Effective tasks, although more detail needed on LakeSmart and ordinance tasks.
- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government – Good involvement by local partners.
- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – Would build on recent phases, which have been successful.
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – Good local support.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 17

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Good investment to help keep Salmon off impaired list.

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

Reasonable cost for most tasks. However, ordinance task may be too modest to be effective. Also, Task 3 is expensive for unclear # of sites.

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

Strong overall match 48% and 71% project focused on construction.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

No points were awarded since none of the watershed towns have consistent comp plans.

Points = 5 points x % of watershed with consistent comp plan

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Town(s)	Comp Plan Consistency	% Watershed with Consistent Plan	Points
Belgrade	Yes	100%	5
Oakland	Yes		

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◆ Match at least 40%	X	
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◆ NPS Priority Watershed	X	
Points Awarded:		
Numerical Score:		
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience (Max: 15 Points)	11	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody (Max: 10 Points)	6	
Section III. Water Quality Problem (Max: 10 Points)	9	
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (Max: 10 Points)	7	
Section V. Feasibility for Success (Max: 25 Points)	16	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness (Max: 25 Points)	21	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan (Max: 5 Points)	0	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)	70	

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

Total Points Available: 15 points **Score:** 11

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience – 7LA has extensive, relevant experience with watershed planning and implementation grant projects. Recently completed Great Pond planning project.

- Financial, administrative – Good financial and admin experience and track record, except that there is past history of delays with deliverables and reporting. Additional person hired, which may help with this issue.

- Technical qualifications – Strong technical skills on staff, although Art’s quals not provided.

- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – Strong quals and ability to carry out the project and within timeframe. Although depending on outcome of RFA, may need to discuss 7LA ability and capacity to carry out so many projects concurrently.

- Past performance on relevant projects – Past relevant projects have gone well although often somewhat delayed or later with deliverables.

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

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 6

Evaluation Team Comments:

Overall, moderate value lake. Not a regional destination, but value for residents and wildlife/habitat.

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

- Availability (access) of use – Public boat launch at north end although not a high use launch.
- Extent of use – Relatively large lake in Belgrades chain of lakes. Not a regional draw like others in the chain. Pine Tree Camp used much of year.

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Not applicable
- Public recreational opportunities – Good recreational opportunities for residents and boat launch opens up to boating and fishing for general public.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits – Scenic backdrop for Smithfield downtown.
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – Warm water fishery and high value wetland complex.
- Commercial benefits – Important focal point for Smithfield.
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat – Potential for future use if improved WQ.
- Other

Overall, similar to many lakes in Maine. Good overall public value, but not highest tier since it's not a public drinking water supply or regionally significant lake and has only one public access.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 9

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Very good job explaining the problem in detail with lots of data. Internal recycling likely. Only shortcomings: sediment chemistry not provided in application (but both somewhat problematic) and “high levels of TP” – but not provided in text (hard to read in graph).

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

Recent, severe water quality problem with SDT 2.5 meters. Severe blooms in 2018 and 2020 and 2020 fish kill. Will be listed as impaired by DEP in 2022. Very susceptible to problems. Linda Bacon from DEP’s Lakes Unit noted that last year’s bloom was one of worst she’s seen.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 7

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Good understanding of NPS sources from past surveys. This section of application also mentioned other sources associated with downtown,

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

More will be investigated and determined during WBP project, but good description of what is known to date.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: __16__

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Very likely to be completed successfully as proposed.

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

Not clear until the WBP is completed if/how likely to be restored.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks – Yes, but more detail needed on tasks, including LakeSmart and ordinance task and coordination needed with other funded projects since many tasks are the same.
- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government – not clear from application how much buy-in from lake association.
- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – Would build on successful recent implementation phases.
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – Strong local interest in addressing the WQ problems.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 21 _____

Evaluation Team Comments:

- 1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)**
Very good investment in helping address severe WQ problem. 80% of project for construction.

- 2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes**
Very reasonable costs for tasks overall. However, ordinance task underbudgeted if want to be meaningful. YCC is expensive but important in many ways. Are cost estimates to low on some of the candidate sites (e.g., Hummingbird \$7500 but plans to build up road)?

- 3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.**
Strong match and significant cash commitments from all towns.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 0

Evaluation Team Comments:

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Town(s)	Comp Plan Consistency	% Watershed with Consistent Plan	Points
Smithfield	N	0%	0
Rome	N		
Mercer	N		
Norridgework	N		

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Numerical Score:		
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience (Max: 15 Points)	6	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody (Max: 10 Points)	8	
Section III. Water Quality Problem (Max: 10 Points)	8	
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (Max: 10 Points)	2	
Section V. Feasibility for Success (Max: 25 Points)	7	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness (Max: 25 Points)	5	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan (Max: 5 Points)	0	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)	36	

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

Total Points Available: 15 points Score: 6

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience – CASWCD has had some past 319 grant experience but none in recent years or by current staff.

- Financial, administrative – Not clear from application quality if District has adequate financial and administrative capacity.

- Technical qualifications – District has strong technical qualifications related to agriculture, but not clear about experience with streams or other types of BMPs.

- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – Not clear.

- Past performance on relevant projects – No recent relevant projects and some problems with staff turnover in past.

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

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

No qualifications or desired skills provided in application for consultant.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Small stream but important to local community for recreation and fishing. Located in the City's residential area.

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

- Availability (access) of use – Important stream to local community with 2 well used parks on stream.
- Extent of use – Popular fishing pond for kids in park. Well used trails along stream.

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Not applicable
- Public recreational opportunities – Good recreational opportunities in and adjacent to stream.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits – Not mentioned.
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – Fishing mentioned.
- Commercial benefits – NA
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat -
- Other

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 8

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Very good overview and understanding of the WQ conditions and problems through recent WBP project.

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

Impaired due to nutrients (periphyton) and some DO and habitat issues. However, not a severe impairment.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 2

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

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

This section was not submitted with the application, so it is unclear whether applicant understands the NPS problems in the watershed and actions needed to address them. That said, some general information about NPS issues was provided in other sections of the application.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 7

Evaluation Team Comments:

Overall, feasibility was rated as quite low due to the incomplete application.

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

Unclear whether project would be successfully completed since lots of questions and missing information including much of the budget tables. No letters of commitment so unclear how much local support.

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

Not clear that the actions in this application would significantly help with restoration. Rain gardens as presented are extremely large (100,000 square feet impervious to 20,000 square foot rain garden) - not clear if even feasible, especially without engineering support. Also project doesn't include agricultural component.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.

- Effective well-sequenced tasks

- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government

- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts

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

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Overall, very poor cost effectiveness. Much of budget throughout application was incomplete or didn't make sense, so not possible to evaluate cost-effectiveness.

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

Overall grant cost is modest, but not clear what went into the budget.

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

Task 1 Admin budget is \$13,000 is extremely high, but not clear how that was calculated.

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

Some indication that there was local support for the proposed NPS sites and ordinance work, but no clear commitments.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 0

Evaluation Team Comments:

No points were awarded since none of the watershed towns have consistent comp plans.

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Town(s)	Comp Plan Consistency	% Watershed with Consistent Plan	Points
Presque Isle	No	0%	0

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Pass/Fail Criteria		
	Pass:	Fail:
◆ Match at least 40%	X	
◆ Eligible recipient	X	
◆ NPS Priority Watershed	X	
Points Awarded:		
Numerical Score:		
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience (Max: 15 Points)	14	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody (Max: 10 Points)	8	
Section III. Water Quality Problem (Max: 10 Points)	7	
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (Max: 10 Points)	7	
Section V. Feasibility for Success (Max: 25 Points)	15	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness (Max: 25 Points)	13	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan (Max: 5 Points)	0	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)	64	

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

Total Points Available: 15 points **Score:** 14

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience – CCSWCD has extensive, relevant experience with similar watershed implementation grant projects.
- Financial, administrative – Good financial and admin experience and track record.
- Technical qualifications – Project manager and engineer have several years of experience.
- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – Strong quals of full team to carry out the project and within timeframe.
- Past performance on relevant projects – Past relevant projects have gone well.

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

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

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 8

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

- Availability (access) of use – Public boat launch at southern end of lake. 2 campgrounds and summer camp.
- Extent of use – Only 65 shoreline properties but lots of year-round fishing outside of just residents.

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Drains to Sebago Lake (public drinking water supply for 200,000 people) – although small contribution to Sebago.
- Public recreational opportunities – Good recreational opportunities, including fishing since good coldwater fishery.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits – Known as a special pond with very high WQ.
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – Very clear lake with coldwater fishery and vernal pool documented in watershed.
- Commercial benefits –
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat -
- Other

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

Total Points Available: 10 Score: ___7___

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Good explanation of water quality and problems.

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

Threatened lake with some DO loss in late summer. LEA has noted that becoming less clear over time and Chla increasing – only subwatershed in Sebago watershed with this declining trend. Sediment chemistry indicates not a high risk of internal loading.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 7

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Good detailed summary of the recent watershed and shoreline surveys and good overview of the Sebago WBP ranking process. However, unclear if all the shoreline sites are actually problems. Are septic, new development or fertilizer from ball fields a concern?

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

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: __15__

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Likely to be completed successfully as proposed, except for buffer task (1000' buffer).

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

Project will address a relatively large % of NPS sites to help protect the lake.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.

- Effective well-sequenced tasks – Overall okay, but several questions:
 - Road plan is really important for lake protection – good thing to include.
 - Six steering committee meetings seems excessive for the project, especially since just one phase needed.
 - Buffer task is vague and overly optimistic (see above). Needs more detail and deliverable and should make sure to target the biggest issues.
 - Video is relatively expensive, and details not provided to indicate that it would be a good investment or make sure it reaches the target audience. Who is doing the video and what are their goals?
 - Is a final brochure useful if only one phase envisioned?

- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government – Town, PWD, LEA and Lake association involvement. What is LEA's role in the project – unclear?

- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – Lake association recently completed survey, protection plan. LEA has coordinated stormwater compensation projects in the watershed.

- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – Strong lake association support.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 13

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Fairly good investment to protect this high quality lake, but relatively low % for construction (21% grant and 33% overall) and unclear how much overall impact the project will have.

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

Relatively high staff hours (818 hours) and costs for this relatively modest project. \$16,000 match for videos – is this feasible? Promotion task is expensive (\$5700 for 2 articles, 2 press releases and final brochure). Explore shifting some work to LEA to free up funds for construction and residential projects.

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

As noted above, large % match for video production.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 0

Evaluation Team Comments:

No points were awarded since none of the watershed towns have consistent comp plans.

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Naples	No	0%	0

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◆ NPS Priority Watershed	X	
Points Awarded:		
Numerical Score:		
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience (Max: 15 Points)	12	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody (Max: 10 Points)	7	
Section III. Water Quality Problem (Max: 10 Points)	7	
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (Max: 10 Points)	5	
Section V. Feasibility for Success (Max: 25 Points)	20	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness (Max: 25 Points)	19	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan (Max: 5 Points)	5	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)	75	

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

Total Points Available: 15 points Score: 12

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience – CCSWCD has extensive, relevant experience with similar watershed implementation grant projects.
- Financial, administrative – Good financial and admin experience and track record.
- Technical qualifications – Project manager and engineer have several years of experience. However, engineer listed in quals but not in project budget. South Portland is strong project partner but not included in quals.
- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – Strong quals of full team to carry out the project and within timeframe.
- Past performance on relevant projects – Past relevant projects have gone well.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 7

Evaluation Team Comments:

Overall, moderate value lake. Not a regional destination, but value for residents and wildlife/habitat.

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

- Availability (access) of use – Several well-used public parks in watershed and along the stream.
- Extent of use – In heavy residential areas and well used parks and trails. Schools visit stream for trout release every year.

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Not applicable
- Public recreational opportunities – Good recreational opportunities
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits –
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – Brook trout fishery
- Commercial benefits –
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat -
- Other – Overall small stream but important to local community.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 7

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Impaired stream. Good general understanding and overview of streams WQ problems. Could have quantified better and provided additional detail on areas with different WQ issues (e.g., DO problems upper watershed, chloride middle).

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

Impaired stream but not severe impairment and indication that it could be feasible to restore.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

General overview provided but provided little detail on past surveys, sources and source areas.

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

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 20

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Modest scope and very likely to be completed successfully as proposed.

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

Stream not severely impaired and could be restored. Project focuses on important actions to help restore (although note that Hinckley Park project needs more than just plantings to be successful – fencing etc.).

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks – Good targeted work plan with clearly scoped out actions.
- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government – Strong City involvement, but would be good to involve more stakeholders.
- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – Would build on several previous 319 and other efforts to restore stream.
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – Good community interest in and support for project.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 19

Evaluation Team Comments:

- 1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)**
Good investment in restoring the stream. Strong focus on construction (57% of grant) and important sites.
- 2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes**
Reasonable costs for project tasks and outcomes. Question about payroll in match. Is this really donated services?
- 3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.**
Match is just over the 40% required and sources not very diverse (mostly SoPo).

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

No points were awarded since none of the watershed towns have consistent comp plans.

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Town(s)	Comp Plan Consistency	% Watershed with Consistent Plan	Points
Cape Elizabeth	Yes	100%	5
South Portland	Yes		

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◆ Match at least 40%	X	
◆ Eligible recipient	X	
◆ NPS Priority Watershed	X	
Points Awarded:		
Numerical Score:		
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience (Max: 15 Points)	10	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody (Max: 10 Points)	8	
Section III. Water Quality Problem (Max: 10 Points)	9	
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (Max: 10 Points)	9	
Section V. Feasibility for Success (Max: 25 Points)	18	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness (Max: 25 Points)	19	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan (Max: 5 Points)	4	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)		
	77	

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

Total Points Available: 15 points Score: 10

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience – County of Aroostook is fiscal agent and has limited role, but served in same capacity for the current Cross Lake WBP project and has done a good job. Other team members include Friends of Cross Lake with Cheryl St. Peter serving as project manager.
- Financial, administrative – County has good financial and admin experience and track record. FOCL as project manager has strong skills and attention to detail.
- Technical qualifications – Applicant will bring in other partners with tech quals including SWCD to manage ag tasks and engineer to design NPS site.
- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – Strong quals of full team to carry out the project and within timeframe. Good to have this broad support and expertise but could be tricky to manage and may be challenging if there is any staff turnover of key project team.
- Past performance on relevant projects – Limited experience with similar projects, but recent one has gone very well with same project team.

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

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

Will hire consultant to assist with project management and engineer for boat launch design.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Overall, relatively high value lake in the area with high use and numerous values. Good overview provided.

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

- Availability (access) of use – Public boat launch, picnic area and beach.
- Extent of use – Closest lake access to Caribou and surrounding towns. Part of Maine’s largest ice fishing derby (1,800 anglers in 2021).

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Not applicable
- Public recreational opportunities – Good recreational opportunities with recreation in summer and winter. High use for fishing and tournaments.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits –
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – Coldwater fishery (brook trout and LL salmon). Feeds into Square Lake, which is coldwater fishery of statewide significance and outstanding value. Lake chain is Wild Brook Trout Waters. Habitat areas with high value. Several rare and endangered animal and plant species. 10 adult loons in 2020.
- Commercial benefits –
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat -
- Other – Not clear how use/value compares to other nearby lakes.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 9

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Very good summary of the impaired water quality and problem. Would have benefitted by including more information on the frequency of blooms, internal loading and sediment chemistry.

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

Impaired lake and also impaired streams and pond in the watershed. Poor quality since the 1950s with chronic blooms.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 9

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Very good overview of watershed land uses and NPS sources (ag, logging, septic etc.) Summary of survey sites, NWQI assessment loading. 94% external loading estimated. Strong understanding of the NPS problems through the recent WBP project.

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

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: __18__

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Very likely to be completed successfully as proposed.

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

Not clear if the lake can easily be restored, but strong momentum to address.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks – Good tasks in work plan that will address important NPS sources and coordinate with NRCS NWQI to address ag sources. Note that shoreline sources not big NPS contributors but important to address to demonstrate to farmers that lake residents are also doing their part.
- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government – Several key partners involved in the project with letters of commitment included.
- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – Will implement fresh WBP and work alongside NWQI project in the watershed.
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – Strong support in community and from partners.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 19

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Very good investment and will likely result in significant load reductions. High % of project for construction (89%)

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

Project management costs and time relatively high, but all match and this project will likely require lots of coordination. E&O task good value with lots of elements for \$14k.

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

Overall match 47% but from numerous sources and good quality – including \$10k cash from Irving, FOCL \$29k inkind, UMFK \$10k, County \$3300.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 4

Evaluation Team Comments:

No points were awarded since none of the watershed towns have consistent comp plans.

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Town(s)	Comp Plan Consistency	% Watershed with Consistent Plan	Points
Fort Kent	Y	71%	4
Unorganized Territories	Y		
Frenchville	N		
Saint Agatha	N		
New Canada	N		

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◆ NPS Priority Watershed	X	
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Numerical Score:		
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience (Max: 15 Points)	13	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody (Max: 10 Points)	8	
Section III. Water Quality Problem (Max: 10 Points)	5	
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (Max: 10 Points)	4	
Section V. Feasibility for Success (Max: 25 Points)	15	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness (Max: 25 Points)	17	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan (Max: 5 Points)	3	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)	65	

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFA #: 202003056

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

BIDDER: CWD – Cobbossee Lake

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

Total Points Available: 15 points Score: 13

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience – CWD staff has extensive experience with 319 grants, including several projects in the Cobbossee Lake watershed. CWD staff has good depth and stability. What is role of Wendy Dennis and Ryan Burton on the project? – Not clear from work plan.
- Financial, administrative – Good financial and admin experience and track record, although some project and reporting delays.
- Technical qualifications – Staff has good technical quals – although often pulls in Dave Waddell for engineering support.
- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – Strong quals to carry out the project and within timeframe.
- Past performance on relevant projects – Past projects have gone well although often needs extensions into third year to fully complete.

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

FOCW subgrantee to carry out outreach and YCC tasks – good quals.

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

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Overall, moderate value lake. Not a regional destination, but value for residents and wildlife/habitat.

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

- Availability (access) of use – Numerous access points to lake.
- Extent of use – High use lake that is a regional destination. Hub of the Cobbossee Lakes region.

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Backup water supply for Augusta.
- Public recreational opportunities – Very good recreational opportunities, including destination bass fishery.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits –
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – fishery information provided.
- Commercial benefits – Important to local economy.
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat -
- Other

**Could have provided more details to further support the lake's values.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Good general description but could have provided much more detail and more recent data, including on DO and sediment chemistry.

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

Impaired in past but delisted in 2006. Continues to be on the edge with blooms in some years.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 4

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

2014 watershed survey with 80 NPs sites, mostly roads. Didn't include residential sites.

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

Question about whether there is a good handle on the non-road problems in the watershed. Only 80 sites identified in this large watershed. Agriculture mentioned but not included . What about residential and other sites? What is the role of internal loading?

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: __15__

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Likely to be completed successfully, but more detail needed and letters of commitment would be helpful to demonstrate that sites will be completed.

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

Project will help protect lake and prevent blooms.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.

- Effective well-sequenced tasks – Good tasks overall but need to provide more detail on the YCC task and types of sites. Also, clarify Task 3 roles between CWD and FOCW. Could CWD NPS site TA just be moved to Task 4? Some question about candidate NPS sites and YCC sites – ensure eligible and aligns with riprap policy on streams and lakeshore.

- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government – Good role for FOCW on project.

- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – Builds on momentum of current phase.

- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – Not entirely clear from the application.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 17

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Good overall investment in helping protect the lake.

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

Reasonable task costs. Need to check the candidate site list – 16 sites listed that total \$120k, but only \$100k budgeted for 15-20 sites.

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

Match just meets minimum required. Quality of match not that strong, mostly inkind from CWD and FOCW. No commitments from others.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 3

Evaluation Team Comments:

No points were awarded since none of the watershed towns have consistent comp plans.

Points = 5 points x % of watershed with consistent comp plan

Y = Consistent

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Town(s)	Comp Plan Consistency	% Watershed with Consistent Plan	Points
Litchfield	Yes	60%	3
Manchester	Yes		
Winthrop	Yes		
Monmouth	No		
Wales	No		
West Gardiner	No		

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◆ NPS Priority Watershed	X	
Points Awarded:		
Numerical Score:		
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience (Max: 15 Points)	12	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody (Max: 10 Points)	5	
Section III. Water Quality Problem (Max: 10 Points)	9	
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (Max: 10 Points)	6	
Section V. Feasibility for Success (Max: 25 Points)	19	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness (Max: 25 Points)	16	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan (Max: 5 Points)	0	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)		
	67	

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

Total Points Available: 15 points Score: 12

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience – GPA serving as grantee for current Phase I project but not much prior 319 experience. Have successfully developed watershed plan and carried out fundraising and alum treatments.
- Financial, administrative – Good financial and admin experience and track record on current 319 project.
- Technical qualifications – Hiring project manager and road consultant for technical work on project.
- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe –
- Past performance on relevant projects – Current project is going well

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

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

Two consultants would be hired – one for project management support and one for technical support. Good idea to ensure project success and appropriate quals listed.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Overall, moderate value lake. Relatively small lake and not a regional destination, but value for residents and wildlife/habitat.

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

- Availability (access) of use – Small boat launch and beach area.
- Extent of use – Used mainly by residents (145 properties on lake) and locals.

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Not applicable
- Public recreational opportunities – Recreational opportunities similar to most lakes (fishing, swimming, boating etc.)
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits –
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – Warmwater fishery and aquatic plant of special concern. Wetland and wildlife habitat. Average fishery value.
- Commercial benefits –
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat – More potential use if restored.
- Other

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 9

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Good understanding and explanation of WQ problem. Could have mentioned sediment chemistry (high risk of internal loading).

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

Severe water quality problems in recent years. Several blooms in recent years, internal loading. Mean SDT prior to 2012 4.6 m and after 2012 3.1 meters. Locally funded two alum treatments to address internal loading.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 6

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Good overview of NPS sources (erosion, septic etc) but could have provided more details about the types and severity of the survey sites.

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

Blueberry fields mentioned as potential NPS source but not clear/unknown how much contribution. Didn't mention internal vs. external load contributions.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: __19__

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Very likely to be completed successfully as proposed.

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

Very likely that the lake will be restored following alum treatments and watershed work.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks – Good tasks focused on erosion sources and septic. Strong advanced planning for beach site, but some question about importance as NPS site since located at outlet. However, highly visible and Greg/Wendy familiar with site. Would be good for demonstration and outreach. DEP should be involved in final site design to ensure and beef up BMPs. Road sites look very good – important projects.
- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government
- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – Project would be in conjunction with alum treatments and build on Phase I work.
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – Strong community support for restoration efforts.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 16

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Very good investment in helping restore WQ and extending life of alum treatments. Good focus on construction – 53% of grant.

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

Overall reasonable but Task 3 has high contractual cost.

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

Overall match just meets the minimum required. However, contribution of \$12k from Franklin impressive for very small town.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 0

Evaluation Team Comments:

No points were awarded since none of the watershed towns have consistent comp plans.

Points = 5 points x % of watershed with consistent comp plan

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Town(s)	Comp Plan Consistency	% Watershed with Consistent Plan	Points
Franklin	No	0%	0

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Section III. Water Quality Problem (Max: 10 Points)	5	
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (Max: 10 Points)	5	
Section V. Feasibility for Success (Max: 25 Points)	10	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness (Max: 25 Points)	6	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan (Max: 5 Points)	5	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)		
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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I
Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

Total Points Available: 15 points Score: 4

Evaluation Team Comments:

*Applicant qualifications were not provided in the application so limited points awarded, except for staff knowledge provided below.

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience – Town has been grantee for several past 319 projects.
- Financial, administrative – Town has good financial and admin quals and experience.
- Technical qualifications –
- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe –
- Past performance on relevant projects – Past relevant projects have gone fairly well

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

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

Consultant would be hired but no desired quals provided.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 6

Evaluation Team Comments:

Overall good waterbody value, but limited details provided in the application. Seems to be highly value by local residents.

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

- Availability (access) of use – “Many parks, boat launches and residential homes” How many?
- Extent of use – Boating, kayaking, fishing but not clear how much use. Mostly by residents or also by visitors?

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Not applicable
- Public recreational opportunities – Some recreational opportunities
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits – “Iconic vista” from highway and Route 1
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – Some habitat and wildlife information provided.
- Commercial benefits – Potential for future shellfish value.
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat -
- Other

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Stream is impaired for bacteria. Monitoring has identified hotspots and issues in upper estuary. More detail needed about bacteria numbers - how severe is the impairment? Did not mention the recent concerns about macroalgae blooms. Also, NPS source information provided in this section of application and should be moved to following section.

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

Impaired but lacks details to put the severity in context. Reviewers found the reference to the PICOTT confusing. Could have used a clearer summary and perhaps a map.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Application lists many different NPS sources (urban runoff, septics, ag, pet waste). However, lacks detail on past surveys and sites identified.

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

Challenging with bacteria impairments, but not clear if there is a good understanding about relative contributions from different NPS sources.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: __ 10__

Evaluation Team Comments:

Overall, good to focus on septic and pet waste and would continue momentum of previous phases. However, NPS sites would not be bacteria sources and overall project would likely not have .

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

Not clear whether the NPS sites proposed would be completed. Not clear if there would be landowner interest in the septic task. Town would likely be able to carry out other tasks successfully.

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

Proposed work would provide limited benefit to support restoration.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody. – Not clear what actions are needed to restore. Maybe need to step back and develop a new WBP to study the bacteria and nutrient issues and identify important NPS sources and actions.
- Effective well-sequenced tasks – Task 5 is not clearly described and confusing framed as stormwater retrofit focus but candidate sites include erosion control and small buffer sites. Do any target bacteria sources? Monitoring task is very high ~ 1/4 of grant cost and 1/3 of match – but not clear if eligible and how valuable. Suggest removing from the project altogether so resources could be used to bracket sources and focus future work. Task 7 should be part of Admin task, not separate task. Already held 9 septic socials – is there interest and value in more?
- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government – Good town involvement but citizen role limited.
- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – Several previous phases so would continue momentum.
- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – Good local interest in restoration, but not clear how much current active involvement.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 6

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

A few worthwhile aspects (e.g. septic task), but overall, ET felt project was not a good investment. Construction less than 37% of grant and doesn't target important sites or sources. Also, septic inspections should not be listed as construction.

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

Costs for NPS sites not well scoped (e.g., Wilson Road – install 50' buffer for total cost of \$12,750). StoryMap and signs (\$4836) and Final Project Report (\$2760) relatively expensive. Task 1 expensive if add in cost of Task 7 FPR. Monitoring task cost not reasonable given the level of detail provided and likely value –effectiveness monitoring not currently warranted until more bacteria sources addressed. Does it make sense to have a QR code on watershed signs (usually not in walable areas).

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

Part 3 match not completed correctly. Town cash match of \$20k very good, but for monitoring. Would be better if could be used for other purposes.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

No points were awarded since none of the watershed towns have consistent comp plans.

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Town(s)	Comp Plan Consistency	% Watershed with Consistent Plan	Points
Kittery	Yes	100%	5

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	58	

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BIDDER: Ogunquit – Ogunquit River

DATE: 6/23/21

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

Total Points Available: 15 points Score: 7

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience – Town has experience with 319 projects – three past phases. Plan to hire consultant as project manager.

- Financial, administrative – Good financial and admin experience and track record, but challenging to communicate and get timely responses – likely due to turnover. Currently interim town manager does not have 319 experience.

- Technical qualifications – Consultant would provide technical quals for project.

- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – Modest project and should be able to be completed in timeframe.

- Past performance on relevant projects – Past relevant projects have gone well although current project is behind schedule,

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

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

Would hire a consultant as project manager and should make sure the one selected has strong desired qualifications – project management, monitoring and BMP experience.

*Several partners listed on team, but limited direct involvement in past projects.

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BIDDER: Ogunquit – Ogunquit River

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Very high resource value and very good summary.

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

- Availability (access) of use – Very popular public beach at river outlet.
- Extent of use – Extremely high summer use – 1 million visitors per year.

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Not applicable
- Public recreational opportunities – High recreational value – swimming, boating, fishing
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits – Scenic
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – softshell clams mentioned, but could have elaborated
- Commercial benefits – Important to local and regional tourism and economy.
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat -
- Other

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 7

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Good summary of 2019 and 2020 hotspot data. Could have provided more details on beach advisories.

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

Impaired for bacteria and monitored since 2012. MHB said more frequent advisories than any other beach with 11 days in 2019.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 7

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Mentioned canine detection and eDNA work that has identified human and pet waste sources. 2013 survey identified 25 sites focused on bacteria.

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

Fairly good understanding of sources and actions needed, despite challenges with bacteria. Monitoring indicates sources are both human and pet waste with Leavitt Stream hotspot. Also seagull source at main beach.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: __ 13__

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Modest project scope with similar focus in previous phases, so likely to be completed successfully as proposed. Engineering already completed.

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

Challenging to restore and severe impairment but projects have been able to target likely bacteria sources.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.

- Effective well-sequenced tasks – Several effective tasks although monitoring would probably not be meaningful. Unclear why outreach plan needed – included in current phase and whether it would be valuable. Monitoring task lacks detail to evaluate usefulness. If parking lot site falls through, other candidate sites do not appear to be important to restoration/addressing bacteria sources.

- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government – Several partners listed but limited involvement. May change with new local group focused on the river. Would be good to involve and include in outreach and monitoring.

- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – Would build on previous phases and other local efforts.

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

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 12

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Some project elements very good investment (parking lot BMP) and others not (monitoring). If parking lot site viable project, good overall investment (66% of grant) in helping address bacteria at important coastal resource.

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

Task 1 Admin cost very high given that this is a modest project. Monitoring cost likely high but need more details about number of sites and frequency of sampling etc. High E&O task cost.

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

Town cash match very good but mostly for monitoring.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 3

Evaluation Team Comments:

No points were awarded since none of the watershed towns have consistent comp plans.

Points = 5 points x % of watershed with consistent comp plan

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Town(s)	Comp Plan Consistency	% Watershed with Consistent Plan	Points
Wells	Y	63%	3
South Berwick	N		
Ogunquit	N		
York	N		

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

BIDDER: Topsham – Topsham Fair Mall Stream

DATE: 6/23/21

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NAME OF RFA COORDINATOR: Wendy Garland

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Pass/Fail Criteria		
	Pass:	Fail:
◆ Match at least 40%	X	
◆ Eligible recipient	X	
◆ NPS Priority Watershed	X	
Points Awarded:		
Numerical Score:		
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience (Max: 15 Points)	5	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody (Max: 10 Points)	3	
Section III. Water Quality Problem (Max: 10 Points)	8	
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (Max: 10 Points)	6	
Section V. Feasibility for Success (Max: 25 Points)	13	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness (Max: 25 Points)	13	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan (Max: 5 Points)	5	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)		
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BIDDER: Topsham – Topsham Fair Mall Stream

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

Total Points Available: 15 points **Score:** 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

This section was not provided in the application, so limited points awarded. However, comments below based on ET knowledge of applicant and team.

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience – Town has experience with several past 319 grant projects.
- Financial, administrative – Good financial and admin experience and track record.
- Technical qualifications – Would hire consultants for technical role.
- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – Has been strong team on past projects and completed in timeframes laid out.
- Past performance on relevant projects – Past relevant projects have gone well.

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

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

Application indicates consultants would be hired to support project and quals described in budget footnote.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 3

Evaluation Team Comments:

Overall, very small stream that is not currently used by public.

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

- Availability (access) of use – Limited to road crossings.
- Extent of use – Little to none.

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – Not applicable
- Public recreational opportunities – Walking trail potential.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits –
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – Main value is coldwater resource for fish refuge, especially now that barrier was removed.
- Commercial benefits –
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat – Some potential for future use and trails in this high use commercial area.
- Other

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 8

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Work plan presents a good overview of the water quality and problems. Chloride is major issue. Could have explained issues beyond chloride – habitat, nutrients, toxics stressors?

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

Impaired with very high chloride levels. Good understanding of WQ issues.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 6

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Provided good overview of the several assessments conducted through the WBP project. Could have provide more detail on the specific findings of each. Groundwater contamination and snow dump mentioned but in different section.

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

Solid understanding.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: __13__

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Some questions but fairly likely to be completed successfully as proposed. Some retrofit sites already reviewed and discussed with DEP, but not clear if landowner buy-in.

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

Challenging to address chloride but good focus on this main stressor.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.

- Effective well-sequenced tasks – Salt reduction task is important and very good thing to do in the watershed, but needs more details. How likely is it that the snow dump will be sold and developed in the near future? Task 5 needs to be fleshed out further.

- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government – Good involvement and participation by town with continued innovations and creative approaches.

- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – Builds on previous phases and town efforts to restore stream.

- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – Town support but not clear if there is any interest in community.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

Total Points Available: 25

Score: 13

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Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Good investment with important actions focused on restoration. Over half of grant for construction.

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

Overall tasks costs reasonable. Need more detail on salt task (number of businesses, outcome). Task 6 TA cost high.

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

Strong town match for staff time and construction. Match relies quite a bit no questionable/not firm sources. Are businesses going to be interested in retrofits and salt program and willing to contribute? (Are there really 400 businesses in the watershed?)_

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

No points were awarded since none of the watershed towns have consistent comp plans.

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Town(s)	Comp Plan Consistency	% Watershed with Consistent Plan	Points
Topsham	Y	100%	5

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BIDDER: YCSWCD – Kennebunk River

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◆ NPS Priority Watershed	X	
Points Awarded:		
Numerical Score:		
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience (Max: 15 Points)	9	
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody (Max: 10 Points)	10	
Section III. Water Quality Problem (Max: 10 Points)	7	
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems (Max: 10 Points)	5	
Section V. Feasibility for Success (Max: 25 Points)	14	
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness (Max: 25 Points)	15	
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan (Max: 5 Points)	0	
TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)	60	

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BIDDER: YCSWCD – Kennebunk River

DATE: 6/23/21

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

Total Points Available: 15 points Score: 9

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience – YCSWCD has extensive, relevant experience with watershed planning and implementation grant projects. Grantee for the Kennebunk River WBP project. Mindee is currently overseeing 9 active grants and doing a good job.

- Financial, administrative – Good financial and admin experience and track record.

- Technical qualifications – Does YCSWCD have ag BMP experience?

- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe – Good quals of full team to carry out the project and within timeframe. Some concern about issues if staff turnover at District.

- Past performance on relevant projects – Past relevant projects have gone well although often somewhat delayed or later with deliverables.

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

Wells Reserve has good experience and quals but limited role – updating StoryMap. Would be good to build into other aspects of project, but could probably step in and assist with project management if needed.

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

Consultant to be hired for ag assistance, but no quals listed.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 10

Evaluation Team Comments:

Very high value resource and excellent description of many values.

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

- Availability (access) of use – 2 popular public coastal beaches at the mouth of the river.
- Extent of use – Tidal portion popular for swimming, boating, fishing.

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply – 25% of the drinking water for Kennebunks from wells in the watershed.
- Public recreational opportunities – Very good recreational opportunities
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits – Yes
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits – Very good descriptions of plant/animals/habitat values in watershed.
- Commercial benefits – Important to local and regional economy – marinas, restaurants, hotels etc.
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat -
- Other

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 7 _____

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Overall, good understanding from recent WBP and explained well.

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

Impaired for bacteria in mainstem and Duck Brook. Monitored by Wells Reserve since 2007 and MHB for several years. Good data from both VRMP, DEP and MHB as well as circulation study that showed river as source of beach problems. Could have provided more details about the severity of the impairment and highlighted more from WBP.

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

Total Points Available: 10 Score: 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Well-studied river with good overview of NPS issues. Application provided list of studies but not the relevant findings of each. Could have provided more details about NPS problems and locations within watershed. Also, could have provided details on 2011 study, bacteria modeling and synthesized WBP conclusions, especially about which sources most important (i.e., ag sources).

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

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: __14__

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Likely to be completed successfully as proposed especially given momentum and involvement from recent WBP. Not clear if there is interest or buy-in from watershed farms, but given number of farms should be able to find good sites.

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

Not clear how feasible to restore.

3. Consideration

- Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.

- Effective well-sequenced tasks – Good tasks overall that will target important stressors in watershed (e.g., ag sites and golf course site). However, would be good to focus ordinance task so it is tied to addressing impairment. Also, road NPS sites do not appear to be tied to impairment – look for replacement sites. Ag task could be fleshed out further (matching grants for TA??) and unclear about YCSWCD/NRCS/consultant roles.

- Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government – Good stakeholder interest and involvement.

- Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts – Will build on extensive monitoring and recent WBP project.

- Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody. – Strong local interest in restoration.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

Total Points Available: 25 Score: 15

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Overall good investment in restoration with strong focus on addressing important NPS/ag sources (65% construction).

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

Costs associated with tasks are reasonable. However, high cost and hours for Storymap update (40 hours), could be better to use Wells Reserve time elsewhere.

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

Match just met the 40% match requirement, but good contributions from several partners.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 0

Evaluation Team Comments:

No points were awarded since none of the watershed towns have consistent comp plans.

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Town(s)	Comp Plan Consistency	% Watershed with Consistent Plan	Points
Kennebunkport	Y	6%	0
Alfred	N		
Arundel	N		
Kennebunk	N		
Lyman	N		

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUTION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: CWD – Cobbossee Lake

DATE: 6/11/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Wendy Garland

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Type or write down notes on under the scoring criteria below: P=positive, N=negative, Q=question O=other

Applicant Qualifications and Experience – Very Good

- P CWD has managed many 319 grants over many years, including several phases on Cobbossee Lake. Strong technical quals and experience within the organization. Subgrant with FOCW – good for YCC and outreach roles. Strong team assembled.

Relative Value of the Waterbody – Very Good

- P Backup water supply for Augusta, 2 public launches. Extensive recreational use. Regional destination for tourists and fishing.
Q Could have provided more information about habitat and wildlife value and quantification of use (# landowners on lake, visitors etc.)

Water Quality Problem – Good

- P Previously listed as impaired but delisted in 2006. Still considered on the edge with algae blooms in recent years including 2009 and 2013.
Q/N Could have provided more recent data (since 2018), including DO and sed chemistry.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – Good

- P Included overview of watershed land uses and sources.
Q/N 2014 survey sites described the 80 sites, but not full watershed survey, mostly roads. Question about completeness and what other NPS sites are in the watershed.

Feasibility for Success – Good

- P Overall, likely to be completed successfully given strong momentum and success of recent and current phase. Several sites appear to be strong and will result in good load reductions to help keep lake off impaired list.
Q/N No commitments provided for the NPS sites and some sites may not be eligible (stream riprap).

Cost Effectiveness – Good

- P Project costs appear reasonable overall and good investment with 60% of grant for construction.
N Only 40.5% match and would be good to have more match sources than landowners, FOCW and CWD (although CWD match comes from town funding).

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RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: County of Aroostook – Cross Lake

DATE: 6/16/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Wendy Garland

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience – Good

- P Very good description of the quals and experience of the applicant and full project team, which includes FOCL Cheryl and Kirk St. Peter, SWCD, NRCS and consultants. Good work on recent 604b grant project. County has the administrative and financial capacity. Cheryl St. Peter has been effective project manager. Good to hire engineering consultant since the team doesn't have that expertise.
N/Q Unknown performance with 319 implementation projects. Unclear what would happen if St. Peters couldn't serve as project manager and support role. Unclear if District has depth and commitment if there's staff turnover.

Relative Value of the Waterbody – Very Good/Good

- P Public boat launch, picnic area and beach. Recreation in summer and winter. Closest lake access to Caribou and surrounding towns. Part of Maine's largest ice fishing derby (1,800 angles in 2021). Coldwater fishery (brook trout and LL salmon). Feeds into Square Lake, which is coldwater fishery of statewide significance and outstanding value. Lake chain is Wild Brook Trout Waters. Habitat areas with high value. Several rare and endangered animal and plant species. 10 adult loons in 2020. Very good description of values.
Q Part of Fish River chain of lakes, and more important to lake residents than regional destination??

Water Quality Problem – Good

- P Impaired due to declining trophic state and algae blooms. Poor quality since at least the 1950s. Daigle and Dickey Brooks also impaired due to nutrient enrichment. Mean SDT 2.7 meters with chronic blooms. Anoxia occurs by mid-July through August.
Q Good overview of water quality, but questions about frequency of blooms, data on cyanobacteria and sediment chemistry.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – Very Good

- P Very good handle on the lake's NPS problems. 2019 survey identified 154 NPS sites on developed land and forestland. Mainly shoreline erosion sites (109 of 121 residential sites). One boat launch, 10 town road sites, 20 private road sites and 2 driveway sites. 36% high impact, 43% med and 21% low impact. Fort Kent NRCS and UMFK drone ag survey in 2019. 2020 survey update on roads and some residential – updated tracker. 2019 NWQI assessment identified cropland loading targets as 1225-2000 lb P over 10 years. Identified critical source areas associated with potato crop with two-year rotation (potato/small grain) that results in bare soil 75%

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EVALUATOR NAME: Wendy Garland

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of the time. Septics – 83 parcels with high risk of short circuiting. WBP load model – 77% of load from agriculture (63% cropland).

- **Q** What is the contribution attributed to internal loading?

Feasibility for Success – Good

- Tasks – 4 SC mtgs, NPS sites (15 shoreline and town road; boat launch design), Cover Crop/Crop Rotation on 850 acres, E&O (2 press releases, 16 LakeSmart evals, LakeSmart workshop, FOCL presentations, 4 Selectboard meetings, one field day event and one soil health workshop, welcome packet)
- **P** Good momentum along with NWQI, LakeSmart and WBP projects. Project is very likely to be successfully completed, given track record and players involved. Will help build momentum for ag work and show that non-ag players have 'skin in the game'. Ag task will provide good load reduction.
- **N** Project will tackle identified NPS sources, but residential and road sites probably not significant issues compared to ag ones. Not clear whether lake can easily be restored.
- **Q** NRCS role limited to NWQI? No TA or SC roles?
- **O** Concern about designs for shoreline sites and reliance on riprap vs. nature-based solutions. Should require DEP review and appropriate solutions. Also, perhaps lower cost sharing for alternative approaches??

Cost Effectiveness – Good

- **P** Very good match with diverse, high quality and commitments (NRCS NWQI ongoing work in watershed \$1.2 million, County \$3317 in-kind, FOCL \$29k in-kind, Irving \$10k cash match, Fort Kent \$10,600, SWCD \$3k match, E&O task good value – lots of activity for \$14k total. Overall match high ~47.5%. Excellent value to have Cheryl donate so much time to the project. Most of grant for construction – 89%.
- **N** Cost of Task 3 - NPS Projects high \$76k given that it will only address ~6 pounds phosphorus. 10k for engineering design at boat launch. \$17,475 seems very high for engineering costs for 15 shoreline and 1 town road site. Also design not typically covered unless construction in the same phase.
- **Q** Irving letter states \$10k in support of technical assistance. Make sure they are clear that it is cash match for hiring engineer – as stated in application.

Kathy Hoppe Comments:

- As one would expect from Cheryl (and Jen) – the project is on target. It is basically 2 projects – the 'usual' camp issues and then ag. You and I helped with the ag task.
- Only caution is all the shoreline work. I would like to see DEP get to review ALL designs and be involved maybe even with early meeting with TA engineer.
- The plan includes hiring TA/engineers recognizing FOCL doesn't have that skill which is good.
- Its cool they were able to get 10K from Irving to help with BMPs (they do own the roads but the projects aren't on the camp roads)
- Question – can we pay for design in Phase 1 for a Phase II implementation ?

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Georges Pond Association – Georges Pond

DATE: 6/17/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Wendy Garland

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience – Good

- P GPA currently grantee for the Phase I project. Strong leadership and good capacity overseeing the project. Very responsible, involved and on top of the current project based on my observations. Hiring consultants for project management, tech assistance and road plans. Good idea since GPA would not have those skills.
Q Ask Greg about his observations.

Relative Value of the Waterbody – Good

- P Public boat launch and beach. 145 shorefront properties. Used for swimming, fishing, boating. Warmwater fishery. Aquatic plant of special concern. Wetland and wildlife habitat. Overall, average for Maine lake.

Water Quality Problem – Very Good

- P Severe algal blooms since 2012 and internal recycling. Not currently listed as impaired, but DEP planned to list due to blooms. Unclear about listing due to recent alum treatments. Very good explanation and understanding of water quality before and after alum treatments. Also, unfavorable sediment chemistry.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – Good

- P Several assessments in recent years to identify and characterize NPS sources. 2013 survey identified 53 NPS sites. 11 sites identified in 2018 culvert and shoreline survey. 102 properties with high risk soils for septic short-circuiting.
N/Q Did not describe the types and severity of NPS sites from the different assessments. Did not provide the loading from internal vs. watershed sources. Also, still question about blueberry field sources.

Feasibility for Success – Very Good

- Tasks – 4 SC mtgs, Residential (2 steep shoreline sites, 8 residential projects), Private Road (3 NPS sites, TA reports), Town Beach sites, Septics (5 TA visits, 3 septic socials), E&O (2 PGA presentations, final brochure, 3 residential TA visits, public beach signage)
P Good momentum in the watershed and strong commitment to ongoing work through LakeSmart, Phase I project, and self-funded alum treatments. Appears like it will be feasible to complete tasks, especially with letters of commitment from road projects and well-scoped out projects from existing road plans.

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- **P** Very good likelihood of restoration and bloom prevention given work above and further watershed work will extend longevity of the alum treatment. Road sites look like significant NPS sources and will be good to address.
- **Q** Not sure if landowners will sign up for septic inspections, but only 5 planned so modest effort.

Cost Effectiveness – Good

- **P** Strong match commitments from varied sources. Project tasks look reasonable. Over half of grant for construction. Project tasks are important – Good to make progress on septics issue.
- **N** Overall match just 40%.
- **Q** Will community still be engaged now that blooms have abated?
- **N/O** Make sure that town beach match all relates to water quality BMPs, not other improvements.

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience – Very Good/Good

- **P** 7LA has good technical, project management and administrative quals and extensive experience with 319 grants. Projects are successfully completed. Hired new full time and experience staff person, Art Grindle, to support 319 projects.
- **N** Applying for several 319 grants and would have a few ongoing projects. Does 7LA have the capacity to carry out successfully? Problems with submitting deliverables in the past, but with some followup, has improved over past year.
- **Q** Need for discussion about plan if staff turnover or overcommitted. Identify consultant or KCSWCD support roles?

Relative Value of the Waterbody – Very Good

- **P** Very good value and description. Public boat launch on SW shore. Large, well-known large of regional significance. 866 shoreline homes, 2 private marinas, three summer youth camps, golf course. Extensive recreational uses. Scenic fixture to Belgrade Lakes Village and sweeping views from hiking trails overlooking the watershed. 61 adult loons on lake in 2019. Wetland complex at Great Meadow Stream considered ‘Exemplary Natural Community’ – fen. Esker complex, bogs, fens, rare plant communities, 18 fish species including coldwater and warmwater species.
- **O** Last paragraph of section doesn’t belong in work plan.

Water Quality Problem – Very Good/Good

- **P** Impaired due to decreasing trend. Also DO loss and increasing Gleoeotrichia in past decade. SDT declining trend over long term and short term (50 and 10 years). Extent of anoxia expanded significantly over past 30 years, but appears to be stable. If expands could be major problem with internal loading. Graphs in appendix showing trends.
- **N** Not significant impairment. Some analysis shows stable SDT trend now.
- **O** Table 3a. incorrect. Listing cause in 2016 IR is SDT and TP.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – Very Good

- **P** 2021 WBP modeling showed 72% watershed load, 12% atmospheric load, 3% waterfowl, 3% septics and 10% internal load (sediment chemistry favorable to internal loading). 561 parcels with high risk soils for septics. 2018 watershed survey identified 237 sites (25 high impact. 147 residential, 20 driveway, 15 private roads, 9 state and town roads, 10 commercial, 11 beach/boat launch sites). Excellent understanding of sources and comprehensive description.

Feasibility for Success – Very Good/Good

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- Tasks – 3 SC mtgs, Road BMP (11 sites), Residential BMP (32 YCC sites), LakeSmart (50 evals), E&O (2 articles, 2 press releases, Buffer Campaign, 2 road workshops), Municipal Ordinances (4 mtgs)
- **P** Strong local momentum and commitments. Extensive past and ongoing work in watershed (4 319 projects since 2009, 145 LakeSmart awards since 2004, 1806 acres (9% of watershed in) in land protection). Likely to be completed as laid out.
- **N/Q/O** Several tasks need more detail. Would be good to add more detail to Task 4 Residential/YCC. Types of sites and description of YCC. Need more detail about the LakeSmart task – summary of awards, work completed deliverable? Need more detail on the Buffer Campaign – what will it entail/deliverables? Municipal outreach – need more detail and overlap with other 7LA projects. Need to coordinate and clarify to ensure no duplication of match and efforts.
- **N/Q** NPS Sites – Crystal Spring Ln appears to be mostly addition of bluestone gravel. Ensure eligible and not just maintenance. Ensure stream crossings adequately sized.

Cost Effectiveness – Very Good

- **P** Very good sources, quality and commitments of match (\$36k 7LA, \$2k inkind BLA, Belgrade \$7500, Rome \$20k). 56% overall match. Large % of project for construction (>80%). Good investment in helping leverage local funding to help restore lake that is just on the edge.
- **N/Q** – Not sure about value of the ordinance task (very little funding). Need to coordinate with other projects on same efforts in the Belgrades.

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BIDDER NAME: YCSWCD – Kennebunk River

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience – Good

- P District has extensive experience with 319 projects and served as grantee for the recent Kennebunk River WBP project. Project Manager is relatively new but is doing a good job running numerous concurrent projects. Program Manager provides administrative support. Project team also includes Wells Reserve, which provides depth and continuity with planning project.
• N/Q Very limited role for Wells Reserve. Not clear whether District staff has experience with ag BMPs.

Relative Value of the Waterbody – Very Good

- P River outlets at Gooch's Beach and Colony Beach. Eastern Trail crosses in several places. Several land trust preserves with river access. Extensive scenic, recreational, commercial/tourist values in tidal portion of the river, including 13 marinas, 300 slips and 360' of dock space. Striped bass fishing popular. Gooch's Beach popular for recreation. Several species and habitats of value in the watershed. Public water supply wells in watershed provide 25% of water supply for the Kennebunks.

Water Quality Problem – Good

- P Impaired for bacteria in tidal and freshwater portions of the river. Mixed results for biomonitoring but currently attains. Wells Reserve monitoring sites show increasing bacteria across all sampling stations since 2009. MHB monitoring since 2003 with 118 beach advisory days, 4 rainfall advisory days and 4 closures. Colony Beach had 30 rainfall advisories and 78 contamination advisories since 2004. Circulation study indicated river is likely source of pollution for beach.
• N Application does not provide any numbers to put the severity of the bacteria impairment in context. DO issues and nutrient enrichment is not mentioned. Would be good to include the catchments with greatest problems.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – Fair/Good

- P Past studies indicate septic, stormwater, boats, seaweed, waterfowl and pet waste sources of bacteria. OB study showed about 1/2 sites with elevated OB and bacteria (but didn't indicate whether these are septic sources). Sanitary survey identified 16 properties for followup. TMDL indicated septic, agricultural issues.
• N Application provided extensive list and general overview of findings of each. However, they did not provide a synthesis from the recent WBP of the most important issues. Not clear if there is a good understanding of the issues and sources throughout the watershed.

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Feasibility for Success – Fair/Good

- Tasks – 4 SC meetings, NPS Sites (1 town road, 1 municipal property, 1 golf course), Ag (6 TA, BMP cost sharing on 1-3 farms), E&O (2 press releases, one buffer workshop, Storymap, golf course signs, cleanup), Kennebunk ordinance development
- **P** Good momentum from WBP that had strong involvement from towns and partners. Includes good focus on farms and golf course site good idea.
- **N** Town road and municipal site do not appear to be important NPS issues – mainly sediment??
- **Q** Matching grants for TA visits? Not sure how that would work or if farmers would be willing to pay. Not clear if any farms have expressed interest in TA or BMPs. What is NRCS and SWCD role with ag tasks? Would be good to involve NRCS – not sure if SWCD has experience with these BMPs.

Cost Effectiveness – Good

- **P** High % of grant for construction on important areas. Costs associated with tasks appear to be reasonable. Good investment in efforts to restore a regionally important waterbody.
- **N** High cost and hours for Storymap update (40 hours). Overall project just over the required 40% match.

Kristin's comments:

Here are some comments from my quick review of the tasks for the Kennebunk work plan:

- Would be good to include more outreach in task 4 to follow-up in the mailing to farmers. Likely may need some person-to-person outreach to get sign-up for the grants.
- May be useful to split Task 4 into two tasks – one for TA and one for TA with construction, to allow for easier tracking of funds and show importance of both tasks.
- Candidate sites – make sure Site 1-15 isn't just maintenance; I believe site 1-19 is the location of the USGS stream gage station, so be sure to work with them regarding use of site.

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience – Good/Fair

- **P** District has experience as DEP grantee in the past, but none in the past five+ years. Randy Martin started as Director in 2019 and has carried out grant projects and collaborated with DEP grants and monitoring in the past few years. Randy has strong ag experience and local connections.
- **Q/N** Not clear how project would fare if staff turnover, given past staffing issues and small organization. Application did not include the Watershed Plan progress tracking table, application typos and instructions not followed fully. Does District have administrative and financial capacity? Budget info

Relative Value of the Waterbody – Good

- **P** Public use and access at Mantle Lake Park, which abuts the City's largest residential neighbor. Mantle Lake is 4-acre pond surrounded by walking trails and youth fishing access. Miles of public trails along the stream. Riverside Park is located along the stream and river and has footbridges across and fishing spot. Stream important to the local community for fishing. Popular fishing spot next to the school. Overall, small stream but important and well used by community.

Water Quality Problem – Very Good/Good

- **P** Impaired due to periphyton (nutrients from ag and urban runoff). First listed in 2012. Elevated nitrogen and phosphorus in 2014 SWAT report. DEP continuous monitoring indicates DO regularly fall below Class B criteria during baseflow conditions, driven more by temp than nutrients. Kennedy stations has significant diurnal DO swings, indicating nutrient enrichment. Chloride may be an issue in future, but currently below chronic and acute levels. Overall, very good explanation of the stream's water quality and good understanding of conditions from the recent WBP process.
- **N** Not a severe impairment.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – Poor/Fair

- **N** Did not complete this section of the application.
- **P** Section 2b. includes information on some of the NPS sources – runoff from ag land, commercial areas, residential areas, buffer removal and replaced with lawns, several hanging culverts, habitat/channelization/alteration, lack of floodplain. WBP completed stream corridor assessment, stormwater retrofit survey etc. so good handle on the sources and sites.

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Feasibility for Success – Good/Fair

- Tasks – 2 SC meetings, NPS Sites (2 rain gardens, 1 buffer), LID ordinance, Outreach (3 press releases and City presentation)
- **P** Good, diverse list of partners involved (school, UMPI, Friends, City Parks and Rec). No letters of commitment – but application indicates that candidate sites have been visited and have landowner support. Local landscape designer will donate services to design rain gardens and buffer. Although shortcomings in application, appears to be a modest and well scoped out project that can be accomplished and will complete some important items from plan.
- **N** Listed as a one year project. Is this feasible?
- **Q** Under NPS Sites, why does culvert need to be lowered by the Ford rain garden? Task description states 'at least one buffer' and then goes on to list two buffer sites/budget.
- **O** Tasks and budgets need reworking. No need to SC meeting notes usually as deliverable.

Cost Effectiveness – Fair/Poor

- **P** Overall \$35k is a good investment in starting to implement plan.
- **N** Difficult to assess since many errors. Task 1 - \$13k is far too high for the work described. May have lumped much of the staff and match costs under this task.? Budget tables don't add up in several areas. Part 2 notes not provided in budget. Should supplies be moved to construction? What is associated with the contractual line item? Match in Part 1 and 3 aren't the same. Budget Narrative doesn't match earlier sections in some places.
- **Q** Budget tables are problematic. Did not use correct format and need to be checked and adjusted. Task 5 budget categories not included? Not confident who will do this work – description needs to be adjusted to clarify.

Kathy comments:

As far as the work in the proposal ... I question whether an engineer might be needed for the big 100,000 sq ft impervious to a 20,000 square foot rain gardens ?

I am ok with the sites listed just question if they can be designed correctly by a landscaper, the volume of water they (Randy) will be dealing with. The projects get some of the big players in the watershed involved and very visible which is good. It is a good place to start I just wonder if they can be implemented correctly (aka engineering). These are also BMPs that I would want DEP to review ahead of time. Talk to Jeff about the need for an engineer or if a rain garden can even handle the volume of water.

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BIDDER NAME: 7LA – McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake

DATE: 6/8/21

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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N Applying for several 319 grants and would have a few ongoing projects. Does 7LA have the capacity to carry out successfully? Problems with submitting deliverables in the past, but with some followup, has improved over past year.
Q Need for discussion about plan if staff turnover or overcommitted. Identify consultant or KCSWCD support roles?

Relative Value of the Waterbody – Very Good/Good

- P Public boat launch on Salmon Lake. Three youth summer camps and 4 commercial camps. Town Park with ball fields and carry in boat launch. High recreational use. McGrath - 15 fish species, both cold and warmwater. Salmon – 14 species of fish including well known smelt fishery in the 1980s. 2016 loon count documented 18 adults and 2 chicks. 2020 count was 2 adults and 1 chick. Several BWH. Popular lakes region.
Overall, high value but maybe not as much of a regional draw compared to neighboring lakes?

Water Quality Problem – Good

- P Not impaired, but Salmon on the edge. 1970s blooms reported, landlocked salmon hatchery closed in 1942 due to low DO. Shift from cold to warmwater fishery. Anoxia and internal loading. McGrath has little DO depletion, SDT reaches bottom. Both lakes, however, show improving SDT (and TP in Salmon) over past 10 years.
P Good detailed overview of problems. Salmon is close to impaired.
Could have provided more details on recent years and sediment chemistry.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – Very Good

- P Summary of 2017 survey findings - 105 sites, mostly residential and some roads and crossings, 12 high impact, 47 medium impact. 2010 Colby study – internal loading 32%, septics 26%, ag 11%, shoreline 10% and non-shoreline 9%. Noted increase in development. Relatively recent information and good explanation provided.
Q What about ag sources/sites? Certainly potential, but properties excluded from survey.
O Could list number of residential vs. roads sites from 2017 survey.

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Feasibility for Success – Very Good/Good

- Tasks – 3 SC mtgs, Road Sites (16), Residential BMPs (10 YCC sites), LakeSmart (20 evals), E&O (2 articles, 2 press releases, 2 road workshops,
- **P** Likely to be completed as planned. Would build on existing momentum from Phase IV project, which is going well. Sites appear to be well understood.
- **Q** Overlap with other projects on the ordinance task. Delete or coordinate to ensure success and ease of tracking. Overlap with other projects on road workshops.
- **N** Delete or coordinate. Municipal outreach task is minimal.

Cost Effectiveness – Very Good

- **P** Very reasonable costs for all tasks. Strong match sources and commitments. Overall match is high (48%). High % of project for construction on good NPS sites. Good investment in helping prevent impairment(s).

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BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance – North Pond

DATE: 6/11/21

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N Applying for several 319 grants and would have a few ongoing projects. Does 7LA have the capacity to carry out successfully? Problems with submitting deliverables in the past, but with some followup, has improved over past year.
Q Need for discussion about plan if staff turnover or overcommitted. Identify consultant or KCSWCD support roles?

Relative Value of the Waterbody – Good

- P 2531-acre lake. Public boat launch at north end in Smithfield. Pine Tree Camp for children with disabilities. Large lake in Belgrades chain with excellent fishing (warm-water, 14 species), boating, swimming, 14-45 adult loons. Serpentine Marsh – wetland of special significance, sandhill cranes, kayaking, birdwatching, fishing. Scenic backdrop to Smithfield downtown.
Overall, average compared to other lakes.

Water Quality Problem – Very Good

- P Monitoring since 1970. Moderate to high risk of blooms and internal loading. Increases in TP since 2015 and Chl a over past 10 years. Bloom in 2010 and then 2018 and 2020 severe blooms (end July to mid September). Fish kill in 2020. Lake reached tipping point? Difficult to predict anoxia and internal loading since polymictic lake.
Q Did not include sediment chemistry data. Susceptible for internal loading. Amanda also noted climate change can worsen problems.
P Comprehensive explanation of WQ problems. Anticipate listing as impaired in 2022. Severe water quality problems.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – Good/Very Good

- P 2014 Serpentine survey identified 23 NPs sites and 2016 survey identified 135 sites (21 high, 63 medium, 50 low impacts) with 61% residential, 10% beach, 7% state roads, 6% town roads and 3% private roads. Phase I project and Phase II project underway. Briefly mentioned other NPS issues such as agriculture, downtown Smithfield, high development pressure, septic.
P Overall, good understanding on watershed sources of NPS. Recent information and surveys and good overview provided. Could have mentioned other potential issues listed above.
Q Agricultural sources? Will be further evaluated in WBP development project along with other issues.

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BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance – North Pond

DATE: 6/11/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Wendy Garland

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

Feasibility for Success – Very Good/Good

- Tasks include: SC (3 mtgs), Road BMPs (7 roads - \$91k grant), Residential YCC (16 sites), LakeSmart (20 evaluations), E&O (2 PR, 2 articles, Buff Enough campaign, 2 road workshops), Municipal Outreach (4 town meetings on ordinances), PCR
- **P** Strong commitments and contributions from Towns, NPA and 7LA. Strong momentum and completed watershed projects. Tasks are very likely to be completed. Good progress on watershed load reductions and strong local commitment to restoration, so good chance of restoration success (depending on findings from WBP). Good level of detail provided on candidate sites – appear to be well scoped out and important sites.
- **N** Ordinance task is very limited (\$1200) and also overlaps with efforts in other grant projects (e.g., WBP project). Delete to streamline and avoid confusion/duplication?
- **Q** Need more detail about what the Buff Enough campaign entails in Task 6. More detail needed also on Task 7 Municipal Outreach.
- **O** Ensure that stream culvert is sized for climate resiliency. Shoreline riprap included in YCC candidate site description – should remove or adjust.

Cost Effectiveness – Very Good

- **P** Task costs are very reasonable and good focus on construction (80% of grant budget). Overall, very good investment in restoration.
- **O** What are the \$2400 grant costs associated with Task 5 LakeSmart? Indicates that evals done by volunteers.

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Ogunquit - Ogunquit River

DATE: 6/18/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Wendy Garland

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience – Fair/Good

- P Town has qualification and experience with 319 projects. Plan to hire consultant to support project. Projects have been successfully completed to date.
N Town has had high turnover in recent years in the Town Manager and Public Works positions. Current Phase III project is behind schedule and spotty with submitting deliverables.

Relative Value of the Waterbody – Very Good

- P Popular public beach at river outlet. Major public recreation attraction in the region and State. Important economic driver for local community. #1 Beach Town in New England in Yankee Magazine and one of best coastal small towns in America. 1 million visitors/yr. Estuary important soft shell clams.
Q Didn't mention other habitat or wildlife values in watershed. Although given high values above, probably didn't need to.

Water Quality Problem – Good

- P Impaired due to elevated bacteria. Testing by MHB, DEP, Sewer District, FB Environmental and Cons Comm. Entero values extremely elevated compared to EPA criteria.
Q Any other recent findings from ongoing testing? Frequency of beach advisories or closures?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – Good

- P Canine detection in 2012 and 2013 and eDNA in 2014 and 2015 indicate human and pet waste significant sources, especially along Leavitt Stream. Stream is impacted by runoff including malfunctioning septics. 2013 survey identified 25 bacteria and nutrient sites. Application lists stormwater, septics, cross connections, agriculture, pet waste and wildlife as sources.
N Hard to pinpoint bacteria sources. Not clear what types of land uses associated with the 25 sites above.
Q Is there evidence of malfunctioning septics as mentioned above? Or is this speculation?
O NPS information is lumped into the Water Quality Overview – should be moved. Clarify above re: septics and delete the last sentence of III.b. Also, Task 3 mentions seagulls as major source to Riverside Beach. Include earlier under WQ section.

Feasibility for Success – Good

- Tasks – 3 SC mtgs, Stormwater BMP (catch basin retrofit), Outreach (plan, door-to-door outreach in hotspots, school event, 2 public events), Monitoring

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Ogunquit - Ogunquit River

DATE: 6/18/21

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- **P** Engineering already completed for beach parking lot project, recent quote received and Town has already completed similar projects. So very likely feasible. Other tasks also likely to be completed. BMP site is important step to help address source of bacteria to the beach.
- **N** If parking lot project falls through, it does not appear that the other candidate sites (except possibly Jothams/Valleybrook) will help address bacteria sources. Not clear how feasible it is to restore WQ.
- **O** Project purpose should be refined to be more specific about actions. Delete General Project Plan section. Task 3 budget should be adjusted to show as construction match. Clarify title of Task 5 as Results Monitoring. Note that baseline sites could be removed if there are any.
- **Q** Not clear if Task 4a is to develop an existing plan, create a new one, other? Is there a new group that has formed for the Ogunquit and are they involved? Should mention existing QAPP under Task 5.

Cost Effectiveness – Good

- **P** High % of grant cost for construction (66%). Good investment to continue addressing known bacteria source at beach parking lot, monitoring past effectiveness and trying to make progress with septic and pet waste.
- **N** Task 1 costs very high for relatively modest project (~\$7000 consultant time). Task 5 Monitoring has high associated cost (\$20k match) – should provide more details about approx. number of sites and sampling events. Project just barely meets 40% match requirement and includes consultant match of \$3,069, which isn't guaranteed depending on selected consultant.
- **Q** Town match for construction listed as \$12k in Roles section and \$15k in task?
- **O** Travel can use current mileage rate of \$0.44/mile.

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Kittery – Spruce Creek

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience – Poor

- N Qualifications not provided with application.
P Town has carried out five successful project phases. Town has experienced staff as project manager and administrative capacity to carry out project. Consultant support planned for project is important to provide additional support and capacity to complete the work.

Relative Value of the Waterbody – Good

- P Several parks and public access points, Well known to local community with iconic scenic vista from Route 1 and Route 95. Potential for shellfish in future. Boating, kayaking and fishing uses. Several habitats and headwater mapping cottontail habitat.
N Could have elaborated on the values in more detail. How much access is there and how much is it used?

Water Quality Problem – Fair/Good

- P Impaired for bacteria (shellfishing closed since 2005). Monitoring has identified hotspots for bacteria and nutrients in upper estuary. PICOTT drainage is bacteria and nitrogen hotspot – rural land uses including Rustlewood Farm and hobby farms. Upper estuary large diurnal DO swings, low DO saturations and elevated nitrogen and BOD.
N Could have provided more water quality data to give context on values and extent of exceedances.
O Table 3a. should be updated with Statewide Bacteria TMDL.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – Fair/Good

- P NPS surveys in 2008 and 2013 identified bacteria and nutrient hotspots. NPS sources urban runoff, agriculture, septic, pet waste and illicit discharges/connections. Application didn't mention the prevalence of macroalgae blooms in 2020, potentially indicating nutrient sources in watershed.
N Section lacks detail on the past surveys, sites, and relative contribution of sources noted above. Reflects the challenges with bacteria impairments and how more planning projects have evolved in terms of stressor ID.
? Any eelgrass beds mapped in past or recent years – connected to NPS or Value of Waterbody?

Feasibility for Success – Fair

- Tasks – 3 SC mtgs; Septic social/brochure mailing/10-12 TA visits; 2 pet waste cleanup days/watershed signs/Storymap; 2 stormwater retrofits; effectiveness monitoring.
P Feasibility of completing – SC, outreach and monitoring tasks are very likely to be successfully completed. Good to do effectiveness monitoring at sites selected. Others are less so, however,

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somewhat modest so likely could be completed. Feasibility of Restoring – Strong, long term commitment by Town to the restoration effort. Five phases of 319 with good focus on bacteria sources (septic database and socials, farm BMPs, pet waste outreach, removal of OBD etc.)

- **N** Will continue momentum but will probably not make a large water quality impact. Limited details provided on NPS sites and not apparent that they are significant N or bacteria sources. Do not appear to align with the stormwater retrofit task which sounds more like commercial retrofits, not the buffers and EC projects in candidate site list. Not clear whether there will be interested landowners in retrofit or septic tasks.
- **N/?** Will there be enough landowner interest in the septic TA task. Need to clarify the land uses and types of BMPs and pollutants to be targeted in Task 5. Assume commercial/high volume roads and N/bacteria removal, which limits BMPs. Candidate sites and budget footnote reference residential buffers, which is very different than stormwater retrofits. Do the candidate site buffers appear to be important in treating adjacent bacteria or nutrient sources (reference map)?
- **O** Not clear about how many more future phases planned/needed. Septic task might need to be tweaked to clarify that it's tech assistance and not planning. Have not funded designs in past, but eligible? Would be good to do the high risk soil mapping to target properties. Clarify that signs would also need EPA/DEP approval. Task 6 – Monitoring – needs annual SAP as well. Task 7 – fold into Task 1.

Cost Effectiveness – Fair/Poor

- **P** Strong match from Town (\$20k cash for monitoring, and staff time). Overall project cost reasonable for the amount of proposed work. Task 2 (SC), Task 3 (septic) reasonable.
- **N** Cost of FPR \$2760 seems very high and would make Task 1 cost very high compared to other projects and scope of work. No landowner commitments so not clear about whether they can generate the \$30k in cost share match. Candidate site for Wilson Road includes \$12,750 (\$8500 grant) for 50' buffer – should this be 500 feet of buffer? Task 4 Outreach seems like a high cost for two clean up days, watershed signs and updated storymap (\$4836 contractual) and Task 8 PCR high for just two sites (\$2340). Very high grant cost \$20k+ for monitoring and total cost over \$40k, extremely high.
- **O** Need to use the State of Maine mileage rate (not \$0.56/mile). Septic system inspection should not go under construction line item. Part 3 budget should be changed to clearly indicate match sources and totals.

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BIDDER NAME: Topsham – TFM Stream

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience – Fair/Good

- N Qualifications section not provided in application.
P Town has successfully carried out two previous 319 phases and WBP project. Strong ongoing commitment to stream restoration. Consultant would be hired to provide technical and project management support.

Relative Value of the Waterbody – Fair

- N Very small stream with no real public access or use currently. However, plan includes action item for walking path and signage due to close proximity to commercial center.
P Stream is well oxygenated and cool and serves as refuge for coldwater fish from the Andy River – especially now that barrier has been removed.

Water Quality Problem – Very Good

- P Impaired for aquatic life due to macroinvertebrate assessments. High chloride in middle and upper sections of stream, persistently above chronic threshold. Lower section of stream with only 1/3 time exceedances in winter and below chronic in summer baseflow. Good overview of water quality issues. Good temperature and DO.
Q Habitat quality not described but relatively good in lower half and marginal in upper half.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – Good

- P Geomorphic, habitat and retrofit surveys conducted during WBP development. 31 NPS sites identified for structural and nonstructural BMPs. Culverts undersized and AOP barriers. 6 SW retrofit sites in plan. Snow dump identified as problem site, which was later closed, but another was started by landowners. Although not in section IV, discussion about groundwater contamination of chloride due to road salt and snow dump.
O Mix of WQ and NPS info in sections III and IV. Environmental Outreach section should be modified to align with guidance.

Feasibility for Success – Good/Fair

- Tasks – 4 SC mtgs, Biofiltration System (1.5 acre catchment, 1 acre IC), Salt reduction (needs assessment and outreach), Retrofit Matching Grants, Landowner outreach and TA
P Good work to date in watershed by town, especially with ordinances and barrier removal. Much of the project will likely be successful, given the Town's connections with landowners. Biofiltration site has been vetted already by DEP and would be a good thing to do.

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- **Q** Salt task is framed as a plan, although it is TA and outreach. Will need to ensure fundable and discuss with EPA.
- **N** Not clear whether buy-in for retrofit matching grants. Not clear if stream will be able to be restored given the chloride issues, but Town approach is very focused and creative.
- **Q** Will consultant have the engineer/BMP expertise to assist with Task 6? Not provided in quals. Is there a possibility that snow dump location will be sold and developed in near future?

Cost Effectiveness – Fair/Good

- **P** Large % of grant, over half, for construction. Strong match from Town including staff time and construction match. Good investment to continue efforts in the watershed – including some innovative approaches to chloride reduction.
- **N** Large % of match is from retrofit task – and not clear if landowners will come through.

Kristin's comments:

- Task 3 – seems a bit expensive, but given it is the most concrete site they know they can get done, and prices of materials keep going up, maybe it is realistic?
- Task 4 – what is the donated labor cost from, SWIM? Is it genuine?
- Task 5 – it seems to be a mixture of the Saco redevelopment approach and typical BMP projects. I'm not sure exactly how it will work and I think they may have a hard time getting 2 large projects done during the grant period, especially with the 50% match in there for the landowners.
- Task 6 – TA for task 5, seems like a lot, and should it be for engineering services for the BMPs instead?
- I'm not sure how I feel about the snow dump site. I know we discussed it before, but I wonder if a better approach would be for the Town to try for an ordinance banning snow dumps in the watershed? With the land being for sale it just seems like a project that may be torn out soon. I'm sure they would keep that in mind though with their approach and any design.

Jeff's input on the snow dump BMP:

Should work as long as the outlet is piped to the stream. The strategy is to reduce acute concentrations but it might result in longer period during snowmelt when chronic concentrations are exceeded depending on the timing of discharge related to flow in the stream. The system tries to dilute the "first flush melt" with later low concentration melt. This would only be effective if the timing of the first flush melt did not match the stream peak flows from the storm event. If it did match, the best scenario would be to let the high concentration early melt go when there was high dilution and the lower concentration melt go later in the storm. If not, this strategy would likely result in less toxicity exposure.

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BIDDER NAME: CCSWCD – Trickey Pond

DATE: 6/8/21

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience – Very Good

- P CCSWCD has extensive experience managing 319 grants and has staff with administrative, project management and technical skills. Heather Hunt and Chris Baldwin have both been actively involved in past 319 phases.

Relative Value of the Waterbody – Good

- P Public boat launch at southern end of lake. 2 campgrounds and summer camp. Drains to Sebago Lake (public drinking water supply for 200,000 people). Very clear lake and coldwater fishery – stocked with brook trout, landlocked salmon and splake. One documented vernal pool in watershed.
- Q/P Only 65 shoreline properties and is it a destination lake given all the others in the area? Amanda said lots of people come year-round for the fishing and good water quality. Relatively high use even though other surrounding lakes.
- Q What is the flow contribution to Sebago? Likely quite low given small watershed size. Very low in watershed plan.

Water Quality Problem – Good

- P Not impaired. Excellent SDT, low p and chla. Some DO loss in late summer. According to LEA - Application noted that it is becoming less clear over time and chla increasing. Only subwatershed in Sebago watershed with decreasing water quality trend.
- Q Is the lake really one of the clearest in Maine (10 meters SDT)? What is the reference for the last two statements above? According to DEP, LEA, PWD? Assume the WBP as referenced in the next section.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – Very Good

- P Recent survey and detailed description of findings. Also, good description of the ranking in the Sebago WBP process. Trickey high-moderate concern due to development between 1987-2013.
- Q Septics concerns? Fertilizer from ball fields/summer camps on east side of watershed? Was shoreline survey protocol useful in identifying NPS sites?

Feasibility for Success – Good

- Tasks – 6 SC mtgs, NPS and Shoreline Sites (10 NPS and 10 shoreline buffer sites, Trickey Pond Road plan), Buffer Boost (flyer, how-to-guide, discounts), Videos (1-3), Project promotion (2 articles, 1 press releases and final brochure),

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- **P** Likely to be completed as laid out and appears that it will address large % of remaining NPS sites. Strong local support at evidenced by SW comp projects, independent watershed survey and lake protection plan. Good partner support by PWD, Town, lake association, LEA.
- **N** Project includes a large focus on outreach. Are the approaches the most effective ways to affect change?
- **Q** Is it feasible to add 1,000 linear feet of buffer? Does TPEPA or CCSWCD have expertise in creating videos?
- **O** Buffer Boost task should report on resulting plantings/buffers as deliverable. Coordinate with NPS Training Center on the videos. Will need to ensure that the SW Comp funds are eligible for proposed NPS sites (based on description, several do appear eligible).

Cost Effectiveness – Good

- **P** Strong match quality and commitments from lake association (\$4k cash match), PWD (\$8k cash match) and Towns of Naples (\$4,000 to be requested). Tasks 2, 3 and 7 appear reasonable. Good investment in this high-quality lake.
- **N** Task 1 expensive \$6k. Only \$17k grant construction. Videos all match but quite expensive @ \$16k. Project Promotion task expensive \$5700 for 2 articles, 2 press releases and final brochure. Lots of staff hours for relatively modest project (818 hours) and relatively low % grant allocated to construction (21% of grant and 33% overall).

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience – Very Good

- P CCSWCD has extensive experience managing 319 grants and has staff with administrative, project management and technical skills. Heather Huntt and Chris Baldwin have both been actively involved in past 319 phases.
• P No information provided on South Portland partners, but extensive experience with Trout Brook, 319 and BMP installation. Good depth of staff and project team if some staff turnover.
• N/? Chris Baldwin's time is not included in the work plan.

Relative Value of the Waterbody – Good/Very Good

- P Several (5), well-used public parks in watershed with access to stream. Brook trout fishery in Trout Brook and cottontail habitat in Winnick Woods. Resource is valued by the public and used by public schools, including trout rearing and releases.
• O Some of the information in this section belongs elsewhere (water quality overview and summary of watershed activities).

Water Quality Problem - Good

- P Good general overview. Impaired stream (biomonitoring and habitat). WBP also shows DO and chloride issue. High need to address Hinckley pond algal blooms. Mill Cove is also NPS Priority for macroalgae blooms (not mentioned in work plan).
• N More information could have been provided about the locations of the different problems in the watershed. E.g., nutrients/DO issues in upper watershed with agricultural sources. Would have been more helpful to provide context and rationale for proposed tasks and BMPs.
• O Some water quality information in the Waterbody Value section (should be moved) – including iron and algae blooms in Hinckley Pond.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – Good/Fair

- P Comprehensive studies have been done in the watershed to identify NPS issues, including stream corridor survey, geomorph, barrier assessment, watershed survey. Good understanding of issues.
• N Section does not summarize findings (e.g., how many sites of different types). Also, does not highlight the agricultural sources in upper watershed or the stormwater issues/retrofit analysis.

Feasibility for Success – Very Good/Good

- P Very likely to be successfully completed. Strong, established partnerships and commitments to do the proposed sites. Focused project that will target items in WBP. Continues momentum with

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

restoration and provides benefits to Mill Cove and ponds as well as Trout Brook. Will help set the stage for long-term solutions at Hinckley Park.

- **O** Did not follow new instructions about Project Purpose/Env. Outcome sections (need to include specific summary of actions in work plan). Also need to correct amount of buffer planted and cisterns at the farm (planned but not implemented).

Cost Effectiveness – Good/Very Good

- **P** Task costs appear reasonable overall. 57% of project costs associated with construction. Overall, very good value and investment to continue momentum in restoring the stream.
- **N** Overall match just barely goes over 40% required. Match for Focal Point system only 33% and this BMP is somewhat expensive given that the runoff isn't that high (although includes some areas of car idling and student drop-off. Staff cost comes out to \$95/hour – relatively expensive and does not include engineer.
- **O** Work plan should not mention Focal Point name in work plan.

Coblessee Lake Watershed Protection Project, III

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Coblessee Watershed District

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/4/21

EVALUATOR NAME: K. Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Water Quality Problem
Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems
Feasibility for Success
Cost Effectiveness
Comprehensive Plan
Qualifications & experience - Excellent, CWI has been doing this a long time and they have enjoyed staff stability, no issues. (P)
Relative Value of waterbody - high, it is a destination Bass fishery, has multiple boat launches and is an important recreational hub for the greater Augusta region. (P)
Water quality problem - Has long documented water quality issues and although de-listed in 2006 it is still on the Nonpoint Source Priority Watersheds list. Bloomed in 2009 & 2013. (P)

Coburnsee Lake Watershed Protection Project, ~~III~~ III

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BIDDER NAME: CWD

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/4/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

NPS problems - In the 70's & 80's focus was on agriculture but focus has shifted to traditional NPS issues w/ 80 sites identified in 2014 watershed survey - odd? (Q)

Feasibility for success - proposal is to implement the 2015 Watershed-Based Protection Plan (good) by addressing 15-20 documented NPS sites. Partnership w/ Fock is a big plus. (P)

Cost effectiveness - OK, not much to comment on, estimated costs for all tasks appear reasonable. (P)

Comprehensive plan -

Cross Lake Watershed Restoration Project, Phase I

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: County of Hancock

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/3/21

EVALUATOR NAME: S. Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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- Feasibility for Success
- Cost Effectiveness
- Comprehensive Plan

Qualification & experience - OK, project partners have an impressive background but only small amount of 319 of 604b grant project experience. Overall, no issues. (P)

Relative value of the waterbody - High, lake is heavily utilized by locals for all manner of recreation. State heritage brook trout water. Has all the attributes of a high value waterbody. (P+)

Water quality problem - Listed as impaired for phosphorous and SDT and long documented water quality

Cross Late

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BIDDER NAME: County of Aroostook

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/8/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

issues. The late blooms regularly and doesn't meet GPA standards. (P)

NPS problems - 2019 watershed survey documented 154 NPS sites with 56 characterized as "high impact" - a high percentage. Sites are typical mix of residential, roads and a boat launch. (P)

Feasibility for success - Good, project will address high priority stressors and has strong local support. Particularly the implementing cover crop conservation practices on 850 acres of cropland. (P)

Cost effectiveness - Fair, the work they are undertaking is expensive and they have an ambitious agenda. (P)

Comprehensive plan -

Georges Pond Watershed Protection Project, II

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Georges Pond Association "GPA"

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator)

EVALUATOR NAME: B. Deane 6/1/21

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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- Water Quality Problem
- Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems
- Feasibility for Success
- Cost Effectiveness
- Comprehensive Plan

Qualifications & Experience - Very good, GPA has done an excellent job with their current phase I project. GPA is a competent, highly motivated group with relevant experience. (P)

Relative Value of Waterbody - Modest, GP offers fair fishing opportunity and has one small boat launch/public beach. It is not a public water supply nor does it have kids camps, etc. (N)

Water Quality Problem - Very bad, GP has bloomed since 2012 and is internally recycling P. Mean SDT prior to 2012 was 4.6 M and since 2012 mean SDT is 3.1 M. (P)

Georges pond watershed Protection Project II

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: GPA

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/11/21

EVALUATOR NAME: B. Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

NPS problems - Residential development, dirt camp roads and blueberry fields all contribute P to the pond. Because of the prevalence of well drained soils it is suspected that "short circuiting" of septic systems are an issue. (Q)

Feasibility for success - Good! GPA has done a good job with phase I. I like the septic system ~~component~~ technical assistance component as well as the use of a consultant to coordinate the project. The project has strong support from the town and road associations. (P)

Cost effectiveness - OK, seem reasonable given what is in the workplan. 38 hrs. for consultant to manage project? (Q)

Comprehensive plan -

Great Pond Watershed Restoration Project, I

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/4/21

EVALUATOR NAME: B. Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Feasibility for Success
Cost Effectiveness
Comprehensive Plan
Qualifications & experience - Excellent 7 Lakes has coordinated multiple 319 grant projects over the years. (P)
Relative value of waterbody - Very high GP is the hub of the Belgrade Lakes region and very important to the central Maine economy, marinas, summer camps & cottages etc. etc. (P+)
Water quality problems - GP is impaired and water quality is in significant decline w/ low DO occurring in deepest parts of lake. GP appears to be in danger of recycling P. (P+)

Great Pond Watershed Restoration Project, I

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: 7LA

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/4/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

NPS Problems - A 2018 watershed survey documented 237 NPS sites in the watershed of which 147 were residential. The remainder were spread over other activities such as commercial sites and roads. I thought this portion of the application could use more description. (Q)

Feasibility for success - not sure - why is not this phase V? anyway, 10% kg phosphorus reduction per year is goal and this will reduce P by 29 pounds per year. I understand you can't get it all at once but 29# seems like too little. Strong partnership with towns and BLA is positive. (Q)

Cost effectiveness - High match commitment is good but hard to justify a \$109K grant for a project that would take such a small bite out of the NPS load, am I missing something? (Q)

Comprehensive plan -

Kennebunk River Watershed Restoration Project, Phase I

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: York County SWCD

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/3/21

EVALUATOR NAME: B. Bean

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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- Cost Effectiveness
- Comprehensive Plan

Qualifications & experience - excellent, YCSWCD has a proven record for successfully coordinating 319 grant projects. (P)

Relative value of waterbody - Very high, the river offers substantial recreational & commercial benefits to the heavily touristed southern Maine coast. There are also public water supply issues at state (P+)

Water quality problem - ~~High~~ Moderate - river is impaired for bacteria. Listed as Class B of S.B, it has reached attainment some years or attained class C on others, this

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: YCSWCD

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/3/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

indicates problems are serious but not severe. (P)

NPS problems - Appears to be all about bacteria and a lot of work documenting severity and sources has been done over the last 12 years or so. Seems to be a long gap between when most of work was done ~ 2010 and ~~the~~ proposing files in 2021. (P)

Feasibility for success - Good, strong partnerships across a wide range of stakeholders in the watershed. Life plan to partner with NRCS in order to reach the agricultural community. (P)

Cost Effectiveness - OK. Not meant to say (P) but have to admit \$100k for task 4 is an eye opener. Discuss w/ group.

Comprehensive plan -

Kennedy Brook Watershed-based Management Plan Implementation Project

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: CASUCD

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 01/21/21

EVALUATOR NAME: B. Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Qualifications & experience - Not sure about this, the District has managed some projects in the past, but now has new directors. Also, may have had a lot of turnover. Will rely on Kathy's insight. (Q)

Relative value of the waterbody - Fair, the brook / marshes are the main attractions of the Monte Lake Park, important to Presque Isle. Fishing but no swimming. (P)

Water quality problem - pretty bad, is impaired although I'm a little confused about the perimeter issue. Issues appear to be primarily nutrient related.

Kennedy Brook Watershed-Based Management Plan

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

Implementation Project

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: CCSWCD'

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/2/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

NPS problems - Not clear, there was a watershed survey back in 2007-2008 (old) - overall NPS problems poorly described in application. (N)

Feasibility for success - poor, from what I can tell water quality issues are primarily agricultural - nutrient driven, yet proposal is to (retrofit) a few rain gardens and install a buffer. It appears proposal doesn't target primary stressors. (N)

Cost effectiveness - poor, I don't think proposed work will be effective. \$13K to administer project seems excessive. ~~not~~ not sure about \$17K total for Griffith Ford Rain Garden. \$13K to develop LID ordinance? (N)

Comprehensive plan -

Melbrath Pond - Salmon Lake Watershed Protection Proj. V

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: *7 Lakes Alliance*

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator)

EVALUATOR NAME: *B. Beane* *01/21/21*

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: *DEP*

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience Relative Value of the Waterbody Water Quality Problem Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems Feasibility for Success Cost Effectiveness Comprehensive Plan
<i>Qualifications & Experience - Excellent qualifications and very experienced coordinating 319 grant projects. (Q)</i>
<i>Relative Value of Waterbody - Good, home to many youth camps etc. & has good public access. Used for swimming, fishing & boating. Only thing that (slightly) devalues the ponds is that they are located amongst many other ponds. (P)</i>
<i>Water Quality Problem - Bad Bad, both waterbodies are on the NPS priority watersheds list. Algal blooms occurred</i>

McSwath Pond - Salmon Lake Watershed Protection Proj. V

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BIDDER NAME: 7LA

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/2/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

in 1971. It appears Salmon Lake is internally recycling P. The ponds contribute to pool of water quality downstream in Great Pond & Long Pond. (P)

NPS problems - Multiple issues surrounding residential & commercial development have been documented since the 70's. The most recent watershed survey (2017) documented 105 sites, mostly residential. (P)

Feasibility for Success - Soil, BMP installation is OK and Lakesmart & YCC work is also good but a question for the E1 is how effective is a fifth phase? (P)

Cost effectiveness - OK, but most expensive task (3) is open ended about how many bad sites will be fixed - 10, plus how many more? Also, towns not contributing very much match (\$5K) - fatigue? Task # questionable but OK at \$1,200.

Comprehensive plan -

North Pond Watershed Protection Project, III

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RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator)

EVALUATOR NAME: B. Beane 11/21

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Qualifications & Experience - Excellent qualifications and very experienced coordinating 319 grant projects. However, 7 Lakes has performed poorly in the area of Meeting procedural obligations, specifically, not submitting deliverables in a timely manner. @

Relative value of waterbody - Spic, lots of lakes nearby but is home to Pine Tree Camp and Sunset Camps. Central to town of Smithfield ~~but poor~~ public access. Home to Maine's largest population of Sandhill Cranes. @

Water quality problems - severe, about to be

North Pond Watershed Protection Project, III

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BIDDER NAME: 7LA

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/1/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

listed as impaired. High probability of internal recycling of P, SDT of 2.5M, blooms. Also pond appears to be a good candidate for invasive aquatic plant infestation. Receives outflow from East Pond.

NPS problems - Bad watershed is developed and agriculture (historical?) in serpentine contributes P to the pond. Two watershed surveys (2014 & 2016) revealed 158 NPS sites.

Feasibility for success - High, this project is built on multiple watershed survey and two recent (one current) management plans. There is a strong Lakesmart program in place and this will build off the Phase I & II projects.

Cost effectiveness - Very good impressive match commitment, especially cash from towns.

Comprehensive plan -

Ogunquit River Watershed Restoration Project, IV

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Town of Ogunquit

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/4/21

EVALUATOR NAME: B. Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Qualifications & experience - Modest have overseen first three phases of project but now have new interim town manager. on the other hand the town will hire a consultant to coordinate project. (P)

Relative value of waterbody - high, the river and associated beaches are heavily visited and very important to the economy of south/coastal Maine. (P)

Water quality problem - Is listed as impaired and has elevated bacteria counts. Watershed is under intense development pressure. (P)

How is clamming ok?

Ogunquit River Watershed Restoration Project, IV

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

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BIDDER NAME: Ogunquit

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/4/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

NPS Problems - pretty severe, 160 sites identified during previous assessments. ~~from~~ wide range of sources from stormwater and septic systems to pet waste & wildlife. (P)

Feasibility for success - Questionable for me - after 3 completed phases I wonder how effective education & outreach efforts will be also not sure of the value of monitoring right now. (Q)

Cost effectiveness - Low, project seems heavy on administration costs and monitoring costs, light on stormwater BMP & installation expenditures. (N)

Comprehensive plan -

Spruce Creek Watershed Restoration Project, VI

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: *Town of Hallowell*

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) *09/21*

EVALUATOR NAME: *D. Beane*

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: *DEP*

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- Comprehensive Plan

Qualifications & experience - None provided by applicant. (N-)

Relative value of waterbody - Fair, appears to offer modest recreational opportunity. Tidal creeks are an important ecosystem especially in Southern Maine, however, application ~~does not~~ describe much value in detail. Also, public access is questionable. (Q)

Water quality problem - Listed as impaired for fecal contamination. Shellfish closure since 2005. On DEP's priority list due to negative water quality indicators. (P)

Spruce Creek Watershed Restoration Project, VI

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Kittery

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/7/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

NPS problems - Issues stem from wide variety of sources, malfunctioning septic systems, pet waste, heavy development, etc. (P)
Some nutrient enrichment noted from AAs.

Feasibility for success - poor, there have already been 9 septic septic in past years so doing another will likely have little benefit (just one example). I just don't think signs at the watershed boundaries and a couple of pet waste events will get to the heart of the matter. Tech assistance for septic systems. (N)

Cost effectiveness - not good, for instance I'm not clear why town staff needs to spend 400+ hours coordinating project if going to hire a consultant. Again, not sure of value of septic social structure distribution so hard to justify expense for these tasks. (N)

Comprehensive plan -

Topsham Salt Mill Stream Watershed Restoration project Phase I

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: *Town of Topsham*

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator)

EVALUATOR NAME: *S. Beane 8/31/21*

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: *DEP*

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Qualifications & experience - none provided but applicant. Does town assume that all members of the ET are familiar with their work because of previous phases? (N)

Relative value of the waterbody - low, stream isn't used for any type of recreation and isn't part of the local public water supply. I do recognise Topsham's efforts to restore the stream and plan for future work (recreational trails, etc.) (N)

JFM Stream Watershed Restoration Project III

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Topsham

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/8/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

Water quality problem - Stream is impaired for macroinvertebrates and suffers from chronic chloride contamination. Watershed is 30% impervious which is well above the 8-10% threshold where streams are stressed. This adds up to severe water quality problems. (P)

NPS problems - Road salt / groundwater contamination. High level of FC and snow dump located in the watershed. (P)

Feasibility for success - Fair, project will be coordinated by a consultant (good) and will address primary stressors of chloride and FC. Not sure of how big of a bite proposed measures will take from the total (appears respectable amount). Not sure of future build out plans. (Q)

Cost effectiveness - Questionable, it appears everything from project ~~implementation plan~~ management to BMP installation is high. \$150K grant? Has absolute minimum match commitment. Incomprehensive plan. (Q)

Trickey Pond Watershed Protection Project

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Cumberland County SWCD

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/3/21

EVALUATOR NAME: G. Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Qualifications & experience - excellent, CCSWCD is our most experienced part - (P)
Not regarding 319 grants.

Relative Value of the Waterbody - Low, it is a small pond located among many other ponds including Sebago. Also, very close to Sebago Lake State Park. Not a destination but is home to a couple of summer camps. (11)

Water quality problem - Clear, unimpaired lake but is on the non-point source priority watersheds list and has a declining water quality trend. Confused by a historical

Trickey Pond Watershed Protection Project

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BIDDER NAME: CCSWCD

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/3/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

SOT of 10 but was 13m in 2019, where is decline? (N)

NPS problems - 2019 watershed survey documented 108 NPS sites - seems like a lot for a small watershed. All the evidence suggests development pressure on the watershed is a big concern. However, compared to most, Trickey has relatively few problems (N)

Feasibility for success - High due to CCSWCD's expertise and strong partnerships with PWD & LEA etc. Proposed work will target top priority stressors. (P)

Cost effectiveness - OK, no issues, everything seems to be in line. OK to use \$10K SCF funds for match? (P)

Comprehensive plan -

Cumberland County SWCD - Trout Brook IV

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: CC SWCD

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/7/21

EVALUATOR NAME: B. Blane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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- Comprehensive Plan

Qualifications & experience - Excellent
CC SWCD has a long proven track record
of successfully managing 319 grant projects. (P)

Value of the waterbody - High, watershed
contains parks, preserved lands in a
densely populated area. Contains Brook
Trout, utilized for outdoor learning by
local schools. (P)

Water quality problem - Bad Trout Brook &
Kimball Brook are both impaired for
both habitat and imperious coler. (P)

trout

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BIDDER NAME: CCSWCD

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/7/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

NPS problems - typical of urbanized
watershed, erosion, FIC, pet waste, etc. (P)

Feasibility for success - High, project seems
to tackle the primary stressors of the
brook. I like the Hinchey Park stabilization
around Lower Pond and the Brunswick
School biofiltration system. (P)

Cost effectiveness - Excellent, all tasks
are reasonably priced and provide very
good "bang for the buck". (P)

Comprehensive plan -

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUTION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Cobbossee Watershed District (Cobbossee Lake)

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/16/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-CWD has experienced staff and have completed several past 319 projects

P-Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed – providing YCC support

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-Residential use, some indication of habitat -least bittern, wetlands

P-Backup drinking water supply for Augusta

P-2 public boat launches

P-Heavily used for fishing – ice fishing, bass

N-Would like to see more numbers to back up data on uses and value. How many residents? How many boaters (eg, CBI records)? How much of a tourism/recreational draw is it?

Q-Large lake, but also in an area with several other lakes – does this diminish value somewhat?

Water Quality Problem

P-Previously listed as impaired (until 2006); currently threatened

P-Algae blooms in 2009 and 2013

P-2 Upstream lakes are impaired

Q-Most recent water quality data cited was from 2018 – why didn't they provide more recent data?

N-Did not go into detail about water quality monitoring data. What are the average phosphorus and chlorophyll levels? What are the current water quality trends for these parameters?

N-What about oxygen levels and sediment chemistry?

[Looked up some info from station 1: avg. secchi 1975-2018 is 4.1 m (seems to have improving trend since 2010); TP avg since 1976 is 16 ppb – lots of data gaps; avg from 2010-2018 is 15 ppb. Chl-a avg 1976-2018 is 9.1 ppb, avg from 2010-2018 is 7.8 ppb. DO is very bad – anoxic throughout the hypolimnion despite being 29 m deep – so 20 m of anoxic water! TP bottom grabs range from 17-130 ppb (surprised they are not higher, but do not know when they were taken). Station 2 is shallower (19 m) but broadly similar in water quality trends. Sediment chem at station 2: Al:Fe – 1.32:1; Al:P – 4.54:1 – very low/susceptible to P release. Station 2 max BG TP is 41 ppb. Other samples show ratios of 0.5:1/3.6:1; 0.77:1/3.32:1 – so all lower than thresholds.]

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Biggest developed land uses are agriculture, residential development, and commercial development

P-Increasing commercial development

P-80-100 private gravel roads

P/Q-2014 watershed survey = 80 sites, 27 high priority and 45 medium; primarily road sites. Seems different to normal survey results; I think this is because CWD has historically excluded residential properties from surveys.

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

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BIDDER NAME: Cobbossee Watershed District (Cobbossee Lake)

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/16/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

Feasibility for Success

P-subgrant with FCW

P-Project partners – FCW, Cobbosseecontee yacht club/lake association, 5 watershed towns

Q-Task 3 – unclear if these tech assists are for BMP projects, or are separate sites. If for BMP installation, why not roll it into that task? Or are these for residential sites? Would this make more sense to roll into the YCC task (task 5)?

N-Concerned that they don't seem to have a set # of sites or good idea of which sites will be fixed in task 4. There are 16 candidate sites (some are grouped); they list "15-20" in the task description. All but one are road sites; the other is a stream rip-rap site that may not be eligible. One site is on a causeway – looks like this might be a maintenance site and involves riprap. Other sites look OK.

P-Task 5 – good, except that shoreline sites weren't really mentioned as a significant NPS source – main focus was on roads. Make sure these sites are contributing NPS to the lake.

Q-Task 6 – I don't know that the OTTER II is. Is this a public education initiative? Looks like they go around to docks and boaters to hand out info. What are the outreach materials they will provide?

N-Proposal does not address agricultural or commercial sites, which were identified as NPS sources.

Cost Effectiveness

N-40.5% overall match

P-60% of grant funds going to construction

N-Project management cost is relatively high; same for personnel in task 4. Total hours for the project is 522, and that does not include FCW's hours – seems high given the amount of work proposed and that FCW is putting in significant time as well.

N-The project costs in the candidate site list are higher than what is listed for construction in the Part 2 table. Is there enough money budgeted to reach the goal? (\$100,000 in budget, \$122,800 in candidate site list). May need to scale down scope of project to stay within budget.

N-Would like to see more sources of match – I understand the towns help fund the CWD organization, but what about Yacht Club/Lake Association, other sources?

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BIDDER NAME: County of Aroostook (Cross Lake)

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EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-Subgrant to FOCL to manage project - Having worked with Cheryl and Kirk before, they are very competent and I don't have any concerns about them getting the work done

P-Subgrant to St. John Valley SWCD for agricultural tasks

P-Recent 604b WBMP project completed

P-Several contractors to be hired: engineer, consulting project manager, TA engineer, website designer

Q-I think it's possible there are too many consultants/subgrants which may make it hard to coordinate the project.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-public boat launch/beach area, also provides access to Square Lake

P-recreational use (closest lake access to Caribou), ice fishing derby (1,800 participants)

P-Coldwater fishery of statewide significance/Square Pond downstream also outstanding value

P-Wild brook trout (including high priority habitat in the headwaters)

P-Inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat

P-Cross Lake Fen – focus area of statewide significance

P-5 threatened/endangered species – bats, lynx, heron, snail, bald eagle. 7 rare plant/natural communities.

Water Quality Problem

P-Impaired – high phosphorus and low clarity

P-Algae blooms/HABs

P-other impaired waterbodies in the watershed – Daigle Pond, Daigle Brook, Dickey Brook

P-Good overview of water quality, but could use more info on internal loading/bottom phosphorus readings (range from 16-47 ppb). No sediment chemistry data available. WBMP states 2% of phosphorus load is from sediments.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-23% of land is used for agriculture

P-265 camps/homes on shoreline

P-80% of forest land is actively managed (about 40% of watershed is owned by Irving Woodlands)

P-2019 (2020 update) watershed survey: 154(126) sites, of which 109(101) were shoreline erosion, 12(7) residential, 1(1) boat launch, 10(3) town road, 20(14) private road, 2(0) driveway. 36% high impact, 66% medium impact, 21% low impact.

P-P loading from agriculture is a major source – mainly potatoes

-94% of P load from stormwater runoff – 77% of P load is from agriculture (63% of which is from cultivated cropland).

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P-Septic systems – 83 developed parcels on sensitive soils

Feasibility for Success

P-Letters of support from key partners/site landowners (FOCL, St John Valley SWCD, Town of Fort Kent, Irving Woodlands)

Q- Task 3 - Not sure if design for Phase II project is eligible in Phase I.

Q/N-16 sites on candidate site list – all except 1 are shoreline stabilization. Proposal does not describe how shorelines will be stabilized. We have been moving away from using 319 funds for rip-rap, so will need to think about that; also need to reinforce idea that some shoreline undercutting is natural. Will need to ensure that the proposed sites require intervention. Looking at candidate site lists photos, only 5-6 sites look like really severe problems. Others could be addressed with vegetation. A few others do not look like they are exporting a significant amount of soil/phosphorus.

Q/P-Task 4 – Some concern that this siphons participants away from using EQIP/NWQI funds and may make that project less successful, however I think targeting this task toward cover crops/rotation was well thought out and strategic.

P-I think the tasks are doable in the timeframe given, although it will potentially take a lot of effort to manage all the moving parts.

P-Education and outreach mainly consists of press releases/newsletter articles/social media and website outreach, Lakesmart evals and workshop, welcome packets/informational mailings, presentations at annual meetings and select board meetings, and an agricultural workshop.

Cost Effectiveness

P-47.6% overall match

P-89% of grant costs to construction - excellent

P/N-Task 1 cost is high but is almost all matching funds – knowing Cheryl & the amount of coordination needed given all the contractors, probably realistic. (567 hours is more than average)

Q-Cost of town road site seems high for proposed work: \$26,500 to replace and add a culvert, reshape and armor a ditch, and install a settling pond; although it is 1,600 ft of ditching, so maybe that's why.

Q-Cost effectiveness of using 319 money for ag sites when there is an alternative source of funding (NWQI) available?

Q-Task 5 – is website development eligible for funding? And can we count website maintenance as match?

P-I think the budget looks good in terms of the amount and distribution of match – grant is only partially covering subgrant and contractual costs as well as construction.

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Georges Pond Association (Georges Pond)

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/1/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P/N-Georges Pond Association currently in charge of Phase I grant, so some grant experience, although does not have the same level of capacity as a more formal organization.

P-Have been actively involved in planning and carrying out alum treatment, have developed a full 9-element WBMP, and seem to have an active core group of members to contribute to the project.

P-Using a consultant for project management/tech assistance; also hiring a road consultant

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P- public town boat launch & beach

P-Residential development – 145 shorefront lots; recreation, fishing (warmwater), boating

P- contains Vasey's pondweed – species of special concern; inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat

N-Small pond & watershed; did not demonstrate regional value/importance outside of immediate lake community. No public water supply or commercial use (camps, businesses), not a well-known pond.

Water Quality Problem

P-Officially on Threatened list; may be listed as impaired depending on outcome of alum treatments

N-Al:Fe ratios not mentioned, but no longer accurate due to alum treatment [was 2.1:1 and 1.95:1; Al:P 57.7:1 and 33.56:1]

P-First cyanobacteria bloom in 2012; also had bad blooms in 2015 and 2018

P-Rapid decline in water quality from 2012 on; although pre-2012 data is spotty.

P-Extremely high TP in hypolimnion – points to internal loading

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-40% forested, 40% wetlands/water, development 11%, green space 5%, blueberry barrens 4%

P/N-53 sites found in survey; 83% residential – did not indicate impact ratings; 11 shoreline and road sites added later

P-Septic database/soils assessment

N-would like more information on external load and key sources – esp. impact of agriculture

P-Alum treatments in 2020 & 2021; good understanding of need to reduce external load.

Feasibility for Success

P-Letters of commitment from road associations & town

N-I think the plans for the town beach could be improved (task 5). There's a lot of hardscaping (retaining wall) and I think more could be done to prevent runoff, such as infiltration steps rather than granite stairs. Hard to say for sure though without being familiar with the site & not having contours on plan to see if a wall is necessary. Good public exposure/outreach tool.

-Signage in task 7 needs to be approved and included as a deliverable

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P-Good to see a task related to septic systems as this was identified as a potential source of P to the lake. Need to make sure everything proposed is fundable (tech assistance).

P-Proposed NPS road sites look like good quality sites/I like the addition of a road maintenance plan

P-Proposed work is reasonable for the timeframe and should be successful in carrying out all project tasks

Cost Effectiveness

N-40.2% match

P-53% of grant funds to construction

N-Cost is elevated due to use of consultant for project management

Q-Task 6 "expenses" listed as a cost category – should be "other" – for site evaluator/soil scientist. Should this be a separate contract? Not sure if it would need to meet procurement guidelines?

Q- "Other" match for project manager travel time and lodging/meals – should this be rolled into the consultant cost?

Q-Not sure about \$600 for sign kiosk and whether that's a good use of funds/eligible – signage is one thing, but not sure about installing a kiosk.

N-Task 5 seems expensive (\$36,000 for construction) considering the scope of the proposed BMPs. I would consider getting rid of the retaining wall and instead cut back the slope and vegetate it.

P/N-Match sources – not much cash match; not many diverse sources. Town is only contributing for a project on their property, although it is a good amount.

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-7 Lakes has successfully managed and participated in several 604b/319 projects

N-7 Lakes has frequently had issues with timeliness of deliverables

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-Public boat launch

P-Biggest/one of the more popular lakes in the Belgrade chain

P-866 lots in the shoreland zone, 2,226 total lots in watershed

P-recreational/aesthetic value; tourism

P-3 summer camps; commercial – marinas

P-Connection/relationship to WQ of downstream lakes

P-Habitat value – eastern ribbon snake, great blue heron, American eel, loon, unpatterned fen ecosystem, rare bog ecosystems, some coldwater fish habitat

Water Quality Problem

P-Impaired – Officially due to TP and SDT (303d); application lists increasing trophic trend, low DO, and Gloeotrichia

P-Secchi disk transparency is decreasing over long term & short term in station 1 & short term in st. 2.

P-Area of anoxia has expanded over the last 30 years, but is currently stable.

P-sediment chemistry -favorable to internal loading, but did not include numbers (Al:Fe ratio 1.3:1, Al:P is 28.1:1)

P-Phosphorus load breakdown: 72% watershed, 12% atmosphere, 3% birds, 3% septics, 10% internal load

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Land use: 70% forest, 16% wetlands, 10% developed, 4% agriculture (49% of watershed load from last 2 sources)

P-Development pressure

P-Need to reduce P load by 130kg/yr, which is 5% of current load

P-561 parcels high priority for septic system follow-up

P-Watershed survey 2018 – 237 sites (25 High Impact; 147 residential, 20 driveway, 15 private road, 9 state and town road, 10 commercial, 11 beach/boat access, others)

Feasibility for Success

P-Letters of Commitment from project partners - BLA, Towns of Belgrade and Rome

P-Task 1 & 2 look good

P/N-Task 3 – 11 Road BMP projects. Looks straightforward but could use a little more detail. Looks like 50/50 match and more detail on sites in candidate site list but would be nice to have a summary of

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sites/BMPs in the task description. Candidate site list has 12 sites listed for the total of \$80,000 grant/match. One site mentions runoff from Rome sand/salt shed – would want to make sure there is no chloride contamination. Pine Island Camp mentions possible use of riprap. Crane Ln. site mentions plunge pools on intermittent streams – would not want to install anything within the stream channel. DEP should look at this site before plans are made.

P-Task 4 – YCC. also looks straightforward. Ambitious number of sites but should be doable given their capacity and the size of the watershed.

P-Task 5 – LakeSmart. Also seems like an ambitious but doable number.

P/N-Task 6 – Education & Outreach – 2 newsletter articles, 2 press releases, buffer campaign (provide more detail on exactly what goes into this), 2 road workshops.

P/N - Task 7 – Municipal Outreach – No detail provided on what this actually is and what 4 meetings will be about. Make sure it is not a planning task (ordinance review sounds like planning) – and that there is an actual outcome/deliverable that goes along with it.

P/N-Overall tasks are straightforward, but I felt that they could all use more detailed descriptions.

Cost Effectiveness

P-56.2% match – very good

P-73% of grant funds to construction – also very good

N-Task 7 is added up wrong

N-Number of hours for Charlie & Art combined is high (795). \$12,000 grant funds for salary for road BMPs task 3 seems really high. LakeSmart coordination also seemed relatively high (\$6,000 grant + match)

N-Most matching funds are for construction; BLA and towns providing cash for YCC primarily. Would be good to see more outside buy-in/cash match other than what is required for construction.

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BIDDER NAME: York County Soil and Water Conservation District (Kennebunk River)

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 5/26/21

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-Mindee is relatively new but has a lot of experience relative to that short amount of time. She has done a good job administering her current grants.

Q-Did not say specifically what Annie's role will be but seems like it might be education & outreach related. (Later specified as maintaining project storymap).

N-Need to mention contactor qualifications being sought

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-Sounds like there is good public access in a few locations (beaches, trail, park).

P-This is a very large watershed, so a lot is going on within its boundaries (6 towns, 59 sq mi)

P-Tribs have habitat for brown and brook trout. Rare Saltmarsh Sparrow habitat & rare plant @ estuary, part of a trib has rare species & inland waterfowl wading habitat, white cedar swamp, deer habitat

P-River serves as a public water supply to 75,000 (summer population). (25% of water supply according to WBMP).

P/Q-Used for fishing, swimming (at the beach?), boating (13 marinas). Tourism and fishing are important to the area (although probably the draw is more the ocean than the river, but the river's water quality would impact this)

Water Quality Problem

P-Impaired (bacteria) – Kennebunk River + Duck Brook included in Bacteria TMDL

P-Does not always meet Class B standards (came out Class C in 2 out of 5 years). (Marine/tidal portion class SB). Different portions listed as category 3 & 4A in integrated report

P/Q-Wells bacteria sampling on the river's main stem show routine exceedances for bacteria – why only data from 2017 reported? "Data show increasing trends" – show us. How often were samples collected? This could have been once after a major storm, which is not necessarily an accurate characterization. A table or graph would have been helpful here. Would also like to see more recent numbers/more years' worth of data.

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Agricultural land uses (10.4% of watershed area) give way to more urban land uses (6.4% developed) as you move down the river. 67% forested. Good description/overview of watershed.

N-More detail on the urban & commercial development in the watershed would have been helpful. How many homes? What types of businesses? Did not mention the golf course. WBMP lists development pressure in its abstract. Not mentioned in the application.

P/N- It looks like there has been a good amount of study of the watershed, and therefore a good understanding of the issues. However, need to give a clear description of what the bacteria sources are/were. Is it septic or agriculture or other? Need to do a better job of highlighting key findings of each assessment and maybe a paragraph summarizing the main sources of bacteria.

N-MHB study in 2011 (Kennebunk River Watershed Water Quality Project Report)– what were the key findings? Did not list this document in summary of watershed assessments.

N-Did not list WBMP in watershed assessments – want a summary of key findings.

N-More on septic systems would have been good – 16 systems identified for follow up in 2009 – was there anything more done? How much of watershed is sewer, and how much uses septic systems?

N-What kind(s) of agriculture are present in the watershed? What sort of monitoring/assessment has been done of their impact (need more detail)? (From WBMP: 85 farms in watershed, covering 1900 acres. Most common types are crop, hay, livestock/horse, dairy, and mixed use, in that order – see table 2-1 on page 17 of WBMP). Clear that this is a priority from looking at the tasks list, but did not provide very much detail in the summary of priority nonpoint pollution sources.

N-More detail on watershed inventory/stream corridor assessment results. What were the 36 sites? What were the 32 unusual conditions?

N-WBMP lists NPS sources on p. 52 – Pet Waste, Fertilizers & Pesticides, Agriculture, Septic Systems, Habitat Alteration (I assume this means channel alteration), Developed Areas, Marinas, PFAS, and Climate Change. Many of these were not mentioned in the grant application.

N-Lots of evidence of copying and pasting sections from the WBMP, but left out some important details

N-From WBMP: Bacteria Source calculator: 37% septic, 36% ag, 15% developed areas, 12% wildlife (application only mentions ag is 2nd largest source in task breakdown)

Feasibility for Success

-Partners include WNERR, 4 watershed towns, NRCS, Golf Course, Water District, MHB, Arundel & Kennebunkport Conservation Trusts, and Mousam Kennebunk Rivers Alliance. Would be great to see farmers represented in steering committee, and WNERR playing a larger role.

Q/N- Contractual \$10,800 in task 4 to hire people to write the NMPs - No contractor was mentioned in the partners or applicant sections – need to have a description of the qualifications you will be looking for. Who would likely be doing this work? Isn't it usually NRCS or SWCD staff?

P/N-Task 3 looks like reasonable sites and should be easy to get done – all on town property or golf course, who are all on board with project. However, not sure how these address the pollutant of concern (bacteria).

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-Task 4 is worded like 3 projects will get up to \$45,000 but really it's up to \$15,000 each, for a total of \$45,000.

Q/N-Ag task 4 - Only 2 potential sites listed in candidate site list but hoping for 3 total. No indication if scoping/preliminary outreach has been done. Not sure how well this & nutrient management plans align with NRCS programs/DACF/USDA requirements. Will be targeting farms that do not require NMPs/not eligible for EQIP. Are NMPs considered planning – are they fundable? Will the 3 implementation sites be ones that are not EQIP eligible? Just wondering how thought-through this is and if there has been consultation with NRCS about needs in the area.

N-I'm slightly concerned that over half their match, at \$38,730, is coming from agriculture landowners. Wondering if there will be enough buy-in/funds for them to meet this goal.

P-Tasks 5 and 6 seem appropriate and doable in the timeframe. Note that DEP and EPA must approve signs before they are made – should be added as a deliverable.

P-I think the proposal does a good job of targeting high-priority items from the WBMP action plan.

Cost Effectiveness

N-\$2,000 subgrant to maintain an existing storymap? Seems like something Mindee or an intern could do.

P-Overall costs seem reasonable and straightforward.

N-40.8% match is low/doesn't leave a lot of wiggle room.

N-Not particularly strong sources of match and little to no cash match. Nothing more from the watershed towns? Only 2 are contributing and that's only to fix sites on their land.

P-65% of grant funds toward construction

N-Contractual has \$7,200 in match but I'm not seeing where this is coming from in the sources table, since there is no cash match or contractor in-kind match listed. Was it lumped into construction? Need to show where that match is coming from.

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P- District has familiarity with 604b/319 grants – grantee or partner for several projects
P/N-New Project Manager with little direct experience, but seems to have close community/ag ties
N-Money going to contractual services, but no contractor is mentioned in the application. I do not know what this is for. Planning consultant?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-Access is available at Mantle Lake Park, Riverside Park
P-Downtown location – residential and commercial land uses
P-Mantle Lake – youth fishing, recreational use
P-Walking trails, bike path
N-No indication of significant wildlife/habitat value
N-Small urban stream – not much additional potential for use if restored

Water Quality Problem

P-Impaired for periphyton – will be added to NPS TMDL
P-Did not meet Class B for algae and macroinvertebrates in 2014; met for macros but N/A for algae in 2019. Previously has met for macros in other years.
P/N-Elevated P and N – SWAT testing (did not give actual numbers)
P-DO in Alder Brook tributary below criteria of 7 mg/L during low flow – due to temp. Kennedy Brook met criteria for DO in upper watershed, but lower sites had significant diurnal DO swings.
P-Chloride not a significant stressor at this time.
N-did not include any water quality information about Mantle Lake (but no info on Lakes of Maine)

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Potato agriculture – bare fields
P-Agriculture 58% of the watershed, 25% developed
P-Dense residential and commercial development; ag in headwaters
P-Extreme channel alteration/loss of floodplain/armoring in downstream sections
P-Mantle Lake experiencing excess sedimentation; is dammed
P-Stream is piped underground in places/altered heavily
N-2002-2006 watershed survey – 21 sites – did not indicate land use or impact
N-Did not include WBMP in watershed assessment section (in fact the section is completely blank)
N-A few of the watershed activities to address NPS pollution are not relevant (dredging, WQ monitoring)
N-From the aerials/map, there is still quite a bit of riparian buffer along the middle part of the stream, which wasn't obvious from the description (can't see many areas where homeowners filled/added lawn as written in proposal)

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

Feasibility for Success

N-Does not appear that channel alteration will be addressed in this phase

N-No letters of support

N-Task 3 has contractual costs, but no consultant was mentioned. Task description mentions in-kind match for design, deliverables mention "planning consultant" – but never described

P-Partners – Friends of Kennedy Brook, City of Presque Isle, School District, UM PI/Farm, Hospital, Cavendish Farms

N-No WBMP implementation progress table included – does not really mention WBMP at all.

Q-Task 1 mentions LID ordinance which should not be listed under Project Management.

N-"Retrofit reconnaissance survey" mentioned in task 3 is not mentioned in section IV.

N-Task 3 – need more details of BMPs/design/location for each site – this only lists the locations.

Q/N-Task 3 – mantle lake park trib culvert – unclear if this is an NPS issue or just for fish passage.

N-Task 3 – Griffeth Honda does not appear to be near the stream, based on a google maps search. I see that it says it enters the stream from a storm drain, but doesn't look like that makes a lot of sense given the location. I would want to double check that. Also, not clear where you could fit in a 20,000 sq ft rain garden on this lot. Same w/ Haines – very little room on one side of stream for any buffer plantings.

N/Q-20,000 sq ft is huge for a rain garden (a little less than ½ a football field) – is this correct? Does not appear to be enough room and would be a big undertaking.

P-Tasks seem doable in the timeframe.

Q-Task 5 – Outreach – mentions student activities and guidance documents. Are these going to be done as part of the grant? Need to describe actions/E&O initiatives proposed. Very limited scope for this task – press releases and a presentation. Would like to see more being done.

Cost Effectiveness

N-Lots of issues with task breakdown tables/cost categories being filled out incorrectly – makes it hard to assess cost. Good that they provided a breakdown later but shouldn't be necessary.

N/Q-Task 3 costs not clear. rain gardens price of \$16,000 each seems high.

N/Q-Task 1 cost very high, but I think it's because all of CASWCD's time is put under this task rather than spread out across the various tasks – need to fix this.

P-48.9% match

N-Task 2 – SC - Did not include match for attendees. Not sure you can count refreshments as match. Costs for office supplies and printing are high given that usually you're just printing out agendas? In breakdown, it lists \$200 for signs. What are the signs for? I find it hard to believe that they would be using \$469 worth of toner.

N/Q-0% of grant funds to construction, although I think this is because they coded their cost categories incorrectly. A lot of the supplies & donated labor should actually be construction.

N- Did not fill out part 2 notes in the budget.

N-\$70,000 for a pretty modest proposal – 2 rain gardens, some buffer plantings, and writing an ordinance. Seems expensive given the scope.

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RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance (McGrath Pond and Salmon Pond)

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/7/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-7 Lakes has managed several previous 319 projects

P/N-Quality of work is good; timeliness of deliverables is a chronic problem

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-Public Boat Launch

P-Good waterbody and watershed physical characteristics section

P-Several summer youth camps, commercial camps, sawmill, gravel pit, town park

P-Recreational use (swimming, fishing, boating)

P-Coldwater fishery (McGrath Pond)

P-habitat in the watershed includes inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat, deer wintering, wild brook trout habitat, significant vernal pool, several species of special concern, loons

N-Presence of other lakes in the area diminishes value of individual lakes

Water Quality Problem

P-McGrath Pond sensitive to additional P, Salmon Lake on Watch List & sensitive due to sediment chemistry

N-Al:Fe results not shown: Salmon Lake Al:Fe 0.92 & 1.30; Al:P 3.31 & 13.60/McGrath Pond (2 samples, pretty much the same: Al:Fe 2.50; Al:P 95.40 & 95.60)

P-Low DO has been an issue since 1926 – [could be natural due to basin morphometry]

P-Salmon Lake algae blooms in the 1970s – intensive study done – historical sources from dairy farm and lumberyard/landfill

P-Evidence of internal loading (Salmon Lake's annual P load 32% internal and 68% external), fall turnover blooms, increase in area of anoxia over time

N-Water quality summary focused on Salmon Lake, McGrath Pond summary was much less detailed. Should at least provide average SDT, TP, and Chl-a values/indication of summer DO levels at depth

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Good overview of road mileage in watershed (13.2 camp, 27.7 town and state), number of residential properties (611 total, 275 shoreland zone), 24 private boat launches.

P-Some ag on west shore of Salmon Lake/north end of McGrath

P-2010 watershed analysis showed a 143% increase in non-shoreline development and a 30% increase in shoreline development between 1965 and 2007.

P-105 watershed survey sites – 12 high impact and 47 medium impact. Mostly residential shoreline sites, some roads and stream crossings.

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Feasibility for Success

P/N-Partners include McGrath Pond – Salmon Lake Association, Towns of Belgrade and Oakland.

Would be good to see more diversity here.

N-would like to see more community involvement in steering committee.

P-Letters of Commitment from MP SLA, Towns of Belgrade and Oakland (in kind only)

N-Task 3 – road BMPs on 16 town and private roads. More detail should be given about these sites in the task description (we anticipate sites at X location, X number in the McGrath watershed, X in the Salmon Lake watershed, overview of proposed BMPs)

Q-Candidate site list contains 17 road sites (one more than listed in Task 3)

N-No indication of cooperation/buy in from various road associations with candidate sites

P-Task 4 – 20 BMPs installed on 10 residential properties by YCC – seems doable

P/N-Task 5 – 20 LakeSmart evaluations – seems like much more than they have done over the past few years – too ambitious?

P/N-Task 6 Outreach & Education – 2 newsletters, 2 press releases, 2 road workshops. This is a good start, but basic and not innovative. Would like to see more effort/creativity put into this task.

N-Seems like focus is on roads (incl. road workshops) when the majority of survey sites were on residential properties – did not justify

N-Task 7 – Municipal outreach – very minimal description. Also, question whether this is implementation or planning (review vs. taking action). Please provide more detail about what you will actually be doing here. Need to have a deliverable/output.

Cost Effectiveness

P-Overall 48% match

P-71% of grant funds to construction

N-match sources are not diverse – limited buy-in

N-Town match is low; only for YCC and town road sites

Q-Task 7 is added up wrong – breakdown says \$1,000; total says \$1,200

P-Costs overall seem reasonable – just a lot for road construction that is not backed by letters of commitment (except for the town road sites)

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RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance (North Pond)

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 5/27/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P/N-Applicant has good organizational capacity, and a good track record for the quality of work they do as well as ample 319 experience. However, timeliness of deliverables and on-time closeout of projects has been a chronic issue.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-Public Boat Launch; recreational use

P-Provides water to downstream lakes in Belgrade chain.

N-Recreational/economic value somewhat diluted by presence of several other larger lakes in the area

P-351 shorefront residences; summer camp, ranch, commercial businesses

P-Warmwater fish, loons, IWWH, wetland of special significance, sand hill cranes

Water Quality Problem

P-On Linda Bacon's internal impaired list (will be added to next integrated report)

P-Algae blooms in 2010, 2018, and 2020. Fish kill in 2020

P-Significant increase in chl-a over time, slight increase in TP.

[Climate change leading to stronger stratification and warmer temperatures, along with more intense storms, could be contributing here.]

[Al:Fe ratio: 1.68/1.40, Al:P ratio: 40.41/40.90]

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-residential and commercial development, roads are greatest threats. Proximity of development to the lake.

P/N-Historical agricultural use, some current ag. Not all the ag has been surveyed.

P-2016 watershed survey – 135 sites. Residential, beach access, and roads were most common sites.

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Feasibility for Success

P/N-Towns, lake association on board as partners. Would be good to have a little more diversity on the SC- Road associations, perhaps?

P-Tasks well targeted to address WBPP action items

Q-No evidence of buy-in from private road associations – are they on board with fixing their sites?

P-Tasks are straightforward and number of sites seems doable. Candidate site list looks like a good selection of sites.

N-Candidate site list for Residential sites lists Riprap as a BMP – not sure this will be fundable.

N-Would like more detail on what Task 7 (Municipal Outreach) entails. How about a deliverable? Why do you need 4 meetings? What will the meetings be about? Will there be ordinance change recommendations?

P-Two road workshops – good because it addresses one of the main NPS issues; lakesmart and YCC address residential issues.

Cost Effectiveness

P-51.2% match

P-76% of grant funds is being used for construction

P-Overall project costs seem reasonable.

Q-Check math on Task 7 – total cost is \$1,200 but breakdown only lists \$1,000 in costs.

Q- I'm not the best at estimating costs but some of the candidate sites seem like the cost might be underestimated. Could be that they are smaller stretches of road/ditching?

P-Budget tables seem to make sense. If I were being picky I'd want them to account for donated services from the towns serving on the steering committee. Not sure if that is lumped into the NPA donated services – could just change to "NPA and towns"

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RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Town of Ogunquit (Ogunquit River)

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/15/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-Grantee for Phases I-III of 319 grants for this waterbody
N-Phase III is active now, seems to be behind/issues with consultant
N-Town manager is brand new (and interim) – no 319 grant experience noted
P-Will be hiring a consultant for "technical oversight"

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Q/N-How much is the river/estuary used vs. the beach? Does not specifically mention recreation related to the river – main draw seems to be the beach; need better explain the connection between the river and the beach.
P-Popular tourist area
N-Mentions "diverse, rare and endangered plant and animal species" but does not name them
P-softshell clam harvest from estuary
N-Description of Waterbody Uses and Value is not focused specifically on the Ogunquit River Estuary, but rather the town as a whole (awards and number of employees are not relevant to this application) and the beach area. Would like to get a better sense of the estuary specifically.

Water Quality Problem

P-Development pressure – 5-12% growth in watershed towns
P-Impaired due to low dissolved oxygen, bacteria; Stevens Brook tributary impaired for aquatic life
P-Bacteria TMDL
P-Bacteria hot spots at Leavitt Stream and main beach parking lot – source is predominantly human and pet waste
N-Did not talk about DO or macroinvertebrate sampling results, even though these are part of the impairment

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-Malfunctioning septic systems, pet waste, and lack of riparian vegetation the main causes of NPS pollution
P-Other critical source areas: stormwater, sewer cross connections, agriculture, and wildlife
P-Hot spots identified – enterococci bacteria
N-Would have liked a better description of sampling locations and results – everything was lumped together so it was hard to get a sense of how prevalent and widespread the exceedances are.
N-Would have been good to provide an update on septic work so far – provide some info on results from coastal communities grant

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Feasibility for Success

P-Partners include Conservation Commission and steering committee (which may include Land Trust, Maine Healthy Beaches, and WNERR) – have not all been involved in past phases.

P-Task 3 – stormwater retrofit – very doable – town is on board, already designed

Q-Task 4a – not sure this is eligible – looks like a planning task (outreach plan)

P/Q-The rest of the subtasks for task 4 look ok, although 4b makes it sound like the town is going door-to-door, but budget indicates it is the consultant. Wondering if some of this and other outreach should be done by the town or conservation commission who are more involved in the community and to cut down on cost. Also, would be good to have some press releases included in outreach tasks.

Q-Is Task 4b redundant since door-to-door outreach was already done in Phase II and III? Or is this in a different neighborhood/area than past door-to-door work?

N/Q-Task 5 – water quality monitoring. This is a significant source of match. Would need to ensure that sampling is only for assessing BMP effectiveness and not routine baseline monitoring. Need to provide more detail/breakdown of costs, sites, sampling frequency.

N – Match for the stormwater BMP project is only 20% (according to candidate site list) -- needs to be at least 25%. Budget table lists \$15,000 in match, which would be 27%.

Q-Not sure why there are three other candidate sites in the site list which are not mentioned in the workplan. Are these backup sites?

Cost Effectiveness

N-Overall match 41.3%

P-67% of grant funds to construction

N-Sources of match are not diverse. A good amount of town cash match, but most of this is for monitoring.

N-Project management task costs are high given the scope of the project

N-I don't think \$20,000 for monitoring is a good use of matching funds. It is not aligned well with the purpose of 319 grants, even if it is technically fundable. The price tag also seems high in general, and there is no breakdown of costs (other than some will go to SAP and QAPP). No indication of lab costs or number/location of samples.

N-I don't like that the one construction project has so little match, and half of the project's total match is coming from a water quality monitoring task.

N-Only one BMP is being installed for a project costing \$61,990 in grant funds (\$105,609 total)

Q– Part 2 and 3 match amounts do not match stated total match in stated project budget (\$40,619 vs. \$43,619). The discrepancy is that the total match from Town of Ogunquit according to Part 3 is \$32,300, but proposal states town is providing \$15,000 for stormwater BMP and \$20,000 for monitoring, which is \$35,000. The other \$300 is Task 4 supplies for printing and mailing (this is included in cash match, but if it's just printing via the town printer, I think that would technically be in-kind).

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RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Town of Kittery (Spruce Creek)

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/2/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience
N-No qualifications section included in application

Relative Value of the Waterbody
-Coastal stream in Kittery and Eliot, empties to Piscataqua River.
-Focus of project is on estuary portion
P-Tidal/mudflats/salt marsh
Q-"Public access" at various locations, but how well used is it by the public?
N-Not enough detail in the "description of waterbody uses and value" - population/number of residents, visitors, businesses? What about tourism value?
P-Route 1 crosses it/dense commercial development; residential, and agriculture land uses
P-Potential for shellfishing if restored; new England cottontail habitat

Water Quality Problem
P-Impaired for bacteria
N-Listing status for NPS priority list is out of date - now only listed as impaired on the Marine list.
P-Closure of shellfish beds
N-State that N & P are elevated but do not provide numbers except for at "PICOTT"
N-How about bacteria counts/results? Very vague description with no quantitative data. Where did sampling take place? How many sites (seven)? What % of these were elevated, and at what levels?
Q-What is PICOTT? [seems to be a tributary stream? Why is it in all caps?]
P/N-Talk about DO swings/elevated BOD, low DO - consistent from year to year.
N-Considering bacteria is the main stressor for this system, would have liked to have seen a greater focus on bacteria data.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems
P-Mix of different types of development - commercial, residential, agriculture (what type of agriculture? Acreage?)
P-Highest priority NPS sites are urban & agricultural runoff sites
P-Other significant sources are septics, leaking sewer lines/cross connections, pet waste
N-Summary of watershed assessments should list specific projects rather than a summary of the same information provided in the above sections.
N-No summary of NPS/stream survey results - how many sites; impact rating?
N-I don't have a good idea of the extent and severity of NPS problems other than it seems like the upper estuary around areas of farmland has the worst water quality. Would like to hear more about the urban NPS sites, which are mentioned as a high priority but not talked about in the summaries.

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DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/2/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

Feasibility for Success

N-No letters of support

P-Using a consultant

P/N-Partners include Spruce Creek Assoc., Kittery Conservation Commission, and Kittery Land Trust

Q-What are the donated services for task 1?

P/N-Task 3 septic – online meeting, brochure, cost-share for inspections and designs – landowner cash match should be under the “construction” cost category [although not sure if that is the best way to categorize the inspections and designs?]. Did not show evidence in water quality problem section of septic system impacts but is included in WBP.

P/N-Task 4 – awareness and outreach (clean up day, signs that link to StoryMap) - signs need to be approved by DEP & EPA. The “construction” cost category should actually be “supplies” (watershed signage). Good start... but I don't think many people are going to scan a QR code from a sign. You're investing a lot of money into making this storymap, so I would like to see it advertised and promoted in more ways.

P/N-Task 5 – stormwater retrofit matching grants – says at least 2 projects funded for a total of \$60k but the candidate site list contains 9 potential sites, most of which are <\$2k, for a total of \$54,750.

NPS site reports should be listed a deliverable

N-Candidate site list is vague; does not indicate severity of sites – mostly sites that lack buffers/require infiltration BMPs – does not line up with the “stormwater BMPs for impervious surfaces” mentioned in task 5. Seem like small potatoes sites – not sure how much impact this will have on overall water quality.

N-Nothing for agriculture in the workplan even though that is listed as the biggest NPS source in the watershed?

N-Are the sites being targeted in the site list within the PICOTT area that seems to have the most WQ issues? It looks like only 2 of them are, the others are a smattering of commercial and residential areas. Does not seem to be targeting the problem outlined in the water quality problem section.

N-Task 6 – monitoring – this does not pass the straight-faced test to me. \$23,000 to see if a buffer planting that was just installed a couple years ago is affecting the water quality? Need more detail on number of sites, how many sampling events, etc. Baseline monitoring is not eligible as match.

Cost Effectiveness

P-43.3% match

N-37% of grant funds to construction (some of which is septic designs)

N-Task 1 project management cost very high (\$8,700)

N-Task 7 final project report – way too expensive and should be rolled into Task 1.

N-Task 6 costs seem very high and is a substantial chunk of the entire grant budget

N-They filled out the match table incorrectly. Should be listing the sources of match and total amounts (Landowner In-Kind, Town of Kittery Cash Match, Town of Kittery In-Kind, etc), not breaking it out for each individual task. Looks like it should be:

Town of Kittery Cash Match \$20,000

Town of Kittery In-Kind: \$11,610

Landowner Cash/In-Kind for Construction: \$31,500

Donated Services: \$2,830.68

Consultant match (not sure of source): \$1,500

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RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Town of Topsham (Topsham Fair Mall Stream)

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 5/28/21

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

-No applicant quals included.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N-Small (1.4 miles)

P-Heavily developed: high-density commercial, I-295; drains to Androscoggin River

N-No formal access/recreational use – “potential” use

P-Potential coldwater fish habitat if barriers were reduced

N-No water supply

Water Quality Problem

P-Impaired – benthic macroinvertebrates; IC TMDL

P/N-Class B stream – non attainment in 2008 – is this all the data available? [2014 met class C; 2013 indeterminate; 2018 NA; met for algae in 2013; class C for wetlands 2013]

P-Chloride – above chronic threshold in summer 90% of the time; close to threshold in winter; has increased over time. Chloride in groundwater, chronic exceedance and occasional acute exceedance (1-2% of the time) – data from 2013, 2015, 2016 – would like to see some more recent data too.

-Temp good, some low DO during baseflow but not the primary concern

N-What about other effects of high impervious cover? Temp appears ok; no mention of other stormwater pollutants, even though these are targeted in the proposed workplan.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-30% impervious; New development mentioned – seems like they've covered ordinances in past phases

P-Channel alteration, undersized culverts, channel incision & sediment deposition

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P-Flooding/washout hazards

P/N-Chloride highest in upstream area; lower in downstream reaches, although a snow dump was moved after WBP was written, so may now be higher – would be great to have some data here.

N-It's sort of obvious, but it would be great to get more info about the source of chloride and the area we're dealing with. There is a little bit of detail, but a better overview of the area of roads, parking lots etc., and various entities that spread salt/current management practices would be helpful.

N-More mention of other stormwater pollutants would be good

Feasibility for Success

-Application has incorrect end date (should be Dec 2023).

-They sent a draft version of the application.

P/N-Using a consultant for all tasks and project management.

N-De-icing consultant for task 4 – need to make sure this is not a planning task – “discover and document”, “identify” “create a plan”- these do not sound fundable under 319. Mentions planning for a future implementation project. Are there really 400 commercial businesses in this watershed?

P/N-Task 5 stormwater retrofits – no indication of buy-in/interest from private landowners – concerned that this is a very large/expensive task and they may not be able to spend all the money. Requiring \$20k in match from a private business for an elective BMP – seems unlikely they'd have much interest. They do have a back-up town owned site, but it's only \$11,000 total cost. And they are right at the 40% min. match amount.

N-Two of the three candidate sites do not address chloride (at least as primary target), which was the main pollutant of concern listed in the water quality section.

Cost Effectiveness

N-Overall match – 40%

P-54% grant funds to construction

N-\$70k to pay consultants is pretty steep.- even if they are doing all the work. Cost seems high for tasks 1 and 2.

N-\$42k price tag seems really high for Task 4 – salt reduction/consultant task

N-\$10k in match from business owners for salt reduction outreach does not seem realistic.

N-Would like to see more/better quality match. Seems shaky.

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUTION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District (Trickey Pond)

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/14/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

-CCSWCD has ample 319 experience, will be utilizing in-house engineering

Relative Value of the Waterbody

- P-Public boat launch
P-Excellent water quality
N-value somewhat watered down by presence of Sebago & other lakes
P-Heavily used for recreation
P-coldwater fish habitat
P-2 campgrounds, summer camp, residential development (~110 homes)
P-Contributes water to Sebago, a public drinking supply
P-at least one significant vernal pool
N-no indication of rare plants/animals, special habitats

Water Quality Problem

- P-Threatened (outstanding WQ, sensitive), lake most at risk from new development
P-Low DO from July – September – affects volume of coldwater fish habitat
P-Secchi disk readings have become less deep over time, chl-a increasing trend
P-Decreasing water quality trend – identified in Sebago Subwatershed Assessment & Prioritization project.
N-Did not mention Al:Fe ratio – Al:Fe 3.3/9.1:1 and Al:P 70.8/78.1:1

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

- P-Good overview of watershed/shoreline survey results. Lots of residential sites when shoreline is included (4+76). 25 road/driveway sites – a lot considering there is one major road on the shoreline. 3 boat/beach sites. 9H/16M/7L for watershed survey, 9H/26M/41L for shoreline.
P-Sebago Lake Subwatershed assessment & prioritization found large changes in landcover between 1987 and 2013.
N-A little more narrative on the changes in landcover and the nature of some of the high impact sites would have been helpful in better understanding the nature, extent and severity of the NPS problems.

Feasibility for Success

- P-Letter of support from PWD
P-Project partners include TPEPA, Town of Naples, PWD, and LEA
Q-Are 6 SC meetings needed? Seems like a lot given the straightforward workplan.
Q-Should the Trickey Pond Road O&M plan be a separate task? Was lumped in with NPS & shoreline sites and not fleshed out very much.

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RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District (Trickey Pond)

DATE: (reviewed by evaluator) 6/14/21

EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

Q-Task 4 -buffers is basically an outreach task. Will target med & low impact shoreline sites – wondering if there should be a cost share, and how they will track work that gets done. 1000 ft might be unrealistic. I think it would be good to factor in some money for site visits – problems may not be best solved by only buffers, since slope & bare soil were factors influencing shoreline score. Should an RMG task be added and the buffer boost initiative be under an education & outreach task?

P/N-Task 5 – video(s) – I like that this is unusual/out of the box, but it is hard to produce a good quality video and the description of the task is pretty vague/ short on detail.

P/N-Task 6 - project promotion – 2 press releases & 2 newsletter articles, final project brochure. Not sure what the brochure will achieve considering there will only be one phase of 319 work done, and may be redundant given other outreach being done.

Q-Unclear if Clean Lake Check-ups are part of match or not. LEA has 56 hours of match time – not clear what it's for other than SC meetings.

P-No large construction projects – most are pretty basic fixes, so a good chance proposed work will be completed successfully. Some concern about landowner buy-in but should be able to find replacement sites if needed given number of watershed survey sites.

Cost Effectiveness

N-41% overall match – low given that Town of Naples match not guaranteed.

P-Sources of match overall are pretty good with a reasonable amount of cash match.

N-Only 21% of grant funds being used for construction

P-Great that they're leveraging and using up Stormwater Compensation funds – I checked the balance and the amount stated for match is reasonable.

N-Project admin/payroll costs are high, but that is typical for CCSWCD projects due to indirect. I do wonder if they are overestimating the number of hours needed for this project – seems higher than the average 319 project and it's not clear why they need the extra hours.

Q-Task 2, 3, 4 & 6 match breakdown– make sure cost category is “donated services” for any volunteer time and “payroll” only if it is for CCSWCD staff.

N-They are spending almost all their cash match to make a video. Pretty wishy-washy about “number and length” depending on “production costs” when they did not list any outside entity being hired to film/produce the video. Not sure this is a great use of money/time and concerned that this is a big chunk of the match going to the project given the uncertainty. Uncertainty partially due to the fact that Town of Naples match is not guaranteed.

N/Q-Does \$35,891 in payroll costs make sense for Task 3? Seems like a huge amount

Q-Should indirect be factored into the totals in the Part 1 budget table?

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BIDDER NAME: Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District (Trout Brook)

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EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P-CCSWCD has worked on numerous 319 grants, including previous Trout Brook phases.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P-Public access at various locations

P-Residential, public green spaces, schools

P-Drains to Casco Bay

P-Brook Trout habitat, new england cottontail

Water Quality Problem

P-Impaired / Urban Impaired– benthic macroinvertebrates and habitat (IC TMDL) – Class B/C

P-Nonattainment at site downstream of Hinckley Park ponds; algae blooms (Oscillatoria)

P/N-Issues include low DO, high P & chloride/specific conductance. Please quantify!

N-I would have liked to have seen more about biomonitoring stations & data – perhaps in a table. Only says “does not meet” – is this in every year and at every sampling location? What years are these data from? Could have included sampling stations in the watershed map.

[The biomonitoring reports I looked at all indicated non-attainment for macroinvertebrates; recent results from Tom indicate NA.]

N-A better overview of how often stream has been sampled (other than by DEP biomonitoring unit) in the past and where, along with results, would have been helpful. Have no samples been taken since 2012?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P-12% impervious cover

P-Land use 50% residential, 30% forested, farmland, commercial development, schools

-Headwaters/upstream are generally undisturbed

P-Stream channel alteration/degraded habitat

P-Pet waste – Hinckley Park, yard waste

P-Lack of riparian buffer downstream – lawns, invasive plants, stream bank erosion

P -Chloride-salt storage

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N-Nature of problems – good; but did not get a good sense of extent or severity of NPS problems from the description given.

Feasibility for Success

P -All construction tasks have buy-in from landowners (city/farm)

P/N-Steering committee includes city & farm – Seems like there should be more stakeholders.

P-Brown School rain garden & focal point – the parking lot is right next to the Brook, so these seem like good projects, even if there's not a ton of area being treated. Buffer planting in Hinckley Park also good (although could use more detail). More fencing at the farm is good. All are doable in the timeframe.

N-Should include outreach to schools/public mentioned in 3a & 3c under Task 4. Would like to see more effort toward public awareness/education and outreach in general – Task 4 doesn't have much detail or creativity. What about signage at Hinckley Park? Conservation Commission outreach? Updates at city council meetings?

-3c mentions signs – these need to be approved if they are permanent and included as a deliverable. Handouts should also be deliverables.

Cost Effectiveness

N-Overall match 40.3% - low

N-Steering committee payroll cost seems high

Q- Match breakdown lists "Payroll" instead of "donated services" – need to fix this. There is no payroll match in the budget table.

P-57% of grant funds to construction

P-Modest cost overall, appropriate for the level of work being done

N-Not sure that part 3 is complete – what about the farm's in-kind match? I think that was lumped into South Portland's in-kind but should be separate. Sources of match not diverse and little cash match – more would have boosted the overall match %. However, it appears that the match amounts are reasonable and will be attained easily.

P-hoping to receive additional match from Wetlands Compensation Program – source of potential additional match

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RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Cobbossee Watershed District

DATE: 6/18/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience –

P: 39 years of experience administering grants – awards for their work.
P: Bill Monagle – Project Manager, successfully managed numerous grant funded projects, including Phase II.
P: Wendy Dennis & Ryan Burton – technical assistance staff. Wendy has years of experience
P: Friends of Cobbossee Watershed – bringing education expertise and experience to the project (YCC 16 years & Lakesmart since 2005)
n/?: Did not elaborate on Ryan Burtons role and experience.

Relative Value of the Waterbody – public use, avness, drinking water, recreation, scenic, habitat, commercial

P: Back up drinking water supply for City of Augusta
P: Access – two public boat launches, fishing tournaments,
P: Recreation – bass fishing,
P: Habitat – 21 species of fish in lake, four species are high priority in 2005 Comp Wildlife Conservation strategy, wetland habitat – Maine NAP high ecological significance, eagles and herons, rare Least Bitterns
N: doesn't mention number of shoreline property owners – economic and commercial impacts.

Water Quality Problem

P: 50 years of water quality data – history of excess nutrients (Phosphorus) and algae blooms. Min. clarity of 3.1 meters in 2018 (2meters in severe algae bloom). Water clarity has not improved.
P: Severe blooms in 2009 and 2013, min. clarity of 1.7 meters and 1.9 meters.
P: two lakes upstream on Maines 303d list of impaired waterbodies – upstream influences.
N: Threatened, not impaired. Went an extended period without severe algae blooms
? : Is there action being taken on lakes upstream of Cobbossee?
N: Did not elaborate on TMDL load reductions & recommendations
N: Could benefit from further details of how the lake changed from 2006 to blooming in 2009.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: Severity – 1992 SDT was 2.5 with algae from ice out until after fall, TMDL report in 1995 → led to restoration efforts and delisting?

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P: 2014 – Watershed Based protection Plan - 80 NPS sites were identified, 27 were high, 45 medium – largely to road related NPS

P: Long history of lake management

- 1970s/80s: agriculture & nutrient mgmt. in Jock stream
- 1995 - camp roads and buffers
- 1994 – 13 road projects, 45 BMPs and BMPS at 3 farms.
- 2007 – Phase I and Phase II → ME Dep declared gravel roads to be a major contributor of sediment and P to Maine Lakes – 100 camp roads in close proximity to lake.

N: Does not elaborate on a watershed survey that I imagine was part of writing the plan, nor on the types of sites found. Agriculture was mentioned earlier in the plan, are there ag issues currently in the watershed?

N: Does not elaborate on Phase I and II projects specifics, but rather a general statement of Maine Lakes.

N: Does not mention/elaborate on development pressure. Plan mentions extensive shoreland development – how many homes? What is rate of development?

Plan focuses a lot on historical information, and not on current findings and reasons for the need of continued efforts. Does not provide specifics. What are the goals of the TMDL?

Feasibility for Success -

P: Purpose on reducing sediment and phosphorus. BMP on 15-20 NPS sites – camp/gravel roads, public roads, BMPs on 15 shorefront sites.

P: Stakeholders: Cobbossee Watershed District, Friends of Cobbossee Watershed, Caobbosseecontee Yacht Club/Lake Association, all five towns, camp road landowners? – key stakeholders engaged

P: Tasks focus strongly on BMP implementation/recommendation (Task 3, Task 4 and Task 5).

N: Task 3 – “Prompting Landowners” – technical assistance will be “available” seems vague and noncommittal – are there 20 potential sites or interested landowners? Task 4- Is there commitment from 15 -20 landowners from the top of the list? Great to target top of the candidate site list but hard to say if all landowners have the funds or interest.

N: ? How does LakeSmart and YCC connect to previous years? Are there sites already identified? Is there a waitlist? What types of BMPs are planned for the 15 YCC projects – vegetative stabilization techniques seems to reference buffers at all or at there other types of BMPS?

? Letters of Commitment ?

N: The education tasks needs more elaboration of what the outreach materials are specifically about, and how this will help students and boaters/shorefront owners to help protect the lake with a focus on nutrient reductions. What is the TadPole Patrol program? What is the Otter II – a boat? The last bullet point is very general – “general public” and “will be provided information about NPS and lake water quality” – in what form will this be shared that is different than the bullet point above?

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O/N: Site #205 -207 is \$20,000 called for large riprap. It seems for a causeway riprap may be necessary...

Cost Effectiveness

P: 100,000 for construction of BMPs (both match and grant) – nearly 2/3rds of the project funds will go towards implementing structural BMPs.

N: \$43,400 in match from property owners, that is a significant amount of match for this project without clear commitment from these property owners.

O/N: Volunteer match seems very low – I'd imagine it'd be much more than \$363 from the steering committee meetings.

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BIDDER NAME: County of Aroostock

DATE: 6/18/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: County was 604b recipient. County Administrator – Ryan Pelletier has 22 years of experience, and managed a DEP 319 grant in previous position =Admin experience. Dana Gendreau – financial experience .

P: Subgrantee – FOCL organizers of lake association have strong landowner relations (50% camp overs are members and 20 board members that represent most of camp roads – great connections for project implementation) – Cheryl Environmental Engineer & water quality criteria and protocol experience. Kirk – years of project management related to environmental problems.

P: St.John Valley Soil and Water Conservation District – help with ag projects – long history of working with watershed farms. NRCS will be involved on Cross Lake.

P: Contractors – consulting manager - experience in managing 319 . Engineer – experience with NPS Site mitigation. Website designer.

? Contractors – hire engineer for Phase II?

Overall, really strong group of stakeholders with years of experience and connections to the community through various avenues.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Access – public picnic area, beach and boat launch – south end. Closest public lake access to the City of Caribou and surrounding towns. Part of Maines largest ice fishing derby.

P: Uses/Recreation – year round – swimming, fishing, boating, ATV, hunting, ice fishing, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing.

P: Habitat – coldwater fishery (native brooktrout and landlocks Salmon) of statewide significant. Support self-sustaining populations of native Brook Trout “Wild Brook trout Waters” MDIWQ. Upper watershed – State Heritage Fish Waters and High priority Wild Brook Rout Habitat. 3200 acres of inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat, 7641 acres of wetland. Five threatened or endangered wildlife species occurring or likely occurring in watershed. Seven rare plant and natural communities.

Drinking Water: NA?

N/? : Commercial/economic – sounds like the fishing derby's have impact to local economy but not described – commercially is the surrounding area impacted?

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

Water Quality Problem

P: Impaired – Poor water quality since 1950s, high potential for algal blooms. NPS Priority list as impaired. TP and SDT listing. Reports – Phosphorus Control Action Plan and TMDL – 2006 (includes Daigle Pond, Daigle Brook and Dickey Brook – all listed as impaired). Regular occurrence of algal blooms – high potential for HABS.

P: Data collection since 1981. Data analysis shows Cross Lake as productive “eutrophic” lake due to mean SDT of 2.7, chlorophyll of 10ppb, and chronic nuisance blooms. High TP at 16ppb. Anoxia by mid-July. Daigle and Dicky Brook exceed Class B water target of 30ppb TP.- NA for aquatic in 2014 and 2019 & nutrient enrichment.

N/? : Algal blooms occur regularly – how often is this?

Notes: high flushing rate (3.5x/yr). 23% ag lands, 3% developed, 265 camps/homes. 80% managed forestland. 45% forested. 29% wetlands.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: 2019 – Watershed Survey – 154 NPS sites, shoreline erosion (109), 10 town roads, 1 public boat launch, 20 private roads, and 2 driveways, 56 sites high priority, 66 medium and 32 low impact. Ag land surveyed by drone.

P: Load calculations: 80% of load from shoreline erosion

P: NWQI work in watershed – 2020-2023 goals of reducing P from ag sites of 1225 pounds. Concerns: soils on cropland for sediment and P. 13% of watershed is cultivated cropland – two yr rotation – results in bare soil 75% of the time!

P: Septic survey and Sensitive Soils 2020/2021: map of sensitive soils, and FOCL completed a survey of septic systems. 83 parcels as high priority for investigation.

P: Land Cover Update and Nutrient Load Analysis: loading model suggests impairment is caused primarily by P in stormwater runoff (94% of the total P load). Ag makes up 23% of watershed, model estimates it contributes 77% of P load. → **Not sure how to interpret this – two different models?**

P: WBMP approved in March 2021 – recent effort and momentum.

N : ? : How did FOCL conduct septic system surveys – observations for failures? What was noted during this survey.

? : Sites found during the drone surveying on ag lands?

Feasibility for Success – likelihood completed as proposed, restored or protected, actions needed? Well sequences tasks, stakeholders, municipal involvement, , community support.

P Stakeholders: County of Aroostook, Friends of Cross Lake, consultant, engineer, website developer, volunteers from FOCL, St.John valley SWCD, Landowners, Farmers, Irving Woodlands LLC, NRCS = strong stakeholder group with experience, connection and expertise.

P: Concurrent efforts - the work and funding from the NWQI project and this project will significantly benefit this watershed.

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P: BMP implementation: NPS abatement projects - Verbal commitment from landowners - 15 highest impact sites. 10 growers on 850 acres.

P: Education and Outreach – 8 Lakesmarts evaluations, two press releases, workshop , presentations for FOCL annual meeting, select boards, field day event and one workshop on soil health, two articles. Welcome Packet – new shorefront property owners, website development → worth the funds to create an engaging website → the audience is varied which is great.

O: At least four phases to implement plan

P: LakeSmart program began in 2019 – demonstrates community commitment to the project

P: Project would be concurrent with the NWQI project implementation. 2020 P reduction loads as high as 21% already signed up. Significant funds allotted to this project (~1.3 million over four year period).

?: eligibility of the Boat Launch engineer if it wont be implemented?

? What is the TNC survey information- only written in as match

Q: Lots of shoreline erosion – will need to work closely with DEP to determine what BMPs are best for these sites. Curious as to why no road sites were pursued – given the board has connection to all road associations/ representation.

Cost Effectiveness

P: \$222, 150 going towards construction (grant and match) = 78% of project

P: \$29,398 of in-kind match from FOCL.

P: Town cash & in-kind services match - \$10,600. Cash match for engineer from Irving Woodlands LLC.

P: Verbal commitment from 15 landowners and 10 growers have already agreed to implement cover crops - that ensures match is (semi) guaranteed.

P: Great match for education and outreach.

?: consultant involvement in S.C – how is their cost covered.

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BIDDER NAME: Georges Pond Association

DATE: 6/18/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: Financial, admin and technical - GPA since 2006, 2018 began restoration – hired consultant to develop plan. GPA funded and facilitation two alum treatments through Phase I.

- GPA President, John – involved in 2020 WBMP and Phase I Alum Treatment. Conducts water quality monitoring and lakesmart evaluator. Role – oversight of project tasks, grant admin, meetings, outreach, and coordinators with landowners.
- Ginger – LakeSmart Program since 2018 - knowledge of shorefront, existing NPS issues and landowner relations
- Charles Dawes – Director of Facilities Management (of GPA?) – capital and maintenance oversight experience.
- Marvin – treasurer – grow membership by 500% and raised funds for alum treatment. Newsletters and website design.

P: Consultants – Grant Management and tech assistance – landowners and gravel roads group , experience in managing watershed NPS implementation projects and design and construction of BMPs. Road Consultant – develop gravel road mgmt. plans.

N: Does not provide details of John's background and experience outside of WBMP. How long have they each been with GPA? Unclear if Charles has experience with septic systems, and BMP designs.

?: is there a need for two different consultants, if both will work on gravel roads?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Access/use - popular public beach and boat ramp – fishing, swimming and boating. 145 shorefront lots.

P: Habitat – warm water fishery for smallmouth bass, brown trout, white perch, pickerel and sunfish. Vaseys ponweed – MNAP as species of concern due to rarity. Wetlands – contain inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat.

?/N: seemingly many large lakes around Georges pond – is a lake the public use or do they go to the other surrounding waterbodies?

Notes: 40% forested, 40% open water and wetlands, 11% residential and roadways, 5% open space and 4% ag

Lake that seems most important to the residents around it, but maybe not as much for the public, no commercial impacts

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Water Quality Problem

P: Threatened on NPS Priority List - "Watch list" and "Sensitive – Sediment chemistry"

P: Water Quality monitoring – intermittently since 1977 – increased post cyano bloom in 2012.

P: Cyanobacteria bloom in 2012, 2015 and 2019. SDT annual mean decreased from 4.6 to 3.1 after 2012 (2012-2019). TP historically (1979 to 2012) average was 10ppb. Epilimnion from 2012-2014: 15 to 36ppb and 980ppb in the hypolimnion → intensive 2019 monitoring indicated both external and significant internal recycling.

2020- first of two alum treatments = no bloom in 2020 → deepest water quality on record of 6.8 on June 17, 2020. Second treatment in May 2021.

P: GPA understands alum treatment for internal load is only temporary need to focus on watershed.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: Georges Pond watershed survey 2013 – 53 NPS Sites. 83% were on residential properties. 2018 WBPP drafted. Shoreline and Culvert Survey – additional 11 NPS Sites. Septic System Survey – 145 residents → developed a septic system database. Road and Shoreline Assessment – 15 high priority road, culvert and shoreline sites follow-up for this phase. Nutrient Loading Analysis and Management Review – determined a combination of watershed mgmt. and in-lake actions will be needed. Treatment with alum to all areas deeper than 5m recommend. Soils analysis – DEP determine coarse and gravelly soils that are at risk for septic system malfunctions. 102 properties within 150' are located on sensitive, at risk soils. 2020 WBMP.

→ Explored and studied extensively the external and internal pollutants to guide restoration.

N: Did not elaborate on the other types of sites found during the watershed survey besides residential properties, what was the distribution of high, medium, low sites?

N: Did not elaborate on the findings of the septic system survey, how many landowners responded, and what did they share?

?/N: 4% ag in watershed – were those sites surveyed?

? : LakeSmart commendations? Do landowners typically implement the suggestions?

Feasibility for Success – stakeholders, community support,

P: Concurrent efforts- GPA is proactively and efficiently acting on restoration efforts. Alum treatment in 2020, second in 2021 (demonstrates significant community involvement due to \$\$). LakeSmart - 50% of Georges Pond has now received a LakeSmart evaluation. Phase I – BMPs at 20 NPS sites (18 residential/shoreline, 2 gravel roads).

P: Stakeholders – GPA, Consultant – PM, Town of Franklin, Road Consultant, road associations, interested watershed residents = seems like a strong stakeholder group with good division of labor with each stakeholder working on tasks that are of their strong suit, while incorporating watershed community members in the process.

P: Task 1: Consultant for project mgmt. Task 2: 4 times, variety of stakeholders, Task 3: 2 high priority shoreline sites \$1000 in financial assistance 50% cost share. 8 sites – up to \$500, 50% match requirement. Task 4: 3 NPS high priority sites – Bunkers Beach Rd, Cousins Rd, and South Shore Colony Rd – 50% match (Letters of Commitment included). Task 5 – town owned beach – designs complete, just need installation. Task 6: tech assistance and financial assistance to give landowners, Septic Socials - outreach to the 103 high priority parcels, septic specialist to present. Task 7 – press

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release, GPA website, LakeSmart 12 new properties, two presentations, brochure, newsletters, technical assistance with 3 residential landowners, public beach sign.

Q/N: Is \$2000 enough for steep high priority shoreline sites?

Q/N: eligibility of a boulder wall – not directly on the lake shoreline?

Q: Eligibility of funding for a septic system evaluator? If it's tech assistance.

Q: Should residential NPS tech Assistance from task 7 go with Task 3. Are these designs – essentially recommendations of BMPs that the landowner will install – because if they do, that'd be good to count as match.

Q/N: Hard to tell by the photo, but it almost looks like the public beach site is just sandy beachy soils and not erosion – worth looking into as it's a costly project. May be more just a project to enhance the aesthetics of the beach?

P: Environmental Outcome – reduce sediment loading by 14 tons.

P: Promising that water entering Georges pond is from springs and small unnamed tribs and not from other lakes – seems like a manageable project and feasibility for protection given current efforts.

O: it does seem like maybe two more phases would be needed (since it seems like there'd be 30 more NPS sites to do after this Phase)

?: How is current Phase I project going? On time? –

Cost Effectiveness

P: 60% of project funds will go towards construction

P: Town of Franklin contributing \$15000 in cash match.

P: Requiring 50% match for all construction projects – valuable source of match = 24000.

N: Cost of beach project is fairly significant for not a high decreases in P removal.

N: Task 3 - 33% of cost is for contractual, 56% for construction. – but there is a significant travel cost.

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NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance (North Pond)

DATE: 6/18/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

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P: 7 Lakes Alliance has managed multiple 319 projects, including implementation on all 7 major lakes in the Belgrade Lakes watershed. Charlie Baeder has 14 years in conservation and 30 in project management.

P: Art Grindle joined in 2020 – Erosion Control and LakeSmart Coordinator .

?/n: How many active and proposed 319 projects will 7 Lakes be managing? 3 proposed this round, 2 active = 5 total? Concerns about multiple projects and meeting grant requirements for reporting deadlines. In addition to YCC.

?/n: Details about Arts experience and background were not provided.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Largest and fifth in the chain of the lakes – central position within the Belgrade Lakes waters.

P: recreational use/access: Year-round recreation – Belgrade population doubles in the summer.

Rome population triple to quadruples . Private beaches, scenic islands, two private marines, a public boat launch, three summer youth camps, numerous commercial businesses, private golf course, residential homes and small farms. Swimming, fishing and snowmobiling.

P: Habitat – rare plant and animal species of special concern (ribbon snake, great blue heron, American eel and common loon – 61 adults). Wetland complex – exemplary natural community. The Belgrade Esker and Kettle Complex – one of the best esker systems in the State. Rare plant community to be protected (4 species). 18 fish, 12 native and 6 introduced, stocked for Brown trout – currently warmwater species.

Water supply

P: economic – 866 lots in the shoreland zone. Shorefront properties account for 60% of the property tax valuation in Belgrade and 75% in Rome. Businesses rely heavily on tourism and therefore good water quality. Belgrade growing at a fast rate.

P: Scenic Vista – backdrop of Belgrade Lakes Village

Note: 70% of watershed is forested, 16% wetlands, 10% developed and 4% ag. 64% is large undeveloped forest blocks.

Water Quality Problem

P: Impaired – Aquatic life, trophic trend, low DO and gloeotrichia blooms. Decline in water clarity in the last 50 years, and increase of metaphyton and gloeotrichia over the past 10. Invasive plants and fish. DO loss in the deepest area.

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RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance (North Pond)

DATE: 6/18/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

P: Water quality data/collection since 1970 – long term data set. Trend analysis indicated SDT decline both long and short term in station 1 and short term in station 2. Area of anoxia expanded – if increased that change for internal Phosphorus loading

P: Development pressure – Belgrade growing faster than state and county rate of 4%. 866 shorefront lots, 90% are developed.

P: All lakes hydraulically connected to Great Pond are either impaired or on DEPs Priority NPS watershed list – important to focus efforts on all waterbodies of this chain.

303d Listing: 5A: Lakes needing TMDLs: *Aquatic Life: trophic trend, lowDO, Gloeotrichia blooms (p.159)*

Q: Has sediment chemistry been done in the lake to determine threat of internal loading? Yes 2020.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: 2021 WBMP – watershed load accounts for 72% of phosphorus getting into the lake, 12% from atmospheric deposition, 3% waterfowl, 3% septic, 10% internal. Goal of in-lake P target of 8.5ppb. Developed land accounts for 49% of P load. Sensitive Soils – septic risk analysis – 561 parcels as high priority for further investigation. Sediment chemistry – conditions may favor internal loading iron-bound P in sediments. 2018 watershed survey – 237 sites, 25 high priority. 11 different land types: 147 residential, 20 driveways, 15 roads, 9 state and town, 10 commercial and 11 beach/boat.

→ Overall, very thorough analysis has been conducted to understand the issue and severity.

P: Since 2009- four 319 implementation grants, over 300 BMPs, 51 town and camp roads = reduction of 401 pounds. YCC since 319 – 483 BMPs on 291 sites. LakeSmart – 82 properties on Great Lake received awards. Land Conservation → Have been proactive with

Q: Was the 2018 survey, all new sites or included ones 2009 (or whenever earlier survey was conducted)?

Feasibility for Success –

P: Stakeholders: 7 Lakes, BLA, Town of Belgrade, Town of Rome – provided letters of commitment.

P: Project will result in BMPs at 11 high and medium priority sites, 64 BMPs on 32 residential properties, 50 new LakeSmart evaluations. Public awareness – 2 press releases, Buffer Campaign, road workshops, and ordinance reviews.

P: Overall, I think all of the tasks are doable and will make a beneficial impact on the lakes water quality.

N: Ordinance task is rather vague and potentially underbudgeted if it's going to be a task that involves reviewing AND recommending changes.

N: Tasks are all rather vague.

Q: what do the “non-road NPS sites... will also be addressed” mean? No details explaining how many or what types of sites these would be.

Cost Effectiveness

P: 73% construction

P: Good overall percent match

P: Good match from Town of Rome and Belgrade

Q: Landowner construction cash match -

Q: Where is the match from volunteers for the 50 LakeSmart evaluations?

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUTION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: YCSWCD

DATE: 6/16/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: Project Manager: Mindee is successfully managing 9 active grants and was part of the Kennebunk River Watershed Plan development process. She has kept grants on track both financially and in a timely manner.

P: YCSWCD has been managing and administering 604b and 319 grants for many years, and has proven to have successful collaborations.

P: Subgrantee: WNERR Annie Cox – 10 years of experience ein education and collaborating amongst stakeholders.

Q: contractor qualifications?

N: All Mindee so

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Uses – fishing, swimming, kayaing and boating. Recreation – 13 marinas, Gooch's Beach . Trail system – Eastern Trail

P: Habitat – wild brook and brown trout. Striped Bass. Saltmarsh Sparrow – rare species, rare plant cmtys of Saltmarsh fasle-foxglove. USDA Massabesic Experimental Forest – several rare species. Wading and deer wintering habitat.

P: Economy relies heavily on tourism / healthy river – scenic and aesthetics

P: Drinking water supply – Kennebunkport Wells Water District – 25% of water supply for this area (population of 28000-75000)

P: Public Access: Gooches Beach & Colony Beach. Wonder Brook Park, preserves owned by Kennebunk Lnat Trust. Headwaters – public beach and boat launch.

Water Quality Problem

P: Impaired – Cat 3 in 2016 IR – for insignificant data, and impaired for E.coli in main stem and Duck Brook Trib. KRiver included in 2009 Statewide Bacteria TMDL, and Duck Brook included in 2014 Freshwater Addendum TMDL.

P: Class C standards in 2005 and 2015 (note: meet Class B in 2020)

P: WNERR monitoring since 2009. Increasing bacteria trends across all sampling locations. All freshwater sites exceeded geomean for E.coli in 2017, and all main stem tidal sites exceed for entero geomean. MHB Gooches beach – 118 beach advisory days, 4 rainfall advisory and 4 beach closures since 2003.Colony Beach 30 rainfall advisory days, 78 containimation advisory days.

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

P: Study by MHB – Microbial Pollution Levels and Transport Pathways at the Kriver and Gooches Beach – reveal circulation of tidal waters bring contaminants and pollution back to beach instead of flushing = KRiver most lively source of pollution to Goochs beach.

?: Doesn't describe where station S-270 is (i.e. headwaters, below head of tide) – Route 1 crossing

N/? : Doesn't list NPS Priority Listing – Arundel and Kennebunk – Bacteria TMDL and MHB Priority Water

Notes: Station 469 in Arundel met class B in 2000 and 2005

Notes: 10.9% of watershed land is composed of crop or cultivated land, dense development along Route 1 and southeast of estuary.

Summary: Demonstrates a clear understanding of a decline in water quality due to bacteria, the issue is severe and the waterbody will continue to not meet water quality standards without extensive restoration work.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: This is well studied River – 2011 NPS Survey – 88 sites, half high priority MHB ongoing monitoring plus intensified – indicated widespread bacterial contamination. MHB and MGS – indicates septic systems, stormwater, boats, seaweed, waterfowl and pet waste. OBs: 44 of 82 sites have OB concentrations above limit coupled with bacteria concentrations above limits → indication of sewer/septic.

P: Analysis/Site Specific:

- MHB Watershed Risk Analysis – prioritized list of watershed properties to survey for malfunctioning septic's. Conducted sanitary survey – 16 properties marked for follow up. → Specific Sites
- Statewide Bacteria TMDL: analysis of public and private watershed systems of public and private, sanitary surveys, public outreach in ag areas. → Further analysis and some specifics. Duck Brook – needs systemic investigations, impact of domestic animals and livestock.
- KRiver Stream Crossing: 21 fish barriers – applicable for climate change and fish, but not bacteria.
- Outfalls: 20 discharge, 5 sampled, no exceedances – only a snapshot.
- 32 unusual condition site recorded – elaborate?
- NPS/nonbacterial – 21 low impact, 20 medium impact, 4 high impact.

N: Agricultural sites, buffer sites – what is this impact, how many farms were identified as having buffer issues. Could have provided more specifics.

N/?: what were the sites identified in 2011?

? : seaweed? – trapping bacteria particles and decomposing?

N/? : are the septic, stormwater, boats, etc. backed by visual observation or just assumptions?

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DATE: 6/16/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

Summary: This is a well studied area, with many possible issues of concern and areas to address. Some of this work indicates further analysis is needed to pinpoint sources, but there is a demonstration of a handful of sites/areas to being restoration work in. It seems more sites will be determined along the way – but how will that analysis occur?

Feasibility for Success –

P: application comes right after plan has been written – demonstrating a motivated and focused effort by stakeholders to take action.

P: Appropriate stakeholders involved – critical that NRCS is involved for working on ag sites in the watershed. WNERR – subgrantee to aid in education, all four towns involved, Cape Arundel Golf Course, KKW District, MHB, Arundel and Kennebunkport conservation Trust, and Mousam Kennebunk River Alliance – really strong stakeholder group- all key stakeholders involved.

P: Well sequenced tasks: Strong *steering committee*, *BMP installation at NPS sites*, Task 4 Outreach, *tech assistance and BMP installs on Ag sites* – significant part of this project focused on ag sites – match grants for tech assistance on *nutrient mgmt* -good relationship/Segway into EQIP funds. One to three farms to implement plants – good BMP examples included. *Education* – Two press releases, one buffer workshop, clean up, pet waste disposal signs. *Ordinance* Task – great to follow up on ordinance task directly following the completion of the Town of Kennebunk Comp Plan – LID, ordinance for non-organic herbicides, database of septic systems, require septic system inspection and pump out at prescribed intervals, wetland setbacks and buffers, 2004 Open Space Plan

N/? – Don't know that the sites from Task 3 are critical but it's not too high of a cost.

? Where are Task 3 sites located in proximity to areas of

n/? – Is there enough landowner commitment/buy in for Task 4, seems that a significant amount of outreach may be needed, good BMP suggestions but are there specific projects in mind already? Two potential sites described. Significant match from landowners that may not be committed.

? : Does the information on EQIP need to come out? (Wendy question)

? : Wendy question – stream clean ups are good community participation but doesn't really have to do with the impairment? Let this go in other grants thus far.

O: Anticipated to have 4-5 phases.

?/n: Project may have benefited on a focus on some septic system aspects. But good to consider for future projects.

? : Not sure the eligibility of task 6c – creation of septic database?

O: would want to discuss the ordinance development tasks and focus on one's that have to do with the bacteria impairment specifically.

Summary: This project is building on a lot of great efforts that have been made through the years involving assessments, monitoring, and is looking at the issue in a holistic manner in terms of restoration efforts of both structural and nonstructural BMPs, and has a very strong group of stakeholders.

Cost Effectiveness

P: Almost 45% match on Task 3

P: 67% of project cost focused on agricultural efforts.

N/? : \$30,000 match from landowners for Task 4 – but is there guarantee to this commitment.

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RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: CASWCD

DATE: 6/21/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: History of working on 319/604b projects (~5, plus other studies) . Known for working with agricultural communities. New Director in 2019 agronomist by trade – designing and installing riparian buffers and streams, strong connection to local growers.

N: New director not part of writing Watershed mgmt. plan. Experience overseeing this size of a grant?
N: Contractor qualifications.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Use/Access/Recreation: Mantle Lake and Bicentennial Parks – walking trails, fishing access, gathering area. Rec department trails along and crossing the Brook (access to trails from UMPI, the hospital and neighborhood). New dock for fishing. Sargent Family Cmty Center and Riverside Park (lower end) – ball fields, kids play in stream. Splash bad for youth in park (?? In stream??).

P: Commercially – parks, hospital, university, residential neighborhood and elementary school – all along the brook.

N: No habitat value mentioned. No mention of use of recreating on the water – kayaking, canoeing?

Water Quality Problem

P: Impaired for periphyton non-attainment – attributed to ag and urban pollutants. and occasionally fails to attain for macros. Elevated nutrient levels of N and P are indicated in 2014 SWAT report. Prior to 2012 (?) stream was in attainment.

P: 2017 monitoring – Alder Brook regularly did not meet Class B standards. Kennedy Brook – maintained Class B standards. 2018 – two sites experiencing significant diurnal swings = nutrient enrichments. Conductivity loggers – naturally high spec. conductivity due to bedrock geology – currently Kennedy Brook chloride levels are below state and chronic levels.

N: Limited data available for this stream. Was there historical data to reference given the efforts in the waterbody as early as 2002?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: Historical ag issues – runoff from ag land filled Mantle Lakes deep hole and impacted cold-water refuge for Brook trout. South side of watershed potato farms as well. 9% slopes. Ball Fields – fertilizers? Stream buffers lacking.

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BIDDER NAME: CASWCD

DATE: 6/21/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

P: *Surveys/Studies*: Stream alteration in lower reaches – geomorphic assessment identified some extreme stream alterations. 2002-2006 Watershed Survey – 21 sites. Dredging in 2006 of Mantle Lake/ 2007-2009: 319 project – focus on ag lands and sediment. 2016 – Outfall and catchment mapping.

N: Stream alterations statement is vague – what were the findings of the geomorphic assessment. Notes: 58% of watershed is agricultural. Piped and highly channelized around Route 1/main Street

N: Is the 2002-2006 watershed survey the most recent? What are the current issues, how to know which sites to address?

N: No description of a Watershed Based Plan development or the findings/action items.

Feasibility for Success

P: Stakeholders: CASWCD, City of Presque Isle, Friends of Kennedy Brook, Maine School Admin District, University of Maine at Presque Isle, Aroostook Research Farm, Northern Lights Health, and Cavendish Farms – multiple stakeholders involved in this project.

P: Task 3: Two raingardens and two buffer sites. Task 4 – LID 13% of watershed is impervious, task trying to alter this increasing trend. Task 5 – three press releases

N: Purpose statement is a bit hard to follow – should just describe the purpose of this project.

Q: Task 1 – City of Presque LID ordinance – should be it's own task, not Project Admin.

N: Task 2 – Only two meetings for this project seems like more would be needed.

Q: Task 3: BMP installations – two raingardens and one buffer – what are the size of these, what's the size of the area to be treated, what are the pollutants of concern. Site 1 mentions lowered the culvert – but an issue was not described.

N: Task 4 – what is the likelihood of the adoption of an LID ordinance?

Q: What are the "Student activities" mentioned in Task 5?

N: Haines MFG – doesn't sound like an NPS issue – sounds like it's a shade and temperature issue & No-Name perennial brook in Mantle Lake Park – sounds like a temperature issue, not an NPS issue.

N: Estimating 5 weeks for project completion??

Cost Effectiveness

P: Landowner commitment to Task 3 – and donated designs.

P: 49% match

P: \$5326.2 in volunteer match – what task is that for?

P: Significant match from City of Presque Isle - \$21,421.

N: Task 3: \$16872.04 seems like a very high cost for raingardens.

N: Task 1 – project admin grant costs are fairly high.

N: Does not breakdown the budget

Q: All of Randy Martins salary is for Task 1

Q: What is the \$23314.00 in supplies – is that meant to be construction.

N: Didn't include CASWCD staff time for Steering Committee meetings.

N: Didn't include staff time for BMP installation oversight and cost share agreements?

N: Task 5 seems very underbudgeted – only \$300 to write 3 press releases, 2 presentations and website postings.

Q: What is the city Training for Task 5 cost?

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RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: Town of Kittery

DATE: 6/3/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: Jessa Kellogg – has successfully and in a timely manner implemented previous projects for the Town of Kittery. Past performance has been great.

P: Consultant – will assist with the majority of the tasks (BMP design, project mgmt., edu and outreach and pollutant load estimates)

N: Organization qualifications are not included, including a description of consultant qualifications and experience required.

Overall we know that Jessa has been a strong project manager in the past, and understand that a qualified consultant will be hired, but no descriptions were provided for either.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Proximity to Piscataqua River

P: Access: Parks, boat launches – public and private access

P: Vista

P: Recreation: boating, kayaking and fishing

P: Habitat benefits: State Listed Animal Habitat for New England Cottontail.

N: Did not elaborate on shellfish history/use opportunity

N: Did not elaborate on the number of parks of boat launches

Overall: This section was rather vague and did not provide specific information to why this waterbody is unique and/or of important significance.

Water Quality Problem

P: impaired – see note below. But it is listed on the NPS Priority list as impaired for negative water quality indicators, status as an MS4 and on the 2016 IR as impaired for 5-B-1 estuarine and marine waters impaired for bacteria only.

P: shellfish closure since 2005

P: water quality monitoring from 2008-2020: 2020 results show fecal hotspots and nutrient enrichment in upper estuary (TP elevated in all seven and TKN elevated in all but middle estuary).

P: monitoring indicates issues of NPS in upper estuary – ag, residential or wetland areas/

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EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

N: specify findings from Picott site but is there an understanding of other sources?
N: Statement: most recent continuous monitoring from 2019 showed evidence of nutrient and organic enrichment – but is the monitoring enough to determine what/where the issues are?
N: Didn't mentioned the algal bloom and community concern

Q: "Spruce Creek is also identified by Maine DEP on the Threatened Stream and Marine Watersheds Priority List due to negative water quality indicators and its status as an MS4 priority water". → It is listed on the impaired Marine list for these reasons, not threatened list, and not on the stream list.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: watershed surveys in 2008 and 2013 - hotspots for bacteria and nutrients. Issues identified included: stormwater runoff from urban and ag land uses, malfunctioning septic systems, leaky sewer lines or cross-connections, and improper waste disposal.

P: Lot of work has been done, but existing and new areas contributing to NPS Pollution including stormwater runoff from both urban and ag land uses.

N: Where are the existing and new areas contributing to NPS Pollution/How where these determined?

N: No specifics on what was found and or the number of sites found in these surveys. Survey findings listed are rather vague.

N: Again, very vague summary of what the issues *could* be; agricultural runoff, pet waste, impervious surface, commercial and residential areas (containing septic's or livestock or pet waste)

N: It is not clear to me based on the summary of projects, what sites remain from the plan and how these sites that are included in this workplan were determined to be priority sites.

Feasibility for Success

P: Successfully completed five 319 projects.

P: focus on septic is important – septic maintenance education, awareness on solutions to malfunctioning. Interesting approach of septic inspections and replacement designs – if eligible that would be a great use of funds as previous phases have already ranked pollution risk for septic's.

P: The pet waste clean up and press release on the amount picked up will be a good informative outreach tool, as many people miss that big picture that it adds up.

P: Sites in the lower estuary

P: Good variety in stakeholders: Town, Spruce Creek Association, Kittery Conservation Commission, And Kittery Land Trust – especially as stakeholders voiced concerns this year.

P: SWR matching grant – high and medium priority sites from the Plan.

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

N/Q: Task 5 suggests at least two private property owners will implement BMPs of up to \$20,000 for commercial properties, but the majority of the sites in the candidate site list are inexpensive? It seems like this minimum of two should be increased given the cost of task.

N: Task 5 candidate site list suggests riprap which is not eligible

N/Q: Eligibility for Cost-Share program for Task 3

N: Eligibility of WQM task? In project purpose it says “baseline monitoring” which isn’t eligible, but BMP effectiveness is. However, we’ve approved this task before.

N: I don’t think a local broadcasting station will gather much viewers – I think this education component could benefit from a different approach; social media, in person (Covid permitting in 2022 and 2023), etc.

N/Q: Feasibility for success for the signage will be interesting – they should be located at high foot traffic areas to promote the use of the QR code.

Q: Task 4 may need language that says signs will obtain EPA and DEP approval. Task 4 – Not Entering is not a very efficient – could do stream crossings & near sidewalks.

Overall, there is a good foundation for a successful project, however the tasks themselves have eligibility concerns, cost concerns, and Task 5 could benefit from conducting more projects. It’s unclear to me that this project is targeting the areas of highest concern. It would be much stronger to see the town cash match be used for BMP installation instead of monitoring. Additionally, the candidate sites are for the most part inexpensive, so are they truly the cause of the continued issues? This phase has project sites in the lower estuary, which is great in response to some recent local concerns.

Cost Effectiveness:

P: Significant match from the Town - \$20,000 – but only if it was reallocated.

N: Match from town is all for WQM task.

N: Task 6 is a very high cost for BMP effectiveness monitoring – especially since it’s for buffer plantings that will only be a couple years old, and there is already data from 2008-2020.

N: Task 5 costs seem like more projects could be done for the amount of this task, not just a minimum of two.

N: 37% of grant funds for construction is low (which includes \$3000

N: \$3000 in Task 3 for construction but there is no construction for that task.

Q: which task is final report accounted in?

Q: Candidate site list totals: Grant 36,500, Match 18,250 and total: 57750. However the tasks says theyd do a minimum of 2, but the amount is enough to do all 9 candidates sites.

Comprehensive Plan

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION BIDDER

NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance (McGrath Pond and Salmon Pond)

DATE: 6/17/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

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?? : Is Salmon = Ellis Pond? Why are they different, because of the narrow channel between the two – changes the way the lakes behave and respond.

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: 7 Lakes Alliance has managed multiple 319 projects, including implementation on all 7 major lakes in the Belgrade Lakes watershed. Charlie Baeder has 14 years in conservation and 30 in project management.

P: Art Grindle joined in 2020 – Erosion Control and LakeSmart Coordinator .

?/n: How many active and proposed 319 projects will 7 Lakes be managing? 3 proposed this round, 2 active = 5 total? Concerns about multiple projects and meeting grant requirements for reporting deadlines. In addition to YCC.

?/n: Details about Arts experience and background were not provided.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Chain of Belgrade Lakes – top of the chain? Flowing into impaired/watch list lakes.

P: Use – town park – carry-in boat launch and public boat launch. Swimming, fishing and boating. 275 properties in 250' of lake.

P: Habitat – McGrath 15 species of fish including coldwater and warmwater fish. Salmon has 14 species. Beginning with Habitat – significant areas of high value plant and animal habitat – large undeveloped blocks, inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat, five deer wintering areas, wild brook trout, ernal pool and several species of special concern. Decrease in loon count.

P: Commercial /Economic– seasonality – influx in summer contributes to local economy (though see note below of general statement for the area as a whole). Youth camps on lake – Camp Modin, New England Golf and Tennis Camp, and Camp Tracy, and 4 private camps.

Drinking water?

Commercial?

N: Some watershed descriptions references the Belgrade lakes as a whole, but not specific to these individual lakes.

Notes: smaller in size and shoreline development than other lakes in area. Towns of Oakland and Belgrade.

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

Water Quality Problem:

P: Threatened- McGrath Pd – Sensitive & Salmon – Watch List, sediment for sediment chemistry.

P: History – low DO in 1926, algal blooms in 1970s- discovered large dairy farm and lumberyard as sources. General statement about issues: nutrient laden sediment = low levels of DO, release of P from bottom sediments into water column = algal blooms. Compounded by nutrients and sediment from current land uses. 2010 Colby College est. annual P load of 871kg, 32% internal and 68% external – contributing to 6.7% of Great Ponds TP load = good point to focus upstream.

Salmon Pond: SDT – 46 Years of data, 36 years of TP, 28 years of chl-a. Mean SDT 5m. TP mean 15ppb, Chl-a mean 6.2ppb. 2018 – 800ppb P concentrations at bottom of lake = internal loading significant concern.

McGarth Pond: 45 years of data, 21 years of TP, 18 years of Chl-a. Potential for blooms is moderate, and internal loading is low. DO shows very little depletion, SDT reaches bottom. Stable SDT

N: Data is provided over a long time period. It's seems that issues were found years ago and efforts were done to mitigate, but would have been nice to see averages for the more resent time period. SDT doesn't seem too long over extended period -what about over last ten years?

N: McGarth Pond issues are less concerning nor urgent.

?: What years in recent history has the lake bloomed? (indicates blooms occurred in 1971, 76, 77 and 79)

?: Described the history and the sources, then jumped into general statement of nutrients and sediments but unclear given the 40 year time difference of current issues versus past issues. What time period are the "algal blooms after fall turnover" referring to?

O: Interesting the history of the low DO, predeveloped era – what does this say about the lake "pre-existing:" conditions and whether it protection is feasible? Basin morphology.

? Sediment chemistry ?

Notes: Flushing rate McGrath 0.69 and Salmon 0.54 – stratifies. Watershed of 6.9 square miles. Land cover 43% mixed forest, 11% coniferous forest, open water 20%. Agriculture on the west shore of Salmon Lake and north end of McGrath Pond.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: Studies/Analysis – Phosphorus Load study 1984 – logging, ag and landfill as potential sources of nutrients. A large dairy farm and lumberyard were major contributors to the blooms. 1998 Watershed Survey – 131 NPS sites. 2010 Watershed Analysis – between 1965-2007 a 143% increase in non-shoreline development, 30% increase in shoreline development, and a 97% increase in youth camp land. P loading estimated these sources: internal sediments (32%), septic systems (26%), atmospheric deposition (13%), ag (11%) and shoreline (10%), nonshoreline (9%). Intensive monitoring 2015-2020: anoxia in Salmon Lake, elevated P in bottom sediments, internal loading and visual observations of algal blooms. 2017 watershed Survey: 105 sites (70 McGrath) and 35 Salmon . 12 high, 47 medium. Residential sites were highest, roads and stream crossings.

?/N: Was any mitigation work conducted at the dairy farm or lumberyard following studies in 1984?
YES in 1987.

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?/N: Low DO as early as the 1920s, but development pressure appeared to increase between 1965-2007.

?: How were septic systems analyzed in the 2010 study.

N: The 2017 survey doesn't mention agricultural issues or ag NPS sites. What is the status of ag NPS given the history and the 11% coverage.

O: Interesting that Salmon Lake had fewer NPS sites, but worse water quality – but then again it is downstream.

Notes: Development – 66 camp roads, 3 state, 12 town. 611 residential, 275 in 250' of lake. 24 private boat launches. Four phases (2000-2003, 2003-2005, 2005-2007, 2019 . One phase since 2018 update. YCC, LakeSmart and Land Conservation. 4 additional phases needed. 2 additional??

Feasibility for Success

P: Stakeholders – McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association, Town of Belgrade, Town of Oakland, 7 Lakes Alliance.

P: Tasks Outcomes– BMPS at 16 high and medium town and private road sites and one private camp, 20 BMPS on 10 residential properties, and 20 lakesmart evaluations. Gravel roads workshop. Meetings to address ordinance gaps.

Task 1: Project Admin – 7 lakes. Task 2 – steering committee = 3 meetings with stakeholders from above.. Task 3 – Road BMPS 16 town and private roads, and nonroad sites?

P: Build on momentum of 2019 Phase IV.

?/P: Commitment from towns and private landowners

?: Colby College involvement?

?/N: Does 7 Lakes have the expertise for developing and managing road construction – is an engineer needed for any of these sites?

Cost Effectiveness

P: Tasks are have reasonable costs.

P: Construction 78% of project total – 71% grant funds.

P: Cash/In kind match from both towns in the watershed.

Q: Landowners contributing significant match – was there any prior landowner commitment.

O: Steering committee seems underbudgeted, but may just result in more in-kind match than predicted.

O: 20 LakeSmart evaluations by volunteers seems low for match – will 7 lakes conduct the evaluations as well, or just training? (~\$50/site)- this can include gas mileage as match too, I imagine there will be a lot of driving.

O: Municipal Outreach – ordinance review task also seems like a low cost to do a thorough job?

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NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance (Great Pond)

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: 7 Lakes Alliance has managed multiple 319 projects, including implementation on all 7 major lakes in the Belgrade Lakes watershed. Charlie Baeder has 14 years in conservation and 30 in project management.

P: Art Grindle joined in 2020 – Erosion Control and LakeSmart Coordinator .

Q/n: How many active and proposed 319 projects will 7 Lakes be managing? 3 proposed this round, 2 active = 5 total? Concerns about multiple projects and meeting grant requirements for reporting deadlines. In addition to YCC.

Q/n: Project happening concurrently with the WBMP

Q/n: Details about Arts experience and background were not provided.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Second lake in the seven-lake chain. (inflow from impaired East pond) outflow to impaired Great Pond.

P: Uses/Recreation/Access – 351 shoreline propertiers – 90% within 100' of lake. 15 private boat launches. Swimming, fishing, boating.

P: Habitat – 14 species of fish, state record for largest pike, 14 loons (decreasing rate), Public boat launch on the north end. Serpentine Marsh – Inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat and a wetland of special significant. 30 cranes. Kayaking, fishing and birding.

P: Economic/Commercial – Pine Tree Camp, Dude Ranch RV park. Threet towns that rely on tax base. Downtown Smithfield – rely on summer tourism (Sunset Camps, Sunbeam Roller-Rink, Smithfield General Store and the Ice Cream Place).

Notes: flushing rate 1x/year, shallow depth max 20'.

Water Quality Problem

P: Threatened ,but expected to be listed as impaired in 2022 due to culturally-induced algal blooms (2018 & 2020) and a change in trophic state. Currently listing on NPS Priority list – Threatened for "Development Threat" and on Watch List.

P: Water Quality Data: Since 1970. Potential for nuisance algal blooms is moderate to high, potential for internal loading is moderate to high. DEP classified it as an interior pond with an altered watershed

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due to human activity. High TP, average 18ppb – increasing over past 10 years. SDT average of 4.1. Chl-a significant increase. Fish Kill in 2020 due to dramatic loss of oxygen – two periods of anoxia.
P: Recent data shows – significant decrease in water quality and increase in nuisance algal bloom frequency – tipping point.

Q: description of sediment chemistry

Notes: 15 private boat launches – NPS pollution and invasives, increase in year round = septic system threat.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: 2014 East Pond Survey – 23 NPS sites (18 on residential sites, 5 on private roads, a state road, a driveway, and an ag site. 2016 North Pond Survey – 135 NPS sites (21 high, 63 medium, 50 low and 1 unknown). Residential – 82 sites-61%, Beach access 13 sites-10%. Roads sites 21 sites -16%. Priorities: high impact state and town road sites, high/medium impact residential sites.

P: Sources – Agricultural land use (lesser extent), and residential properties, roads and commercial development.

Q: What remains for agriculture in the watershed – planned to look into this in WBMP.

O: WBPP in 2018, but WBMP developed in 2022-2023 – is there enough of an understanding to address – WBMP will develop strategies to address P (including septics and ag,), climate change and internal P loading. LakeSmart, YCC, North Pond Watershed Financial Award, Land Conservation.

Notes: Phase I addressed 3 high priority sites and 28 residential, pine tree camp and Fairview Grange. Phase II addressed 5 high priorities sites on town and private roads and Pine Tree Camp, 14 residential – remaining = 40 residential, 13 high priorities sites.

Feasibility for Success

P: This project builds on two prior phases, and active YCC and LakeSmart programs. Purpose – 7 town and private roads, 16 residential

P: Tasks – Task 2: Steering Committee 3x. Task 3: 7 roads (3 town and 4 private). Task 4 – YCC 16 residential sites. Task 5 – LakeSmart at 20 sites. Task 6 – Education/Outreach – two newsletters, 2 press releases, Buff Enough Campaign, two Road Workshops. Task 7 – Municipal outreach – 7 Lakes to review Mercer, Rome and Smithfield town ordinances -4 meetings to address this issue.

P: Stakeholders – history of strong commitment from watershed community – 7 Lakes, NPA, KCSWCD, local towns – Town of Mercer, Rome and Smithfield, landowners.

Q: Are the road workshops going to be separate from the North pond and Salmon-McGarth workshops? **Can you double dip?**

Q: Road commissioners involved in the town road projects?

Q: Does 7 Lakes have the expertise to develop designs/BMPs for roads? Is an engineer needed to review?

Q: Happening concurrently with the WBMP update – and two(+/-) other 319 proposals – doesn't appear that Charlie will have support from staff other than Art – does he have the time/capacity to do all of these concurrently.

Cost Effectiveness

C: Construction of BMPs – 79% of project cost for construction (match & grant)

C: Quality Match from local towns– Town of Mercer: \$45000, Town of Rome: \$17500

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N: Task 7 seems underbudgeted to do an extensive and thorough job at reviewing ordinances, suggesting edits and attending meetings.

Q: cost of YCC is more expensive than construction. Though it is a very rewarding program for youth.

O: seemingly low cost for S.C?

Q: Is NPA providing financial support to 7 lakes and that is what is included in 7 lakes match?

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BIDDER NAME: Town of Ogunquit

DATE: 6/7/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience: financial admin, technical quals, past performance

P: Ogunquit has successfully implemented phases I, II, and III

P: Strong project partners: Ogunquit Conservation Commission, Great Works Regional Land Trust, MHB, WNERR, and MDOT.

P: Consultant Qualifications: 319 experience, knowledge of Ogunquit River, environmental planning, monitoring, mapping and restoration projects

N: Town has active Phase IV 319 project, which is in it's extension year and behind schedule.

N: New Interim Town Manager without 319 grant experience and with many other responsibilities on their plate

Q: Doesn't include project partner, Healthy Rivers Ogunquit – recommend connecting and including in steering committee and source to get volunteers involved with the project.

Relative Value of the Waterbody: Uses, access, recreation, scenic/aesthetic, habitat, commercial, increased use.

P: 33 acres and 8 stream miles, four towns

P: Rich and diverse in rare and endangered plant and animals species

P: Ogunquit beaches – tourism – recreation & economic value \$1.6million and 135 summer employees for Town and 2000 additional jobs in surrounding area. Swimming, boating, fishing.

P: Large supplier of soft shell clams (25,000 pounds a year).

N: doesn't specify how many and which species are rare and endangered in their watershed

Water Quality Problem

P: Impaired in 2016 IR Report for recreation (fecal indications) and Stevens Brook for Aquatic life.

P: Monitoring since 2012, Entero "hotspots" on Leavitt Stream and runoff from main beach parking lot. Canine and DNA analysis showed human and pet waste at these sites – particularly Leavitt Stream.

P: stormwater, septic systems, lack of vegetative buffers

N: doesn't list NPS Priority listing, which is on Marine Impaired list for MHB Priority Water, DMR/NPS Threat

N: Didn't describe

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: 2003-2007 604b planning project – 160 NPS sites: excess sediment, nutrients, toxic materials, bacteria, flow restrictions and water discharges or withdrawals

P: Town continues to grow by 5-12% over last decade- concern of development pressure on natural resources

P: 2013 watershed survey – nutrient and bacteria issues – identified 25 sites – municipal lots or residential areas.

P: Critical source areas: stormwater, septic systems, sewer/stormwater cross-connections, ag, pet waste and wildlife. Solutions: reduce volume and intensity of stormwater runoff, promoting proper pet waste, proper functioning septic and ageing sewer.

N: What types of NPS sites were found in 2003 – beyond what the pollution types were?

Feasibility for Success - restored, adequate info and capacity to determine actions, well sequence tasks, stakeholder contribution, community support

P: Successful efforts thus far – Phase I, II and current III efforts, pesticide ordinance, Coastal Cmty Grant – septic database

P: Purpose: restore, and attain Class B and Class SB – focus on bacteria: stormwater runoff, septic system issues, pet waste.

P: Stakeholders: Town of Ogunquit, other watershed towns, nonprofit orgs, local businesses, watershed citizens.

P: Tasks are very similar to Phase III, One major SWR at the Main Beach parking lot, outreach includes a plan, door-to-door education on pet waste and septic, on edu event with school children, 2 public events, , water quality monitoring. Tasks focus on the bacteria and nutrient issues predominantly.

N: Didn't specific or demonstrate commitment from any of those stakeholders. Current steering committee consists of Conservation Commission, DEP, MHB, Code Enforcement. Didn't include Healthy Rivers Ogunquit – which could be great for volunteer engagement and outreach and edu.

N: Concerns for success based on the previous phase, which has a very similar plan but is in third extension year and doing the majority of the workplan this year.

N/? : Further develop the long-term outreach plan – haven't seen this in Phase III yet, but not sure

N: Cash match for WQM is significant, and given the years of data – that money could be more beneficial going to BMP installation

Overall, I think this is a reasonable workplan, tasks are very similar to last phase and should be able to be implemented in a timely fashion, however, have concerns about it getting done.

Cost Effectiveness :

N: high grant cost for education and outreach, and little match – this could benefit from community and town support on this task.

N: High cost of WQM (\$20,000 in cash match from town – 2/3 of cash match from town is going towards more WQM) . Would be good to include community members.

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P: The BMP install for Task 3 is accurate in the cost. Though it is expensive, it does seem necessary

P: 52% construction costs of total project, and 67% of grant is for construction
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BIDDER NAME: Town of Topsham

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EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Not included.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: potential recreational and scenic enjoyment – WBP promotes action item of a walking path.
P: Habitat – adequate fish and wildlife. Potential for coldwater fish due to being well oxygenated with groundwater recharge.
N: States that is an important transportation crossroads and is readily available by many users, but there doesn't appear to be any access or current uses.
N: Lacks fish and aquatic life habitat, lacks species richness overall.

Water Quality Problem

P: Impaired – benthic macros bioassessment. Maine IC TMDL 2021. Summertime chloride trending to well over 700mg/L in 2013. 2013 data loggers -middle and upper watershed exceeded chloride threshold (230mg/L) 89-91% of the time during spring runoff and 100% of the time during baseflow. 2015/2016 data – similar chronic exceedances, including the lower watershed. Temp is over 24 degrees. DO has been variable, some periods below 7ppm = road salts issue.
P: Stream crossings – several road crossings with small pipe culverts – block the floodplain, alter the flow and ecology and present potential flowing and wash-out hazards.
P: 30% impervious cover is severe

N: Did not elaborate on temperature or DO data – would have been helpful to see the numbers and not just a general statement.

Q/N: What is the length of the stream, what is the size of the watershed?

N: data is sparse, 2008, 2013 and 2015/2016

Notes: small stream in heavily developed area –high density commercial and small areas of residential. 30% impervious cover.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P: High concentration of IC = 30% of the watershed (target goal in IC TMDL of 8%)

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P: Surveys – Geomorphic Assessment, Rapid Habitat Assessment and Stormwater Retrofit Reconnaissance inventory. 31 NPS sites for both structural and nonstructural BMPs, stream crossings – block floodplains, disrupting aquatic habitat, creating incised banks and sediment laden channels.

N/Q: How many stream crossings are undersized?

N:Q: provides high priority site #'s, but needs a summary in workplan of what the issues are at these site

N: “along with catch basins and storm drains systems” – what does this mean? Are there issues with the catch basins and storm drain systems?

Notes: Phase I – Chloride Mgmt Plan for new and redevelopment in UI watershed and reduction in min. parking standards. CB filters at 8 catch basins. Salt mgmt. outreach. Investigation of stormwater pips. Stream monitoring. Phase II – Culvert replacement/enlargement on River Rd.

Feasibility for Success

Tasks: Task 1 – project admin – mostly consultant and town, Task 2 – S.C.4 meetings – Town planning & DPW, environmental contractor, one conservation commission member, and/or landowner or community volunteer. Task 3 – Biofiltration System – 1.5 acres of treatment. Task 4 – Salt reduction – assessment and outreach. Task 5 – Private property SWR – 2 property’s on new or existing IC. Task 6 – Landowner outreach & tech assistance – part of task 5?

Overall good balance of private and commercial work on both chloride issues and IC.

P:Stakeholders – Acquiring the expertise needed: MDEP, environmental consultant & consultant engineer, consulting advanced deicing expert - hiring out the expertise that are needed for this project,

Q: Should task 6 be folded into tasks 4 & 5.

Q: Is there any landowner buy in for Task 5 at this time – significant match that may not be guaranteed.

Q: **Is task 4 - the needs assessment an eligible task?** Implementation wouldn't be until future phases.

N: no community involvement – anyone from the community to be added to steering committee – business owners?

Q/N: Not sure of likelihood of restoration

N/Q: Candidate site list – New V-Swale – describes high chloride meltwater to be flushed away rather than infiltrate into groundwater → how will that be treated

Note: 4-6 years of future phases needed – focused on salt use/chlorides, culvert crossings SWR.

Cost Effectiveness

P: 57% of project for construction.

P: Good Match from Town of Topsham –

P: Significant landowner match.

N: Unsure if landowner match is guaranteed /if there is buy in – not letters of commitment.

N: Contractual work is rather expensive.

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION BIDDER

NAME: CCSWCD (Trickey Pond)

DATE: 6/21/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: CCSWCD experience and expertise in engineering, environmental planning, project mgmt., education and admin. Heather – PM : 18 years of experience, and has successfully managed over two dozen 319/604b projects. Chris – P.E. -30 years experience, supported a variety of 604b/319 projects

→ Strong applicants with successful history working with 319 projects, and years of knowledge and experience in the field.

Relative Value of the Waterbody -

P: Uses/Access/Recreation: 65 seasonal/ year round homes, two campgrounds and a summer camp. Swimming, boating, kayaking and fishing. Boat launch.

P: Habitat: one documents significant vernal Pool. Cold water fishing, stocked for brook trout, landlocked salmon and splake.

P: Drinking water – not Trickey Pond itself but it feeds into Sebago Lake –supply source for Greater Portland

N: Proximity to Sebago Lakes inherently means it is less sought after for recreation than Sebago Lake.

Water Quality Problem -

P: NPS Priority list due to outstanding water quality and sensitivity to additional inputs of P. Lake Most at Risk from New Development in ME Ch.502 Important to maintain its above average water quality because it feeds directly into Sebago Lake. Low oxygen in deep water from July to September. Pond is becoming less clear and chl-a levels are increasing. Only subwatershed in greater Sebago Lake that exhibits decreasing trend.

N: Not impaired nor threatened, above average water quality. Low likelihood of blooms or P leaving sediments is low. Would have been helpful to see how clarity is decreasing over time with some data, as 13.25m is very good without anything to compare it to.

Data: SDT – 13.25meters in 2019(?), TP 5.3ppb, chl-a 1.8ppb. Potential for nuisance blooms is low. Potential for P to be released is low. 2020-9.17m

Notes: flushing rate 0.14x/yr, small watershed relative to waterbody. 65 shoreline homes, 35 other homes in watershed.

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems -

P: 2019 - Trickey Pond Environmental Protection Association (TPEPA) w/ FBE conducted watershed and shoreline surveys. 108 NPS sites, 32 watershed survey sites and 76 shoreline survey sites. 25 road/driveways, 4 residential, 3boat/beach. Of the 32 – 9 high, 16 medium and 7 low. Shoreline survey – 8 high, 26 medium and 41 low. 2015 – Sebago Lake Subwatershed Assessment and Prioritization Project – land use and land cover changes from 1987-2013, water quality scored high, local partnerships 3 = “moderate to high level of concern”

Q: Of the 32 what types of high medium and low sites.

Notes: 32 NPS sites (in

Feasibility for Success –

P: Stakeholders/Concurrent work – TPEPA history of engaging with property owners, sharing information, LakeSmart program, LEA – no charge Clean Lake Check-ups. Already strong local support and initiative to build off of. CCSWCD, TPEPA, Town of Naples, Portland Water District, LEA.

P: Landowners are already implementing BMPS following the 2019 survey.

P: Project estimates pollutant loading reduction by 15 tons of sediment, over 12 pounds of P per year, and will add 1000 linear feet of buffers.

Tasks: 1) Project admin – CCSWCD. 2) S.C. 6x 3) 20 sites will be addressed 4) flyer of importance of buffers, how to guide. Outreach and delivery of plants – 76 sites. Task 5 – Watershed Awareness Videos – 1-3 education videos about common BMPS. Task 6 – two newspaper articles and two newsletter articles

P: educational videos seems like a great/unique form of outreach - not sure about the local public broadcasting station, but all the other outlets seems great – are there experience and expertise, will it be of high quality.

P: Candidate site list – Seem relatively straight forward projects.

Q: Is the Tricky Pond Rd Association O & M plan an eligible project? – tech assistance

Q: Just this phase is the only one planned to be pursued – this project will address the highest impact sites. 20 sites addressed (of 32)

Q: Are shoreline buffer sites erosion sites? Is there an NPS issue and therefore are they eligible? - more of an education/outreach task? Or should have a cost/share component.

O: Is six meetings needed for S.C.

Cost Effectiveness

P: Task 5 \$16000 match.

P: Variety of match from many stakeholders – PWD, LEA, TPEA, town of Naples.

P: Good match in the steering committee task – shows community involvement

N: Only 33% (grant/match) of project is for construction – seems low.

N: Task 3 payroll is 47% of task.

N: grant cost for Task 4 is 82.5%, is this considered construction and therefore does this need to be 75/25 or is this more about education/outreach.

O: seems like Task 4 could have a higher match if you count the landowners that put the buffers in. Or at least more match, because match says its Payroll which sounds like CCSWCD payroll but TPEPA will assist with this outreach task.

Q: 16,000 match for videos – does that seem appropriate.

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O: Payroll is used for both grant and match and seems to go towards both CCSWCD and TPEPA (maybe others?), but those need to be differentiated.

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NAME: CCSWCD (Trout Brook)

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P: Positive / N: Negative / Q: Question / O: Other

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: CCSWCD experience and expertise in engineering, environmental planning, project mgmt., education and admin. Over 10 years working in this watershed & with South Portland, Cape Elizabeth and MDEP. Heather – PM : 18 years of experience, and has successfully managed over two dozen 319/604b projects. Chris – P.E. -30 years experience, supported a variety of 604b/319 projects

➔ Strong applicants with successful history working with 319 projects, and years of knowledge and experience in the field.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P: Uses/Access/Recreation: Parks – Hinckley Park, Trout Brook Preserve – public access with trails, signage and bog bridges, Winnick Woods – 1.7mil recreational trail Eastern Trail/Greenbelt walkway. Sawyer Marsh/Mill Creek – scenic vistas. Mill Creek park – trout brook meanders through. Future restoration efforts for riparian zone. Dows Woods Nature Preserve – conserved undeveloped land in upper watershe - accessed by food. Hinckley Park – destination for walkers and dogs.
P: Habitat: Native brook trout, American eel. Land managed for New England Cottontail in headwaters.
P: **Educational** – South Portland schools use for experiential educational opportunities – release brook trout.

Water Quality Problem

P: Impaired – degraded aquatic habitat. List as an UIS in ch.502. IC TMDL – Trout is 12%, 8-10% is when watersheds should signs of stress. TMDL identified presence of iron precipitate in stream – iron rich ledge and possibly eroding soils. Low DO, elevated P, elevated chloride and elevated specific conductance

N: Rather general about the water quality issues - Could have gone into more details and specifics of the water quality parameters and findings, what the change over time has looked like. Who monitors, how frequently.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

STATE OF MAINE - INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

RFP #: 202003056

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

BIDDER NAME: CCSWCD (Trout Brook)

DATE: 6/17/2021

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: MDEP

P: Extensive studies since 2003 – watershed survey, stream corridor assessment, gluvial geomorphy assessment, stream habitat survey, biological assessments, urban streams studies, fish barrier assessment, water quality assessments.

N: Again, a rather vague description of the issues. What were the findings of these studies, are there a certain number of NPS sites, where/what are the geomorphological issues, how many fish barriers are there? Mentions that tracker, but this section should exhibit an understanding of what the issues are. How many farms – what are the ag issues, what are there impacts.

Notes: Phase I 2015 – removal of invasives, buffer planting. Phase II 2016 – manure storage, treatment of IC, streambank stabilization, culvert replacements, StormTree install. Phase III – manure shed, irrigation pond, 700' of fencing.

Feasibility for Success

P: Environmental Outcome – treating 3000' of IC, stabilizing 100' of Shoreline, installing 800' of cattle fencing

P: Stakeholders: CCSWCD, City of South Portland – installation of BMPs at three sites cash match & education and outreach, Down Home Farm – S.C. in kind match

P: Tasks – 1) Project admin – reasonable cost. 2) S.C. – City of SoPo, Town of Cape Elizabeth, CCSWCD and DEP. 4 meetings. 2) NPS Sites – Hinckley Park – vegetated buffer, education. Brown School Lot – Focal Point Biofiltration system – FocalPoint. Brown School rain Garden – highly visible 3000 sq ft' of IC. Down Home Farm – additional 800-1000' . 4) Public awareness- 2 press releases

P Addressing a variety of issues from ag, impervious cover to sediment/erosion issues.

P: Local volunteers engaged in the Hinckley Park project.

N: I think the Hinckley Park site is certainly critical but just buffer plantings have been tried in the past without full success – if these designs include additional BMPs for slope stabilization and fencing to keep the dogs and people out – they'd be more successful.

Q: Any key stakeholders missing from the steering committee meetings/ stakeholders?

Overall, a rather modest project, with a strong group of stakeholders, history of successful projects and very strong likelihood it will be completed in a timely and effective manner. Great to see focus on Hinckley Park with recent cyano blooms and community concern. Great to see continued work at Down Home Farm.

Cost Effectiveness

P: Reasonable costs for all NPS Sites. 63% of total project costs will be for construction

P: Strong match from South Portland, combined in-kind and cash = \$26,930.98.

P: 3 out of 4 NPS sites has match exceeding 50%.

N: Match is currently at 40%, which is the requirement but slightly tight.

Q/n: Seems that payroll for NPS site 3a seems high. Also seems high for Rain Garden – if design is already complete.

Comprehensive Plan



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Wendy Garland

Signature

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