

**State of Maine
Master Score Sheet**

RFA# 202203024					
Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Development					
Bidder Name:		Town of Newport	City of Biddeford	Town of Kittery	Town of Ogunquit
Proposed Cost:		\$49,908	\$49,961	\$34,324	\$30,943
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Applicant Qualifications Experience	15	12	10	12	7
Section II: Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8	7	6	5
Section III: Water Quality Problem	10	9	7	4	6
Section IV: Nature Extent Severity NPS Prob.	10	7	6	4	6
Section V: Feasibility of Success	25	16	14	11	10
Section VI: Cost Effectiveness	25	17	14	8	10
Section VII: Comprehensive Plan	5	1.3	0	4.4	3.1
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>70.3</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>49.4</u>	<u>47.1</u>
Bidder Name:		Town of Hampden			
Proposed Cost:		\$39,929			
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Applicant Qualifications Experience	15	8			
Section II: Relative Value of Waterbody	10	5			
Section III: Water Quality Problem	10	4			
Section IV: Nature Extent Severity NPS Prob.	10	3			
Section V: Feasibility of Success	25	6			
Section VI: Cost Effectiveness	25	8			
Section VII: Comprehensive Plan	5	5			
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>39</u>			

Award Justification Statement
RFP# 202203024 Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects
Watershed-based Plan Development

I. Summary

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

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

II. Evaluation Process

The Evaluation Team (ET) for this RFA included the following people: Alex Wong (NPS Program Coordinator, DEP), Addie Halligan (DEP), Amanda Pratt (DEP) and Kathy Hoppe (DEP).

Three of the evaluation team members have participated in previous grant reviews and all are familiar with the State's process. Maine DEP staff participating on the evaluation team have extensive experience with these types of projects, including the typical costs and scope of work.

The ET participated in a pre-review meeting on 5/23/22 to review the RFA materials and ET process. ET member conducted independent reviews of the 5 applications and took notes on the applications received. Plan scores for each proposal were provided by Tom Miragliuolo, ME Planning Assistance Program, DACF. The group held a day-long hybrid meeting on 5/27/22, concurrently in-person and via MS Teams to score the proposals using a consensus decision-making process. Alex Wong served as the RFP Coordinator/Lead Evaluator and took notes on the team consensus evaluation.

III. Qualifications & Experience

Applications that scored highest on the Qualifications and Experience criteria had staff with recent and extensive experience with similar NPS grants projects. They also had organizational capacity and/or well-rounded teams that would allow for project success even in the event of staff turnover.

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IV. Proposed Services

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

- the importance and uses of the water body to local residents, the larger public and wildlife;
- an informed understanding of the water quality problem;
- an informed understanding of the additional monitoring needed to answer remaining water quality questions and identify NPS sources;
- strong local support and a well-rounded team of partners participating in the project; and
- consistent comprehensive plans in watershed towns.

V. Cost Proposal

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

Project	Applicant	Grant Funds	Match Funds	Total Budget
Biddeford Pool	York SWCD	\$49,961.00	\$30,855.00	\$80,816.00
Ogunquit River	Ogunquit	\$30,943.00	\$18,106.00	\$49,049.00
Sebasticook Lake	Newport	\$49,908.00	\$48,744.00	\$98,652.00
Spruce Creek	Kittery	\$34,324.00	\$31,508.00	\$65,832.00
Sucker Brook	Hampden	\$39,929.00	\$35,553.00	\$75,482.00

VI. Conclusion

The three applications that were selected for funding stood out in several ways. The highest scoring proposal (Town of Newport, Sebasticook Lake) stood out because of the strong qualifications/experience and understanding of the lake’s water quality issues as well as the project’s cost effectiveness, and feasibility for success. The next highest proposal (York Co. SWCD, Biddeford Pool) scored well because the applicants understanding of water quality issues, cost effectiveness, and feasibility for success. The final funded project (Town of Kittery, Spruce Creek) scored well because the applicants strong qualifications/experience and feasibility for success.



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June 14, 2022

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Dear Jim:

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Sincerely,

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Dear Missy:

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BIDDER: Town of Newport (Sebasticook Lake)

DATE: May 27, 2022

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.

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Maine DEP

Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Addie Halligan (DEP), Amanda Pratt (DEP), Kathy Hoppe (DEP), Alex Wong (DEP)

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
• Match at least 25%	X	
• Eligible Recipient	X	
• NPS Priority Watershed	X	
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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section I. Preliminary Information	15	12

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience
- Financial, administrative.
- Technical qualifications
- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe
- Past performance on relevant projects

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

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

ET comments

P/N - Town Mgr is PM, says he's done grants, but lacks project specificity.

P/N – Subgrant to SWCD - good Ag background, NPS experience unclear.

P - Consulting requirements are good, Lake Association partners is good

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

- Availability (access) of use
- Extent of use

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply
- Public recreational opportunities
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

ET comments

P – used for recreation public access, specifics provided for recreational use

P - potential improvement for mussel habitat.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

ET comments

P – Impaired, TMDL from 2001, presented data, talked about work done to date.

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

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

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.**

ET comments

P/N – Lake is well studied, TMDL done, Septic survey, septic database, but data are old - last watershed survey was 20 yrs ago.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

ET comments

P – 2 towns are onboard, good match, fact that there hasn't been much work lately shows need

N – workplan seemed brief – needed more detail in tasks for example:

Task 2 goal of sampling, frequency of sampling, needed justification.

Task 6 needs more info – what information will be collected?

N – outreach doesn't include Ag.

N - Task 8 Plan review time is too short.

O –Plan seems tilted to modeling, and not investigation in the watershed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

- 1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)**
- 2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes**
- 3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.**

ET comments

N - Match from lake association seems high for annual meeting and newsletter publishing. Task 7 cost seems high.

P - good match from town.

O - Expensive overall, but first plan for Sebasticook.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	1.3

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Y = Consistent

N = Inconsistent, Unknown (i.e., expired finding) or No Comp Plan on Record

Application	Towns	Consistent Comp Plan	Area	% of Watershed	Points % (5 x %)	Total Points
Sebasticook Lake Watershed-based Plan Development Project	Corinna	No	92467953.57	28%	-1.4076252	1.3
	Dexter	Yes	49374897.63	15%	0.75162635	
	Exeter	Yes	11676269.79	4%	0.17774603	
	Newport	No	77847911.26	24%	-1.1850666	
	Palmyra	No	11996399.6	4%	-0.1826193	
	Ripley	No	7924329.017	2%	-0.1206308	
	St. Albans	Yes	23662695.16	7%	0.36021351	
	Stetson	No	53503285.62	16%	-0.8144722	

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

BIDDER: York County Soil & Water Conservation District (Biddeford Pool)

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• Match at least 25%	X	
• Eligible Recipient	X	
• NPS Priority Watershed	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	15	10
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	7
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	7
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problems	10	6
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	14
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	14
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>58</u>

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

	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section I. Preliminary Information	15	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience
- Financial, administrative.
- Technical qualifications
- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe
- Past performance on relevant projects

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

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ET Comments

- P - Very experienced with associated projects, strong partners, strong volunteer base, consultant requirements good.
- N – Project manager position description missing; staff turnover in recent years has stressed project completion timelines.
- N – Project task 4 is heavy on bacterial monitoring/analysis, but consultant requirements didn't list needing experience in bacteria.

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

- Availability (access) of use
- Extent of use

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply
- Public recreational opportunities
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

ET Comments

P – Recreational, habitat, commercial value well documented - 3 parks, Rachel Carson; listed specific species, mentioned shellfishery and licenses.

N – Overstated some aspects - Boat launch is outside of the Pool; Pool is farther from mouth of Saco than stated in plan.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

ET Comments

P – Threatened waterbody based on WQ indicators; DMR has monitoring so data is current. Pool closures document decline.

N – Macroalgal blooms mentioned but did not explore nutrients.

N – Saco Bay not germane to discussion of Pool and if it was, there was no analysis or exploration included.

N – No quantitative description for bacteria #s

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

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

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.**

ET Comments

P - DMR sanitary surveys, septics, DNA results, UNE monthly DNA analysis found seasonality,
N - DMR sampling was only visual, DNA is a snapshot doesn't show causes. Sandy soils are effective filter for bacteria.

N – Missed opportunities to address NPS; missing potential impact of illicit discharge.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

ET Comments

- P – Good stakeholders.
- N - Ultimate solution may not be NPS related i.e. public sewer servicing the Pool
- N - Task 5a – unclear that the information is adequate to do stressor analysis.
- N – Task 3 – unclear that watershed survey will id sources of bacteria.
- N - Task 4 – algal blooms referenced, but no nutrient analysis in the sub-tasks

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

- 1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)**
- 2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes**
- 3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.**

ET Comments

N – Task 4 seems underfunded

N – Task 6 volunteer match seems overinflated

N – Saco Watershed supposed to provide volunteers, but no letter of support were included.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

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Application	Towns	Consistent Comp Plan	Area	% of Watershed	Points % (5 x %)	Total Points
Biddeford Pool Watershed-based Plan Development Project	Biddeford	No		100%	0	0

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Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	15	12
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	6
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	4
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problems	10	4
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	11
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	8
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	4.4
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>49.4</u>

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

	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section I. Preliminary Information	15	12

Evaluation Team Comments:

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ET Comments

P - Good experience, previous phases were successfully achieved. Good partners listed. Good to consultant qualifications

N - Quals and experience needed more detail, very general language in financial and admin. Personnel didn't have any details.

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

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- Extent of use

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply
- Public recreational opportunities
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

ET Comments

N – lacks detail - # of parks, users, extent of use; vague about benefits, economic loss/gain from shellfish; no indication of importance of commercial/residential/recreational; location and type of access unclear.

P – clearly priority for town, endangered species, highly visible/rt. 1 corridor.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	4

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

ET Comments

N – made general statements about water quality without data backup.

N - Status incorrectly described Not on the Threatened Stream or Marine Watershed priority list but is on the Impaired Marine List.

N – Unsupported/contradicting statements – Ex. P. 4, III.b., 2nd paragraph, last sentence - How does DO swings, elevated [N], and [BOD] clearly indicate persistent NPS? This particular sentence even goes on to say that some the issue could be explained by nutrient release by wetlands.

O - 10 years of monitoring data but not shared in application. Because of lack of data, unclear if applicants know if there is a WQ problem, what it is or where it is.

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

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

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.**

ET Comments

P – data and anecdotal evidence suggest nutrient issue, acknowledge lack of data from previous stage, mentions development

N – doesn't acknowledge external/physical influence, for example prime habitat for macro algal growth. No mention of pollution prevention. Unclear if PICOTT secondary treatment plant the issue and tidal influence.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility of Success	25	11

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ET Comments

P – watershed survey, monitoring, marsh migration, sub-catchment mapping, included ground truthing for septic inventory, priority watershed for town, scope of work is doable,
 N – Spruce Creek initiative additional funding was not mentioned
 N - Is the problem PICOTT and sediments and not nutrient input?, Monitoring is most expensive task, but unchanged from previous phases. Not monitoring algae to know if NPS is an issue.
 N - WQ monitoring and Survey/Inventory/Assessment aren't aligned.
 N – no letters of support from partners,
 N – stated problem about growth, but offers no solution such as pollution prevention
 N – E+O included in budget but not in deliverables

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)
2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes
3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

ET Comments

N – Poor quality of match for Task 3 - \$20k is going to same monitoring since 2012 cash match is nice for monitoring, town should be doing this anyway

N - Task 4 seems underbudgeted

N – Cost for QAPP seems high for 3rd protection plan.

P – town is providing match

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

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Application	Towns	Consistent Comp Plan	Area	% of Watershed	Points % (5 x %)	Total Points
Spruce Creek Watershed-based Management Plan Update Project	Kittery	Yes	21202559.96	89%	4.44282333	4.4
	Eliot	No	2659023.511	11%	-0.5571767	

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Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	15	7
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	5
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	6
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problems	10	6
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	10
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	10
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	3.1
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>47.1</u>

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

	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section I. Preliminary Information	15	7

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ET Comments

N – Relevant experience of town staff in project administration lacking Need for Consulting Engineering listed in Task 5, but no qualifications listed.

N – Previous history of conflict with the Conservation Commission delaying the project.

N – Potential distractions from ongoing litigations, including previous member of the Conservation Commission.

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

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	5

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

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- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
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ET Comments

P – Shellfishery - soft shell clams in estuary

N – Extensive focus on main beach and not the upper watershed, river, or river influenced beaches.

N – Lacks description of other aquatic/terrestrial habitat benefits

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

ET Comments

N – Need for Task 3 unclear – “reality check” redundant? Current monitoring should reflect reality. Many vague data statements in need of quantitative support. Effect of northern tribs (Stevens Brook, Bragdon Brook) not considered. New Integrated Report impaired beach listing not mentioned. Impaired for DO, yet DO is not mentioned as water quality issue.

P- Wet and dry sampling hotspots in Leavitt Stream

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

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

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.**

N - Investigative efforts or info gathering in upper watershed is lacking. River is impaired for DO and aquatic life, yet no mention of either in plan.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

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Section V. Feasibility of Success	25	10

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P – septic database, numerous outreach issues

N – Past issues with Conservation Commission delaying project, past issues with consultant delaying project, concern over lawsuits distracting from project administration.

N - New engineering consultant was hired for current phase, is referenced in the workplan, but not qualifications for the engineering consultant are provided.

N – no mention for small community grants program to help solve bacteria issue or cross-connections as a source of bacteria issues.

N – same data collection is completed every year, reality check should already be checked.

N – nothing new is proposed - seems like a regular update.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	10

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

N – grant and match amounts don't align with tasks for example, Task 6 grant amount seems high for 1 meeting
N - Task 3 insufficient monitoring.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

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Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	3.1

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Application	Towns	Consistent Comp Plan	Area	% of Watershed	Points % (5 x %)	Total Points
Ogunquit River Watershed-based Plan Update	Ogunquit	No	8702555.707	16%	-0.8104732	3.1
	South Berwick	No	7045708.425	13%	-0.6561702	
	York	No	4166849.386	8%	-0.3880607	
	Wells	Yes	33773000.84	63%	3.14529587	

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Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	4
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problems	10	3
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<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>39</u>

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

	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section I. Preliminary Information	15	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

1. Application Qualifications

- Relevant experience
- Financial, administrative.
- Technical qualifications
- Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe
- Past performance on relevant projects

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

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

ET Comments

P – Past project experience of Town Manager

N - Walked away from project in 2014, unclear about the ability of staff to manage project. Project appears to lean heavily on consultants.

N – Consulting engineer included as partner but qualifications are not provided.

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

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	5

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

- Availability (access) of use
- Extent of use

2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply
- Public recreational opportunities
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits
- Commercial benefits
- Potential for increased public use and improved habitat –
- Other

ET Comments

N – Park on Penobscot not relevant to value of the brook, no recreational use listed for stream, barriers to fish passage remains even if WQ improves.

P – salmon stream, habitat for glass eels

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	4

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

ET Comments

P/N - Impaired, ICTMDL, but no recent data to support actions needed. Data and sources are outdated. But they did to a survey, and will do a geomorphology.

N - Plan only addresses lower half, not mention of upper watershed issues - highway and airport. No mention of SpCond or CI as stressors.

N - Lacked detail – didn't cite WQ monitoring data – wasn't clear what the stressors were. Mentioned urban runoff and/or ag.

N - Didn't say anything about reasoning for impairment listing.

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

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section IV. Nature, Extent, and Severity of NPS Problems	10	3

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.**

ET Comments

N – watershed survey done, but doesn't specify site details – what are the issues? Plan excludes upper half of watershed airport, highway etc. Lacking detail about stressors in the stream

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility of Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility of Success	25	6

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

N - Only includes half the watershed. Results of 2013-14 watershed survey not included – don't know if any action was taken.

N – Stressor analysis incomplete – no consideration of chloride, SpCon,

P – bridge replacement, geomorphology

N – fish passage – IFW or DMR not involved

N – no E+O task in workplan

N – Bangor not listed on SC.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

- 1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)**
- 2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes**
- 3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.**

N – grant funds used for purchasing equipment, high admin costs,

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

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

Y = Consistent

N = Inconsistent, Unknown (i.e., expired finding) or No Comp Plan on Record

Application	Towns	Consistent Comp Plan	Area	% of Watershed	Points % (5 x %)	Total Points
Sucker Brook Watershed-based Management Plan Development	Hampden	Yes	76482152.34	95%	4.73713315	5
	Bangor	Yes	4244048.415	5%	0.26286685	

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DATE: 5/26/2022

EVALUATOR NAME: **Addie Halligan**

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

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

P: Town of Newport – Town Manager has grant mgmt. experience, stormwater grants including 319 grants.

P: Subgrant – Penobscot CSWCD – ag survey, extensive experience noted.

P: Consultant Quals – project mgmt. experience, EPA 9-element watershed-based plan experience, conducting watershed and septic surveys, watershed modeling, GIS mapping, water quality analysis, outreach and technical writing skills.

P: St. Josephs Collect – sediment analysis – completed this service for 2 recent WBMPs

P: Sebasticook Lake Association – water quality monitors

Relative Value of the Waterbody

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

P: Access – state owned launch and 2 carry-in launches

P: Recreation – swimming, fishing, camping and boating – one of the most valuable recreational assets in the region.

P: Economic – commercial businesses benefit from the draw, and town of Newport shoreline development tax base.

P: Habitat – warmwater fishery, fish ladder – alewives and rainbow smelt now return to the lake. 19 species of fish in the lake. 11 loons (decreasing), 38 wetlands through watershed classified as Inland Wading Bird and Waterfowl Habitat. Endangered and threatened bird habitat – upland sandpiper, common gallinule, black tern, least bittern and great blue heron.

P: Lake and wetlands – Scenic vistas

P: Mentions future use by mussels and boaters after Sept 1 if reducing P inputs to lake to terminate lake drawdown.

O/N: drinking water supply?

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Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Impaired – cultural eutrophication from NPS Pollution, historical industrial waste and municipal discharges – drastic deterioration in the 1950s. Improvements, but continues to experience summertime algal blooms (later and for shorter)

P: Yes, informed understanding that historical issues have impacted the lake, and now current measures to address inputs is needed.

P: Data set from 1974-1997 nuisance algal blooms every one, 6 of of last 22 years with min. water clarity greater than 2n. TP data from 1980s, improvements seen between 2009-2018. Chlorophyll-a 2009-2018 also improved since 1980s. Pool of P available for internal recycled is estimated to have declined from 900ppb to 90ppb. DO still concerning due to release of P from bottom sediments – 0 in August at 7m, and earlier in 2021 (early July <2ppm at 5m).

P: Several assessments and surveys completed – External and Internal recycling report (1979), 1998 Watershed Survey, 2001 TMDL, 2003 septic survey, 2022 septic system database.

Q: Any bacteria data given the 60% unknown septics?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Workplans understanding of actions needed to address issues

P: Last point source removed in 2005

P: Watershed partners have been working at reducing NPS for the past four decades, ongoing work needed. A current assessment of watershed and in-lake conditions needed.

P: Workplan builds off of numerous past watershed activities to address NPS pollution

N: don't have recent data

Feasibility for Success

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

P: Likelihood of being restored – large improvements since 1950s, but continued efforts needed to ensure it can be restored.

P: Tasks include: Baseline water quality monitoring, sediment sampling and analysis, watershed assessment (shoreline, road and ag surveys), septic survey and vulnerability analysis, P load estimates, watershed modeling, internal loading assessment, outreach,.

P: Stakeholders- strong local partnerships, Town, SLA, PCSWCD, NRCS, Towns of Corinna and Dexter, St. Josephs college, consultant.

Q: Do they need their own QAPP?

Q: No steering committee? Tacked into Task 7, pull out as separate?

Cost Effectiveness

Return for investment, cost estimates are reasonable, matching funds quality

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P: Nearly 50% match

P: Diverse match revenue sources – Town of Newport, Sebasticook Lake Association, other?

N: Fairly expensive project ~\$100,000

N/Q: Task 7 cost seems very expensive for outreach, 3 meetings, one public meeting, two press releases, two annual meetings.

Comprehensive Plan

Note:

3 phases of 319 from 2002-2007

- **Task 1 is missing NPS Site Tracker as deliverable**
- **All deliverables and outcomes need to be underlined**

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P: YCSWCD has years of experience with water quality improvement projects/grants.

P: Strong partnership with array of expertise – Melissa- administrative work. Wells NERR – experience in coastal research, land and water resource management. Jacob – environmental education, research and monitoring experience (+ climate resilience planning). Christine – collaborative learning to engage partners working on shared goals (+ for this group)

P: Consultant Qualifications – experience writing watershed mgmt. plans, solid understanding of fecal indicator bacteria, experience in analyzing water quality data

P: Volunteer involvement from UNE, City of Biddeford, Biddeford Shellfish Conservation Commission, Biddeford Conservation Commission, Saco Watershed Collaborative – watershed survey, water quality monitoring, input/review of plan.

N: No mention of Project Manager, or their required relevant experience and technical skills (as would have been included in the job description).

N: Project Manager staff turnover in recent years, makes accomplishing projects in a timely manner challenging and lack of continuity (feasibility for success)

N: Consultant Quals – does not mentioned the need for a solid understanding of nutrients impacts in fresh and estuarine environments.

Q: What roles in the project do staff from Wells NERR play, their quals are mentioned but not their involvement

Relative Value of the Waterbody

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

P: Recreational Opportunities – fishing, swimming, kayaking, boating, bird watching, parks, walking trails, yacht club, shellfish economy. Marina with 130 moorings

P: Access – Carry-in

P: **Scenic & Aesthetic**- 3 parks to enjoy views & Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge

P: **Habitat** – nearly 150 acres of watershed protected by US Fish and Wildlife Service – Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge. Saltmarsh Sparrow, Saltmarsh false-foxglove, Beach Plum and American Sea-brite(rare plant)

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P: Commercial – Shellfish \$500,000 of shellfish harvested in pool with 10 commercial licenses and an additional 240 recreation licenses, with City and BSCC goal to reopen closed areas for clamming.

Q/N: Boat launch – believe the fishing is more outside of the Pool.

O/N: Don't get the sense the Pool is used by the public, more so by those who live around it and only during higher tides – limited recreational use.

O: P.3 states Pool is 1/10th of a mile from the mouth of the Saco, **It's ~1.5 miles**

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Threatened due to negative water quality indicators (NPS list) due to macroalgae blooms, Category 2 on IR– some designated uses with insignificant data or information

P: Data: DMR has 5 monitoring sites since 1991, sixth added in 2007. Pool close for 2 months in 2018, 3 months in 2019, four months in 2020 – drastic and rapid decline. DEP collected data 2020-2022. Many exceedances during wet and dry. 14 of 16 did not meet geomean – bacteria is widespread

P: Likely to continue to decline

N: no mention of nutrient influences causing macroalgae blooms, only 2021 EPA data gathered but not analyzed

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Workplans understanding of actions needed to address issues

P: DMR sanitary surveys – 4 systems in question. Identified that sandy soils, age, and location of septic's likely cause for additional concern. Birds, Pet waste, fertilizer. Subcatchment mapping to aid in subwatershed focused studies. UNE – human DNA present in wall and winter, bird DNA winter, mammals – year round. Abundance – mammals, humans then birds.

O/P: Didn't mention – but 2022 will include more frequent DNA analysis.

N: DMR surveys are just visual, which won't really tell you if septic is leaching. Doesn't mention the number of samples that UNE conducted to draw these conclusions of stressors.

O: The MeDEP data was past their holding time, also just a snapshot in time, so shouldn't hold bearing on sources.

O: Part a and b include the same information.

Feasibility for Success

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

P: Stakeholders – WNERR, City of Biddeford, UNE, DMR, MHB, BSCC, BCC, SWC, Biddeford climate task force, consultant – wonderful group of stakeholders involved.

P: Tasks – Watershed survey – include climate change and sea level rise, great that septic system subtask includes follow-up, adaptive mgmt. plan for water quality monitoring & visual scans of algal blooms, bracket sampling -DNA, stormwater outfall – wet weather, first flush of one event at 5 outfalls,

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Stressor Analysis and Action Plan development, outreach – public forum, press release, Plan writing – overall well sequenced tasks that will gather a lot of informative information.

N: Lots of septic systems, so solution to put the Pool on sewer may be the best answer, but not feasible through 319...Likelihood of being protected or restored – unsure based on septic inputs and proximity to pool, and Rachel Carson refuge wildlife impact.

N/Q: Is the algal bloom understood? Will there be enough data/information to analyze the cause.

Q/O: Has the City or others been successful at getting the Shellfish Commission to work with them?
Notes: Project Admin, S.C and TAC, Watershed Inventory & Assessment – watershed survey, desktop assessment, climate change, rising sea levels, septic system database and analysis. Database.gap analysis, bracket sampling, stormwater outfall monitoring

Q: is the abbreviated watershed survey -just follow up on prior information or on the ground surveying?

Q: Bracket sampling – says 6 events, once a month for 3 months – which one is it? 10 locations or five locations? Are there two separate sampling plans happening? One for Entero, DO, temp and OBs and one for entero, DO, temp, specific, nitrates, nitrites, and TP?

Q: Doesn't include task that about studying Sacos potential impact –

O: Data ideally should all be collected in 2023, some tasks say that, others don't

Cost Effectiveness

Return for investment, cost estimates are reasonable, matching funds quality

P: Good quality match – coming from donated services from volunteers (\$17,560) and \$8000 cash match from the city.

P: Very reasonable cost estimate for the amount of time needed for these tasks – lots of effort needed from people.

Q/N: Task 4- \$3625 will not get you very many samples for DNA (unless UNE is running them? For how much?) Lots of people, but not enough funds for the actual monitoring. What is the total number of samples to be taken and was that cost out? \$200/sample for a few DNA markers... 18 DNA samples. Looks like \$2050 in grant is also lab analysis – not actual sampling materials?

N: 687 volunteer hours – not guaranteed.

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Relevant experience, financial, administrative & technical qualifications, personnel and facilities

P: Public works Inspector – Jessa, has years of experience working on implementing previous phases (5) and ample knowledge. Previous phases were completed within budget, with extra match, completed on time or with extension. Town Council support, town manager and public works commissioner support.

P: Stakeholder relevant experience – networks and volunteers, knowledge of issues with varying perspectives (PREP, Great Bay- Piscataqua Waterkeeper, Save Kittery Waters, etc.)

P: RFQ proposal requirements for consultant: quals in engineering, planning and watershed mgmt. planning, experience with 319/604b, project understanding, project team with experience.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

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

P: Parks, boat launches, recreation – boating, kayaking and fishing iconic vistas. Habitats – State Listed Animal Habitat for New England Cottontail, shellfish.

N: Does not list the number of parks, boat launches, etc – farther vague to assess the value and/or use. Is it used just locally or does it have any regional benefit? Also vague about aquatic and terrestrial benefits

Q/N: Any economical value? If shellfish beds could be opened back up, what was the economic loss due to shellfish harvesting being closed? Improved habitat – who would benefit?

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Listed in 2016 as impaired for bacteria. Threatened due to negative water quality indicators and MS4 status.

P: Significant data set: 2008-2021. Large DO swings, daily min DO regularly falls below the state criterion of 85% saturation and elevated nitrogen concentrations and biological oxygen demand → sources likely ag, residential, wetland areas.

P: Anecdotal evidence shows increase frequency and size of algal blooms, especially in coves (from tributaries?)

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P: Severity – Spruce Creek Initiative, many stakeholders, agree that it is necessary to determine extent to which nutrients are influencing water quality in Spruce Creek and develop an action Plan.

N/O: Not sure if this is “negative”, but wondering how the Pierce Island Wastewater Treatment upgrade will impact bacteria reading.

N: Would like to see more of the data related to the DO swings and min DO, is this average from 2008-2021, what is recent years (say past 5 years) data showing, general statements.

Q: Don't have nutrient criteria in place... so we use “negative water quality indicators” to assess... it won't be considered impaired due to the lack of criteria

O (?): has been delisted for bacteria due to insufficient data (see below regarding IR update)

Info for edit: Threatened and impaired listings.

Notes: From letter to EPA regarding change: the update to the assessment methodology for bacteria impairments creates a delisting of approximately 122 AUs from Category 5-B-1 to Category 3. Tables 8-9 and 8-13 and Appendix V (Category 3: Estuarine and Marine Waters with Insufficient Data or Information to Determine if Shellfish Harvesting Designated Use is Attained) include more information

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Workplans understanding of actions needed to address issues

P: Data and anecdotal evidence suggest nutrient issues, but acknowledge lack of focus on nutrients in previous phase to understand

P: Water quality section indicates ag, residential, wetland areas contributing to nutrient enrichment, septic systems,

P: Workplan mentions the lack of focus on nutrients in previous plan, and therefore the need to update plan with support to be able to study this. 2014 survey found highest priority sites to be connected to stormwater runoff, and agricultural land uses. Additional sources identified – malfunctioning septic systems, leaky sewer lines or cross-connections and improper pet waste disposal – fecal.

P: Plan mentions the continuous development as a contributing factor to IC.

N: Not mentioned in workplan, but Angie has mentioned that due to limited freshwater inputs, temperature increase, and abundance of shallow water habitat spruce creek is perfect for Ulva to bloom (in conjunction with nitrogen inputs) – wondering how these elements that can't be changed will be accounted for.

Very confusing regarding the Pierce Island update in relation to Spruce Creek and whether that actually has any impact.

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Feasibility for Success

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

P: Strong stakeholder engagement, town support and community support – DEP involvement in Spruce Creek Initiative, Town, Save Kittery Waters, Great Bay Piscataqua Waterkeeper, PREP, Consultant.

P: Likelihood for being protected – between the treatment plant upgrade and previous five phases focused on bacteria, the focused locations of algal blooms near tributary coves seems to indicate a higher likelihood that all this progress could potentially lead to protection.

P: WQM – data loggers for DO, level, conductivity and temperature, 3 sets of grab samples for nutrients and other parameters.

P: Inventory & Assessment – watershed survey (include climate change – culvert sizing, sea level rise, marsh migration), and septic systems . Subcatchment mapping, septic system inventory and ground truthing.

Q: septic system inventory – does that also include vulnerability assessment and ground truthing as in dye testing...

P: Concurrent efforts - not mentioned in grant, but in latest Spruce Creek Initiative meeting, the group was looking at additional funding sources for additional efforts – Potential PREP funds, Great Bay 2030. Work that Save Kittery Waters is doing for outreach.

N: Likelihood for being protected - Not mentioned in workplan, but Angie has mentioned that due to limited freshwater inputs, temperature increase, and abundance of shallow water habitat spruce creek is perfect for Ulva to bloom (in conjunction with nitrogen inputs) – wondering how these elements that cant be changed will be accounted for.

N: Task 3 – Same monitoring as has been going on since 2012, seems like shifting gears and using these funds for investigative monitoring would be more beneficial. Highest funded task is just status-quo. Additionally the second season would be hard to analyze and incorporate into plan if monitoring isn't completed until September – this data won't help answer their question

O: A technical advisory committee may be helpful as part of Task 2, but budget would need to be reallocated to account for this.

O: Task 3 needs to incorporate Annual SAPs.

Q: what is the signage in Task 6?

Cost Effectiveness :

P: Overall cost seems reasonable, good return for investment.

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N: \$20,000 of the total match 2/3rds going towards the same monitoring that has been going on since 2012, will this tell us anything new? According to budget breakdown that would be for deploying and retrieving loggers, 3 events, writing the QAPP

N: Task 4 seems underbudgeted, yet the most important aspect of this grant.

Q: Contractual breakdown for Task 3 – just has QAPP, but what about the remainder of that task

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

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

P: Mentions Clean Water Partners – Healthy Rivers Ogunquit, Great Works Regional Land Trust, MHB, Wells Reserve, MeDOT. Conservation commission – volunteers, water quality monitoring, MHB,

P: Consultant Qualls – experience in environmental planning, monitoring, mapping and restoration, management of 319 experience, working relation with the Town, extensive knowledge of Ogunquit River

N: Doesn't mention Town staff who will be involved with project, what their qualifications are, who will be involved with the financial oversight or relevant experience (involvement in previous phases).

N: Conservation commission historical issues.

N: Previous implementation phase experienced staff turnover, tasks were not conducted in a timely manner, part of construction was not complete before close out, wasn't strong community involvement/communication

N: No quals for engineer

O: Doesn't mention that they plan to hire a Natural Resource Coordinator

Relative Value of the Waterbody

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

P: Habitat – diverse, rare and endangered plant and animal species

P: Economic – tourism, over \$1.6million , #1 Beach Town in New England, Town of Ogunquit increases from 45-180 & over 2000 summer jobs. Softshell clams (25,000 pounds per year)

P: Recreation – swimming, boating and fishing – 1million visitors/residents.

N: Doesn't specify what species.

N: doesn't describe the use of the river as much as it describes the use and value of Beach. Doesn't include the two beaches that are IN the river.

N: doesn't mention upper watershed use

General statement: strong emphasis on economic and recreational value

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RFP #: 202203024

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

BIDDER NAME: Town of Ogunquit

DATE: 5/26/2022

EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Impaired and likely will continue to not attain. Marine life use support (DO), Recreation (fecal indications) Aquatic Life – Stevens Brook

P: Monitoring efforts – MHB, Ogunquit Sewer District, Ogunquit Conservation Commission, FB Environmental = data has shown elevated bacteria, especially in Leavitt Stream. Data gathering by FBE since 2012

P: Understanding of issues – states likely wastewater and surface runoff. 2003-2007 planning project – 160 sites = 2007 plan. Plan updated in 2013 with local funding – identified 25 sites. Problems – Towns Main beach parking lot, roadways in residential areas. Bacteria sources – stormwater outfalls, roadways and parking lots, septic systems, sewer/stormwater cross-connections, ag, pet waste and wildlife. River impacted by stormwater runoff, removal of vegetative buffer, septic malfunctions.

- Canine detection and DNA analyses – human and pet waste, seagulls (wildlife largest contributor)

N: The data statement about exceedances is very vague, for how long, how often, where, what years is this accounting for, what are the trends, any improvements from previous phases?

N: Doesn't mention the new beach listing, 2 of only 3 beaches considered impaired in Maine.

N: Lack of nutrient data and therefore lack of informed understand of potential nitrogen and phosphorus impacts.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Workplans understanding of actions needed to address issues

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- Canine detection and DNA analyses – human and pet waste, seagulls (wildlife largest contributor)

N: Many years of data has been taken, but what seems to be missing is more investigative efforts to narrow down locations.

N: It's unclear from the workplan if additional investigation is needed or simply additional work is needed, nor what the breakdown is of the DO, Aquatic Life and Bacteria impairments are.

Q: How many sites remain to be addressed by the current plan (plan expires July 2023, so they can still apply for implementation funds in spring 2023)

Q: Has there been any town resources spent on following up on the septic/sewer database? Any investigations?

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Feasibility for Success

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

P: Stakeholders – Town, Healthy Rivers Ogunquit, Great Works Regional Land Trust, Consultant for oversee

P: Tasks – TAC, water quality monitoring – data loggers- conductivity, DO, relative water level and temp, 3 sets of grab samples for nutrients, entro and other parameters. Watershed inventory and assessment – watershed survey (climate change component), and septic systems. Sub catchments will be analyzed

Q: Have subcatchments been mapped? Or do they mean subwatersheds?

P: Concurrent efforts – currenting implementing Phase IV.

N: Task 3, WQM “reality check data” – this is the same data they’ve been collecting for years, this should be more investigative spots, especially given the cost

Q/N: Given the size of this watershed – is a watershed survey the most effective approach at identifying sites? How would this be executed to cover all areas...

Q: would having an active 319 project concurrently with a watershed based plan development project bode for a successful completion of both?

Q/N: Can they hire an engineer to do conceptual designs in a planning grant? That would fit more in a implementation grant, doesn’t seem like a good use of time/money to hire an engineer for plans that may or may not be implemented and/or will need updating.

O: Should TAC actually be Steering Committee with a subcommittee that is the TAC?

O: The QAPP should be revised to be overseen by the Natural Resource Coordinator and revised to be held by the Town.

Cost Effectiveness

Return for investment, cost estimates are reasonable, matching funds quality

P: Match/ Grant ratio is good (37% match).

P: Town match contribution of \$16,777

N: WQM task match is \$10,000 match but not for further investigations...

Q: Does this include lab analysis?

N: No match for Plan update – seems like this should involve some town and community involvement, especially since the task description says the draft will be rely on feedback from TAC.

N: Seems like Task 4 is underbudgeted given the multiple subtasks and investigation needed.

O: Missing match breakdown information in Task 7.

Comprehensive Plan

Notes:

- Pesticide ordinance: how is that being enforced?

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- Coastal Communities Grant – collaboration and septic/sewer database.
- Phase I: BMPs at municipal, commercial and residential properties, evaluated areas of illicit sewage discharge, public outreach, annual baseline and investigating.
- Phase II: Main Beach BMP, public outreach for septic and pest waste, baseline
- Phase III: Main Beach BMP,
- Phase IV: Main Beach BMP, public outreach

- **Task 1:** NPS Tracker should be part of all phases, not just Phase II, so change to Phase IV. Consultants should be plural if there are two that will be hired.

- Task 8 – Would take out the Anticipated completion of April 2024... it always takes longer than envisioned and that way staff time is appropriately budgeted.

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

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

P: Town of Hampden – experience with 604b grants, NPS Water Pollution Control Project (corridor survey), awarded 604b but was not complete.

P: Personnel – Public Works Director – town lead, licensed engineer and 20 years of experience managing infrastructure projects. Experience overseeing large projects with significant budgets (financial experience). Town Planner will support (project mgmt. skills), Economic Development Director – stakeholder engagement, public outreach and project mgmt.

P: Relevant experience – public works director and town planner manage CFUP- stormwater migration projects

P: Consultant quals – experience with development of watershed-based plans, data analysis, outreach, information gathering and assessment, experience with 319 project, demonstrated ability to completed work within budget and schedule, culver assessment experience, BMP knowledge, water quality monitoring, familiarity with Sucker Brook

N: Previous award was not executed due to staff turnover.

N: Personnel have experience through CFUP, but does not clear what additional water quality experience/knowledge they have, nor involved in nonpoint source funded projects before.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

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

P: Access – Turtle Head Park and Marina – waterfront recreational area, recent redevelopment – improved parking area, walking trails, boat launch, 8.5 conservation easement.

P: Habitat – fisheries, riparian shoreline and wetland habitat. Critical Salmon habitat (part of Penobscot Basin). Habitat for Upland sandpiper, glass eels

P: Potential improved habitat and use – for species listed about, for recreation and for commercial uses.

P: Economic – historical significant, marina and local seafood restaurant – attractive

N: Turtle Head isn't a main destination, and used for recreation.

O: 3 barrier crossings for fish and aquatic organisms, including sea-run salmon.

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Water Quality Problem

Informed understanding of issues? Severity, and nonattainment in future

P: Impaired for Aquatic life use, DO, IC TMDL, urban impaired stream.

P: NPS from a variety of land use sources: urban runoff, ag activity.

P: Severity – Supposed to meet class B, but not meeting Class C. Nonattainment in future: DO and aquatic life use are the main causes of non-attainment. Needs an 8% IC, but has 29% - large interstate cloverleaf interchange and industrial and commercial developments – will always face pollution issues

P: TMDL likely causes– Stormwater runoff from IC is largest source of pollution and stream channel alteration, I-95 and I-393 drain from highway directly down to brook

P: Stream Corridor and Watershed Survey – identified pollutants sources within each subwatershed and provided recommendations. Sediment and erosion issues related to IC, oils, metals and surfactants. – vehicle service and body shops were issues.

→ TMDL and Survey both suggests IC as possible main source. 2/3rds in urbanized area. Significant new development added.

N: Relying on DEP biomonitoring, Statewide TMDL and a 2013-2014 survey. Doesn't appear to have an ongoing data set with any additional parameters, not much recent data to help identify and understand actions needed.

N: Concern that some of the sources identified in 2013 are outdated, need for follow-up (check if its in tasks to revisit sites)

Q:Task 3 mentions stream water sampling data but that is not provided in water quality review section.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Workplans understanding of actions needed to address issues

P: Geomorphic assessment (part of MS4) planned for Spring 2022 results will help provide a deeper understanding of: runoff and human alterations impact on stream channel are responsible for impairments, conceptual restoration plans, culvert evaluations

N: Unclear the full understanding of impacts from Bangors section of the watershed – though included in 2014 survey.

N: Very little, if any, water quality data going into this project.

Feasibility for Success

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

P: Concurrent efforts (or momentum) – bridge replacement at Northeast Paving Access Road – open bottom for fish passage. – 100 year peak flow and improve habitat for macros. Geomorphic assessment.

P: Stakeholders – Town of Hampden, DEP, landowners, Hampden Business Association, Landmark Heritage Trust and project consultants

P: Tasks: S.C & TAC – meeting times seem sufficient, historical and recent data, Culvert analysis, watershed stressor analysis and retrofit analysis and design – locating, mapping the existing upland

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hydrology and stormwater mgmt. infrastructure. WQM – baseline data – DO, conductivity and temperature – data loggers at three locations, grab samples – 2x for metals, nutrients and TSS, draft plan.

Q: Will that monitoring be for both years or only one?

Q: Are they buying data loggers for Task 5 – do we count that as match?

Q: When it says “upland” does that mean Bangor?

N: unclear the likelihood waterbody will be restored given the impacts of current development and highway

N: Does not include Bangor as a project partner and over half of watershed is in Bangor. Culvert assessment is only in Hampden,

O: Is Hampden all on sewer?

O: Bangor Municipal Golf Course – can a representative from there be on the committee.

Q: Can engineering concepts be included in planning grant?

Q: Concurrent efforts for UIS BMPS for new permit?

O: Task 4 – Needs to include SIPs for each assessment/analysis

Q/N: Confused about Stressor Analysis – “use assessment data and reports” – meaning culvert assessment and geomorphic reports? Seems like further analysis would be needed to identify primary stressors than just these two assessments.

O/N: No community input session? Is that a requirement we have?

Q: Does Hampden have a DEP-approved QAPP (looks like they want to use VRMPs QAPP (is that allowed?), who wrote the QAPP, the consultant may need to revise the QAPP if consultant is different than whomever wrote it.

- If yes, they are part of VRMP, that data should be included in the water quality overview section, if not, then they cant use VRMPs QAPP – theyd have to develop a QAPP (alter budget for that).

Cost Effectiveness

Return for investment, cost estimates are reasonable, matching funds quality

P: 47% match, Town contributing \$34,833

N:

N: Very little match from community stakeholders

Comprehensive Plan

Notes:

- **Part 1 should have each staff members hours and rate, not an average**
- **Is it \$0.65 a mile?**

Commented [HA1]: What is in their MS4 permit – double check that is not writing the plan.

Stated that this is NOT part of MS4 requirement.

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BIDDER NAME: **Town of Newport**

DATE: **5/26/22**

EVALUATOR NAME: **Alex Wong**

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – success story from 2021

Water Quality Problem

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

N – after 40 years of NPS work, why has there been minimal movement? Have all the low hanging fruit been picked?

Feasibility for Success

P- There is no current plan. Guidance document needed.

Cost Effectiveness

I – most expensive proposal, though project admin cost is relatively low. Most funding going to modeling work.

Comprehensive Plan

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BIDDER NAME: York County SWCD

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Q: YCSWCD has staff changes – Will the new PM be able to handle this?

I: Missy had a typo in her qualifications

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Water Quality Problem

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

I – bacteria is the issue for Biddeford Pool supported by 2016 IR as well as 2018/2020/2022 IR listing as a beach.

Feasibility for Success

Q: Task 3a – how will a watershed survey be able to identify sources of bacteria?

Q: Task 3b - to what extent has septic systems been investigated in the past? Numbers were provided for 2019, but was that comprehensive? Will the proposed survey capture all the septic systems in the watershed?

Q: Task 3b – will survey take tidal influences into account? Sea level rise?

Cost Effectiveness

Q: is the amount budgeted for stressor analysis by consultant enough?

Q: is the amount budgeted for Water Quality Monitoring enough?

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – proven track record with managing projects

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N – delisted

Water Quality Problem

Q – what is PICOTT?

P – good job delineating why past work is insufficient

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Feasibility for Success

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Cost Effectiveness

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

N – project history with Conservation Commission? Was there an issue in a current project phase?

Q – does litigation have any bearing here?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – "...watershed is estuary rich in diverse, rare, and endangered plant and animal species...",
"...revenue...over \$1.6 million annually...", soft shell clam fishery.

Water Quality Problem

P- impaired for DO, bacteria, aquatic life

N- nutrient concentration data is lacking

N- typo in second paragraph of Section III.b. Should read, "The dominant" vs. "The dominate". Indicates lack of oversight?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Feasibility for Success

N- typo in Task 3, should be "nutrient loading" not "nutrient anloading".

Q – Task 4 -

Cost Effectiveness

Q- what is the effect of the marsh on bacteria, and will only 2 summer months of monitoring achieve the desired results?

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P- salmon stream

Water Quality Problem

Q – 4 barriers to salmon – does the geomorphic assessment address these barriers? Assuming the barrier issue would probably lead to geomorphic issues – ie, undersized, hanging, etc.

Q – with impervious cover being the most pressing issue identified, are chlorides an issue?

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – resource is hit hard by development in the watershed, doesn't meet Class C and is in non-attainment for Class B.

Feasibility for Success

N – WQ monitoring focuses on DO.

N – no mention of climate change on culvert analysis

Cost Effectiveness

I – amount of grant into admin and steering committee seems high compared to other applications

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BIDDER NAME: Town of Newport – Sebasticook Lake

DATE: 5/24/22

EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P/N Town manager “administered several previous 319 grants” but does not list which ones.

P Penobscot County subgrant – experience with Cold Stream Pond grant, ag expertise

P Consultant, volunteers

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P Used for recreation, regional destination, former coldwater fishery, loons, IWWH, mentions several species of special concern, mussel loss due to drawdown

P Commercial development, residential (288 shorefront lots), agriculture, public access

Water Quality Problem

P Impaired – water quality decline in 1950s

P Removal of point sources, NPS sources (incl. ag) + annual drawdown has improved water quality slowly over time, although still poor compared to average.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P Well studied lake

P TMDL identified Ag as the largest source of P, followed by roads and residential areas

P Town created septic database

N No discussion of changes in land use – decline of ag and increase in development (assessments presented are old – no update)

Feasibility for Success

P Town is motivated

P Lake Association letter of support & active participation

P Not a lot has been done in the watershed recently, so a new WBMP and associated analyses are needed to determine next steps

N Overall workplan is very brief; more detail on some of the tasks would be helpful (e.g., task 2 – frequency of sampling, purpose/more details about sediment and plankton sampling; task 6 – purpose/importance/detail)

Q Task 8 – draft plan 6 weeks before? Should this be 2 months? Also, remove the “and more” from the description of the maps.

Q Is 568 hours of SLA volunteer time realistic? Seems like a lot

Cost Effectiveness

P Good match from town and lake association (cash & in-kind)

P 49% overall match

P/N Expensive overall, but costs seem realistic

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Q Can we count SLA's rental of space for their annual meetings & printing and mailing costs for their newsletters as match?? The grant project is likely not the central focus of these outreach activities.

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BIDDER NAME: York County Soil and Water Conservation District – Biddeford Pool

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P YCSWCD has been awarded numerous previous grants

N Currently down staff, but should be staffed by the time grant starts. Missy is listed as the project manager for this grant, but I wonder if that will change once it is awarded.

P Lists WNERR partners and consultant quals

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P Good description of waterbody/watershed characteristics.

P \$500,000 shellfishery, 10 commercial/240 recreational licenses

P UNE campus, residential development, marina, recreational use, scenic, Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge/conservation land

P/N Good public access; unclear how much public use it gets (not quantified)

P habitat for saltmarsh sparrow, saltmarsh false-foxtail, beach plum, and American sea-brite.

Water Quality Problem

P closures due to bacteria increased in duration over three years (2018-2020)

P/N Not impaired – listed as a threatened marine water due to negative WQ indicators. (Lists outdated info from 2016 IR – also Saco Bay listing is not part of this watershed)

P/N water quality summary is pretty good, but would have liked to see actual bacteria counts listed or summarized

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P Watershed is 20% developed

P Potential sources – stormwater, boats, waterfowl, pet waste; septic systems have been investigated and don't appear to be a major source (low optical brighteners, no major issues during previous surveys/inspections, but still a potential contributor.

P eDNA work – mammal, human, bird (in that order)

N Description of watershed activities to address NPS pollution was lacking. Most info belonged in the previous section, did not provide good detail about UNE outflow

Feasibility for Success

P Good partnerships/letters of support

P/N Tasks seem to be adequate for putting together an effective plan, but lacking in some detail to determine whether sufficient

N Subtask 5a Stressor Analysis – they indicate results from other tasks will be used to put this together; I'm not sure if that will give them enough/adequate information to determine stressors.

-Subtask 5c – ordinance review should be a separate task or subtask

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Cost Effectiveness

N Some of the costs seem high – Task 4 YCSWCD salary/fringe is the highest cost item but many tasks are being done by consultant/subgrantee; Task 6 match is way too high, total cost is very high considering the minimal nature of this task (press releases, site walk, storymap, public forum)

N Overall 38% match but I think their match estimate for volunteer donated services is way too high

N \$500 match claimed for various partners to print the plan???

N Some of the match doesn't add up (see supplies/materials) – also meeting space donation is listed as cash match in the match sources table - should be in kind.

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BIDDER NAME: Town of Kittery – Spruce Creek

DATE: 5/20/22

EVALUATOR NAME: Amanda Pratt

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Applicant Qualifications and Experience (overall good but needs more detailed information)

P/N Public Works Inspector – project administrator; previous experience w/ Spruce Creek WBMP update (not expired; I assume they are timing this so there is no gap) Spruce Creek Ph III-V. Need more quals (and name – even though we know it is Jessa).

P/N Public Works Commissioner – support (no quals given)

P/N Town Manager – support (no quals given)

P Consultant – all project tasks (lists tasks & RFQ items)

P Volunteer/partner organizations

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P/N residential, commercial, conserved land, agriculture (no indication of area/importance)

P/N Used for recreation “extensively”, but does not quantify use or value, there is public access but we are not given detail; potential for shellfishing if restored

P Town priority watershed

P New England Cottontail Habitat

P Highly visible as part of Rte 1 corridor & heavy commercial use

Water Quality Problem

P/N Impaired due to bacteria in 2016 IR, but proposed delisting in 2022 IR.

N Did not correctly report NPS priority listing (not on streams list, impaired on marine list)

N Was Impaired due to water treatment facility that was recently upgraded – need more sampling to determine if it's still impaired (so less need/issues than previously?)

P/N Sampling has shown elevated bacteria and nutrients at multiple hot spots; DO swings – need to present numbers/data to support these statements

N Not sure I agree with the assertion that these issues necessarily indicate NPS – could be natural due to estuary/wetland characteristics. Would be good if there was more historical data to compare to.

P More frequent Algal blooms (anecdotal)

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P Increasing development/septic systems

N Confused about sources – where is the treatment plant? Hot spots are above the RT 1 crossing, but they mention stormwater runoff being a major issue? Is this because it's tidal? This is above the estuarine portion

P Bacteria sources – septics, sewer leaks, pet waste, ag (upper watershed)

Q: Do we agree that nutrients are an issue? This is not part of the impairment but seems to be their focus/spin on getting funding for an updated plan. Wouldn't it be listed for nutrients if that was a major stressor? I suppose it's listed for negative WQ indicators, but I can't find notes on why that was the listing reason specifically.

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Feasibility for Success

P Support from Town Council/priority watershed for the town

P Partners - Spruce Creek Association, Save Kittery Waters, Great Bay-Piscataqua Waterkeeper and the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership – volunteer support

N No letters of support

P Work proposed should be doable in the 2-year grant period

N No out of the box/new ideas; this seems like a routine update to me. Not sold on the “nutrients” aspect – it’s not really addressed in the workplan other than collecting a few grab samples.

N Algae monitoring task? Addressing development/stormwater retrofits?

N Will this actually address impairment/be successful if there is some question about the impairment being due to WWTP or increased temp/existing nitrogen in sediments contributing to algal blooms?

Cost Effectiveness

Q/N: Update project – is this a significant update (adding nutrient info, septics/climate change sections)? Could the town self-fund this with DEP assistance? This is essentially continuing WQ monitoring (which the town already does), adding in a public meeting and some watershed surveying and inventorying (which I’m assuming has already been done and just needs some light updates). Doesn’t rise to the level of a significant update for me.

Q: Already had 5 phases of grant projects, how does this impact future work?

N Need to use cost categories from table 2 in budget breakdowns – hard to tell what category each item corresponds to (contractual, payroll, donated services, etc)

N: Task 3 The bulk of the match and overall cost is for water quality monitoring (\$20k).

Q: Task 3- If previous WQ work was done under a QAPP, why is development of a new QAPP necessary?

P/N 48% match, but 63% of it is for water quality monitoring

N Costs seem reasonable for each task but given the scope of the project as a whole seems like a lot of money for a routine WBMP update.

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P Previous 319 grant experience

N Town manager has only been in the position for a year

P/N Will hire consultant, key quals are a bit lacking

N Staff in part one budget table not listed in Qualls section

Q How does litigation impact the application?

N mentions consulting engineer under partners, but not in quals section

P Project partners

Relative Value of the Waterbody

N mentions endangered plants and animals but doesn't actually list what they are.

N Waterbody and watershed physical characteristics lacking in detail. What are the land uses?

Population? What about the upper watershed?

P Beach is heavily used by tourists/recreationally; population expands in summer

N application talks about number of tourists and town staff in "waterbody uses and value" section. This is not as relevant to the application as talking about the number of people that use the beach/river (little mention of uses beyond beach) and was not specific to the waterbody, just the town/area.

P Soft shell clam fishery

Water Quality Problem

P Development pressure

P Impaired – DO, bacteria, Stevens Brook Trib – aquatic life, TMDL

P Elevated enterococci levels; Leavitt Stream trib is particularly high, as is runoff from parking lot

P Bacteria sources – wastewater, stormwater runoff from impervious areas

N No discussion of DO data or Stevens Brook impairment data.

N Did not mention NPS priority listing/new IR listing of impaired beaches

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P summarized WBMP/survey results and sources – stormwater, septic, sewer cross connections, ag, pet waste, wildlife

P eDNA showed wildlife, dog, and human sources; impervious cover means that stormwater runoff carries a high amount of bacteria directly to the stream/beach. Septics may also play a role.

N Lacks detail and focus

Feasibility for Success

P project partners – conservation commission, healthy rivers Ogunquit, GWRLT

Q QAPP held by FB Environmental; what if they are not the consultant? I know this came up as an issue in current Ogunquit River 319 project.

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P Project likely to be completed in 2 year project timeframe

P Clear priority for town, have done work outside of 319/604b program

N Tasks missing detail; no thinking outside the box – very basic plan/generic

Cost Effectiveness

N/Q Plan update project – is this a significant update? “expanded to cover pollutant load estimates and sources specific to nutrients, along with the existing fecal indicator bacteria issue” – tasks are pretty basic/cookie cutter, nothing substantially new/different from current plan

N Match is weak – almost all from town and over 50% is for water quality monitoring that they do anyway

P/N 37% match – weakest of all the proposals

N \$31k in grant funds to consultant for what appears to be a very routine plan update – does not seem cost effective to me when we know what the issues are already.

Q Task 8 should have match related to review of WBMP by SC.

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P/N Town PW director has some experience w/ 604b and MS4; most of grant will pass through to consultant

P List consultant experience needed; may hire multiple consultants/engineer?

N: Mentions hiring engineer in partner section (separate from consultant), but does not list that in Quals (unless it's combined?)

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P Great summary of waterbody/watershed

P Salmon habitat, sandpiper, glass eels, public recreation at mouth of brook

N Did not demonstrate public use/value of brook beyond park that is basically on Kennebec R.

Water Quality Problem

P Impervious cover 29%

P Urban impaired stream

P Aquatic Life Use Impairments – DO, Macros, Periphyton

P IC TMDL

N Did not provide water quality information beyond not meeting Class B for macroinvertebrates

N This section was lacking in detail on specific stressors/causes of WQ impairment (chloride?)

N Does not mention NPS Priority listing and reasons

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

N Again, lacks detail; info on Biomonitoring belongs in WQ section. More detail on number of sites and conclusions of survey needed.

P Decent TMDL summary provided; impervious cover is cause of impairment, but what about specific stressors? This is part of workplan.

Feasibility for Success

P/N Success hinges on hiring good consultant(s)

P Tasks seem well thought out and appropriate – Task 4 looks good

N Weak in terms of partnerships – no NGOs/conservation commission/other groups listed. Would like to see more outside participation/demonstration of interest.

N No letters of support

N No education/outreach task

N What about Town of Bangor? Not listed as a partner, but much of the watershed is in Bangor. Will they be involved/contributing in this effort?

N a few tasks mention that they will occur only in the Hampden portion of the watershed – improvement of WQ will be difficult without addressing the entire stream

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Cost Effectiveness

N Don't like that a significant amount of the match money coming from buying data loggers (\$6,900). We could potentially loan these.

Q: Should have staff listed in Part 1 rather than using an average hourly rate – odd

P 47% match

P/N Almost all match coming from the town – good cash match, but much of it is for water quality monitoring, equipment, and lab fees

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

4,537 acre lake, 46 m², 15m deep, X 6.2m, flushing rate 1.5/yr, Mulligan Stream (impaired), dammed with fall drawdown since 1982, 322 shoreline lots with 288 with camps in 2000. Ag (16%) of watershed, development and roads 7%, historic 319 projects(2002-2003)

I Qualifications (15)

- + Municipality and TM have grant experience including 319 (CDBG)
- +/- Penobscot SWCD – limited to ag but not sure how much Amy is familiar with water quality work but logical choice to work with ag.
- + Sediment analysis by Dr. Emily Leshner/St. Joes (done this on other lakes)
- +/- Lake association for monitoring, watershed survey and septic Experienced aka have done previously.
- + Consultant

II Water Value (10)

- + State boat launch, 2 carry in
- + swimming, fishing, camping & boating
- + camp grounds
- + Important regionally but there are other lakes in the area
- warmwater fishery – introduced fishery
- + 2003 fish ladder allows anadromous fish

III Water Quality Problem (10)

- + Impaired - 2001 TMDL
- + Known issue since 1982 with 10foot drawdown to address internal loading
- + Water quality trend is improving (p6)
- + 2005 point source removed
- + Long record of transparency, DO/Temp profiles & phosphorus
- + included graphs and data

IV Extent of Severity of NPS Problem (10)

- + TMDL = 45% of load is ag (2001)
- Watershed survey old 1998
- Septic survey old 2003

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- + new Septic system database 2022
- +/- historic NWQI project area. In theory all NRCS work is completed ???
- P 5 – ag data old- quoting 2001 TMDL – no more recent data? Did they try, how much ag is there today if 45%of the load in 2001?

V Feasibility of Success (25)

- ? how accurate is the bathometric map for the lake? Is this needed for internal P calculations?
- ? who will do the shoreline & road surveys? (task 4)
- no mention of increasing development pressure, is there any? Does the plan need to address development, ordinances, LID ?
- + long term lake association members although recently less active ?
- + “fresh look” since no work recently done so plan is needed
- could use more detail in tasks
- Huge watershed, challenging
- Outreach doesn’t include anything for farmers and if they are big part of problem need to include them.
- TAC, SC etc not strong

VI Cost Effective (25)

- ? cost of supplies 5,175 for task 2 match and \$4,744 grant– unclear, is this equipment? Wrong category – not supplies
- + Good cash match from Newport (16,750)
- + Cash and in-kind from lake association
- WOW \$98,652 for a lake plan
- + high match along with cash (49%)

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Biddeford Pool – tidal estuary, 90 acre, 5 tribs, 20% developed, not impaired
No past plan, is in MS4 urbanized area

I Qualifications (15)

- + Handled 319 & 604b projects, recently WBP 2017 & 2019.
- + Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve partner(coastal communities tech support, climate resilience planning ..) Outreach
- +/- Project consultant for stressor analysis, secondary data, writing plan, technical leader
- Lack clarity of PM and their experience

II Water Value (10)

- +/- fishing, recreation, yacht club/marina at the mouth
- + shellfish
- +/- only vista 3 parks, no parking at carry in access & ramps are to go out to ocean
- very small only 90 acres how much recreation
- + lots of detail
- + economic details (loss of lively hood due to h2O)
- not sure about real public use – only usable at high tide

III Water Quality Problem (10)

- Tidal, no mention about how tide is impacting water quality (circulating study?)
- + threatened (recent blooms), Cat. 2
- + elevated fecal (cat 5-B-1) – but confusing
- + conditional shellfish harvesting due to elevated fecal, has resulted in closures
- +/- DEP bacteria sampling elevated numbers, lack numbers
- No mention of storm or wastewater collection system influences/illicit connections?
- No information about nutrient or algae where or when

IV Extent of Severity of NPS Problem (10)

- + DMR shoreline survey 2013, 2014, 2019 – CSOs, septic
- + Catchment mapping, DEP
- + source tracking – human DNA, mammals

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- + 2013 sanitary survey
- ? Task 4 tosses in 'algal blooms' but not mentioned earlier. No mention of nutrient issues.
- See above, no mention of collection systems (illicit connections)
- Bacteria doesn't go through sand well

V Feasibility of Success (25)

- + Loads of partners including DMR, Maine Healthy Beaches, UNew England, Wells, commercial shellfish
- Abbreviated watershed survey & desktop review. Not sure watershed survey will ID bacteria sources. Mismatch ? Might be better using IDDE manual rather than DEP Stream Unit 6 use https://www3.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/idde_manualwithappendices.pdf
- /+ Task 4 – Water quality monitoring (recommend rename task). Rename Subtask 4c to analysis with a resulting memo or something summarizing findings.
- Task 4 Algal Blooms mentioned in opening paragraph but never followed up under subtask heading. Might want to sample to ID species.
- subtask 4e – is one storm event enough? Why nutrients when bacteria is the issue? Use savings from nutrients for more storm events?
- Task 5a – not sure all the info needed to do analysis is being collected. Seems dry weather catch basin/stormwater infrastructure would be good to have.
- Task 6 – Need to look at e-communication venues. Sadly, print media is no longer an effective way to communicate.
- No mention of how much of area has municipal sewer or pipe stormwater system .. feels like missing a big piece of typical bacteria issues.

VI Cost Effective (25)

- Most applications have in-kind to cover administration and TAC/TAC (tasks 1 & 2) but not this one.
- Task 6 seems pricy for 2 press releases and facilitate public forum.
- /+ 57% of match is in-kind volunteer and stakeholder, is this realistic? E.g. Task 6 seems way over
- + 38% match (49,961 + 30,855 = 80,816)
- + ? Unclear how much cash Biddeford has committed to since line includes meeting space donation (should be included in the in-kind budget line) – clarified in letter of commitment.

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Spruce Creek/Spruce Creek Estuary, 4.25 miles of stream, watershed 9.5m², 3 m² are tidal, previous plan 2008 and updated in 2014. MS4 priority water body

I Qualifications (15)

- + Experienced staff – having done previous plan and implementation phases
- + Administrative/project experience
- + will use consultant
- lack of detail regarding staff/personal (no mini bios)

II Water Value (10)

- + Central feature in community – looks like loved and unloved/not understood
- +/- boating and fishing but what time – launches or side of road?
- + at least one park (Rodger)
- (no mention of shellfish harvesting, water contact, public access points)

III Water Quality Problem (10)

- +/- Not currently impaired, recently delisted (fecal) – mentions previous point source issue (2021 upgraded to secondary)
- not on Threatened
- On our impaired marine list
- +/- not sure DO interpretation is correct. Would like to see diurnal cycle and compare to other tidal waters. We have DO data that indicates temperature driven DO swings rather than nutrients/algae.
- ? unsupported statements – p4 no bacteria or nutrient data – hotspots – are these just areas with elevated values or violations of class?
- ? page 5 more unsupported claims – no data algae doesn't necessarily = elevated nutrient levels causing eutrophication, could be drought which parts of the state have been experiencing and heat. Need data: nutrient data, species ID, when are they? Where? Anecdotal info
- ? Bacteria or nutrient issues? Unclear – p5 seems they want to write plan to address nutrients.
- 10 years of monitoring data (2012 as mentioned on p8) yet no trends or data shared in application.
- ? can this qualify for Maine Healthy Beaches and get bacteria numbers?

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? what impact does the new secondary wwtp have on water quality – does this solve the water quality problem

IV Extent of Severity of NPS Problem (10)

- p 5 laundry list of typical NPS issues – no ‘smoking gun’.
- No mention of addressing continued growth – no P² – wonder if they understand the problem and the solution.
- unsupported claims of nutrient enrichment and the need to restore p6. No data. Only algal bloom observations but no perspective (aka like secchi disc, biomonitoring ..) So do they understand NPS ?
- Also, assumption that due to algal bloom locations that they are not the result of tidal influences, yet has a flushing/fluvial/exchange model been done? What happens with very high or storm driven tides?

V Feasibility of Success (25)

- Can they likely develop a report and complete the contract/plan, successfully completed as proposed? Yea. Will plan likely lead to result in restoration? Unclear, unlikely ?
- p 6 “... *many existing and new areas continue to contribute NPS pollution to Spruce Creek, especially as the watershed towns grown in population and expand their residential/commercial development.*” Is there a disconnect between P² and fixing existing issues? If they aren’t and haven’t worked to promote LID, given Kittery’s location they will never protect or restore Spruce Creek.
- Task 3 the continuing of the water quality monitoring effort (started in 2012) doesn’t include parameters necessary to identify bacteria/pathogens and nutrients. This won’t help answer questions or guide plan (conductivity, Do, water level, and temp). Big expense that likely will not provide the correct or needed information. Does state “*plus nutrients and other key parameters*” and 3 sets of grab samples but it doesn’t appear well thought out – like they know what they are looking for.
- Task 4 – Reviewing same data used to develop earlier plans is unlikely to result in new directions and actions to protect or restore water quality. Need new approach.
- Task 5 – not clear what data, information or analysis will be used to arrive at new action plan.
- Page 1 “assist the Town with developing public outreach materials and signage” there is no supporting evidence that the information needed to conduct this work will be collected (aka social science/behavior change) P 10 E & O limited to web site, press release and distribution of materials. Yes budget included ‘developing outreach materials ..but not listed in Deliverables.
- It appears that the plan will depend on Task 4 – not clear how this is different than past survey’s and plans. Even references ‘evaluate previously identified NPS sites ..’
- no mention of looking at development, ordinances – looking at ways for P² only looking at past yet fast-growing area. Past yes but can’t forget P²
- No letters of support

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Overall feels they aren't ready – they don't really have data to demonstrate there is a nutrient issue – no before and after, no target. No mention of bacteria numbers, frequency of exceedances if there are exceedances. Worried plan won't bring anything new. Suggest taking a step back and documenting nutrients and bacteria. Maybe illicit discharge detection if numbers are high.

VI Cost Effective (25)

- \$21,650 is cash for monitoring but I don't think the monitoring data is correct to identify or document bacteria and nutrients the reason for the plan. Money could be better spent on bacteria and nutrients.
- \$ 2,652 for QAPP for data that unlikely to answer question (conductivity, Do, water level, and temp)
- \$65,832 for third rewrite of plan – (34,324 grant, 31,506 match) –
- Seems \$\$ for third round for an unfocused effort/plan
- + Town cash match

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

33 acre estuary, 8 mile stream, 21 m² watershed, 2013 existing plan, tidal influenced,

I Qualifications (15)

- + clearly has administration to handle admin
- +/- Past 319 projects 2014-2021 but our experience isn't great working with. New TM
- + Coastal community grant
- + Many well known environmental partners (healthy beaches, land trust, Wells reserve ..)
- +/- unclear who the Conservation Commission is (part of town? How long it has been organized?) 6 member board but membership? (DEP has had problems with CC)
- +/- using consultant (but have had a problem working with consultant in the past)
- Admin has hard time to get done?
- Lots of litigation and one involves CC (maybe under feasibility)
- Unclear municipal staff's rolls and relationship to quals
- Project engineer is in plan but not in quals separate from consultant ? Unclear

II Water Value (10)

- Most of info is for OCEAN beaches not river.
- + Only only river info is soft shell clams
- too general - didn't list endangered species – lacks detail but included details that aren't relevant to water body
- Ocean (but the plan is for the RIVER)
 - +Beaches (2) big tourist draw (but they aren't necessarily on the river)
 - + Swimming, boating and fishing
 - + Good job demonstrating economic and tourist value

III Water Quality Problem (10)

- + Impaired – DO, fecal, trib bugs & algae
- + Statewide bacteria TMDL
- + Maine Healthy Beaches
- ? exceed "historic national bacteria recommendation" ? Does this mean it attains with new standard?
- + wet and dry weather sampling, IDed hot spots (Leavitt Stream)

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- No nutrient data - unsupported statement 'likely that excess amounts of N & P are being exported ..' as a result of IC – but no statement regarding hydrology/habitat due to IC
- no DO data
- no info on impaired stream/trib data

IV Extent of Severity of NPS Problem (10)

- Unsupported statement re bacteria '*likely from wastewater and diffuse surface runoff*' p2
- + Wells Reserve 2003-2007 watershed planning project (2003-01) updated in 2013 with local funding
- + DEP & FB survey for bacteria & nutrient sources – found 25 stormwater outfalls, road & parking log runoff, septic, sewer/stormwater cross connections, ag, pet waste & wildlife.
- +/- microbial DNA 2014/2015 human and pet waste (seagulls), 2012, 2016, 2019, 2021 but no followup?
- +/- stormwater sources but no hotspots identified ?
- focus beach area but not upper watershed – pretty much ignoring

V Feasibility of Success (25)

- + septic system data base
- + Maine Coastal grant expand bacteria monitoring 2015
- /+ numerous outreach efforts – any follow-up to see if they were effective/had an impact either in behavior or water quality?
- no mention of working with Small Community Grant Program why?
- no mention of addressing cross connections (SRF?)
- Task 3 – not sure this water quality effort will collect useful data. Not sure cost of loggers but not sure they will help with bacteria or nutrients (although algal blooms will create a signature in DO) – effort might be better spent with dry and wet weather bacteria monitoring, catch basin survey.
- Task 4 .. what about illicit discharge survey? Cross connections?
- There is ~ 10 years of septic education, what about exploring regulatory options? Real estate transfers? Without doing something different this time around, how will they arrive at a new location? Aka get different result?
- Task 5 – what sorts of NPS sites are going to result in bacteria levels high enough for engineered system? Parking lot runoff needs a source of bacteria? Seagulls? Ok. Ag would be NRCS?
- Task 7 Buckshot – if pet waste is really issue need to be more strategic approach. Why aren't people picking it up? Knowledge does not equal action. Add some social marketing – pledge is good But if pet waste is real issue need to take more seriously.
- "*bacteria/pathogens and nutrient loading*' (p 8) Doesn't seem like either are being done well. Not in the weeds enough.
- ???"The Town of Ogunquit is also seeking funding for a more robust water quality data gap analysis and monitoring plan targeting nutrients that may also be included in the final Plan update." This is good and needed for Plan to really address nutrients.

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DATE: 5/23/2022

EVALUATOR NAME: Kathy Hoppe

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

- Reads very much like consultant is everything and not much local individual ownership (town putting up cash which pays consultant and lab costs but no in-kind elbow grease)

Do I think this will be completed as proposed yes do I think the plan will get them to restoration or P² – not really.

VI Cost Effective (25)

+/- 37% match, \$10,000 is cash for task 3 – not sure task 3 will get the answers, whether a good investment for the current proposed monitoring.

- Town seems to be only match, doesn't demonstrate other community involvement including TAC & SC members.

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Sucker Brook, Watershed 2.76 m², 3 miles: 1 m in Bangor 1.5 Hamden, impaired, 29% impervious, Landuse: industrial/commercial, airport, golf course, farm, forest, I-95 and interchange.

I Qualifications (15)

- + Qualified administrator
- But walked away in 2014 from Planning Grant
- + Will depend on consultant for most of the work
- staff who did the project in the past are no longer there
- Is engineer with the consultant or separate – not clear

II Water Value (10)

- + Turtle Head Park & Marina at mouth
- Doesn't appear brook itself is used recreationally
- + Salmon habitat & glass eels
- 3 barriers to fish passage
- not a neighborhood stream – all industrial, interstate etc. (aka no kids playing in it)
- not clear any real public benefit to the stream or use

III Water Quality Problem (10)

- + Impaired Bugs, algae and DO
- + IC TMDL
- + Urban runoff
- +/- Class B stream
- But plan doesn't address ½ watershed ½ stream
- No mention of conductivity/chloride
- + Geomorphology study planned for 2022
- not much recent data

IV Extent of Severity of NPS Problem (10)

- + 29% IC
- + 4 years of biomonitoring data (2002-2016)
- + 2013-2014 watershed survey. Sites IDed but no follow-up? And 'larger industrial development (which have expanded .." (funded by 604b)

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- + geomorphology will help answers but not all ...
- ignoring nearly half of stream and watershed are in Bangor, interstate, clover leaf, airport all in watershed – recognized sources but not included
- very vague, no real stressors

V Feasibility of Success (25)

- /+ motivation MS4 program
- 3 mile total length with 1.5 miles in Hamden, no mention or inclusion of Bangor yet headwaters are in Bangor. (2.5 impaired with one mile in Bangor and 1.5 in Hamden)
- 2013-2014 watershed survey. Sites IDed but no follow-up? And *'larger industrial development (which have expanded ..'* So Hamden was aware of issues, didn't fix or try to prevent situation from worsening – not sure how much they are committed to stream.
- nearly half of stream and watershed are in Bangor, interstate, clover leaf, airport all in watershed – recognized sources – but no Bangor at the table.
- p 9 *"addressing watershed issues within the town of Hampden"* Unlikely that this alone will restore Sucker Brook.
- + Compensation Fee Utilization Plan approved in 2019, no mention of any activity.
- + Bridge replacement for fish passage in 2020
- + part of MS4 program contract with geomorphologist with Bangor
- If dealing with fish passage IFW or DMR should be on SC and/or TAC
- Task 4 culvert assessment specifically states *'assessment along the Hampden portion ..'* If the plan is for the Whole watershed then the whole watershed/stream needs to be covered. Is a QAPP needed for 3 stream crossings? Might just jump to design?
- Not sure about Task 4B/C – I am thinking a survey of IC and possible BMPs
- Task 5 – recommend checking for chloride during baseflow, Q nutrients & SS during base flow?
- Task 5 *"... addressing watershed issues within the Town of Hampden."* Again not the whole watershed yet a very small watershed and missing the headwaters, the airport, interstate, clover leaf Many important watershed features. Not likely to result in water quality improvement when missing ½ watershed & stream channel and major IC/NPS issues.
- No E & O – Public meeting/input, no owners ...

VI Cost Effective (25)

- Not sure water quality monitoring needs to be done (p5)
- Task 1 Admin costs a wee bit high ?
- Task 2 SC & TAC seem high grant amount (\$7,665)
- Pricey for only ½ watershed that is only 2.76m²
- +/- Lots of cash match but not sure it is going to result in information likely to restore Sucker Brook.
- + 47%, Town putting lots of cash



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Addie P. Halligan

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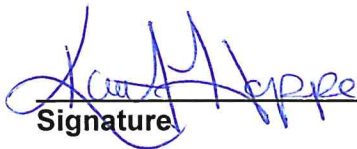
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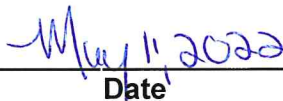
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