

State of Maine
Master Score Sheet

RFP# 202403060					
Nonpoint Source Grant for Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Development					
Bidder Name:		Town of Ft. Fairfield	City of Hallowell	Kennebec Co. SWCD	
Proposed Cost:		\$39,166	\$40,887	\$36,858	
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Applicant Qualifications/Experience	10	7	9	8	
Section II: Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8	8	8	
Section III: Water Quality Problem	10	8	8	9	
Section IV: Nature/Extent/Severity of NPS Problem	10	8	6	8	
Section V: Feasibility of Success	25	16	16	15	
Section VI: Cost Effectiveness	25	19	20	15	
Section VII: Comprehensive Plan	5	2.4	3.3	1.4	
Section VIII: Disadvantaged Community	5	3.9	0.3	0	
Total Points	100	72.3	70.6	64.4	

Award Justification Statement
RFP# 202403060 Nonpoint Source Grant for 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 waterbodies or to protect waterbodies 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.

Three applications were received, reviewed, and found eligible for funding. Based on the applications, amount of funding requested, and available funding, the team recommended funding all 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), Greg Beane (DEP), Jeff Dennis (DEP), Kristin Feindel (DEP) and Joan Walton (DACF). Notes were taken by Carolina Swindel, Maine Conservation Corps intern with the DEP, Division of Environmental Assessment.

All 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.

Coordination and orientation of the ET was conducted via email. ET members conducted independent reviews of the 3 applications and took notes on the applications received. Comprehensive Plan Consistency information was provided by Tom Miragliuolo (DACF), and scores calculated by Alex Wong. Disadvantaged Community information was obtained using the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST, Council on Environmental Quality), and scores calculated by Alex Wong. The group held a day-long hybrid meeting on 5/24/24, 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.

III. Qualifications & Experience

Applications that scored highest on the Qualifications and Experience criteria had organizational capacity and/or well-rounded teams that would allow for project success. Key factors included:

- Number of years experience with grants management
- Expertise of the steering committee
- Qualifications of project manager and other contractual team members sufficiently described

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;
- A higher percentage of the watershed being located within a defined Disadvantaged Community.

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
Monson Pond	Town of Ft. Fairfield	\$39,166	\$17,195	\$56,361
Vaughn Brook	Town of Hallowell	\$40,887	\$24,073	\$64,690
Webber Pond, Threemile Pond, and Threecornered Pond	Kennebec Co. SWCD	\$50,000	\$36,858	\$86,858

VI. Conclusion

The three applications that were selected for funding stood out in several ways. The highest scoring proposal (Town of Ft. Fairfield, Monson Pond) stood out because it is the source of the Ft. Fairfield Utilities District back-up water supply, and is an extremely valuable resource to the local economy and public health. The next highest

proposal (Town of Hallowell, Vaughn Brook) scored well because of the applicant's strong qualifications/experience and local commitment demonstrated by diversity of cash and in-kind match (cost effectiveness). The final funded project (Kennebec Co. Soil & Water Conservation District, Webber Pond-Threemile Pond-Threecornered Pond) stood out because of the severity of the water quality problems on Webber Pond and Threemile Pond.



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June 10, 2024

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202403060, Watershed-based Plan Development

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DATE: 5/24/24

SUMMARY PAGE

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Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

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<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
• Match at least 25%	X	
• Eligible Recipient	X	
• NPS Priority Watershed	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
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<u>Total Points</u>		<u>72.3</u>

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Concern with Capacity for CASWCD due to performance and reliance on DEP for current project. They may be hiring a consultant with technical qualifications which will allow District Conservationist to focus on technical and agronomy projects.

Kirsten felt good about the town's ability to execute project based on qualifications and longevity.

Had a solid financial entity backing them up.

Lacking letters of support from other municipalities that also fall within the boundaries of the watershed. However, because many projects are focused on private landowners, municipal impact is not necessarily essential.

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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:

Headwater of Pattee Brook, which is an active back up public drinking water supply for Ft. Fairfield.

Lots of recreation, stated as cold-water brook trout fishery (from stocking, likely do not survive long in the lake which has no cold-water habitat but there may be cold water refugia in the brook), and bird and waterfowl habitat, public park and boat access.

Three areas of wading bird 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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Have a fairly long history of monitoring, has significant blooms on a regular basis, has a significant WQ problem that is likely to get worse with climate change. more animal agriculture is moving into WS, this has potential to worsen WQ.

Need for sediment sampling questioned – Monson Pond is shallow with A HIGH flushing rate, and Carys Mill formation may be an issue for P loading, classical internal loading probably not an issue. Lake is very responsive to storms that could change trophic state very quickly. Constant natural (?) state of erosion. Type of sediment analysis should be specified. Improved secchi disk readings.

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Severe problem that may be difficult to address but because uncertainty of the appropriateness of the sediment sampling, plankton sampling may be helpful to determine biologically mediated internal recycling causes since internal loading may not be due to anoxic conditions.

However, internal recycling may not be a big issue, if they are going to try doing stream monitoring, has significant loading and NPS problems which are changing with climate change.

Agricultural changes from potato agriculture (to which improvements have been made from an NPS perspective), more recently more industrial farming processes have reduced the effectiveness of BMP's. Furthermore, the transition from potato agriculture to hay land and truck farming- dependent on new farmers willingness to participate in NPS problem management.

Did do a watershed survey in 2023, but there has been minimal outreach and assessment of the agricultural land which may be a limitation because a plan would require that. Forestry/ forest management is not mentioned, and forests exist within the watershed.

Watershed needs extensive new landowner education and outreach that is respectful and considerate of cultural/ religious practices that exist in the area.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

They will likely be able to complete the plan as proposed, there has been recent active support from friends of Monson Pond, but there has been no water quality monitoring before 2022. It is important that all aspects of the community are included in the steering committee and SAP due to anticipated difficulties with communication and long-term implementation.

May not have all of the elements necessary to assess the problems, Easton is not included as a stakeholder and has the majority of the watershed.

Education and Outreach task may not be effective as proposed. May have more problems developing new landowner relationships and education to participate in NPS work, particularly due to cultural divides between groups in the region. People who have moved from out of state may not be aware of laws and practices than exist in Maine, may require someone with an anthropological background to develop new, effective ways of community outreach and cultural considerations. This may be an attempt to advance Justice 40 issues.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

Extent of the sampling unclear.

Seems reasonable given the tasks that they say they will perform. May be under budgeted for the necessary expertise that is not accounted for.

Cost effective because it is underbudgeted? Match is 31% between town (in kind) and cash from Friends of Monson Pond which seems reasonable.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Easton – yes 7.038377 sq mi, Ft. Fairfield – no, New Brunswick, CA n/a

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

$$\frac{7.038377}{14.515811} \times 5 = 2.4$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	3.9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

Easton – 100% - 7.038377 sq mi

Ft. Fairfield – 100% - 4.447235 sq mi

New Brunswick, CA n/a

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

$$\frac{7.03837 \text{ sq mi} + 4.447235 \text{ sq mi}}{14.5515811 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 3.9$$

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

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Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

Need someone qualified with effective stressor analysis, qualified contractor specified in workplan.

The conservation commission is very qualified.

The committee has a track record of advocacy and action and getting things done.

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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:

Want to meet class B- recent sampling didn't even meet class C. Quality of access to lower brook and amount of recreation it provides is higher than most. Public access to brook via Vaughn woods trail and Vaughn homestead, pond and "Res" also have high level use. Moderate value inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat and deer wintering 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	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

VRMP sampling indicates water quality concerns, but description is not clear on macroinvertebrate results and threat to water quality. Stream below pond in Vaughn Brook may be a challenging stressor analysis to determine why macroinvertebrates are impacted – complex system.

Upper watershed concerns are not well understood but likely given downstream problems.

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Good understanding of what needs to be done in terms of stressor analysis and watershed assessment.

However, they haven't done a watershed survey or any assessments yet. There will be grab samples for phosphorus and ortho phosphorus since readings for phosphorus were high in biomonitoring sampling.

Surveys looking at crossings and not the habitat in the stream. Workplan should include a cursory evaluation for a geomorphic evaluation to design better stream crossings that would address potential habitat problems.

Should be repeating macro invertebrate sampling to determine any interference that could contribute to below class results.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

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Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	16

Evaluation Team Comments:

Should have someone from Augusta on steering committee, as well as someone from DOT or Maine Turnpike – has outreach occurred?

Strong feasibility for success due to conservation commission expertise, experienced environmental consultant, and involvement of the town.

Water quality issues are included in the comprehensive plan, which shows community awareness and investment in improvements.

Likely to complete as proposed, although it is missing the potential necessity for geomorphic assessment.

P monitoring may cause misleading conclusions based on data collection. Task 5 (stressor analysis) is most challenging due to unknown causes of biodiversity problem. Collection of required information is severely underbudgeted unless it is expected that DEP will do the bulk of it. The current team (excluding DEP) has no expertise on this topic.

Furthermore, until stressor analysis is done it is unknown what more work will be necessary.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

Underbudgeted but may be an issue of manpower (for DEP) rather than cost. Match is 37% from diverse sources, including the City of Hallowell (10,000 cash) and in-kind (higher percentage of match). Little is known about watershed, which will take time and money to learn.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	3.3

Evaluation Team Comments:

Hallowell – yes 3.870168 sq mi
 Farmingdale – no 1.757554 sq mi
 Augusta – no - 0.286532 sq mi

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

$$\frac{3.870168 \text{ sq mi}}{3.870168 \text{ sq mi} + 1.757554 \text{ sq mi} + 0.286532 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 3.27$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Community	5	0.3

Evaluation Team Comments:

DAC in Augusta

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

$$\frac{0.297123 \text{ sq. mi.}}{5.914328 \text{ sq. mi.}} \times 5 = 0.25$$

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SUMMARY PAGE

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Name of RFP Coordinator: Alex Wong

Names of Evaluators: Alex Wong, Greg Beane, Jeff Dennis, Joan Walton, Kristin Feindel

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
• 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	10	8
Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody	10	8
Section III. Water Quality Problem	10	9
Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems	10	8
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	15
Section VI. Cost Effectiveness	25	15
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	1.4
Section VIII. Disadvantaged Communities	5	0
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>64.4</u>

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

KCSWCD is still looking for a replacement for the DC, who wants to retire. They have been contracting with consultants to take over different projects, but there is uncertainty about how this will play out regarding this project. Regardless of this, they have 2 projects currently.

Not a 604b project? Application to develop a management plan but they are not creating a plan. Does this align with the RFA? Discussion during meeting leaned toward “no”, but further investigation found precedent where we have accepted and awarded projects that do not result in a plan. Work plan can still be accepted as conditional for funding- watershed is a place where want to do work- work plan can be changed to reflect RFA. However, the cost will be dramatically higher, and we will have to renegotiate the workplan and adjust the cost. Things like bringing in stakeholders and designing alum treatments will be expensive.

The three watersheds are very different, maybe because a lot of the energy for accomplishing this comes from Webber Pond, but three-mile ponds water quality directly impacts Webber Pond.

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Both Webber and Three Mile are bass fishing destinations. Public boat landings, swimming, good amount of public access, alewives are harvested for lobster bait. Economic impact on greater Augusta area from a recreational perspective. Significant local use.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Water Quality Problem**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Webber and Three Mile are both impaired and have been for a long time. Water quality has declined recently, there have been algae and cyanobacteria blooms. Secchi disk trends are not available. May be internal loading due to alewives, does not discuss details about sediment analysis.

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

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

Extent and Severity is well known, and proposal underestimates extent and severity of NPS problems. Past evaluation of land use and water quality is good, but it is from 2002-2003, which is out of date. The last WBP expired in 2015.

Only discussion of NPS problems is from 2002 and 2003 Colby assessment and TMDL- with crude land use assessment with crude data layers. No mention of agricultural impact and how they are currently being used. Some farms outside the watershed have fields that are in the watershed and may still be spreading manure on those fields.

There is a known resurgence of small truck and animal farms in China Lake watershed which may also be a pattern in Webber and Three Mile, and cows are a significant source of phosphorus. This should be a consideration in the plan to effectively work with agriculture and small farms.

Sensitive soils analysis (septic's) might be lacking given the activity in the watershed.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Feasibility for Success**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Feasibility for Success	25	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

It is feasible to complete proposed project

Specific/ details of sediment sampling and why they are sampling sediment is not discussed, which is the most important task.

No mention that alum treatment on (3 mile) was done in 1989 that failed for reasons that are still uncertain.

Should be focused on acquiring data for future grants and projects.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Cost Effectiveness**

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

\$1,400 in budget for a senior modeler, yet no modeling is proposed for this project

Actual amount of sampling and testing is not clear.

Good mix of match from different sources and types.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VII
Comprehensive Plan**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VII. Comprehensive Plan	5	1.4

Evaluation Team Comments:

China – yes 3.660066 sq mi
 Vassalboro – no 6.809017 sq mi
 Windsor – no 1.581899
 Augusta – no 1.059786

Indirect watershed areas used

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

$$\frac{3.66066}{13.11077} \times 5 = 1.4$$

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VIII
Disadvantaged Community**

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

Evaluation Team Comments:

No DACs in watershed. Score = 0

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EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience; Fair, the town of Fort Fairfield has limited capacity and no previous experience coordinating a 604b grant and the Friends of Monson Pond are a new group with little experience regarding water quality monitoring, etc. On the positive side, CASWCD is an experienced subgrantee and the project will be coordinated by a consultant. **P-**

Relative Value of the Waterbody; Good, the Pond is secondary drinking water supply for the town and directly influences the primary source of the drinking water supply. The pond is utilized for fishing and boating (has a public boat launch), hosts youth fishing, hunter education, etc. **P-**

Water Quality Problem; Monson Pond is impaired and historically had SDT readings below 2 meters although SDT's have improved to an average of 3 meters in recent years. DO appears OK but episodic low DO (less than 2ppm) has been recorded in late summer bringing into question if phosphorous is internally recycling from bottom sediments. A TMDL was prepared for MP in 2006 to address the phosphorous issue observed from water quality monitoring going back to 1976. **P**

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems; By Maine standards, a large portion of Monson Pond's watershed is agricultural land which has shown to be a large contributor of phosphorous to the pond, something that was addressed in the TMDL of 2006. A watershed survey from 2023 identified 27 NPS problem sites in the watershed the majority of which were residential sites and town roads. **P**

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Feasibility for Success; Good, the town is solidly behind the project as well as the FOMP and they will have access to CASWCD and a consultant who will manage the project. The proposed workplan tasks will address the identified stressors to the pond and they have the benefit of a recent watershed survey. **P** **However, I question the role of DEP regarding Task 2 (water quality monitoring) – it seems the grantee will be depending on DEP staff to deploy a sonde and collect & analyze sediment samples, who will do this among DEP staff? The AA? If this project is funded I think this role should be specified in the workplan - Q**

Cost Effectiveness; Fine, proposed costs are reasonable for the activity and in line with similar projects, no issues. **P**

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

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EVALUATOR NAME: Alex Wong

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P – finance director at town has 34 years of experience with federal and state grants.

Q – CASWCD – performance on current grant in Lower Aroostook?

P – town plans to hire consultant, with qualifications specified in the Section VI.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – source of Pattee Brook, Ft. Fairfield Utilities District has an active intake on Pattee Brook.

P – town park, boating, fishing swimming, camping, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing.

P – medium rated inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat, blue heron, vernal pool.

Water Quality Problem

P – informed understanding - impaired Cat-4A, TMDL done 2006, stable blooms persist

P – informed understanding - long data record – 17 yrs SDT, 14 yrs TP, 14 yrs chemistry, 11 yrs Chl-a.

Q – informed understanding - in general not strongly stratified, shallow, oxic conditions most of the time, extremely high flushing rate – why is sediment sampling suggested? Could this be more biologically mediated because of blooms and higher pH? If so, should there be a plankton sampling component? What about Carys Mills formation chemistry vs. Fe/Al ratio? More info is needed as to why sediment chemistry is necessary. Alternately, is this a template error?

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P – identifies development as well as Ag, leverages existing WS survey, but needs an Ag survey – which relies on CASWCD.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

N – understanding of actions needed – sediment sampling concept was not vetted by Lakes Unit prior to submittal, therefore questions remain re: is sediment sampling appropriate, and other types of sampling not mentioned i.e. column pH/Alk, and total/dissolved Al and Fe; and plankton sampling from column and sediments.

P – understanding of actions needed - Ag survey is necessary

P – Watershed modeling will help identify priority land uses

Feasibility for Success

P – active monitoring from FOMP, DEP

P - hiring consultant to manage project, with quals specified in Section VI.

Q - what is CASWCD capacity to perform adequately given current performance is questionable? Will the consultant/DEP staff be able to compensate if CASWCD falls short?

N – Easton is not included as a stakeholder, yet is a larger % of the watershed than Ft. Fairfield (48% vs. 33%).

N – unsure if all the relevant water quality info is being considered.

Cost Effectiveness

P – proposed actions are within expected cost range

Q – if adjustments must be made to the plan, can budget be amended prior to award?

Q – some inconsistencies noted in Section X.2.Part 2 Notes, otherwise budget numbers work out.

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

Easton – yes 7.038377 sq mi, Ft. Fairfield – no, New Brunswick, CA n/a

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

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$$\frac{7.038377}{14.515811} \times 5 = 2.4$$

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

Easton – 100% - 7.038377 sq mi

Ft. Fairfield – 100% - 4.447235 sq mi

New Brunswick, CA n/a

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

$$\frac{7.03837 \textit{ sq mi} + 4.447235 \textit{ sq mi}}{14.5515811 \textit{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 3.9$$

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P mostly. Fort Fairfield staff seem highly qualified to administer the grant. CASWCD has had challenges in recent years meeting grant obligations, but the addition of a knowledgeable project manager contractor should take much of that burden off of Randy's shoulders and allow him to focus on field assessments, etc.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P. While the lake is small, the fact that it's outlet stream is a water supply for Fort Fairfield elevates its value significantly.

Water Quality Problem

P. Though it has improved from its historical condition, Monson Pond still remains a productive lake that supports frequent algal blooms.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P. Much of the watershed is still in active agricultural and the transition of some of that land from potatoes to animal ag may increase loading if manure is not managed effectively, which appears to be the case.

Feasibility for Success

P mostly and hopefully. The tasks described provide a path forward for development of an effective WBP, but, as I understand the situation, agricultural P is likely responsible for most of the addressable P load. I think the biggest challenge for the plan will be not to identify the measures that must be taken to further reduce existing sources and address new/different sources, but provide effective guidance on how to

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obtain the land owner cooperation required to implement those measures. Perhaps the biggest weakness of the proposal is that it doesn't specifically recognize, let alone emphasize this challenge, but that may be because it is a sensitive topic.

Cost Effectiveness

P. As long as the plan focuses defining a strategy to address the most significant sources of P the cost of plan development is very reasonable.

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Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

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Evaluator comments written in blue.

Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Consider the adequacy of applicant qualifications (relevant experience, financial, administrative and technical qualifications, personnel and facilities) to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe, along with any known past performance on relevant projects. 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. 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. If the project plans to involve volunteer partners to accomplish significant portions of the project, consider the adequacy of the qualification and experience of that partner to achieve the necessary outcome.

P – Town has financial and administrative qualifications, personnel and facilities

P – subgrantee has technical qualifications and experience

P – consultant to have additional technical qualifications and experience

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Evaluate the degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody. Consider the availability (access), and extent of use. Consider uses including, but not limited to, drinking water supply; public recreational opportunities; scenic and aesthetic benefits; aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits; commercial benefits; and potential for increased public use and improved habitat.

P – outlet is drinking water supply; pond is back-up drinking water supply

P – public park and boat access

P – coldwater fishery

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Water Quality Problem

Evaluate the extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. Consider the severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

P – impaired water quality; improving SDT and TP

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Evaluate the nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. Evaluate the work plan’s understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

P – watershed survey in 2023

N – minimal recent outreach and assessment of agricultural land

Q – is there active forest management that should be included in watershed assessment/surveys?

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed and that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. Considerations: adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody; proposed tasks address the primary water quality stressors and pollutants of concern; 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.

P – likely project will be successfully completed as proposed

P – recent, active support of FOMP

N – community support to restore the pond appears to only be recent (e.g. no volunteer water quality monitoring prior to 2022)

Q – what QAPP will the SAP be under? Needs to be under an approved QAPP

Q – including farmers in Steering Committee and/or TAC may help with project, plan and implementation support in future

Cost Effectiveness

Regarding the grant funds requested and the proposed work, consider the degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time). Consider whether project work and cost estimates (tasks and budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes, along with the amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

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P – project represents good return for investment, costs are reasonable for expected outcomes

P – match is reasonable for expected outcomes

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DATE: 5/23/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Joan Walton (transcribed from handwritten notes by Alex Wong)

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P = hire consultant

Q- why isn't Easton an applicant or supporter? 48% in Easton

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Back up municipal water supply

Water Quality Problem

P-Phosphorus, chla

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P- New landowner education is critical

Feasibility for Success

Q – if 48% of watershed is outside of Fort Fairfield but not included in study, question success in determining sources of contamination in Monson Pond.

Cost Effectiveness

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

Fort Fairfield – no

Easton 2016-2028

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

Fort Fairfield - No
Easton - 2016-2018

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DATE: (Insert date proposal was reviewed by individual evaluator) 5/29/24

EVALUATOR NAME: Joan Walton

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience - P = hire consultant
why isn't Easton an applicant or supporter? 48% = in Easton
Relative Value of the Waterbody
back - up municipal water supply

Water Quality Problem phosphorus chla P

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - P
New landowner education is critical

Feasibility for Success - Q if 48% of watershed is outside of Fort Fairfield but no
includes in study, question success in determining sources
Cost Effectiveness of contamination in Monson Pond.

? - Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP - Easton? - Q
See top corner note above

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

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EVALUATOR NAME: Greg Beane

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience; The city of Hallowell has demonstrated they have strong staff capacity and experience to coordinate a 604b grant project (they will hire a consultant to manage the project), also, I don’t recall ever seeing an application with a better, more qualified local partner than the HCC. **P**

Relative Value of the Waterbody; Very good, it appears to be a classic case of a natural resource providing outdoor recreational opportunity in an urbanized setting. It’s accessibility (40K visitors a year), it’s aesthetic value to VWHH and fish & wildlife habitat make it highly valuable. **P**

Water Quality Problem; Vaughan Brook is threatened and does not attain class B standards. I am impressed by the large amount of water quality data that has been collected over the years which show its impairments, also, I appreciate the efforts of the VRMP regarding collecting data. **P**

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems; Not sure, NPS issues aren’t described in the application. We know that any urban brook like Vaughan is impacted by heavy watershed development but this isn’t quantified (what percentage of the watershed is developed or impervious?). **Q**

Feasibility for Success; Excellent, the combination of Hallowell’s capacity, the expertise of HCC combined with the overall project management of an experienced consultant strongly suggests project success. **P+**

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Cost Effectiveness; Fine, project costs are reasonable for the tasks to be performed, no issues. **P**

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P The team seems quite diverse with a lot of local support. The key will be hiring a project manager contractor familiar with the requirements of a WBP and with the process and importance of effective stressor analysis.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P As streams of this size go, Vaughn Brook has pretty high value, mostly because of the Vaughn Woods Park which serves not only the people of Hallowell but residents of many other towns in the area. The quality of the public access is exceptional for an urban stream.

Water Quality Problem

P The characterization of the water quality problems is accurate. It is somewhat of a mystery why the macroinvertebrate community at the Vaughn Woods sites does not meet Class B. An effective stressor analysis that is prepared to “think outside the box” will be essential in developing an effective management plan.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Detailed watershed, stream corridor and geomorphic assessments have not yet been performed. It is not clear if any evaluation of the adequacy of stream crossings has taken place. One of the purposes of this grant request will be to better understand the NPS issues. The devil is in the details.

Feasibility for Success

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P mostly. The information in Tasks 3 through 7 give a good idea of the potential success of creating a successful plan that will guide a strong and effective restoration and protection effort.

- Task 3 proposes some P monitoring that has the potential to be of limited value and will need to be carefully evaluated to avoid inaccurate conclusions based on the data collected. That said, it would not be feasible to collect the data necessary to get a reliable handle P loading and its effect on algal production and DO. The design of this sampling will be critical to maximize its usefulness and minimize the potential for misinterpretation.
- Task 4 if successfully implemented should provide very valuable information for stressor analyses and decisions about actions required to address the identified stressors. This task is fairly complete though I would like to see an added focus on fluvial geomorphology, particularly on any effects of stream crossing in upstream and downstream habitat.
- Task 5 is the crux of the whole plan, and probably the biggest challenge. There is little presented here, and that is understandable, but the importance of this task and the difficulties potentially associated with it, especially when the reasons for the macroinvertebrate impairments in the stream are somewhat of a mystery, cannot be overestimated. The stressor guidance manual will provide a framework for these considerations, but initial evaluation of the data may raise as many new questions as answers, and an adaptive management approach may be needed to provide the information necessary to hone in on the answers. I think this task is severely underbudgeted unless the expectation is that DEP will do the bulk of it. This may be necessary anyway because I doubt the project manager or anyone else on the local team will have sufficient expertise.
- Task 6 is likely of limited value, at least until there is some recognition of the stressors that need to be addressed. Nutrient loading models are essential for understanding the temporal and spatial distribution of P sources in a lake watershed where the relationship of P with lake trophic state is well understood. The relationship of stream P with, for instance, stream DO is much more complex and many of the variables that define it may not be considered in the kind of modeling that is proposed.,
- Task 7 is essential since in order for the resulting plan to get implemented, there will have to be strong support. Effective outreach will be critical to plan success.

Cost Effectiveness

P. I suspect it will be a bigger challenge than many are anticipating to figure out what needs to be done to efficiently and effectively improve the quality of the stream's aquatic

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community. If that can be accomplished with this amount of funding it is an exceptionally good deal.

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Consider the adequacy of applicant qualifications (relevant experience, financial, administrative and technical qualifications, personnel and facilities) to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe, along with any known past performance on relevant projects. 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. 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. If the project plans to involve volunteer partners to accomplish significant portions of the project, consider the adequacy of the qualification and experience of that partner to achieve the necessary outcome.

P – Town has financial and administrative qualifications, personnel and facilities

P – consultant to have additional technical qualifications and experience

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Evaluate the degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody. Consider the availability (access), and extent of use. Consider uses including, but not limited to, drinking water supply; public recreational opportunities; scenic and aesthetic benefits; aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits; commercial benefits; and potential for increased public use and improved habitat.

P – public access to brook via Vaughan Woods trails and Vaughan Homestead; high level of public use

P – public access to pond via The Res; high level of public use

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Water Quality Problem

Evaluate the extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. Consider the severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

N – description in water quality overview section not clear on macroinvertebrate sampling results and severity of threat to water quality

P – VRMP sampling indicate some water quality concerns

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Evaluate the nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. Evaluate the work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

N – no watershed surveys or assessments done yet

P – project to take actions to do necessary assessments

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed and that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. Considerations: adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody; proposed tasks address the primary water quality stressors and pollutants of concern; 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.

P – likely project will be successfully completed as proposed

P – strong community support via Conservation Commission

N – community support to restore the pond appears to only be recent (e.g. no volunteer water quality monitoring prior to 2021)

Q – what QAPP will the SAP be under? Needs to be under an approved QAPP

Cost Effectiveness

Regarding the grant funds requested and the proposed work, consider the degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time). Consider whether project work and cost estimates (tasks and budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes, along with the amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

P – project represents good return for investment, costs are reasonable for expected outcomes

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P – match is reasonable for expected outcomes

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P -Town ha experience with federal and state grants – Brownfields, MDOT, CRP

P – HCC has strong team - Chair has >20 yrs PM experience and has MS in Technology & Ops Mgt; 2 relevant PhD researchers; land use planner with >10 yrs experience, and ED of a non-profit.

P – will hire qualified consultant to act as PM, quals are specified in Part VI.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P – Public use/access opportunities at headwater at the Res, at bottom at Vaughn Woods and rail trail. Swimming, walking, biking, skiing, snowmobiling, birding.

P – Commercial benefits - VW&HH visited by 40k people/yr, I have travelled to Hallowell from Portland specifically for Vaughn Woods several times and had lunch in Hallowell.

P – Habitat benefits - deer wintering area on the Farmingdale corner that abuts moderate value inland waterfowl/wading bird habitat that are priority trust species; state threatened Tidewater Mucket and bald eagles near confluence with river.

Water Quality Problem

P – on the NPS Threatened list due to threat of development – comparing ArcGIS and Google Maps, there appears to be development changes – farmland conversion to residential.

P – Informed understanding – DEP monitoring on 5-yr cycle. Class B, non-attaining due to aquatic life criteria, DO in various locations. VRMP has been

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monitoring 9 sites for 3 years - elevated SpCon near turnpike and mall, temp. Different areas of the stream have different issues.

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

P – Understanding of actions – Stream & Watershed assessments and Stressor analysis to identify sources of aquatic life impairment;

P- PCRs done with acceptable models.

Q – Need clarification - “The model will include estimates of sub-basin pollutant loading and climate change scenarios, and will result in recommended water quality targets for improving water quality in Monson Pond” Appears not to be relevant to this project. If it is, then clarification is needed for what data will be collected for inputs into the model. I suspect that this sentence is a typo from a separate application in this cohort submitted by the same contractor for different clients. But if it’s not, 4 grab samples for P and Ortho P may not be adequate for realistic modeling.

Feasibility for Success

P – quite likely to succeed and create a solid 9-element plan, on the condition of the suspected typo.

Q – seems to have local support from Hallowell (with the most land in the watershed); the Conservation Commission, KLT, and VW&HH, but no other municipalities. Wonder if Farmingdale (29% of the watershed), and Augusta (4% of the watershed, but probably pretty high impact in the top of the watershed with the mall) know about this. Important to get municipalities in at the planning level vs the implementation level.

Cost Effectiveness

Q – need to know how the P and Ortho P results will be utilized. May not be adequate to develop a good loading analysis, but it may not even be necessary given the stressor analysis.

P – match – good amount and diversity

P – budget is in line with previous projects

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

Hallowell – yes 3.870168 sq mi

Farmingdale – no 1.757554 sq mi

Augusta – no - 0.286532 sq mi

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

$$\frac{3.870168 \text{ sq mi}}{3.870168 \text{ sq mi} + 1.757554 \text{ sq mi} + 0.286532 \text{ sq mi}} \times 5 = 3.27$$

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

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

$$\frac{0.297123 \text{ sq. mi.}}{5.914328 \text{ sq. mi.}} \times 5 = 0.25$$

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience =P Augusta support? Farmingdale support.

Relative Value of the Waterbody P – recreation, nature

Water Quality Problem P- Class B, DO, P, temp

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems - P

Feasibility for Success – Comprehensive plan = goal of removing Vaughn Brook as a threatened stream. Adopted pesticide ordinance in 2023

Cost Effectiveness

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP
Hallowell 2022-2034; Farmingdale no, Augusta no 2020.

Environmental Justice/DAC – score to be calculated by DEP

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience = P Augustas support? Fanningdale support.

Relative Value of the Waterbody P recreation, nature

Water Quality Problem P class B - DO - P - temp

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems P

Feasibility for Success Comprehensive plan = goal of removing Vaughn Brook as a threatened stream
Cost Effectiveness adapted pesticide ordinance in 2023

2022-2024
No - Fanningdale/Augusta - memo No 2020-2025
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Applicant Qualifications and Experience; KCSWCD has a long history of strong partnership with DEP administering 604b and 319 grant projects, additionally, they will hire a consultant to manage the project. I am concerned about the status of the executive director and the District’s capacity to take this on in addition to their current grant projects. **Q**

Relative Value of the Waterbody; The three waterbodies provide a lot of recreational opportunity for the greater Augusta area and add a lot of value to the local economy and quality of life. **P**

Water Quality Problem; Pretty severe, both Webber and Threemile ponds are listed as impaired because of excessive amounts of phosphorous which contribute to annual toxic algae blooms. A study by Colby College has shown that all three ponds are internally recycling phosphorous although Threecornered Pond is slightly better but is listed as threatened due to water chemistry. The water quality issues at all three ponds, especially Webber and Threemile, are severe enough to hinder recreational use such as swimming, boating and fishing. **P**

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems; All three ponds have excessive levels of phosphorous due to runoff from surrounding development, camp roads and dense camp construction at the shoreline (many with nonexistent or inadequate buffers). Studies have shown that a disproportionate amount of phosphorous comes from dirt roads.

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Feasibility for Success; **Note 1: Watershed-Based Plan: No task is included for the development of the final Tri-Watershed plan. As stated previously, that will be the third and final stage of plan development and we intend to apply for grant funds in 2025 to complete the plan.**

I don't believe this is a fundable project, essentially, it's an application for planning grant funds for a project that won't create a plan. **Q**

Cost Effectiveness; Poor, this appears like a very expensive project considering they are receiving a SRF grant and the extensive use of volunteers and DEP staff, I need to discuss this - **Q**

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

P mostly. KCSWCD has much experience partnering on and administrating 604b planning and 319 implementation projects. As long as Dale Finseth is in the drivers seat things should be fine, but he has been trying to find a replacement for a number of years without success. There is certainly strong local support for this effort and, provided that the consultant is has sufficient experience and expertise, the Team should be a strong one.

Relative Value of the Waterbody

P. Threemile and Webber both provide good watere access to the public that is heavily used, particularly by bass fisherman. Along with China Lake, these lakes provide recreational opportunities for the residences of Greater Augusta and Waterville, and particularly those living on the east side of the Kennebec.

Water Quality Problem

P. The application effectively documents the recent history (post 2000) of severe impairment of Webber and Threemile, and particularly the very recent return to very severe blooms after a period of improving water quality. The water quality overview suggests that the period of improving water quality may be attributable to export of P by juveniles leaving the lake. This is certainly a possibility. It is also a possibility that, as the number of adults entering the lake has increased with little to no management of the run, that P input to the lake from the in-lake mortality of adults has exceeded the juvenile P export and contributed to the return to sever blooms.

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Q. The only discussion of NPS sources in the application is the summary of the findings of the 2002 Colby assessment and the 2003 TMDL. It will be important to understand, particularly, how agricultural land use has changed over time. I believe that many of the hay fields in at least the Webber direct watershed are still in use, though they may be managed by farmers outside the watershed. In the adjacent China Lake watershed there has been a resurgence of small truck and animal farms, so a similar trend may be occurring in the Threemile and Webber watersheds.

Feasibility for Success

Q. The CWSRF grant has been approved and it is likely that much of the monitoring and assessment work will for the various watersheds will overlap. This is an unusual situation in that actual plan development is not included in either this 604b application or the CWSRF application. That is supposed to happen with support of a future 604b grant (2025?). If all the pieces fall together the result could/should be a comprehensive WBP that addresses both external loading based on real on the ground evaluation not only of non-ag sources but, particularly the current and potential future of ag sources in the watersheds as well as internal loading of P which is known to be a large portion of the P load in Threemile and a likely significant source in Webber.

It is strange that the application does not discuss internal loading, and, while the title of Task 3 indicates that sediment samples will be collected and analyzed, presumably to support evaluation of the magnitude, vehicle and distribution of internal loading as well as the design of future alum treatments, there is no further mention of this in Task 3. The application should be providing information on how many sediment samples will be taken, where they will be taken, and who will perform the sample collection and lab analysis. Without this information there is no way to judge the completeness of this proposal and whether or not there will be adequate funding to support it. Perhaps Linda B or Colby has committed to providing these services, but it is a huge question in my mind that should be worked out in the project workplan.

The two outstanding issues here, in my mind, are the quality of the agricultural source survey and the collection and analysis of the sediment data. Without that it is difficult to evaluate the feasibility of success. There should also be consideration of the potential need to collect information of the alewife run to determine if it has, in recent years become a significant source of external marine derived P.

Since all of this work, both the CWSRF funded work and the work proposed in this application, is being done to support development of a WBP funded by a future 604b

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grant, the long term feasibility of success will also very much hinge on the successful and effective completion of that plan.

Cost Effectiveness

P&Q. It is difficult to evaluate the cost effectiveness of the total effort without having an idea of the cost of a future effort to develop the plan. That said, assuming the workplan can be modified to address the concerns I expressed under feasibility for success without too much increase in cost, the data collection and evaluation proposed in this application and in the CWSRF grant is what is necessary to provide a strong foundation for effective WBP development and a cost effective total effort.

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Consider the adequacy of applicant qualifications (relevant experience, financial, administrative and technical qualifications, personnel and facilities) to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe, along with any known past performance on relevant projects. 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. 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. If the project plans to involve volunteer partners to accomplish significant portions of the project, consider the adequacy of the qualification and experience of that partner to achieve the necessary outcome.

P – Grantee has financial, technical and administrative qualifications, personnel and facilities

P – Consultant to have technical qualifications and experience

Relative Value of the Waterbody

Evaluate the degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody. Consider the availability (access), and extent of use. Consider uses including, but not limited to, drinking water supply; public recreational opportunities; scenic and aesthetic benefits; aquatic and terrestrial habitat benefits; commercial benefits; and potential for increased public use and improved habitat.

P – public boat landing and campground on Webber; public boat landing and swimming at Threemile; nature park for Augusta residents only on Threecornered

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P – significant use of ponds by shorefront owners

P – alewives harvested for lobster bait

Water Quality Problem

Evaluate the extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions. Consider the severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

P – Webber and Threemile Ponds are impaired

P – Water quality has declined in Webber and Threemile recently (algae and cyanobacteria blooms)

N – Threecornered Pond is threatened and recent SDT trends not available

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Evaluate the nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed. Evaluate the work plan’s understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

P & N – past evaluations of landuse and water quality of the ponds, but old (2002, 2003)

Feasibility for Success

Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed and that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected. Considerations: adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody; proposed tasks address the primary water quality stressors and pollutants of concern; 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.

P – local support and recent action by Town of Vassalboro and WPA

N – very large project with three substantial ponds included – will all tasks be completed in time?

Q – is the water and sediment sampling task what is needed? What is the goal of the sampling?

Q – is EPA okay with not having a watershed plan as an outcome?

Q – how does this interact with CWSRF funds?

Cost Effectiveness

Regarding the grant funds requested and the proposed work, consider the degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time). Consider

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whether project work and cost estimates (tasks and budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes, along with the amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

P – project represents good return for investment, costs are reasonable for expected outcomes

P – match is reasonable for expected outcomes

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Applicant Qualifications and Experience

- P – KWSCD has good record with projects.
- P – plan to hire tech consultant, with specs in Section VI.
- P – 3 watershed associations represented on the SC
- Q – KCSWCD has been advertising for an ED for over a year. How will this effect the project if there is a phase out? Will there be a contingency for coverage by the tech consultant?

Relative Value of the Waterbody

- P – use/access – Webber – boat launch, public campground, Threemile – public boat launch; Threecornered – Nature Park
- P – Habitat – Webber -deer wintering area, Threemile and Threecornered– deer wintering and wintering and IWWH

Water Quality Problem

- P – Webber and Threemile are impaired, Threecornered is NPS threatened, toxic blooms in Webber and Threemile
- P – previous watershed surveys, Colby Assessment, TMDL have quantified external sources.
- Q – internal loading due to alewife run? Appendices hint at this, but it’s not stated. If it is an issue, there is no task associated with increased internal load due to deceased fish.

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Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

N – The work plan is incomplete. The project will only partially address issues. Only watershed surveys for the 3 direct watersheds and water quality summary. Modeling and the WBMP will occur in a possible subsequent application.

Q – work plan seems to imply alewife run might have some correlation to increased internal load, but doesn't measuring inputs. Unsure if this is a real problem or not.

P – watershed surveys for all 3 lakes are needed. 3mile contributes P to Webber, as does 3cornered to 3mile.

P – recognition of Ag inputs

Q – with the extra time, why not survey the indirect watershed too?

N – with all the development surrounding these lakes and the septic inputs from the TMDLs, seems like a sensitive soils analysis is lacking

Feasibility for Success

N – The work plan is incomplete for a WBMP. If the project were for Watershed/Ag surveys and WQ/Sediment analysis, that would be one thing. But we can't have this be just a non-plan from the start.

Q – Seems to have good local buy-in, but 3cornered work seems not to be listed. Not sure how that's being accounted for in work plan.

P – good mix of partners local and regional.

Cost Effectiveness

Q – Task and summary budget tables are inconsistent and calculations are off. There are some typos, but questions about match calculation between Section X Parts 2 and 3 of the application follow through to the Task budgets.

P – good mix of cash and in-kind.

N – Because of the 2 part approach, there's no guarantee that a WBMP will result from this work.

Comprehensive Plan – score to be calculated by DEP

China – yes 3.660066 sq mi

Vassalboro – no 6.809017 sq mi

Windsor – no 1.581899

Augusta – no 1.059786

Indirect watershed areas used

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

$$\frac{3.66066}{13.11077} \times 5 = 1.4$$

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No DACs in either direct or indirect watershed. Therefore score = 0

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EVALUATOR NAME: Joan Walton (transcribed from handwritten notes by Alex Wong)

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Relative Value of the Waterbody = P- recreation park

Water Quality Problem – lack of consistent data for Threecornered. Colby reports = 2002 & 2003

Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems – last plan expired in 2015.

Feasibility for Success – P= demonstrated need of planning and data collection – stage 2 of 3 stage project. Stage 1 does not equal award yet. Stage 3 in 2025 too soon?

Cost Effectiveness

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Vassalboro – no

China – 2034

Windsor – no

Augusta 2020

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Vassalboro - NO
Cheira - ~~2024~~ 2034
Windsor - NO
Augusta - ~~2020~~ 2025

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= stage 2 of 3 stage project & Stage 1 awarded yet Stage 3 in 2025 - too soon?
Cost Effectiveness

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see above - right corner note

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5/20/2024

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