

Working beyond Borders
to Protect Water in the Salmon Falls Watershed
October 27, 2010
Spring Hill Lodge, South Berwick, Maine
A project of the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership
University of New Hampshire

Registration is free and available at:

www.prep.unh.edu/sfdw.htm

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Berwick Water Department
Granite State Rural Water Association
Maine Drinking Water Program
Maine Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO)
Maine Rural Water
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
New Hampshire Source Water Protection Program
Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership
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Somersworth Planning Department
South Berwick Water District
Southeast Watershed Alliance
The National Source Water Collaborative
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Forest Service
Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve

Goals of the Salmon Falls Watershed Collaborative:

1. Protect water supply sources in the Salmon Falls River watershed through coordinated land and water conservation, planning and management.
2. Develop and sustain mutually beneficial partnerships to accomplish shared goals for clean water.

Objectives and Outcomes of the October 27th Workshop:

Workshop participants will:

1. Recognize the network of partnerships responsible for protecting water supplies and water resources in the watershed.
2. Identify actions that can be taken to improve water protection through collaboration with partners.
3. Prioritize short term projects for action during 2011.
4. Identify long term strategies for accomplishing shared goals for water protection.

Following the workshop the planning team will:

1. Develop a report summarizing the results of the workshop.
2. Select and implement source water protection actions based on stakeholder priorities identified through the workshop.

Agenda

9 – 9:15 Welcome

Paul Susca, New Hampshire Source Water Protection Program
Andy Tolman, Maine Drinking Water Program

9:15 – 9:30 Opening Ceremony – Blending of the Waters

All participants will be asked to bring a sample of drinking water from their home or place of business. Each person should be able to identify the name of the watershed that produced that sample of water. A large container will be placed in the front of the room. Each person will come forward, introduce themselves and their watershed and add their water to the container.

9:30 – 10:15 Places, Priorities, and Partnerships

Using maps of the Salmon Falls Watershed, participants will identify places that are priorities for water supply protection and land conservation. Small group discussion will identify current work and the potential for increased collaboration on new projects to accomplish protection goals.

10:15 – 10:30 Break

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Local Success Stories of Protecting Water through Collaborative Partnerships

- **Partnerships and Planning:** Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance – partners collaborate to develop a watershed plan and implement actions to improve water quality.
- **Conservation:** City of Somersworth - partnerships for land conservation protect sensitive source water areas

11:15 – 12:15 Tools for Improved Water Supply Protection

An interactive dialogue about water supply protection tools, resources and strategies to improve land and water conservation, planning and management in the Salmon Falls Watershed.

- **Regulations:** How can we improve the ability of buffers to protect water?
Derek Sowers, Piscataqua Regional Estuaries Partnership
- **Partnerships:** Collaborating to protect ground water sources – John Leach, South Berwick Water District

- **Best Management Practices:** How can Low Impact Development improve stormwater management and reduce pollution? LaMarr Clannon, Maine Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials

12 – 1:30 Lunch Provided

View Posters and Exhibits

- US Forest Service watershed protection projects
- Google maps
- Upcoming conferences and events of interest
- Products of interest to water suppliers
- Piscataqua Regional Estuaries Partnership
- Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve
- Nonpoint Pollution Education for Municipal Officials
- Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance
- Land Trusts and Conservation Organizations
- Others

Please contact Chris Feurt if you would like to exhibit 207-646-1555 x 111

1:30 – 2:15 Challenges to Protecting Hometown Water Supply Sources through Conservation, Regulations and Best Management Practices

What can be done to improve water protection in the Salmon Falls Watershed?

Using professional expertise, local knowledge and information about tools gained from the workshop, participants will work in small groups to identify:

1. Actions that can be taken in the short and long term to address current challenges
2. Priorities for future actions
3. Need for resources to support improvement strategies

2:15 – 2:30 BREAK

2:30 – 3:45 2011 Action Plan for Clean Water in the Salmon Falls Watershed

Participants will rate ideas and strategies developed during the day to identify resource needs and actions that can be taken after the workshop. Funding is available to implement a limited number of actions in 2011.

3:45 Evaluation and Awards Ceremony

4:00 Adjourn

For more information about this workshop contact Chris Feurt at the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve 207-646-1555 x 111.

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