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**Subject:** Comment on Lamprey River Plan

Mr. Wayne:

I am opposed to allowing any additional bureaucratic tampering with the level of Pawtuckaway Lake in order to meet the perceived needs of the Lamprey River.

The Water Management Plan Report states that "...several meetings were held with the Lamprey River Water Management Planning Area Advisory Committee (LR WMPAAC) to solicit comments from stakeholders regarding the development of the Water Management Plan."

If the potential beneficiaries of the Plan help to design the Plan, it is obvious who will gain and who will lose.

The Plan Report further states that the protected entities in the Lamprey River watershed include: "boating; recreation (fishing, swimming); hydropower; public water supply; archeological resources; the natural riparian corridor ecosystem; rare, threatened, and endangered species; and aquatic flora and fauna."

The same can be said of the protected entities of Pawtuckaway Lake. It is not clear why the river should take priority over the lake

The Plan further states that "Low flows and floods are expected to occur as natural conditions and occur within the range of natural flows. Typical human influences tend to reduce flow variability by removing floods and droughts. This may make the availability of stream flow more reliable for human use, but is detrimental to biological integrity."

Exactly so. If your purpose is to allow flows to vary in accordance with the Natural Flow Paradigm, the Paradigm should not *exclude* "low flows and floods", which the Plan seems to do in an effort to minimize their effects.

Finally, it is in the nature of bureaucracies to start with modest goals to gain the approval of the citizenry, but I fear that there is a danger that today's modest drawdown goals will inevitably grow with time.

I oppose this Plan.

Thank you,

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