

## **Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee 2008 Annual Report**

The Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) reviewed and submitted comments on approximately fifteen applications submitted to DES.

The PRLAC continues to support the efforts of the Friends of the Greenway, who are working on the Goffstown Greenway, a rail-trail conversion effort. This is an important recreational project near the river that has the potential to (and already does) bring many residents closer to the river, and appreciate it even more.

Designated River signs have been placed at two locations and will be put up at two other locations in 2009. Thanks to DOT, DES and the Road Agents for helping with this!

We were made aware of significant impacts to streams and wetlands made by contractors working on upgrading electrical power lines in Weare and Deering. Although the impacts were later ameliorated to some degree (through DES enforcement action), the Class VI road remains open to travel by vehicles, and the impacts continue to occur. The PRLAC will continue to work with the Towns to preclude these illegal wetlands impacts.

Variable milfoil has established itself in the Designated Sections of the Piscataquog River, and PRLAC is very interested in learning what can be done. To date, Scobie Pond, at the upstream end of a Natural Section has been treated with herbicides to reduce the growth of the variable milfoil, and plans were made to do the same for the newly named Namaske Lake in Goffstown and Manchester, but Namaske Lake was not treated in 2008. The PRLAC eagerly awaits DES' variable milfoil management plan for the Watershed, and would like to provide help on this effort.

River Corridor Management Plan and Watershed Conservation Plan: Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) received 604(b) funds from DES to update the Piscataquog River Corridor Plan. The PRLAC is very excited about working with SNHPC on this, and PRLAC will coordinate the effort with the Towns in the Watershed. We are looking forward to updating the Plan as many things have changed since the first one was finalized in 1999.

PRLAC meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the Weare Library.  
Sincerely,

Dick Ludders, Clerk (Weare)  
Bev Yeaple (Deering)  
John Turcotte (Goffstown)  
Jane Beaulieu (Manchester)  
Andrew Cadorette (Goffstown)  
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