

# Notice to Local Officials of the Southwest Region

## Planning Boards Boards of Selectmen Conservation Commissions

***- the Public is Welcome to Attend -***

You are invited to attend a workshop designed to support local efforts to use zoning and site plan standards to minimize or prevent pollution of soil and water.

Non-point source pollution (NPS) of water may be America's top threat to water quality. NPS is most easily described as contamination of the environment from many small, daily occurrences, such as car exhaust, soil eroding from construction sites, litter, and toxic substances washed from parking lots and roads in rain water.

The Planning Commission will make a slide presentation of the sources, nature and effects of NPS in small towns and an overview of measures to reduce or prevent NPS that can be incorporated in local land use regulations. The measures to be covered are common practice today in most urban and suburban areas and could be made better use of in suburban and rural New Hampshire.

This workshop introduces a planning process and land use standards recommended by SWRPC, NH Department of Environmental Services, US EPA and USDA for prevention of non-point source pollution. Topics to be covered include:

- **Bringing resource protection goals into community plans by way of a Natural Resources Inventory, including understanding the development potential of your community;**
- **Choosing the right Zoning Standards to prevent NPS; and**
- **Choosing the right Site Standards to prevent NPS.**

This workshop will be held twice in the Southwest Region:

7:00 p.m., Thursday  
May 4, 2000  
Sheiling State Forest  
Old Street Road  
Peterborough, New Hampshire

**AND**

7:00 p.m., Tuesday  
May 9, 2000  
Keene Public Library  
66 Winter Street  
Keene, New Hampshire

***For further information please contact Jeff Porter, SWRPC staff at 357-0557.***

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This workshop introduces a planning process and land use standards recommended by the Planning Commission, NH Department of Environmental Services, US EPA and USDA for prevention of non-point source pollution. This approach promotes managing the sources of the problem through existing municipal processes such as community planning, zoning and site plan review. Topics to be covered include:

- Bringing resource protection goals into community plans by way of a Natural Resources Inventory, including understanding the development potential of your community;
- Designing Zoning Standards to minimize NPS; and
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