



NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SOUHEGAN RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

604B - Final Report 2004

In 2004, the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) provided staff support for the Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC). This support included continuing to administer the grant funds to develop a Souhegan River Watershed Management Plan, organizing and attending monthly meetings, drafting comments regarding site specific and/or wetland permit applications, attending site visits, and following up on specific issues that the SoRLAC is concerned with. NRPC focused some of its efforts on assisting with the LAC with becoming more efficient through development review checklists and placing more ownership on the committee members. The LAC was successful with all but one meeting in meeting quorum and has been communicating a lot with the SWRPC communities' local boards. NRPC has been successful in developing a better relationship with Southwest Region Planning Commission on SoRLAC issues. The LAC also continually discussed Instream Flow Study progress.

The following timeline provides specific details of the activities that were undertaken to fulfill the requirements for the Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SRLAC) under the 604b contract:

January

- Monthly meeting on January 27th
- Continued to follow the Barrett Parcel/golf course development in Milford.
- Continued to follow the Falcon Ridge development in Milford.
- Reviewed an application to construct a dam in New Ipswich.

February

- Meeting scheduled February 19th
- Continued to follow the Cell Tower issue in Wilton.
- Planning for State of Watershed meeting.

March

- Monthly meeting on March 18th
- Reviewed and commented on Dredge and Fill Permit Application for a pedestrian bridge at Keyes Field in Milford.
- Discussed grant application to develop an educational brochure for landowners along Souhegan River.
- Continued planning for State of Watershed meeting.

April

- Monthly meeting on April 15th
- Discussed Management Plan chapters.
- Continued planning for State of Watershed meeting.
- Continued discussion of grant application.

May

- Monthly meeting on May 12th
- Planning for State of Watershed meeting.
- Held a Souhegan River Exposition - State of the Watershed meeting on May 26th.

June

- Monthly meeting on June 17th
- Began scheduling site visits for Souhegan River field trips.

- Reviewed Thornton's Ferry subdivision project in Amherst upon request of Town.
- Discussion of developing permit review guidelines.
- Began field trips with LAC members along Souhegan River.

July

- Monthly meeting on July 29th
- Continued field trips along Souhegan River with LAC members.
- Continued to discuss Thornton's Ferry subdivision – provided comments to the Town.
- Reviewed and commented on a Site Specific Permit Application to construct building and parking in Milford at Boys and Girls Club.
- Reviewed a Dredge and Fill Permit Application to upgrade an existing canoe launch in Amherst.
- Reviewed an ATF Dredge and Fill Permit Application to place riprap along riverbank in Merrimack.

August

- Monthly meeting on August 19th
- Commented on Dredge and Fill Permit Application for canoe launch in Amherst.
- Commented on ATF Dredge and Fill Permit Application for riprap along riverbank in Merrimack.
- Discussion of elections and bylaws.
- Watershed Audit Presentation to New Ipswich Planning Board (see attached).

September

- Monthly meeting on September 16th

October

- Monthly meeting on October 21st
- Watershed Audit Presentation to Wilton Planning Board
- Election of officers.

November

- Monthly meeting on November 18th
- Review and comment on Dredge and Fill Application for Boys and Girls Club project in Milford.
- Review and comment on Site Specific Permit Application to construct a church in Milford.
- Review of Lower Ashby Road Bridge in New Ipswich.

December

- No meeting was held in December
- Watershed Audit Presentation to Merrimack Planning Board