



## Report of the Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee

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The Exeter-Squamscott River is enrolled in the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program, a unique partnership between citizens, towns and state government designed to promote and protect the river's outstanding natural and cultural resources. Established in 1996, the Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee (ESRLAC) is comprised of citizen volunteers living in towns in the watershed, vested in working together to protect water quality, water quantity, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. The Exeter-Squamscott River is one river with two names, reflecting the fresh water (Exeter River) and salt water (Squamscott River) portions of this major tributary to Great Bay.

### ESRLAC Representatives:

Brentwood:	Emily Schmalzer Eric Turer
Chester:	Vacant
Danville:	Vacant
East Kingston:	Vacant
Exeter:	Donald Clement David O'Hearn
Fremont:	Ellen Douglas John Roderick
Kensington:	Vacant
Kingston:	Evelyn Nathan
Newfields:	William Meserve
Raymond:	Vacant
Sandown:	Mark Traeger
Stratham:	Donna Jensen Nathan Merrill

2017 marked ESRLAC's 21<sup>st</sup> year of acting "for the good of the river". The Committee continued to review proposals for land development along the river, providing information and analysis to developers, local boards and state agencies. ESRLAC reviews all plans closely to identify and recommend ways in which natural resources in and alongside the river may be protected through stormwater management and other conservation minded development practices.

In September, ESRLAC hosted an informational meeting on the future of the Mill Road dam in Brentwood. The workshop provided residents with information about management of the dam, including dam repair versus dam removal.

Also in 2017, ESRLAC refreshed the Committee's website, [www.exeterriver.org](http://www.exeterriver.org), designed to share the watershed management plan, as well as river related research and reports. Work on the website will continue in 2018, with the goal of creating a robust library for river stewardship.

ESRLAC seeks members from all communities in the watershed. If you are a resident of Chester, Raymond, Fremont, Sandown, Danville, Kingston, East Kingston, Brentwood, Kensington, Exeter, Stratham, or Newfields and are interested in joining ESRLAC, please call the Rockingham Planning Commission at 603-778-0885 for more information.