



Report of the Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee

The Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee (ESRLAC) is comprised of dedicated volunteers representing the twelve communities in the Exeter-Squamscott River watershed: Chester, Raymond, Fremont, Sandown, Danville, Kingston, East Kingston, Brentwood, Kensington, Exeter, Stratham and Newfields. 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 celebrated its 19th year of stewardship of the river and its watershed in 2015. The year was marked by several activities, including on-going discussions with municipalities and state and federal agencies about water quality in the river and its impact on water quality in Great Bay, the review of development proposals along the river corridor, and assisting with stormwater management projects. Several ESRLAC members participated in Project WISE, an innovative project designed to identify ways in which the Towns of Exeter, Stratham, and Newfields can work together to cost effectively protect water quality in the river. Development and population growth in the Exeter-Squamscott River watershed result in an increasing amount of pollutants entering the river from lawns, septic systems, roads and parking lots.

In 2016, ESRLAC will continue to work with residents and towns to reduce the amount of pollution entering the river to improve water quality and wildlife habitat, and increase public access and recreational opportunities on the river. ESRLAC looks forward to the removal of the Great Dam in downtown Exeter in 2016, as dam removal will improve fish passage along the river and restore the river's natural flow, improving water quality.

The Exeter-Squamscott River is enrolled in the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program, a unique partnership between citizens and state and local governments designed to promote and protect the river's outstanding natural and cultural resources. ESRLAC seeks members from all communities in the watershed. Please call the Rockingham Planning Commission at 603-778-0885 for more information.

ESRLAC Representatives:

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