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 18th year of stewardship of the river and its watershed in 2014. 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 participation in demonstration projects related to stormwater management. ESRLAC members are very active in their communities, educating residents about water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities.

The Exeter-Squamscott River is enrolled in the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program, a unique partnership between state and local governments and local citizens 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.

* Editor's note: The Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee welcomed two new Fremont Representatives at the end of December 2014. Residents John Roderick and Ellen Douglas were each appointed to a three year term on the Committee.

"But what we all have to learn is that we can't do everything ourselves."