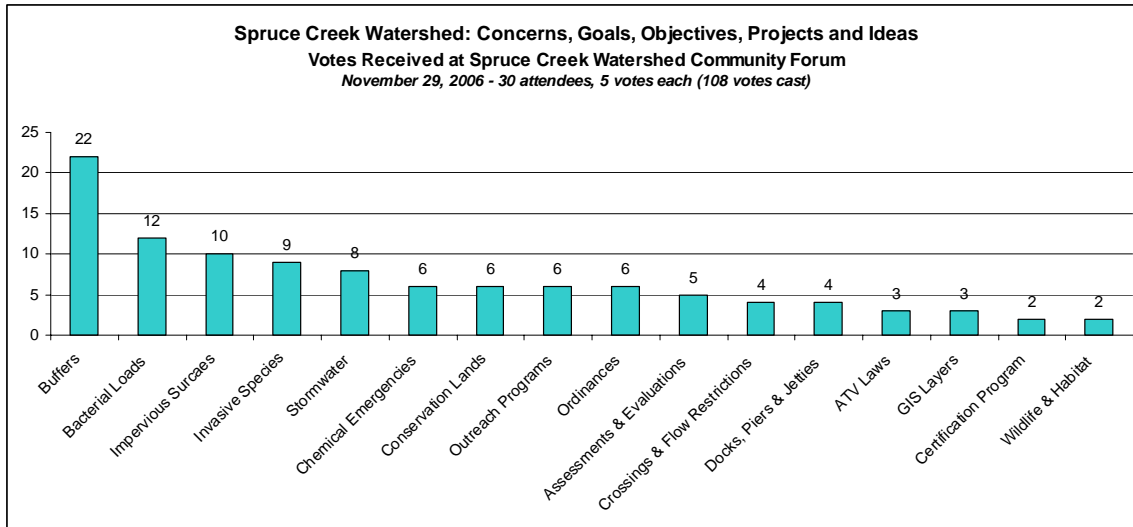


Spruce Creek Watershed Community Forum

November 29, 2006 – 6:00 to 9:00 pm, Kittery Town Hall, Kittery, ME

Final List of Concerns, Goals, Objectives, Projects and Ideas



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| <p>1. Reduce bacterial loads (open shellfish beds).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pet waste management o Examine agriculture o Increase tidal flow o Remove dams and obstructions to increase flushing action o Examine livestock inputs <p><i>Interested attendees:</i> Ken LeMont, Dan Ford</p> | <p><i>Votes: 12</i></p> |
| <p>2. Protect and restore vegetated buffers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Landscape designers can donate time o Link with 14: _____ o Encourage use of native plants versus invasives o Place signs at watershed boundaries o Encourage Town to be even stricter in regulations that State Shoreland Zoning. o Increase fines and ramifications (e.g., replanting). o Consider mandatory community service instead of fines. <p><i>Interested attendees:</i> MJ Blanchette, Gail Simonds, Martha Petersen, Dan Ford</p> | <p><i>Votes: 22</i></p> |
| <p>3. Stop trash and debris dumping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o More than trash <p><i>Interested attendees:</i></p> | <p><i>Votes: 1</i></p> |
| <p>4. Limit impervious surfaces and minimize their impacts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Developers' plans – is there an incentive to reduce impervious? o Cost is a barrier o Award businesses who use new practices o Tax abatement | <p><i>Votes: 10</i></p> |

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Utility tax for stormwater o Improve what happens in the 100-foot setback for water quality o Not just pavement, but lawns versus forest. o Other benefits to alternatives <p><i>Interested attendees:</i> Martha Petersen</p>	<p>5. Improve stream crossings and reduce flow restrictions. <i>Votes: 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Opportunities highlighted on inventory o Identify and prioritize o Explore funding opportunities o Private culverts and ditches (Town responsible for flow through pipe) <p><i>Interested attendees:</i> Dan Ford</p>
<p>6. Increase conservation lands. <i>Votes: 6</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o "Green infrastructure" at no municipal cost o Enhance access o Implement protections for Town's open spaces o Municipal overview for projects in watershed (include an open space requirement) o Shoreland easement to put a conservation easement on buffer o Incentives built-in, connect to enforcement o Cluster development – take shoreland area out of lots o Town-held easements in the shoreland <p><i>Interested attendees:</i> Sue Emery</p>	<p>7. Continue and increase assessment and evaluations <i>Votes: 5</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Conduct a baseline sediment study to incorporate benthic communities assessment and sediment issues o Consider removing limits to what we're sampling (cost, time, etc.) o Link to 15 _____ o Create a watershed database and include in Town GIS layers o Expand parameters o Link to measurable results o Consider finding funding for what volunteers currently do o Photographic baseline of shoreland conditions <p><i>Interested attendees:</i></p>
<p>8. Enforce ATV laws. <i>Votes: 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Outreach to ATV community to involve them in the solution o Expand to include motorized vehicles (snowmobiles) and mountain bikes to limit "vehicle" impacts o Explore working with Maine Department of Conservation (free signage, establish ATV clubs, trail building; contact Brian Bronson) o Work with Maine wardens o Explore working with KLT and Timberland on bridge and trail projects <p><i>Interested attendees:</i></p>	<p>9. Control and treat stormwater from commercial areas. <i>Votes: 8</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Continue to work with the DOT remedial program (SWQPP) o Motivate property owners o Present to outlet association and create program o Assist getting through to corporate o Encourage use of cisterns to capture water from roof for landscaping

<i>Interested attendees:</i> Carolyn Hanson	
10. Address dock/pier/jetty issues.	<i>Votes: 4</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordinate with Town and Port Authority ○ Consider input from Habitat Restoration Opportunity survey 	
<i>Interested attendees:</i>	
11. Control invasive species.	<i>Votes: 9</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educate landowners 	
<i>Interested attendees:</i> MJ Blanchette, Martha Petersen, Steve Hall	
12. Develop and implement outreach programs.	<i>Votes: 6</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shoreland zoning brochure ○ Reduce pesticides 	
<i>Interested attendees:</i> Carolyn Hanson, Barney Hoop (schools), Chris Feurt	
13. Improve ordinances...	<i>Votes: 6</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shoreland zoning ○ Impervious surface ○ Link ordinances to water quality ○ Problem with uneven decision making ○ Open space in watershed overlay zone ○ Explore getting paid help for conservation commission 	
<i>Interested attendees:</i>	
14. Implement builder and landscaper certification program	<i>Votes: 2</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Citizen enforcement and CEO 	
<i>Interested attendees:</i>	
15. Supplement Town GIS layers	<i>Votes: 3</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify shoreland owners ○ Enforcement 	
<i>Interested attendees:</i>	
16. Protect and restore wildlife habitats and wildlife.	<i>Votes: 2</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flounder ○ Protect and restore diversity ○ Address imbalances in studies and emphasis ○ Habitat restoration opportunities (from inventory by SPO) ○ Significant wildlife diversity within watershed ○ <i>Working With Habitats</i> data and maps ○ Coordinate with Open Space Committee 	
<i>Interested attendees:</i> Sue Emery	
17. Improve ability to respond to chemical emergencies.	<i>Votes: 6</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Synthetic pesticides ○ Emergency response ○ Homeland security ○ Chemical hotspots 	
<i>Interested attendees:</i>	