



2016 Annual Report Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee 20th Anniversary

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. The Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee (ESRLAC) is comprised of citizen volunteers living in towns along the river, 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

ESRLAC celebrated its 20th year of stewardship of the river in 2016. The year was marked by communal discussion and review of significant projects along the river – the removal of Great Dam in downtown Exeter, the construction of a new arts complex at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, and the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant on the Squamscott River in Exeter. ESRLAC reviewed these development proposals and provided comments to local boards and state agencies. ESRLAC also reviewed smaller scale development proposals in several towns for work along the river, including expansion of commercial buildings and installation of septic systems. ESRLAC reviews all plans closely to identify and recommend ways in which water quality in the river may be protected through stormwater management and other conservation minded development practices. ESRLAC lost a long-term and valued member in 2016, Peter Richardson of Exeter.

In 2017, ESRLAC will release a new and improved website, designed to communicate important river related information. In addition, the Committee will continue working with residents, towns, developers, state agencies and other groups involved in land development and land conservation along the river.

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.