

## Town of Kittery Highway 236/Dennett Road Hydrologic Watershed Study

PUBLIC MEETING #2



## Agenda

- I. Project Recap / Progress Review
- II. Public Input Summary
- III. Preliminary Modeling Results
- IV. Nutrient Loading Overview
- V. Herb Parson Pond
- VI. Next Steps & Project Schedule





# Project Recap











### Project Team

- Town of Kittery
- Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
- Streamworks, PLLC
- FB Environmental Associates
- Stakeholders



## Project Goals

- I. Evaluate Existing Conditions / Areas of Concern
- II. Evaluate Potential Future Development
- III. Evaluate Mitigation Alternatives
  - I. Improve Existing Conditions
  - II. Evaluate Future Development Decisions





# Progress Summary





### Evaluate Existing Conditions

- Desktop Review
  Drainage Patterns
  - Soil Types
  - Resource Identification

### Identify Existing Areas of Concern

- Public outreach
- Stakeholder input
- (www.kitteryme.gov/watershedinputsession)





### Evaluate Existing Conditions

- Data Collection
  - Inventory of Critical Drainage Infrastructure
  - Inventory of Known Flooding Locations
  - Inventory of Resources





### Evaluate Existing Conditions

- Field Reconnaissance
  - Catalog Stormwater Infrastructure
  - Assessment of Known Flooding Locations
  - Refine Subwatershed Delineations
  - Wetland Mapping



## Areas of Interest

### Preliminary Areas of Interest





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Martin Rd / Hwy-236



Spruce Creek Wetlands



**Herb Parson Pond** 



Martin Rd / Hwy-236



**Central Study Area** 



# Public Input Summary (To-Date)

### Interactive Mapper – Results Overview





- History of Flooding

- Potentially Undersized

- High Water Table

- Beaver Dams

Infrastructure

### Robert's Maine Gril Clam Hut aylor Louster Co The Gannon Company - Kittery Legend **E** .... Localized Flooding Potentially Undersized Culvert lagro Signworks O Potentially Undersized Storm Drainage Other Issue Hain Street Causeway Project Area

#### **History of Flooding**

### Community Survey – Summary & Takeaways

- Over <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of respondents have experienced flooding at their property (62%)
  - Variability between start of flood occurrences
  - Combination of seasonal and ongoing flooding
  - Most residents identified Spring as most frequent flooding season
  - Multiple respondents indicated costs have been incurred related to residential flooding
  - 66% suspect flooding to be more groundwater related than surface water related

 Most respondents reside on Martin Road, followed by Dennett Road

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 Most respondents indicated living in close proximity to a surface water resource (stream, wetland)

### Community Survey – Summary & Takeaways



## **Question:** What do you feel are the primary contributing factors to localized flooding that you have experienced?





# Environmental Setting

### Full Study Area and Focus Study Area





### Environmental Setting –Resource Inventory





### Environmental Setting – Land Cover (NLCD, 2019)





### Environmental Setting – Hydrologic Soil Group





### Environmental Setting – Depth to Water Table







# HydroCAD Modeling Approach

### HydroCAD Modeling Software

- HydroCAD is currently utilized by hundreds of municipal, regulatory, educational, and professional design organizations, including:
  - Maine Department of Environmental Protection
  - Maine Department of Transportation
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
  - U.S. Department of Energy
  - University of New Hampshire







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### Hydrologic & Hydraulic Modeling

- Model a range of flood intervals
  - 1-Year (2.64")
    - Anticipated on an annual basis
  - 10-Year (4.83")
    > 10% annual chance
  - 100-Year, etc. (8.78")
    > 1% annual chance
- Model stormflow volumes, peak discharge rates, and timing





### Current and Future Hydrologic & Hydraulic Modeling Scenarios

- No Build Scenario(existing conditions)
- 50% Build Out
- 100% Build Out
- Extreme Storm Event/Climate Change Scenarios (next meeting)

### HydroCAD Base Model – Full Study Area





### HydroCAD Base Model – Focus Study Area





### Town of Kittery Zoning







### Zoning and Existing Build Out









# Preliminary Modeling Results

NOTE: Build out scenarios do <u>NOT</u> currently incorporate stormwater mitigation associated with future development

### Preliminary Modeling Results: No Build Scenario



1-Year Storm (2.64" Rainfall)

10-Year Storm (4.83" Rainfall)

100-Year Storm (8.78" Rainfall)





Moderate Flood Risk



Significant Flood Risk

### Preliminary Modeling Results: 1-Year Storm (2.64" Rainfall)



#### **NO BUILD**

#### 50% BUILD OUT

100% BUILD OUT





Flood Risk

Moderate Flood Risk



Significant Flood Risk

### Preliminary Modeling Results: 10-Year Storm (4.83" Rainfall)



#### **NO BUILD**

#### 50% BUILD OUT

#### 100% BUILD OUT





Moderate Flood Risk



Significant Flood Risk

### Preliminary Modeling Results: 100-Year Storm (8.78" Rainfall)



#### **NO BUILD**

#### 50% BUILD OUT

100% BUILD OUT





Moderate Flood Risk



Significant Flood Risk



### No Build Scenario

- Indicators of localized stormwater-related flood risk during 1-year storm event
- Moderate risk of stormwater-related flooding during 10- and 100-year storm events
- Eastern and southern extents of project area most vulnerable during high intensity precipitation events

### Preliminary Modeling Results: No Build Scenario



1-Year Storm (2.64" Rainfall)

10-Year Storm (4.83" Rainfall)

100-Year Storm (8.78" Rainfall)





Moderate Flood Risk



Significant Flood Risk



### • 50% Build Out Scenario

- Potential moderate risk of stormwater-related flooding during 1-year storm event
- Moderate risk of stormwater-related flooding during 10-year storm event (similar to No Build Scenario)
- Increased flood risk potential along Dennett Road (10-year and 100-year events)
- Significant risk of stormwater-related flooding near Highway 236 / Martin Road intersection during 100-year event

NOTE: Build out scenarios do <u>NOT</u> currently incorporate stormwater mitigation associated with future development

### Preliminary Modeling Results: 50% Build Out Scenario



1-Year Storm (2.64" Rainfall)

10-Year Storm (4.83" Rainfall)

100-Year Storm (8.78" Rainfall)





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### • 100% Build Out Scenario

 Similar to 50% Build Out Scenario results, however with increased indicators of flood risk at discharge points along I-95 and Highway 236

> NOTE: Build out scenarios do <u>NOT</u> currently incorporate stormwater mitigation associated with future development

### Preliminary Modeling Results: 100% Build Out Scenario



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# Nutrient Loading Analysis

### Nutrient Pollutant Loading Analysis – Study Area Overview



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- Study will also evaluate water quality in addition to quantity
- Average nutrient loads were modeled under existing conditions
- Will be evaluated with build out scenarios to advise selection of mitigation alternatives with water quality treatment benefits (co-benefits)

#### Average annual loads from 30-years of daily fluxes

Related Layer: Weather Stations used in this model. ✓ Turn on Weather Source: USEPA National Climate Data () Simulated by the GWLF-E (MapShed) model ()

Sources	Sediment	Total Nitrogen	Total Phosphorus
Total Loads (lb)	81,453.1	1,418.3	86.7
Loading Rates (lb/ac)	112.35	1.96	0.12
Mean Annual Concentration (mg/L)	26.86	0.47	0.03
Mean Low-Flow Concentration (mg/L)	56.12	2.00	0.21

Mean Flow: 48,584,899 (ft<sup>3</sup>/year) and 1.54 (ft<sup>3</sup>/s)



## Herb Parson Pond

### Herb Parson Pond Evaluation





- Historical Overview
  - Gravel pit per USDA Soil Survey
  - History of high groundwater (raised-bed septic systems)
  - Lower water level observed as compared to recent history
  - Water quality concerns





### Herb Parson Pond Evaluation







- Low water level observed
- Locally high-ground and limited drainage area
- Underlain by well-draining gravelly, sandy loams

#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- Limited inflows; no discernible outflow
- Pond levels reflective of local groundwater elevations
  - Expected higher in spring (after snowmelt plus spring rains)
  - Expected lower in summer (drier, less rainfall)
  - No discernible change in seasonal stain lines (ordinary high water)
- Development unlikely to have affected pond levels impervious cover likely diverts water that otherwise would have infiltrated to groundwater
- Modifying overall groundwater levels likely infeasible; but could be managed at the property scales





# Initial Findings and Key Takeaways

### Initial Findings and Key Takeaways

- Soils are key
- Role of, and interaction between, surface runoff and groundwater
- Herb Parsons Pond Former gravel pit with water levels driven by groundwater
- Flood indicators from preliminary modeling:
  - Corner of Martin Road / Highway 236 greatest potential need for mitigation under no build scenario based on preliminary modeling indicators
  - Build out scenarios indicate increased flood risk without incorporation of stormwater mitigation practices





## Project Schedule & Next Steps





Next Steps

- Refine Model
- Evaluate Mitigation Alternatives
- Draft Report

### Potential Mitigation Alternatives



- Modifications to the Existing Drainage System
- Installation of Stormwater Detention
- Flood Damage Protection and Planning
- Structural Projects
- Homeowner flood-proofing

- Groundwater interception trench
- Evaluation of Land Use Planning and Zoning
- Water Quality Treatment Practices
- Natural Resource Protection / Conservation Opportunities
- Installation of Green Infrastructure
  Stormwater Retrofits

### Mitigation Alternative Matrix - Prioritization



### RANKING

- Stormwater Benefits (total 55 out of 100 points)
  - Flood reduction (45 points)
  - Nutrient reduction water quality benefit (10 points)
- Constructability (total 20 out of 100 points)
  - Ownership: public or private (10 points)
  - Known constraints (5 points)
  - Permitting (5 points)
- Cost (total 20 out of 100 points)
  - Construction Cost (10 points)
  - Maintenance Cost (5 points)
  - Fundability (5 points)
- Co-Benefits (total 5 out of 100 points)
  - Energy and air quality impacts (1 point)
  - Habitat and biodiversity (1 point)
  - Community and aesthetic benefits (1 point)
  - Human health benefits (1 point)
  - Educational opportunities/visibility (1 point)





### Project Schedule





Preliminary Modeling Results, Nutrient Loading, and Resource Inventory Extreme Precipitation, Evaluation of Mitigation Alternative Recommendations, Draft Report

Final Report / Presentation of Findings



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#### **Project Information**



#### **<u>Project Information</u>** (Survey and Interactive Mapper)

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## **Questions & Open Discussion?**



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