

# Mascoma River Watershed Survey for Municipal Officials

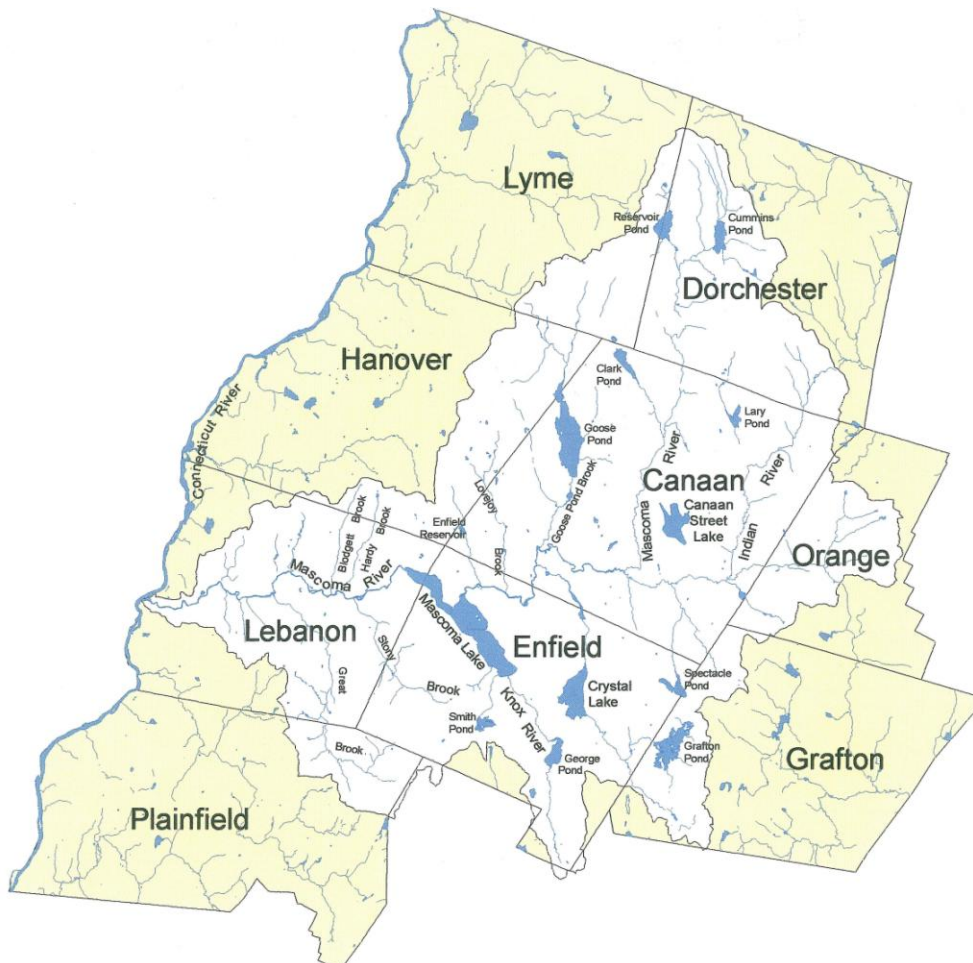
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On behalf of the Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission is administering a survey to municipal officials within the Mascoma River Watershed. We request your help to complete and return this survey by **June 19, 2012**.

Survey Purpose: To understand the concerns that municipal officials have about water quality and resource protection in the Mascoma River watershed. This survey was first conducted in January 2000, and by repeating the same questions (Questions 1-5), we will be able to see how perceptions have changed over the last decade.

The Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee will use this information to prepare a Mascoma River Corridor Management Plan. Comprised of citizen representatives from Lebanon, Enfield and Canaan, the Committee is authorized by State law to advise on the management and protection of the Mascoma River.

Funding for this project is provided through NH Department of Environmental Services.



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1. Please indicate what you believe to be the most significant threats to water quality in the Mascoma Watershed. Check all that apply.

- Septic systems, i.e. malfunctions, lack of routine maintenance
- Stormwater runoff from parking lots, roads and other impermeable surfaces
- Road salt and snow dumping
- Chemical and petroleum storage
- Spills or shoreline erosion caused by docks, mooring or marinas
- Surface water runoff from agriculture, golf courses or lawns
- Poor timber harvesting practices resulting in the erosion of steep slopes
- Automotive service stations
- Soil erosion caused by road construction/maintenance
- Poor siting of development
- Soil erosion caused by site excavation or gravel excavation
- Impairment of the ability of wetlands to “filter” pollutants, by dredging, filling or draining
- Other activities in the watershed that result in litter or pollution (please explain)

2. Choose what best represents your opinion on the importance of the following approaches to water quality protection.

|  | Low | Medium | High | No Opinion |
|--|-----|--------|------|------------|
| Buffer zones (maintenance of existing shore land vegetation) |     |        |      |            |
| Incentives for volunteer land management                     |     |        |      |            |
| Enforcement of existing local regulations                    |     |        |      |            |
| Stronger local regulations                                   |     |        |      |            |
| Enforcement of existing state regulations                    |     |        |      |            |
| Stronger state regulations                                   |     |        |      |            |
| Coordinated planning with other watershed towns              |     |        |      |            |
| Increased erosion control in utility and highway projects    |     |        |      |            |
| Best Management Practices                                    |     |        |      |            |
| Increased landowner education                                |     |        |      |            |
| Increased education of local officials                       |     |        |      |            |

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3. Do you foresee any new development or activities that will result in the degradation of water quality within the Mascoma Watershed? (please circle one)

Yes – if yes, please explain below

No

Not Sure

4. Choose what best represents your opinion on the importance of the following resources on the Mascoma Watershed.

|                                       | Low | Medium | High | No Opinion |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|------|------------|
| Agricultural lands                    |     |        |      |            |
| Forest lands                          |     |        |      |            |
| Business development opportunities    |     |        |      |            |
| Residential development opportunities |     |        |      |            |
| Scenic quality                        |     |        |      |            |
| Wildlife habitat                      |     |        |      |            |
| Wetlands                              |     |        |      |            |
| Historic and cultural sites           |     |        |      |            |
| Dependable quality water supply       |     |        |      |            |
| Recreational trails                   |     |        |      |            |
| Water recreation facilities           |     |        |      |            |
| Lakes                                 |     |        |      |            |
| Streams                               |     |        |      |            |
| Other – please specify                |     |        |      |            |

5. Please list what you believe to be the most significant aquatic natural resources which you believe deserve protection (i.e. swimming holes, lakes, rivers, points-of-interest, cascades). Where are they located?

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6. How have you seen the Mascoma River and Mascoma Lake change over time?

7. What are your top 3 concerns for the Mascoma River and Mascoma Lake?

8. In the next ten years, what changes in the Mascoma River Watershed would you like to see?

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