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MEMO

DATE: April 13, 2023
TO: Windham Town Council
THROUGH: Barry Tibbetts, Town Manager
FROM: Natural Resources Advisory Committee
RE: 2022 Watershed Protection Grant Final Report Summary

At the Town Council meeting on March 8, 2022, the Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC) provided recommendations for the 2022 Watershed Protection Grant, which was approved by the Council.

A table of the approved funding is below:

Project Name	Applicant	Funding
Haskell Rd/Baker Brook Crossing Upgrade ¹	Baker Mountain Road Association	\$17,194.00
<u>Invasive Milfoil – ‘Get Rid of It’ Campaign</u>	Collins Pond Improvement Association	\$4,000.00
<u>Milfoil Remediation Program</u>	Little Sebago Lake Association	\$10,000.00
<u>Hopkins Dam Gate Replacement</u>	Little Sebago Lake Association	\$3,000.00
<u>Water Stewardship</u>	Presumpscot Regional Land Trust	\$4,500.00
Total		\$38,694.00

As required in the application to ensure project completion, final reports were submitted to the NRAC (reports linked in the table above). The following are project highlights of the individual applications:

- Collins Pond Improvement Association
 - Removed 23,060 gallons of invasive milfoil plants from the pond during the 2022 season.
 - Since 2010, the association has removed 178,654 gallons of milfoil from Collins Pond.
- Presumpscot Regional Land Trust
 - Trained 21 citizen scientist volunteers (32 total for the entire program) to test water quality throughout spring and summer in Windham.
 - 21 sites sampled in Windham, with 600 hours of service completed by volunteers.

¹ The ‘Haskell Rd/ Baker Brook Crossing Upgrade’ project was delayed due to contractor scheduling/engineering revisions. The funding amount allocated to this project was carried over into this fiscal year with a start time estimated for summer 2023. Therefore, the final report highlights and associated financial statistics will not include this project. This project will be reported on in the 2023 Final Report Memo.

- Data collected and compiled with the ability to view on [PRLT website](#), including added sites on Black Brook and Pleasant River to aide in watershed planning for the Town.
- Little Sebago Lake
 - Dam Maintenance
 - Successfully replaced the sluiceway gate, operating superstructure (see photos in final report linked above) & repointed the underwater portion of the North side of the dam sluiceway.
 - Dam committee volunteers completed 350 hours of service to monitor the project as well as completing regular dam maintenance and operation.
 - Milfoil Removal
 - Removed 184.75 bags of milfoil (1.85 tons) from the lake during the 2022 season.
 - GPS technology was introduced to address mapping documentation improvements.

Final amount awarded to applicants from the Town	\$21,500²
Total match from grant recipients (volunteer in-kind + cash)	\$145,487
Total match from grant recipients with all funding sources included (less Windham's award)	\$215,025

² Less 'Haskell Rd/Baker Brook Crossing Upgrade' funding allocation.