



NEWBURY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Newbury, NH

This project involved the research and development of a Stormwater Management Ordinance and the approach to implementation of such an Ordinance. The project impetus came from ongoing erosion problems and concerns associated with the continued development of existing subdivided lots on relatively steep terrain within the Chalk Pond Watershed and Sunapee Hills Subdivision. In working with both the Newbury Planning Board and Conservation Commission, there was a consensus that the control of sediment transport should be addressed throughout the Town. Maintaining the natural hydrologic stormwater regime and reducing sediment input to surface waters is the ultimate measure of success of this project.



The goal of this project was to develop a Stormwater Management Ordinance that could be applied town-wide but that also addresses the erosion problems associated with site development within the Sunapee Hills Chalk Pond Watershed. To assist property owners and contractors in meeting the requirements of such an Ordinance, a BMP (Best Management Practices) Manual was assembled with simple approaches to implementation of appropriate measures for stormwater controls. The guidance manual developed is applicable to existing developed lots as well as proposed development or land use changes. The education and training of local officials, particularly the Code Enforcement Officer, was a component of this project. Understanding the requirements of the Ordinance, BMP practices, and the maintenance of stormwater control elements is necessary to carry out the inspection of sites associated with site stabilization and stormwater controls.

The proposed stormwater ordinance was distributed to officials of the Town, the Conservation Commission, the Town Planner and Planning Board as well as made available to the general public. After distribution, a public meeting with the Planning Board was held to discuss the Ordinance, answer questions, and review any suggested modifications. After final modifications and edits, the warrant article for the proposed Stormwater Ordinance was posted with notification of the Public Hearing date. At the Public Hearing, the details of the proposed Ordinance, the requirements for a stormwater permit, and the purpose of the Ordinance were presented. The warrant article on this Ordinance was put before the voters at the March 2008 Town Meeting. The Ordinance passed with strong support.

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- **Developed Educational Outreach Materials**
- **Created Stormwater Ordinance**
- **Public Outreach**