

**New Meadows Lake Tidal Restoration Feasibility Study
Public Forum #1
June 27, 2005 7:00 – 9:00pm
Old Brunswick High School**

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*Casco Bay Estuary Partnership
New Meadows River Watershed Project Steering Committee*

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Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions – Karen Young, Casco Bay Estuary Partnership
2. Overview of Study Goals & Objectives; Public Involvement – Stephanie Lindloff, Woodlot Alternatives
3. Historical Context/Need Addressed – Michael Chelminski, Woodlot Alternatives
4. Study Scope & Methodology – Michael Chelminski
 - a. Summary of previous studies.
 - b. Definition of study limits.
 - c. Study methodology.
 - d. Development & analysis of restoration alternatives.
5. Questions & Answers – Panel
6. Breakout Poster Session: One-on-one Questions & Answers

Casco Bay Estuary Partnership (formerly, Casco Bay Estuary Project; CBEP): *CBEP's mission is to protect and restore the water quality and fish and wildlife habitat of the Casco Bay ecosystem while ensuring compatible human uses. To learn more about CBEP, please visit www.cascobayestuary.org*

New Meadows River Watershed Project (NMRWP): *The objective of NMRWP is to protect, and where necessary, restore or repair the biological health of the river, thereby protecting its commercial, recreational, and aesthetic value. Since 1999, a committee of municipal, state and federal officials, representatives from non-governmental organizations, and area citizens have been meeting on a monthly basis to examine shared interests and concerns regarding the New Meadows River Watershed. NMRWP meetings are open to the public. The next NMRWP meeting is scheduled for August 9. For more information, visit our web site at www.bowdoin.edu/new_meadows or contact Steve Walker at swalker@brunswickme.org.*

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Project Summary

Study Goal: Develop and evaluate the feasibility of alternatives for improving water quality and enhancing ecological resources in New Meadows Lake.

General Scope of Study: This study will compile new and existing data from previous studies, obtain additional data as needed, develop restoration alternatives for achieving the study goal, and evaluate the feasibility of each alternative. Work to be performed will include site surveying, engineering analyses of the hydrodynamic factors affecting water quality in New Meadows Lake, and modeling of the likely response to potential restoration alternatives. A variety of technical alternatives will be analyzed.

Study Area: New Meadows Lake to seaward side of Bath Road causeway.

Public Forums: Public involvement is a key component of the study process.

1. Public Forum #1 – June 27, 2005. Comments on tonight's meeting are requested by July 12, 2005. [contact information provided below]
2. Public Forum #2 – Tentatively scheduled for early fall 2005. Interim progress update. Discuss range of alternatives under consideration. Public comment will inform selection of conceptual alternatives for in-depth analysis.
3. Public Forum #3 – Tentatively scheduled for winter 2006. Present study results and conceptual alternatives. Public comment will inform selection of a preferred technical alternative.

Public Comments: Public comments are encouraged throughout the study process. Comments specific to the content of tonight's forum are requested by July 12, 2005. Please address comments to:

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