

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

[EPA Honors Long Creek Cleanup Efforts](#)

Here is a press release on a ceremony Wednesday to recognize a volunteer private-public effort to clean up pollution hurting the Long Creek Watershed near the Maine Mall.

The New England Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected the Long Creek Restoration Project Team to receive an Environmental Merit Award in recognition of its exceptional work and commitment to the environment in 2008.

EPA's Environmental Merit Award is an annual award that recognizes outstanding environmental advocates who have made significant contributions toward preserving and protecting our natural resources.

The Long Creek Restoration Project Team worked 18 months to develop a coordinated watershed restoration plan that will bring Long Creek into compliance with state and federal water quality standards, and to open up new recreation opportunities for local residents and visitors.

The Long Creek Restoration Project is a collaborative, community-based initiative convened by the City of South Portland and led by a Steering Committee made up of representatives from the four Long Creek watershed municipalities (South Portland, Portland, Westbrook and Scarborough), area businesses, non-profit organizations, and state agencies. The City of South Portland obtained a grant from EPA and DEP to partner with the other watershed municipalities and individual stakeholders in this effort.

The Project Team members that are being presented with EPA's Environmental Merit Award are:

Bramlie Development Corporation, Casco Bay Estuary Partnership, CBRE / The Boulos Company, City of Portland, City of South Portland, City of Westbrook, Maine Wetlands Bank, Conservation Law Foundation, Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District, ecomaine, Fairchild Semiconductor, FB Environmental Associates, Inc., Field Geology Services, General Growth Properties (Maine Mall), Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers, Gosline & Reitman Dispute Resolution Services, Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Maine Department of Transportation, Maine NEMO, Maine Turnpike Authority, Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks, National Semiconductor, Oak Engineers, Ocean Properties Ltd., Portland International Jetport, South Portland Land Trust, SP/CE Chamber of Commerce, Town of Scarborough, University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center and Woodard and Curran.

The Merit Awards will be presented at a special ceremony to be held at Faneuil Hall in Boston on Wednesday, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The 2009 ceremony is a celebration of environmental achievement in New England. For more information on the Long Creek Restoration Project, go to <http://www.restorelongcreek.org>