

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

2024 members and municipality represented:

- Jane Beaulieu, Manchester, Chair - term expires 8/30/26.
- John Magee, At-Large, Vice Chair - term expired 2/22/27.
- Andy Cadorette, Goffstown, Clerk - term expires 5/29/27.
- Keith Erf, Weare - term expires 1/27/26.
- Donna Mombourquette, New Boston - term expires 4/8/25.
- Gary Samuels, Deering- term expires 10/31/26.

PRLAC UPDATES

The Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) continues to meet monthly, on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library (Emma Sawyer Room).

During the 2024 calendar year the PRLAC met a total of 8 (eight) times. The January, June and September meetings were not held due to lack of permit reviews. The scheduled December 17th meeting in 2024 was the Committee's 318th scheduled meeting since September 1, 1994.

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWED

The Committee reviewed 21 permit applications and commented on all of them. To support the Piscataquog River Management Plan and water quality within the Piscataquog River watershed, the Committee continues to prioritize the following when commenting on permits:

- Recommend the use of wildlife friendly erosion control fabric and materials.
- Reclamation seeding and plantings should use only native species, and any reclamation should avoid bio-solid based products.
- Within the area of native vegetation, vegetation shall be allowed to grow without cutting, limbing, trimming, pruning, mowing, or similar activities and only allow those as needed for renewal or to maintain/improve plant health.
- Given proximity to the river, the Committee recommends that if property owners choose to fertilize, that they only use low- or no-phosphorous slow-release organic fertilizer.

The PRLAC extends its gratitude to all Town staff for their efforts in keeping us informed about proposed developments within the Piscataquog River corridor. This collaboration has significantly enhanced our ability to advocate for the river's quality and protection as a shared resource. We also thank the communities that have implemented additional processes and ordinances to safeguard water quality, particularly within the Piscataquog River watershed.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

It is estimated that Committee members volunteer a total of 81 hours during the 2024 calendar year. Volunteer hours are based on the number of meetings held; attendances; hours per meeting; and other activities members participated in on behalf of the PRLAC.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

None were held in the 2024 calendar year.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Update to the Piscataquog River Management Plan

During the calendar year the Committee focused on updating the Piscataquog River Management Plan.

PRIORITIES FOR 2025

During the 2024 calendar year the PRLAC has identified the following priorities:

- Continue to work on updating to the Piscataquog Management Plan.
- Membership – The Committee recognizes membership as a key issue for its long-term success and will take affirmative steps to increase membership within the designated communities.

ABOUT THE PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Piscataquog River and its three branches, the South, Middle, and North, were designated in 1993. The branches, which begin at the outlets of Pleasant Pond in Francestown, Scobie Pond in Francestown, and Deering Lake in Deering, respectively, and the river's mainstem flow a total of 63 miles to the Merrimack River in Manchester.

For more information see: <https://www.lac.des.nh.gov/rivers-and-lacs/piscataquog-river>

- [Piscataquog River Fact Sheet](#) 
- [Piscataquog River Map](#) 
- [Piscataquog River Management Plan](#) 

ABOUT DESIGNATED RIVERS

A designated river is managed and protected for its outstanding natural and cultural resources in accordance with [RSA 483](#), the Rivers Management and Protection Act. At the request of the local communities through which they run, 19 of New Hampshire's rivers have been recognized by the state legislature and the governor for their important natural resources, historical significance and their contribution to our quality of life. Each designated river has a local river management advisory committee to facilitate communication among the municipalities along the river in the management of their shared resource, develop a [river corridor management plan](#)  to guide river protection efforts, and provide local input into state management of their river.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Beaulieu

Jane Beaulieu, Manchester, Chair

01/21/2025

Date