



Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee

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RE: [Alteration of Terrain Application \(RSA 485-A:17\) NHDES File Number: 250822-151.](#)

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) have reviewed the subject Permit Application dated October 15, 2025 and provide the following comments:

[Alteration of Terrain Application \(RSA 485-A:17\) NHDES File Number: 250822-151.](#) Applicant: Josh Gagne, Manchester School District. Subject Property: Southside Middle School 75 Park Side Avenue – Manchester, Tax Map 03, Block 96, Lot 008. A building addition and renovation to the Parkside Middle School that includes a 12,200 sf addition, courtyard and plazas, new parking area, circulation driveway, hardscape sports courts, and woodchip play area. The project also includes landscaping and utility improvements around the site. 37,900 sf additional impervious; 227,000 sf total impervious.

PRLAC Comments:

- 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.
- We note there will be a reduction in stormwater runoff from the site according to the reviewed application (revised October 15, 2025, page 24 of 158).

Sincerely,

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Cc: Laura Swan; PRLAC members; Kevin Thatcher, NHDES; Tracie Sales, NHDES