



2024 Annual Report

Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee

The Exeter-Squamscott River is enrolled in the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program, a unique partnership between citizens, towns, and state government designed to promote and protect the river’s outstanding natural and cultural resources. Established in 1996, the Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee (ESRLAC) is comprised of citizen volunteers living in towns in the watershed, vested in working together to protect water quality, water quantity, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. The Exeter-Squamscott River is one river with two names, reflecting the fresh water (Exeter River) and salt water (Squamscott River) portions of this major tributary to Great Bay.

2024 marked ESRLAC’s 28th year of acting “for the good of the river”. Committee members met throughout the year to review and comment on proposals for land development along the river corridor. These comments are shared with state regulatory agencies, developers, and municipal officials, and focus on mitigating the impacts of development on the river by improving stormwater management and maintaining naturally vegetated buffers along the river and tributary streams. ESRLAC meetings also provide members with an opportunity to discuss river-related concerns and share resources. ESRLAC’s work is guided by the 2022 Exeter-Squamscott River Watershed Management Plan Update, available on the Committee’s website, www.exeterriver.org.

ESRLAC has a Facebook page, managed by Committee members and offering information on a wide range of river related topics. Search for Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee on Facebook to follow ESRLAC.

ESRLAC seeks members from all communities in the watershed. If you are a resident of Chester, Raymond, Fremont, Sandown, Danville, Kingston, East Kingston, Brentwood, Kensington, Exeter, Stratham, or Newfields and are interested in river stewardship please consider joining ESRLAC. Contact the Rockingham Planning Commission at 603-778-0885 for more information.

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