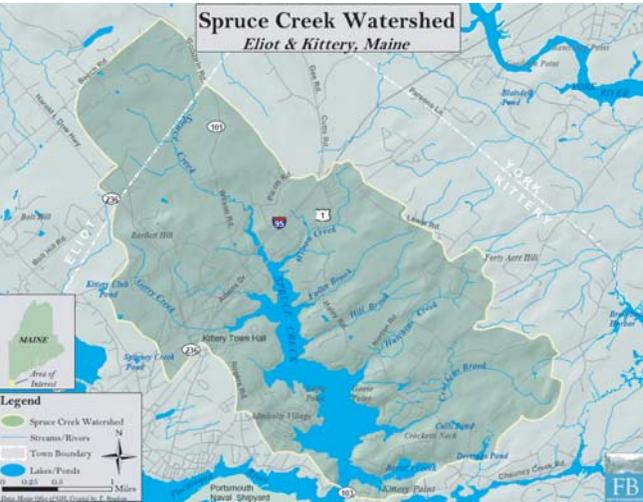


Spruce Creek Watershed Improvement Project

Spruce Creek, estuary and watershed encompasses nearly 19 square miles in Kittery and Eliot, and has been identified as a nonpoint source priority watershed and one of seven coastal watersheds most at risk from development in Maine.



An Invitation to Volunteer

Funded under the 319 Stormwater program of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the project totals more than \$176,000. From May 2008 through March 2010, participants will work to reduce bacteria, sediment, and nutrients from flowing into Spruce Creek by addressing a polluted runoff problems and by conducting community education and outreach.



You Are Invited to Be a Part of this Very Important Project

A key component of the funding support for the project is community involvement—providing the essential “people power” to organize and implement these actions. Volunteer leaders and participants are vital to the Towns’ efforts to reduce the stormwater impacts and protect and restore the quality of Spruce Creek. The contributions of time and expertise to team projects are our most important and valued resource.

We hope you’ll consider joining us in this effort!

We invite Kittery and Eliot residents to participate on these working teams in whatever way they can. All skill levels are welcome and every effort will be made to schedule activities as flexibly as possible while they extend throughout the year to accommodate a wide range of volunteers.



The Project Teams If you’re interested in...

Getting the message out to our residents and businesses about how their home and land practices can impact water quality, then consider joining our Community Outreach Team in developing educational materials, creating press releases, and coordinating events.

Finding volunteers and sponsors to staff our projects and help us meet our goals, then you should join our Resources Team in their efforts to support each of the other teams. You’ll also help to find businesses to contribute goods and services to help us reach our goals.

State-of-the-art stormwater management, then join the Stormwater Retrofit and LID Development project team in implementing innovative stormwater treatment projects, which will not only treat stormwater but serve as demonstration sites at municipal and commercial locations.

Helping reduce the impact of failing septic systems on the watershed and reclaim our clam flats this is the team for you. We’d like to invite you to join our Septic System Maintenance & Repair project team on their two-fold effort to educate homeowners about septic maintenance as well as to identify and remedy failing systems in the watershed.

Working with residents to do a better job of managing their direct impact on water quality, then taking part in our Residential Conservation Practices team is just right for you. The programs you’ll help to develop and actual practices you’ll install will serve as models for how other residents can do their part to protect water quality.

Working to eliminate flow restrictions and reduce sediment loading at several key sites in Kittery and Eliot, consider working with our Stream Crossing Erosion Control and Culvert Replacement project team to stabilize priority erosion sites and replace failing culverts to reduce the overload of sediment into the water.

How to Join

To respond to this invitation or for more information on becoming a volunteer please contact: Paula Ledgett at 207-439-2492 or e-mail Paula@sprucecreekassociation.org. To respond by mail, write to Paula Ledgett, Resources Team Leader, Spruce Creek Association, PO Box 53, Kittery, ME 03904.

