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## Saco River Corridor Commission

*"Communities Working Together To Protect Our Rivers"*

April 30, 2018

Senator James Hamper, Chair  
Representative Drew Gattine, Chair  
Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Report on the Saco River Corridor Fund

Dear Senator Hamper and Representative Gattine:

The Saco River Corridor Commission was legislatively created in 1973 to oversee and administer The Saco River Corridor Act. This Act was designed through extensive public involvement to prevent inappropriate development and land uses within 500' of the Rivers in the Corridor and up to 1000' in the floodplain. The Saco River is highly regarded as a drinking water source which serves as a sole source water supply for several communities. Regulations and performance standards are used by the Commissioners to work with people in the twenty towns that make up the Corridor, in developing ways to effectively minimize any detriments to water quality. Part of the revised statute included Public law 1997, chapter 330 creating the Saco River Corridor Fund. The fund is derived from a 1% fee on the sale of water and fire protection services by a water utility that draws water either from the Saco River or from a groundwater source under the influence of the river.

The purpose of the fund is to preserve existing water quality and prevent the deterioration of water supplies in the Saco River, the Ossipee River and the Little Ossipee River within the Saco River Corridor, as created in section 953, by partially underwriting the administration and operations of the Saco River Corridor Commission, as established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 13.

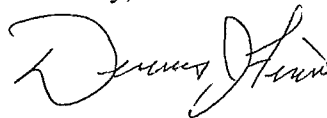
The fund received by the Saco River Corridor Commission this past fiscal year was used primarily in the water quality monitoring program including the management, operation and overall logistics. Total received from this fund for the year ending in 2017 was \$63,238.00. A synopsis of the water quality report is attached. Additional program elements supported from the fund was the hiring of a water quality intern. One half of the salary for this position was in support of a Bates College thesis program carried out by the intern on invasive species and

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associations with substrate. Also, the fund was used to support a part time position on an as needed basis for assisting with environmental compliance checks along with a computer mapping upgrade to ARC GIS. We are working on having this mapping program accessible for communities. A surplus was realized which we hope to put toward new water quality equipment. The water quality equipment that we have is reaching its useful field life and must be replaced. Remaining funds are used in the day to day operations of the Commission. I have enclosed a copy of the SRCC budget. As you can see, our budget is comparatively small and made functional by the addition of funds from LD 1155.

I apologize for the lateness of this information. I was unaware of the requirement in this form until recently. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis J. Finn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dennis" being the most prominent.

Dennis J. Finn  
Executive Director

Enclosures

Saco River Corridor Commission Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2017-18

	2016-17 BUDGET	ACTUAL	2017-18 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>Revenues:</b>			
<i>Operational Funds</i>			
101 Application Fees	9,000.00	8,445.00	8,500.00
102 Municipal Appropriations	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
103 State Appropriations	28,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00
104 L.D. 1155	50,000.00	63,238.00	50,000.00
105 Donations/Miscellaneous	-	-	-
106 County Funding	-	-	-
107			
<i>Dedicated Funds</i>			
140 WQM (Municipalities)	3,600.00	4,800.00	4,000.00
141 WQM (Grants)			
142 WQM (State)	18,960.00	18,960.00	18,960.00
143 WQM (Donations)			
	<u>\$ 129,560.00</u>	<u>\$ 143,443.00</u>	<u>\$ 129,460.00</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
<i>Salaries &amp; Benefits</i>			
201 Executive Director	40,000.00	40,000.08	40,000.00
202 Administrative Assistant	36,000.00	36,840.00	37,300.00
203 Environmental Compliance Evaluator	3,800.00	2,089.50	3,000.00
206 Unemployment Contributions - See #209			
207 Worker's Compensation	550.00	555.62	550.00
208 Health Insurance	6,400.00	6,006.51	6,400.00
209 Employment Taxes and contributions	6,930.00	6,936.76	7,000.00
Total Salaries & Benefits	<u>\$ 93,680.00</u>	<u>\$ 92,428.47</u>	<u>\$ 94,250.00</u>
<i>Overhead</i>			
210 Rent	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00
211 Telephone/Internet	3,400.00	3,518.85	3,400.00
212 Internet Access & Web Page	150.00	-	150.00
213 Travel - Regulatory	1,300.00	1,063.04	1,200.00
214 Postage	550.00	538.65	550.00
215 Printing	400.00	359.25	350.00
216 Advertising	300.00	561.33	300.00
217 Supplies	800.00	707.33	800.00
218 Capital	643.86	867.42	800.00
219 Contingency	850.00	910.14	850.00
220 Maps and Publications		523.16	
221 Contractual Services	600.00	781.21	500.00
222 Business Owners Insurance	575.00	574.00	575.00
223 Electricity	800.00	849.29	850.00
224 Legal	-	0	-
225 Education	-	0	-
226 K-1 Heating Oil	1,500.00	808.69	1,000.00
Total Overhead	<u>\$ 18,468.86</u>	<u>\$ 18,662.36</u>	<u>\$ 17,925.00</u>
<i>Water Quality Monitoring</i>			
240 Personnel	7,500.00	8,970.30	8,000.00
241 Lab Testing	6,700.00	6,910.00	6,700.00
242 Equipment	1,400.00	2,760.73	1,400.00
213 Travel - WQM	3,000.00	2,343.38	2,800.00
243 Supplies	500.00	546.62	500.00
244 Miscellaneous	450.00	365.45	450.00
Total Water Quality Monitoring	<u>19,550.00</u>	<u>21,896.48</u>	<u>19,850.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 131,698.86</u>	<u>\$ 132,987.31</u>	<u>\$ 132,025.00</u>

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# Saco River Corridor Commission Water Quality Monitoring Program



**Legend**

- BRCC Watershed
- Temperature Loggers
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Macroinvertebrates

Map by RCAP Solutions  
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