2020-2030 Lake Sunapee Watershed Management Plan

Best Management Practices Progress – Project Update and Review of Phase 1 Grant Project Action Plan Components for Achieving Water Quality Goal Set in Management Plan

- 1. Education & Outreach
- 2. Research
- 3. Further Evaluation
- 4. Monitoring
- 5. Land Conservation
- 6. Land Use Regulation
- 7. Best Management Practices (Water Quality Improvement Projects)

Water Quality Goal

Total in-lake phosphorus reduction/offset of 7.5% or 100 kg by 2030

- As of November 2022, we have achieved about 14% of our phosphorus reduction goal from completion of projects, conserved land and outreach efforts (based on annual estimate)
- Looking at ways to improve estimate reductions from outreach efforts and new land use regulation/ordinances – likely use assumptions
- No recent land use regulations/ordinances to justify annual load reduction estimate
- Land Conservation Target need additional 602 acres (243 hectares) conserved to meet goal (know of only one 16-acre property conserved in watershed since 2020 – Davis Hill Rd.)

Table 21 - Summary of Estimated Phosphorus LoadingReduction/Offsets (adapted from plan)				
Catego	ory	Estimated Annual P Load Reduction/Offset (kg)	Phosphorus	Notes
Education and Outreach			10	Estimate includes voluntary action, septic upgrades and homeowner projects. Could be substantially higher.
Land Conservation		2	20	Offset of P loading is 0.26 kg/yr (keeping land in forest rather than residential) for full buildout period. This equates to an offset of 0.08 kg/ha/yr for the next 10 years. Estimate based on 25ha/yr protected or 250 ha over 10 years.
Land Use Regulation, Zoning and Ordinances		1	10	Estimate
Best Management Practices	Identified	4	40	See Appendix H - BMP Tables
	To be identified	2	20	Sites identified through further evaluation task.
Total Reductions/offsets:		10	100	

Keys to Success

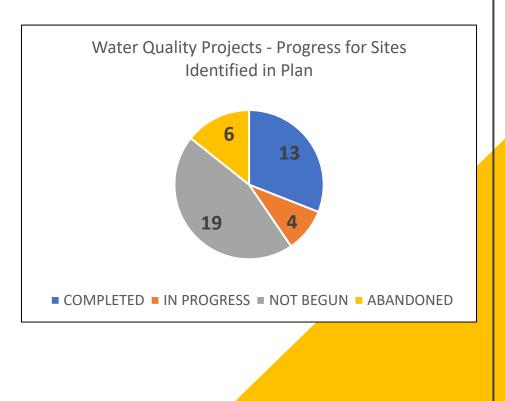
- Will Require Participation from All Not Just From LSPA to be Successful
- Project Implementation of Best Management Practices
 - $\,\circ\,$ Collaboration is Critical with Towns, State (NH DOT) and Landowners
 - Grant Money and Match Likely Needed to Implement Many of the Projects



Water Quality Improvement Projects - Progress For sites identified in plan

(13) Projects Completed – Met 28% of Best Management Practices phosphorus reduction goal

- <u>Newbury</u> 4 sites: Bridge Replaced in 2020 Over Bay Point Road (Chandler Brook), Beck Brook stabilized at Mt. Sunapee Resort, Mt. Sunapee Facility Garage Area BMP Restoration – 2020
- <u>New London</u> 1 site: Davis Hill Brook stabilized
- <u>Springfield</u> 1 site: Deer Hill Road Turnout & Sediment Traps
- <u>Sunapee</u> 7 sites: 6 addressed by Highway Department During Road Maintenance Schedule (Burkehaven Hill Road, Lake Ave in GM, Garnet Street near Dewey Beach, Westwood Road, Hamel Rd), Garnet Street Driveway



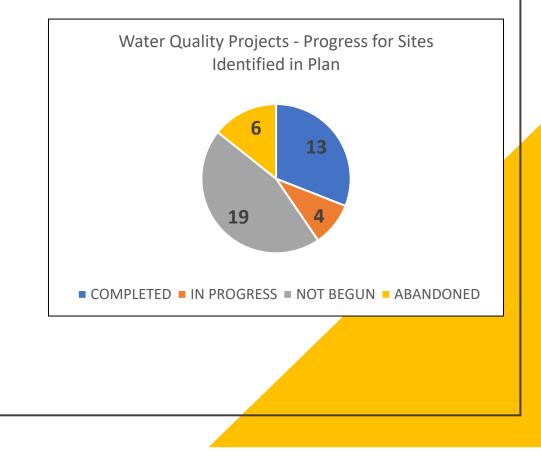
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(4) In Progress

- <u>Sunapee</u> 3 sites: Granliden (Phase 2 grant project), Yacht Club (design plan in final phase of completion, driveway paved to reduce bluestone erosion), Garnet Hill Road
- <u>Newbury</u> Pine Cliff (Phase 2 grant project)

6 Projects Abandoned

- 4 sites located on NHDOT property (NHDOT did not think proposed approaches were necessary at this time)
- NL Shopping Plaza Detention Pond Restoration material buildup and outlet need addressing, property owner stopped answering my emails & phone calls
- Garnet Hill Road Partially abandoned



Potential "To Be Identified" Sites

- Kidder Brook Erosion at TLV process of finalizing grant
- Route 103A roadside erosion at The Fells
- Road & beach erosion on Garnet Street
 involves three properties + town

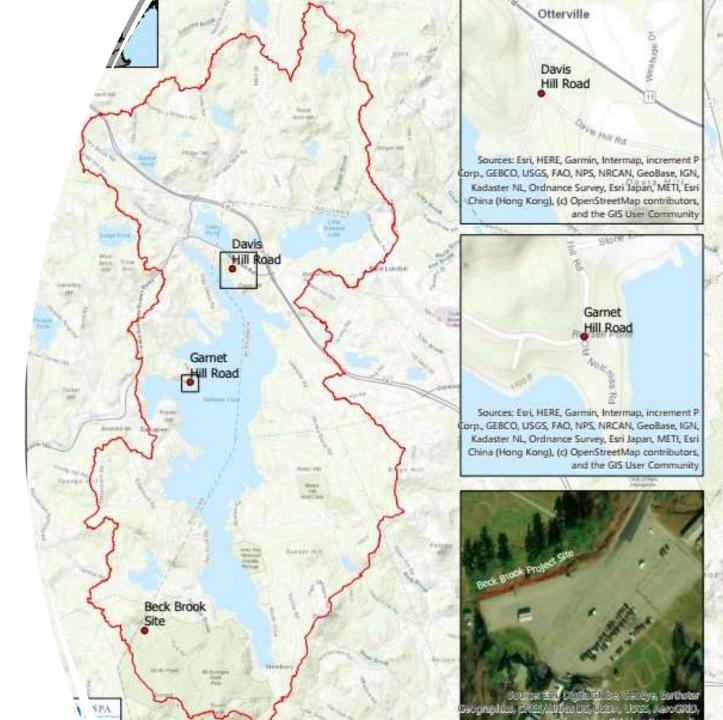


Water Quality Improvement Project - Specifics

- Load reduction calculations based on research and modeling for a variety of best management practices (such as a grass swale) and drainage area
- Periodic maintenance needed to ensure proper operation of implemented projects to meet load reduction estimates

Phase 1 Grant Completion

- Implementation at two sites:
 - Portion of Beck Brook located at the Mt. Sunapee Resort
 - Davis Hill Road Site brook crossing
- Third site (Garnet Hill) not fully implemented
- Project helps meet the water quality goal set in the 2020-2030 Lake Sunapee Management Plan



Davis Hill Phase 1 Grant Project Site

Original Proposal:

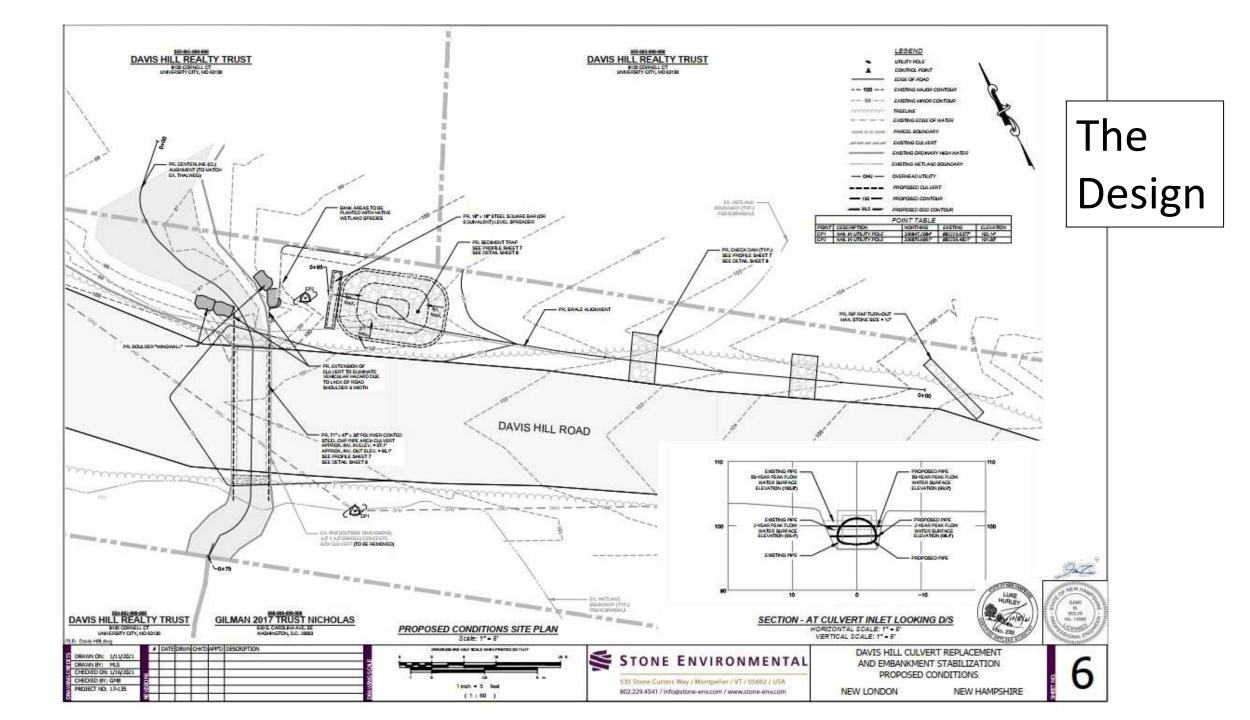
Stormwater flowing off Davis Hill Road is eroding the unprotected banks of Davis Hill Brook both up and down gradient of the gravel road crossing releasing soils into the brook. LSPA and the New London Public Works Division propose a BMP consisting of the installation of vegetated berms, a three-foot concrete box culvert extension, stepped concrete waste blocks (serving as wingwalls), and plantings on both sides of road to stabilize banks.

➢ Applied December 2019

- ➢ Grant Finds Released September 2020
- Extension Granted in 2021 to December 31st, 2022
- Project Implemented August 2022



Existing Conditions



Project Completion August 2022

Beck Brook Phase 1 Grant Project Site

Original Proposal:

During spring melt and periods of heavy precipitation, the banks of Beck Brook along the section parallel with the upper parking area of the Mount Sunapee Resort erode and slump, releasing soils into the brook causing turbid conditions to occur. LSPA and Vail Resorts Management Company (current owner of Mt. Sunapee Resort) propose a BMP to lengthen the existing vegetated swale along the edge of parking area to infiltrate surface flow runoff, stabilize the stream bank using gabion baskets overlain with soils and plantings and create a maintenance plan and site map for all on-site BMPs.

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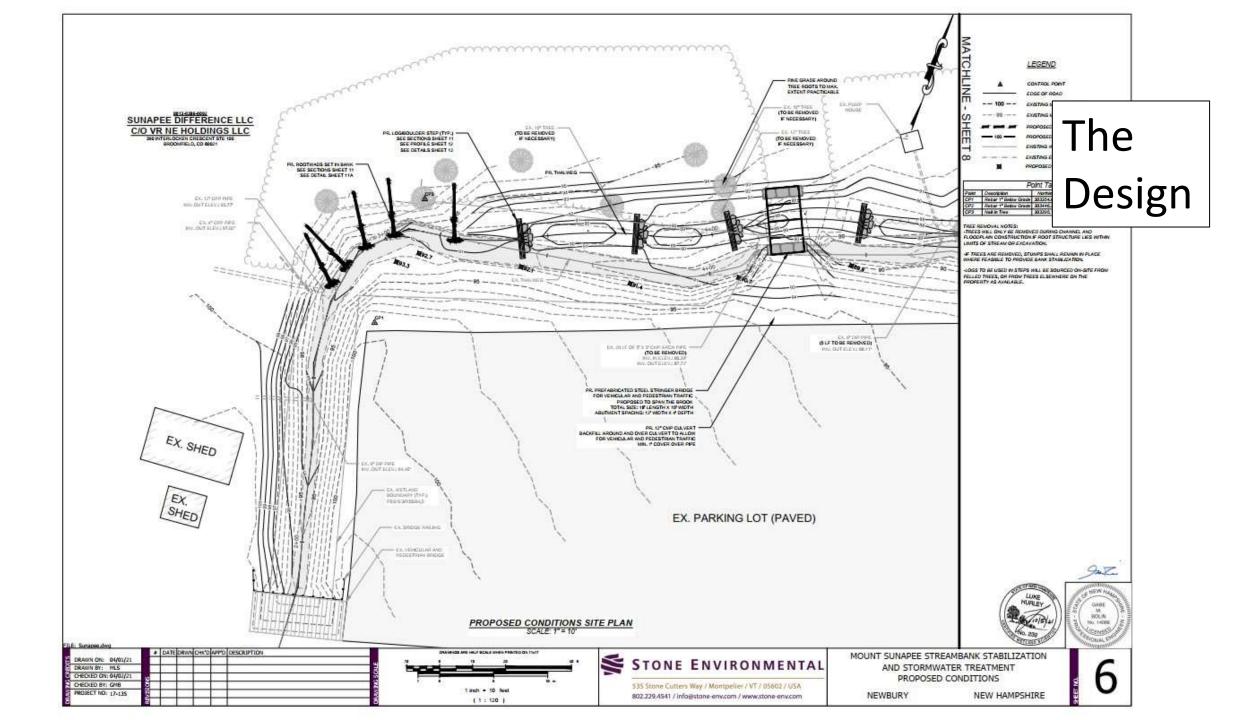
Gabion baskets in use

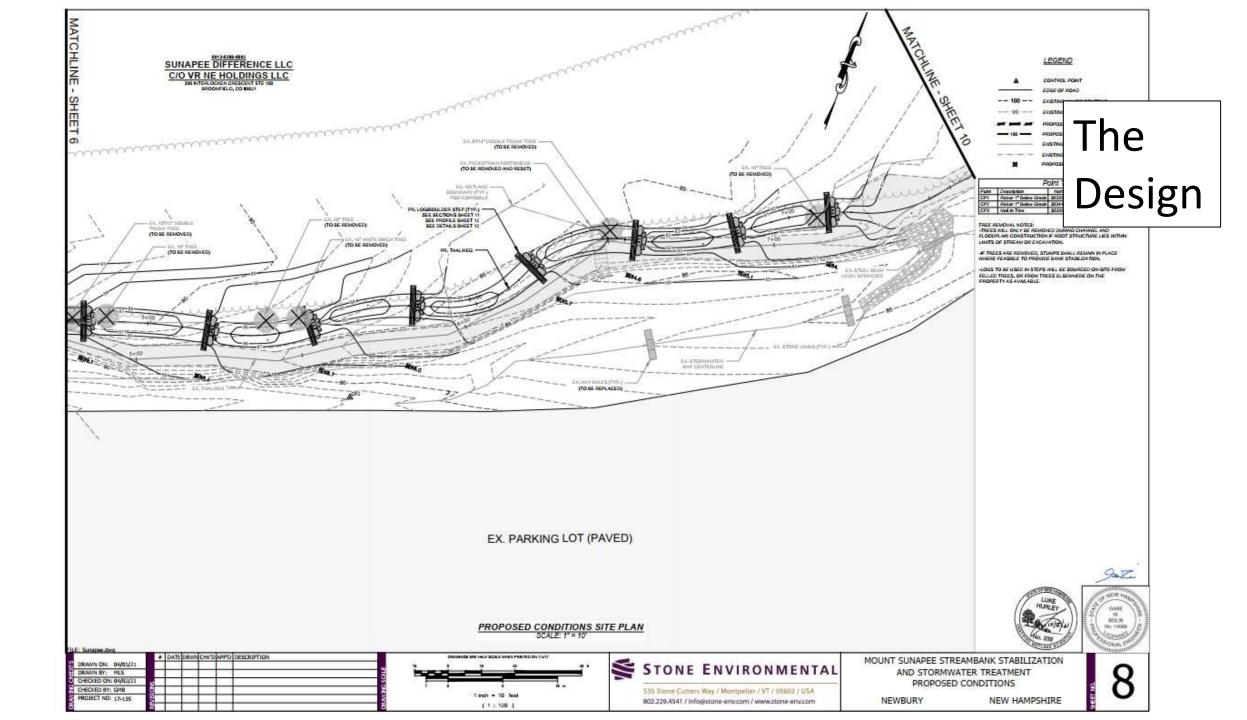


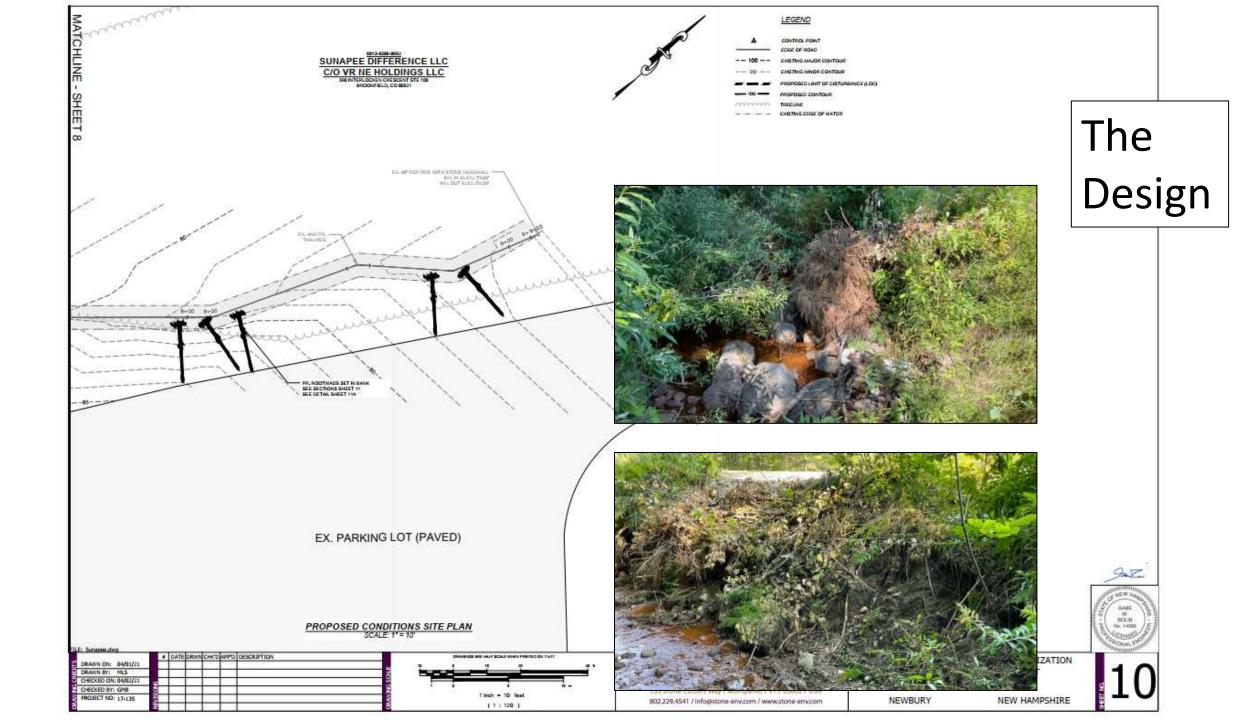




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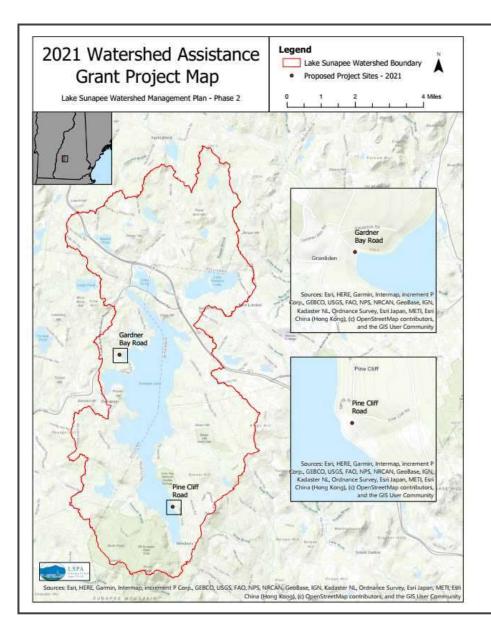




Project Implementation August- September 2022

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Project Completion September 2022

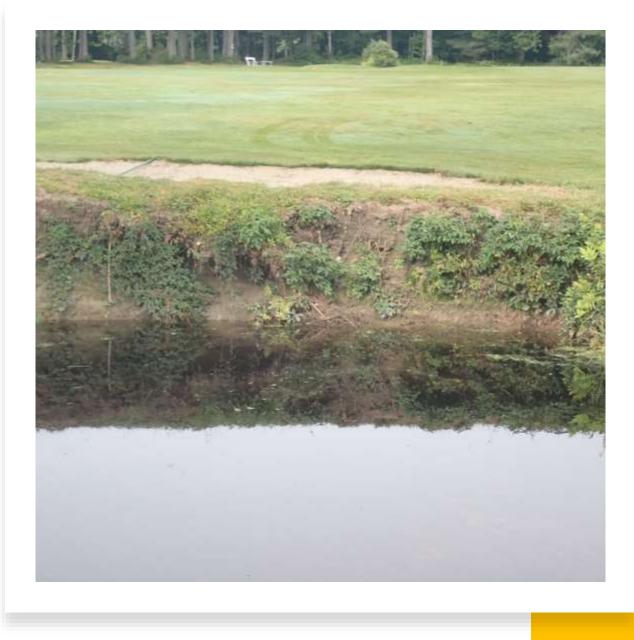


Phase 2 Grant Progress

- Nearing completion of final designs for Granliden site in Sunapee and Pine Cliff site in Newbury
- Implementation anticipated summer and fall 2023

Phase 3 Grant Proposed Project

- Grant application accepted November 2022
- Kidder Brook Bank Stabilization on portion running through TLV golf course
- Site not identified in plan falls under "To be identified" category.



NHDES Watershed Assistance Grants

- Clean Water Act (Section 319) is the funding source. Money supports various types of projects that work to reduce nonpoint source water pollution.
- Grant money administered by States, \$550,000 was available in 2023 grant round for NH.
- 2023 applications collectively added up to \$1.6 million, many projects go unfunded.
- LSPA has been recipient of four Watershed Assistance grant projects since 2017 starting with the 2020 plan itself (funds granted for projects ranged between \$50,000 and \$90,000).
- Funding covers 60% of project costs. In-kind and cash match cover the rest.