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Piscataqua Region Environmental Planning Assessment (PREPA)

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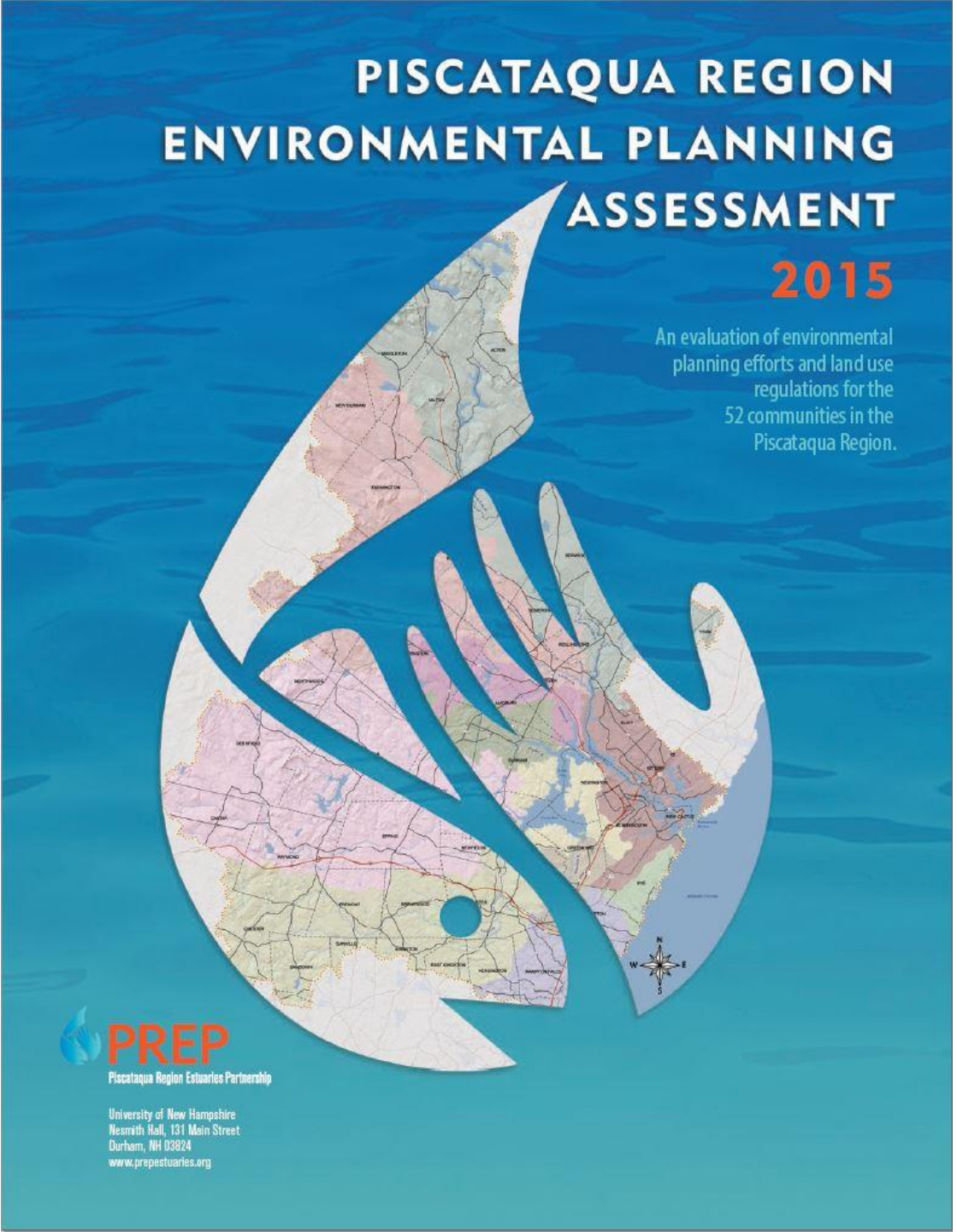


- First PREPA in 2010
- Update initiated in early 2014
- Assessment forms developed with partners
- Sent out to 52 towns with RPC help
- Interview town officials & data input

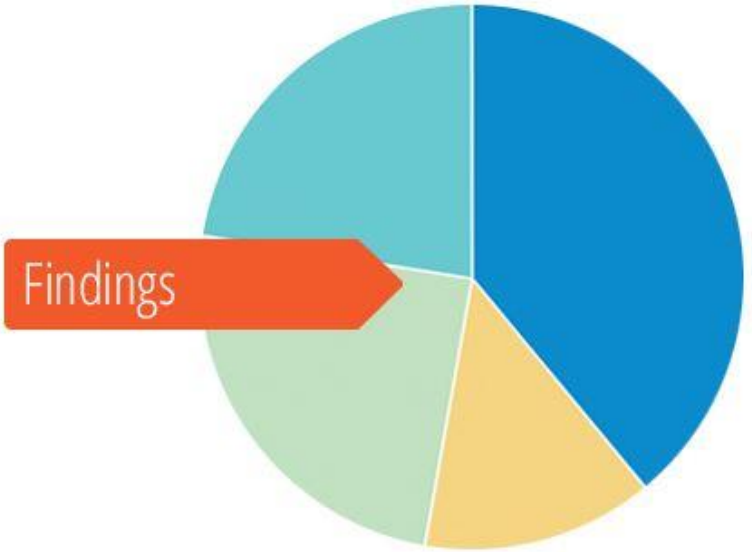
Municipality Name:Berwick, ME	**Regional Planning Commission for municipality:SMPDC**
Name of person completing form:Dave Carpenter	
Ordinances, regulations, reports reviewed as part of assessment *(provide a reference number for each document, and write this number in the "Doc. Ref #" column to cite the source of information used to answer each applicable question):* Land Use Ordinance 01-001 Comprehensive Plan 01-002 Subdivision Regulations 01-003	
Name(s) of municipal contacts (i.e. code enforcement officer, Cons. Com. Chair, Planning Board Chair, etc.) interviewed:Planner: John Stoll	
Name(s) of municipal staff (if any) that help the municipality with environmental planning issues. Please note the percent (%) of time that their position allows them to work specifically on environmental planning. Planner: John Stoll @ 20%	
Directions: *Fill out one data form per municipality. Fill out the form electronically - no handwritten forms please. For yes or no questions, please check one answer. For blanks without a yes or no, write in the appropriate date, distance, checkmark, or narrative description as prompted by the question. Most questions apply to municipalities in both Maine (ME) and New Hampshire (NH). Questions that only apply to one state are flagged with a (ME) or (NH). Each grey box corresponds to an area that can be checked or can have a narrative answer typed into it.*	

Conservation Fundamentals

	Check One (yes or no)		Doc.Ref. #	Document URL or Additional Comments:
Does the municipality have a Conservation Commission?	yes☐	no☒		
Does the municipality have a Code Enforcement Officer?	yes☒	no☐	01-001	www.berwickmaine.org
Does the municipality have a completed Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) as part of its Comprehensive or Master Plan?	yes☒	no☐	01-002	
Year Adopted:				
Natural Resource Chapter in Master Plan (NH)?	yes☐	no☐		
Year Adopted:				
Comprehensive Plan locally approved (ME)?	yes☒	no☐	01-002	
Year Approved:	1999			
Comprehensive Plan has state consistency approval (ME)?	yes☒	no☐		
Year Approved:	1999			

Three Sections

Threats



Findings

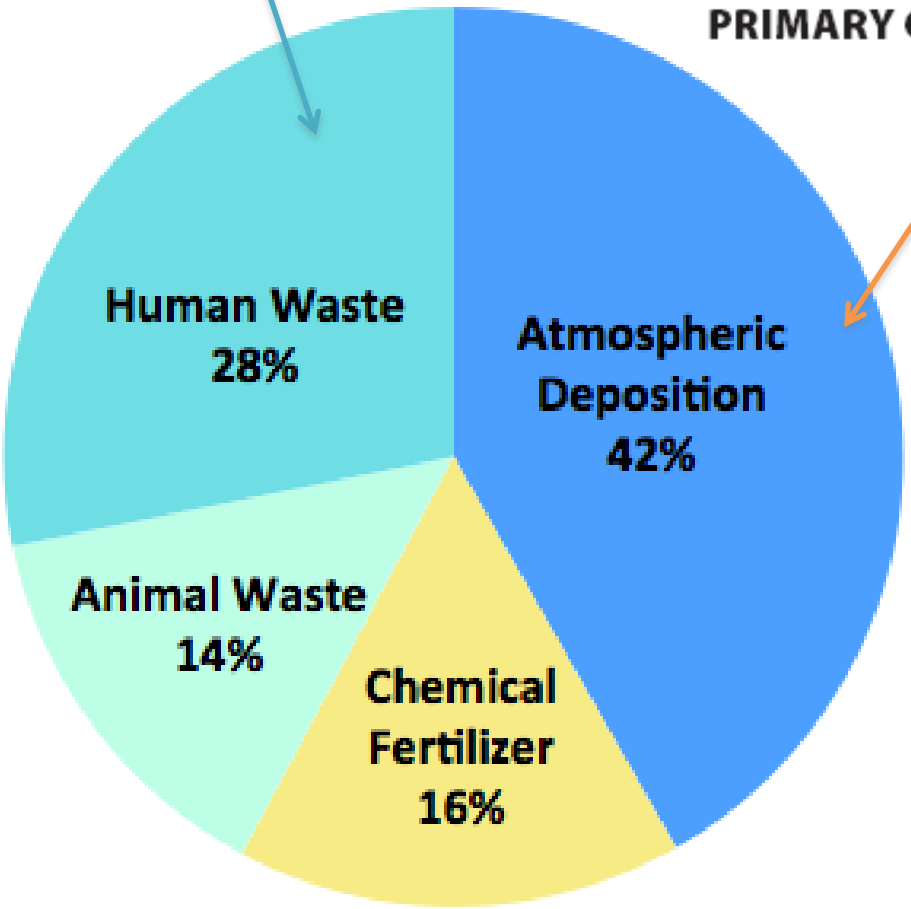
Actions

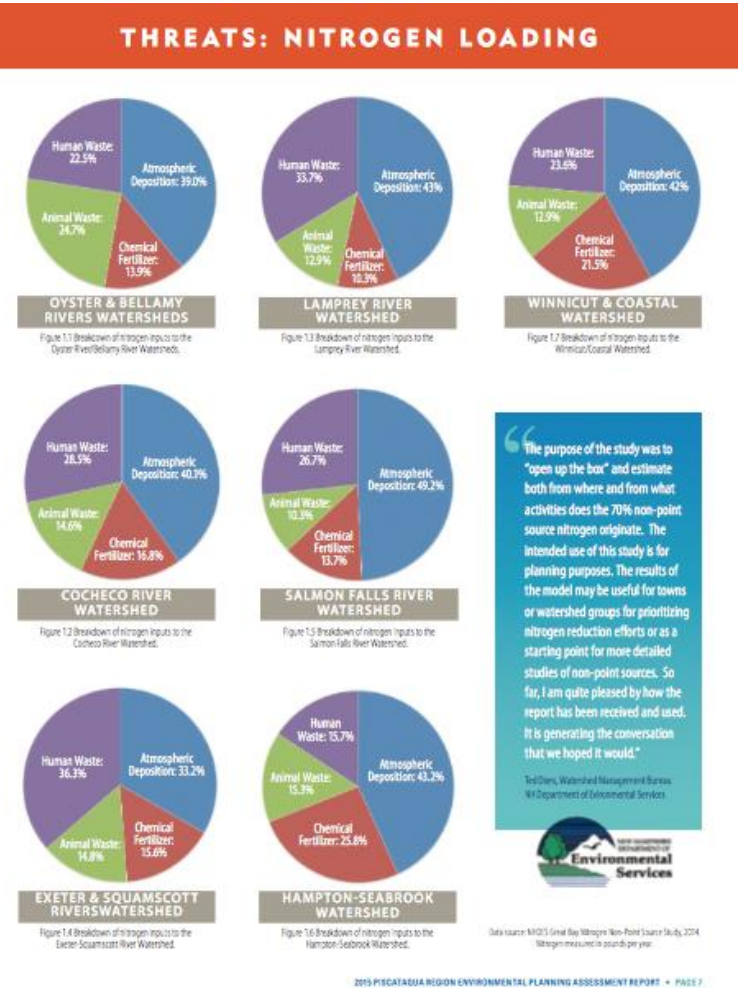
THREATS: NITROGEN LOADING

Non-Point Sources

SECOND CONTRIBUTOR: HUMAN WASTE

PRIMARY CONTRIBUTOR: ATMOSPHERIC DEPOSITION





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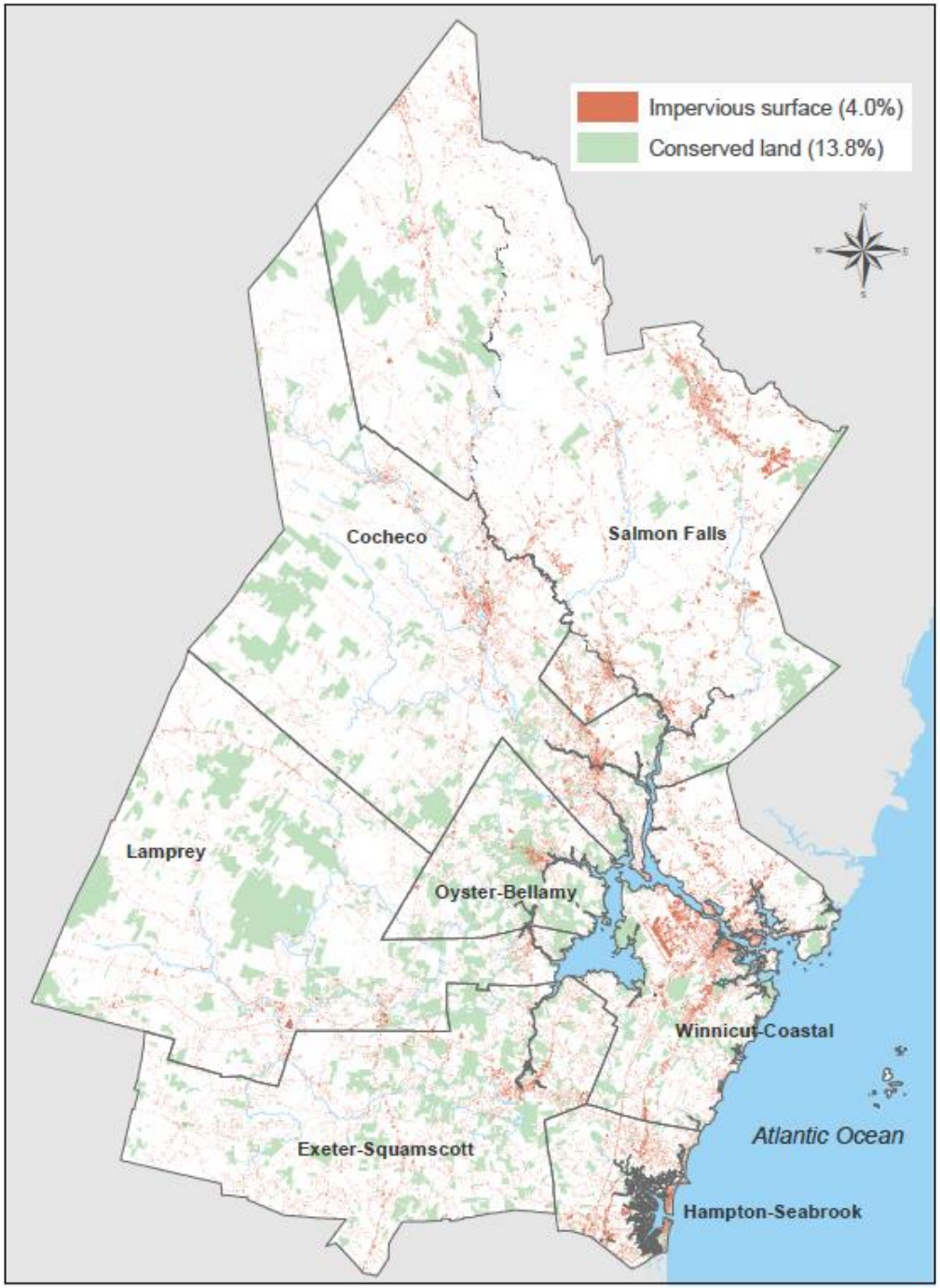
THREATS: IMPERVIOUS COVER



Note: High resolution impervious surface mapping was not available for Brookfield and Wakefield, New Hampshire and communities in Maine. Lower resolution impervious surface mapping was used for these communities.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE (4%)

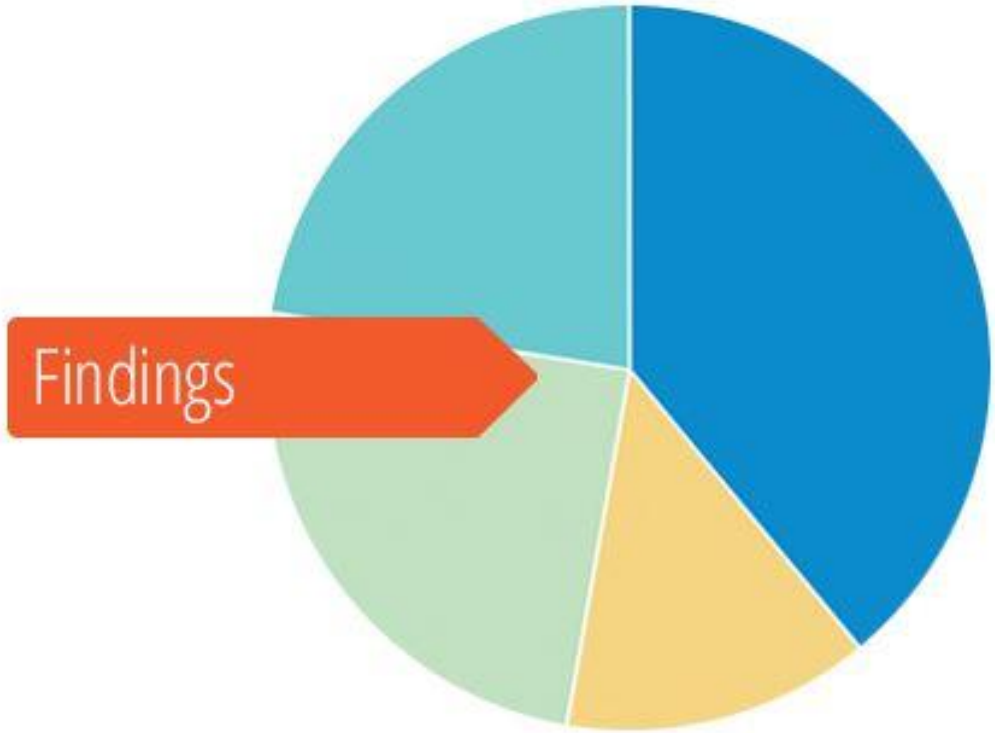
CONSERVED LAND (14%)

Balance is key. PREP recommends no more than 10% impervious cover and no less than 20% conservation land in a watershed.

THREATS: CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change impacts are likely to contribute additional stress to coastal habitats that we are working to conserve and restore.

PREDICTED IMPACTS	
Precipitation (Frequency and Intensity)	↑
Snowmelt	↑
Snow accumulation	↓
Coastal flooding (frequency and intensity)	↑
Sea Level Rise	↑



Report cards calculated based on the responses to the assessment questions regarding the **4 topics** and what percentage attain the **minimum protective standards** suggested by NHDES or PREP.

WATERSHED FINDINGS

Freshwater Wetlands

Shoreland Protection

Stormwater Management

Climate Change

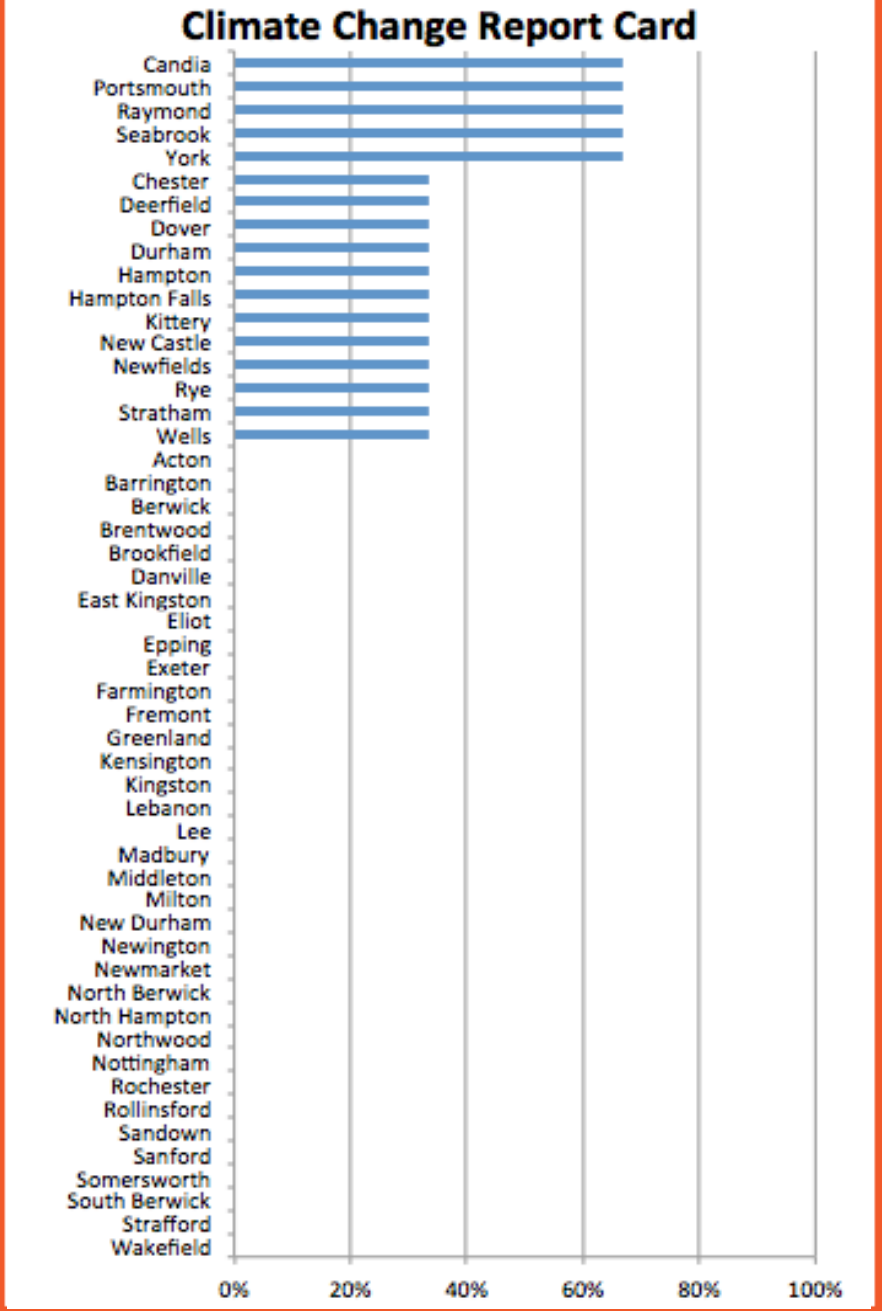
Climate Change

1. Has the municipality completed some form of climate change vulnerability assessment?

1. Has the municipality completed some form of climate change adaptation planning effort?

1. Has the municipality adopted regulatory changes intended to reduce the municipality's vulnerability to potential climate change impacts?

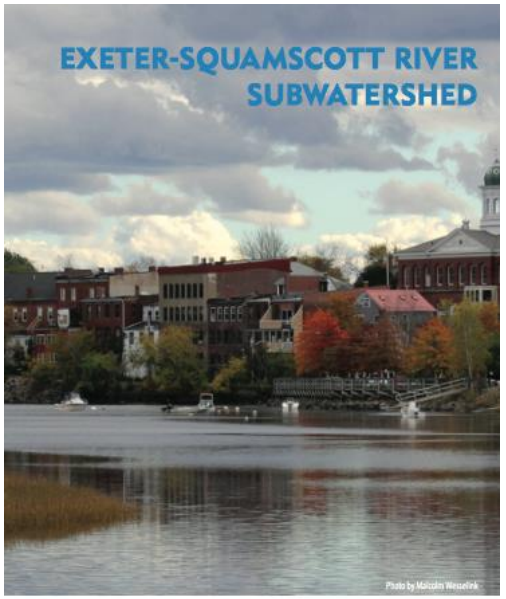
RESULTS BY TOWN



Actions

WATERSHED ACTIONS

- Increase naturally vegetated buffers
- Increase setback requirements
- Adopt regulations for fertilizer application
- Adopt model stormwater regulations
  Conduct a climate vulnerability assessment
- Increase land conservation efforts



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Increase buffers to 100' for tidal wetlands	Increase septic and structure setbacks to 100' for freshwater wetlands	Adopt fertilizer application setbacks for all water bodies	Adopt model stormwater management regulations

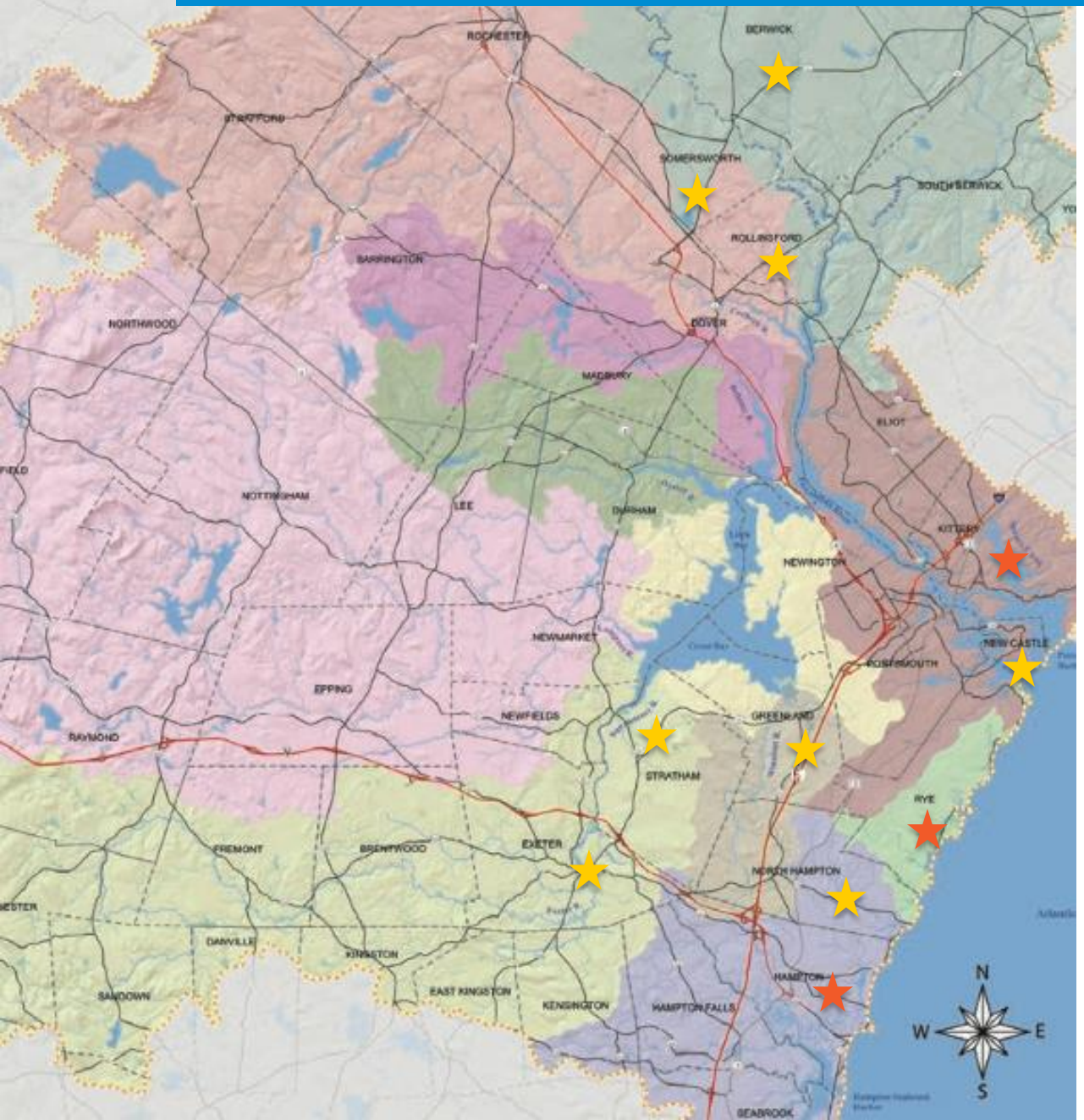
KEY RESOURCES FOR ACTION

Southeast Watershed Alliance's Model Stormwater Ordinance

Land Conservation Plans for New Hampshire and Maine

New Hampshire Climate Adaptation Workgroup Resources

2015 PREPA LOCAL GRANTS PROGRAM



- Berwick, ME
- Exeter, NH
- Greenland, NH
- Hampton, NH
- Kittery, ME
- New Castle, NH
- North Hampton, NH
- Rollinsford, NH
- Rye, NH
- Somersworth, NH
- Stratham, NH

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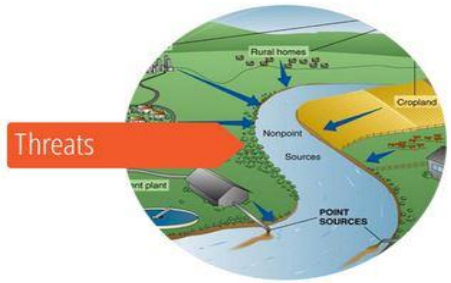

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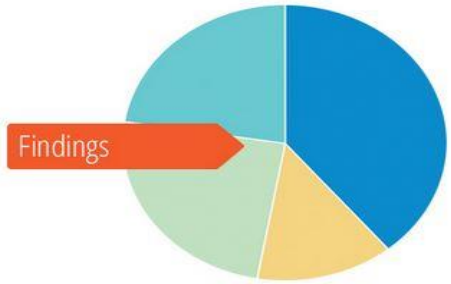

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