

## **York River Wild and Scenic Partnership – Preliminary List of Interests/Interest Groups**

Here are some thoughts about people/interests/groups to include on a Partnership Wild and Scenic York River Study Committee.

The York River Steering Committee's initial discussion suggested that the Study Committee ideally should have upwards of 11 representatives from the three towns (York, Kittery, Eliot), which will include a couple of people from the existing Steering Committee to ensure continuity. Based on Partnership Wild and Scenic priorities/values, the following is a preliminary list of interests/interest groups the Steering Committee may consider.

Some interests/groups may be more or less important to include on the Study Committee and others may be needed. Please, note that each interest/group need not be represented by a different individual. Hopefully, some designees will be selected to represent multiple interests; otherwise, the Study Committee may end up being an overly large and unwieldy. The responsibility to represent multiple interests may help members recognize the value of crossing strict boundaries about interests to develop consensus. A good rule of thumb is to appoint people who are generally respected and recognized as leaders in the community(ies) and who would share an enthusiasm and interest in achieving the goals of the Study.

### Drinking Water & Waste Water Disposal

- Water Districts
- Homeowners (very small number use river or watershed for source water)
- Businesses (if any use river or watershed for source water)

### Historic and Cultural Assets

- Local, regional, and state historic preservation organizations
- Local, regional, and state outdoor recreation interests (snowmobiling, boating, fishing, hunting, birding, hiking, camping, biking, etc.)

### Conservation/natural resource protection

- Local and regional land trusts
- Local, regional, state, and federal natural resource interests

### Agriculture/Forestry Land Uses

- local, regional, and state proprietors and industry groups

### Economic Interests

- Local and regional chambers of commerce and innkeeper associations (representing tourism interests)
- Large landowners – developed as well as undeveloped land
- Commercial and recreational fishing
- Real Estate community
- Utilities (CMP)

### Protected Lands and Public Interest

- Large conservation landowners
- State and federal agencies

### Natural and Built Restrictions

- Local public works departments
- Regional and state transportation agencies

### Homeowners, generally

### Schools/youth of various ages

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