

### Phillips Brook Watershed Management Plan

Steering Committee Meeting May 24, 2016

# **Phillips Brook**

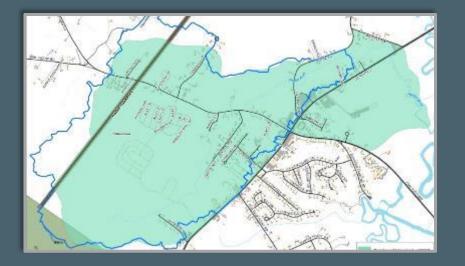




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### Steering Committee Purpose & Expectations





### You Know Phillips Brook

### You Know People

### Introductions







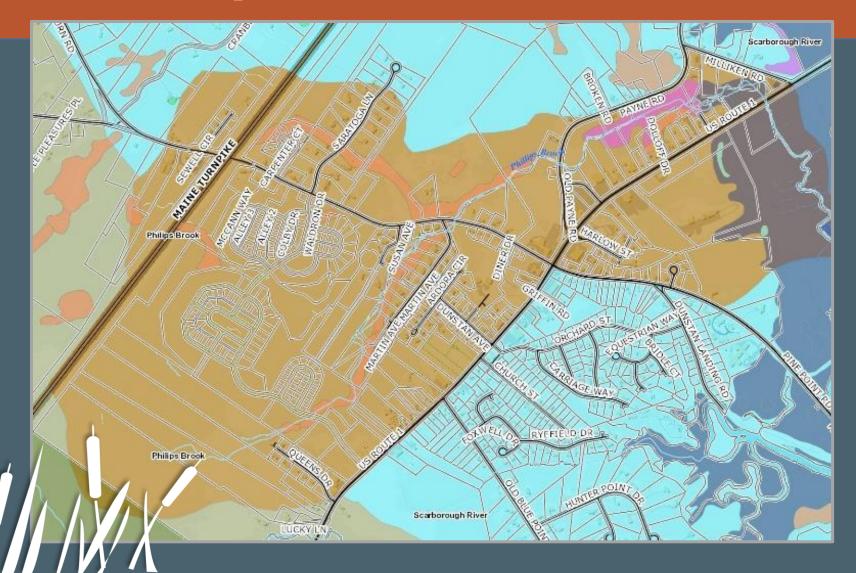




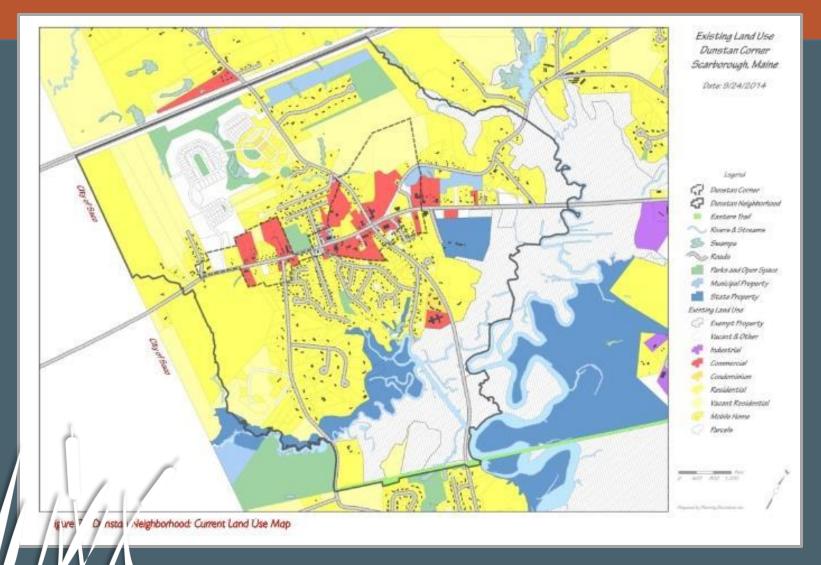




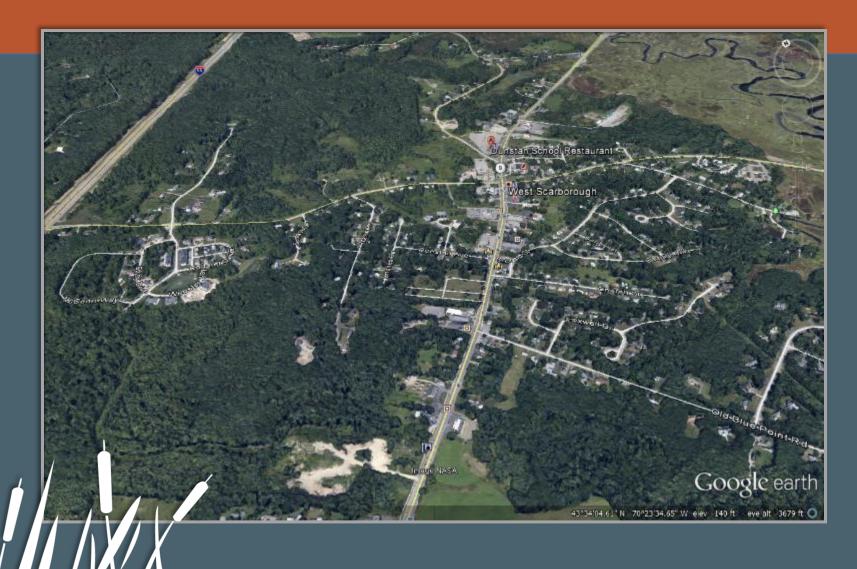
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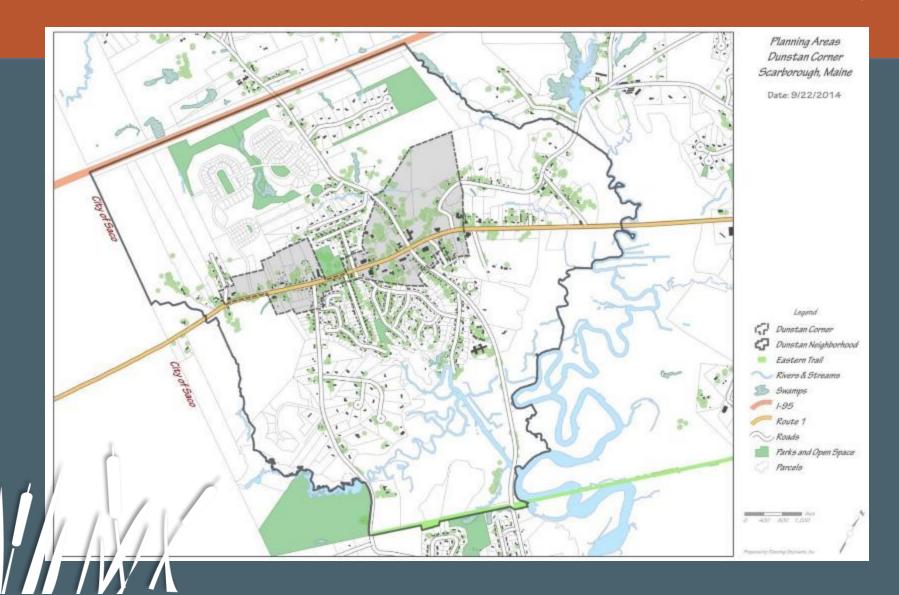
### Land Use in the Watershed



### **Dunstan Neighborhood**



## **Dunstan Revitalization Strategy**



### **Dunstan Corner Goals**

- Foster a renewed village center
- Increase private investment development
   & redevelopment
- Enhance visual character & identity
- Build residential neighborhood & diversity
- Improve street network for cars, bikes & pedestrians

# **Management Plan Goals**

- Produce a locally-supported Watershed Management Plan
- Address existing development, redevelopment, and new development
- Gear the Management Plan to be key component in Dunstan Revitalization
- Prioritize watershed needs

## **Management Plan Goals**

- Detail what is needed to improve and protect water quality and aquatic habitat
- Identify an implementation plan



# **Management Plan Strategy**

- 1. Build partnerships.
- 2. Characterize the watershed to identify issues.
- 3. Set goals and identify solutions.
- 4. Design an implementation program.
- 5. Implement the watershed plan.
- 6. Measure progress and make adjustments.

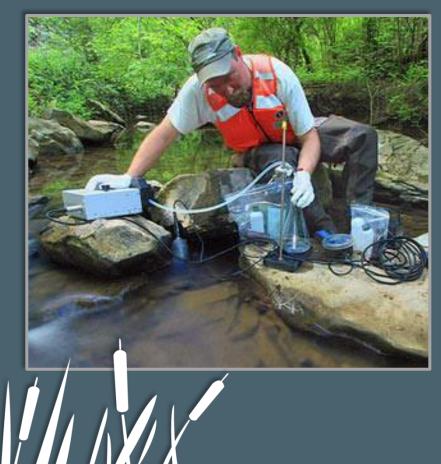
## **Management Plan Strategy**

- Evaluate pre-existing information (underway)
- Stream corridor

   assessment (initial
   stream walk done,
   comprehensive
   assessment planned)



# **Management Plan Strategy**



- Water quality monitoring
- Stressor identification
- Stormwater retrofit inventory / Engineering assessment

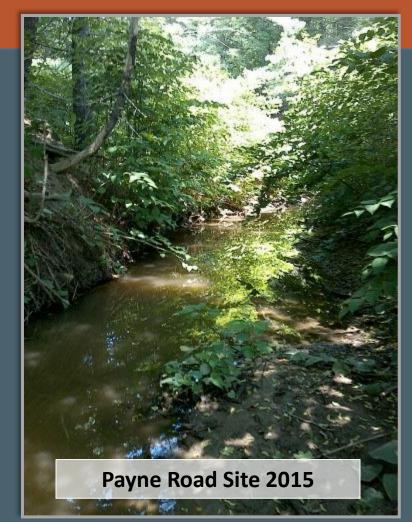
### **Phillips Brook Water Quality**

#### • DEP Lists:

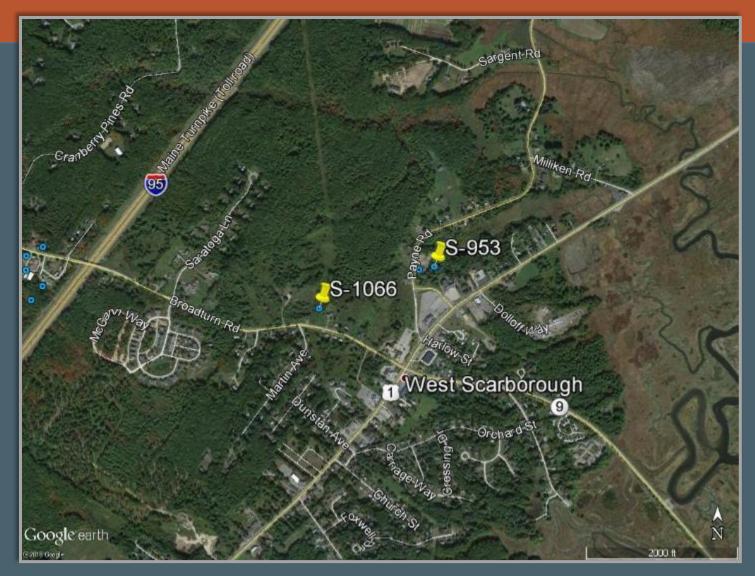
- NPS Priority Watershed
- Urban Impaired Stream (Ch 502)
- Impaired (Integrated Report)
  - Habitat Assessment
  - Dissolved Oxygen

#### • Monitoring:

- Macroinvertebrates 2010, 2015
- Instantaneous samples 2006
- Continuous monitoring 2010



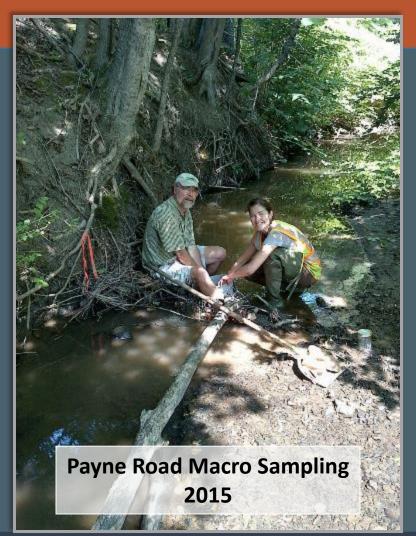
### **Phillips Brook Monitoring Locations**



### **Macroinvertebrate Sampling**

#### Class C stream

- 2010 Indeterminate
  - Payne Rd
    - decent diversity, not enough bugs
- 2015 Met standards, barely
  - Aquatic community showing stress
  - Tolerant organisms were dominant
  - Payne Rd
    - decent diversity, not enough bugs
  - Broadturn Rd
    - more bugs, less diversity



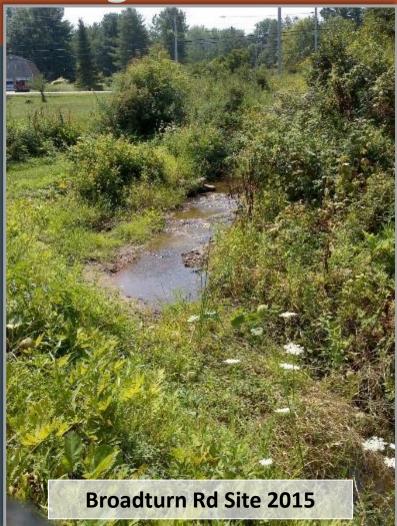


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### **Other Monitoring**

#### • 2006

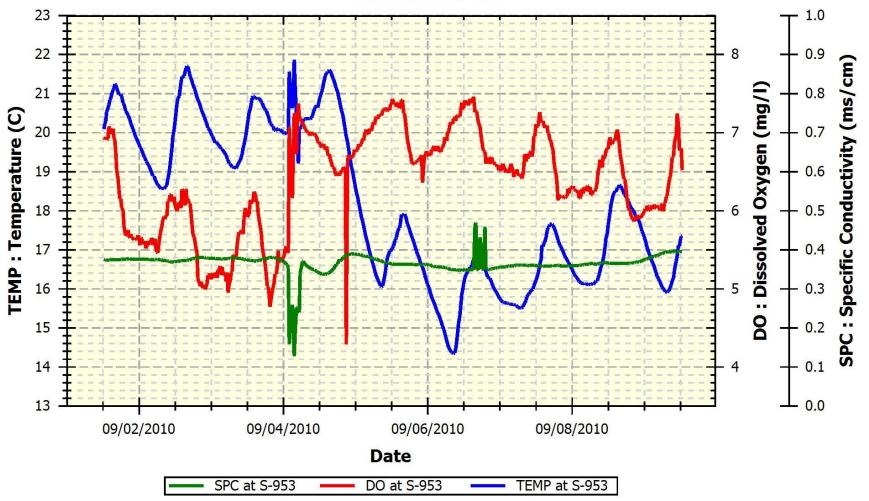
- For TMDL
- 5 sampling events
- August, Sept, Nov
- DO, SPC, Temp, pH, N, P, TSS, metals, E. Coli, chlorophyll a
- 2010
  - Sonde deployment
  - Sept 1 to Sept 9
  - DO, SPC, Temp





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### **Phillips Brook Water Quality Summary**

#### What we think are stressors so far

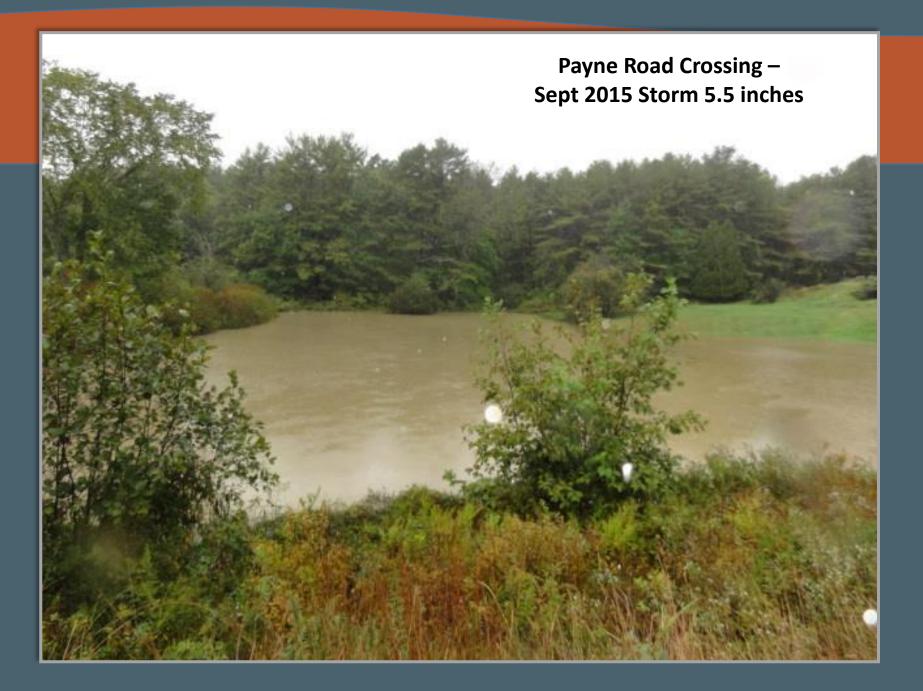
- Flow regimes
  - high and low
- Habitat issues
  - stream sediment moves around
- DO lows
- Possible nutrient issue?
- Conductivity high on one tributary
  - concerns for future





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Broadturn Rd Crossing – Sept 2015 Storm 5.5 inches



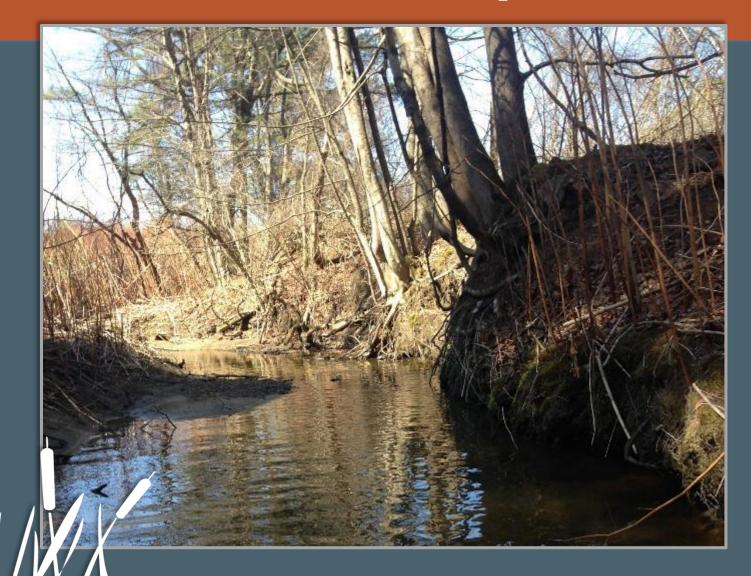
## **Stream Corridor Assessment**



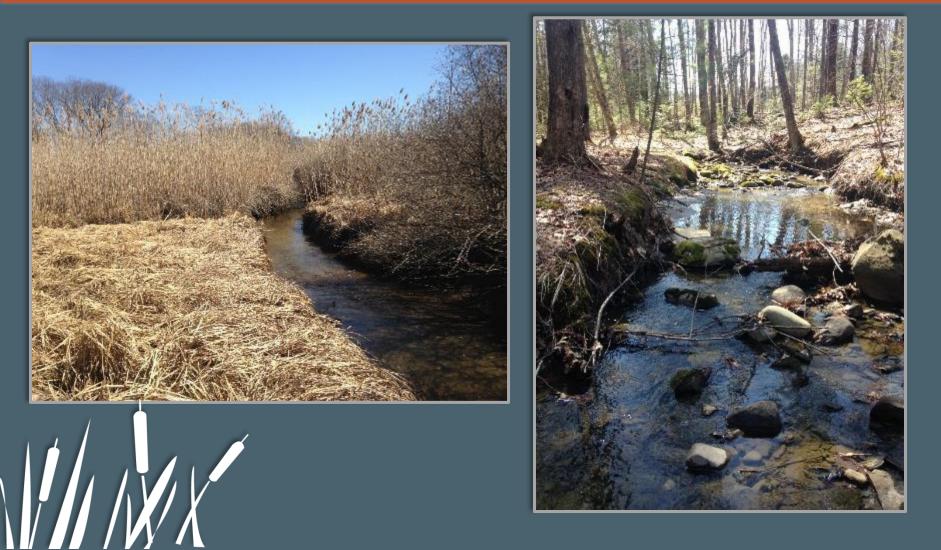
# **Road Crossings**



# Loss of Floodplain



### **Channel Alterations**



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## **Community Involvement**

- Who else should be involved in the committee?
- Who should receive outreach from the committee?
- What are your main concerns about development within the watershed?
- What known stressors exist within the watershed?
- Are there any legacy toxic sources?



### **Questions?**

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