

March 1, 2024, 8:30 – 9:30 by Zoom

RMAC/LMAC Joint State Lands Mapping Subcommittee meeting

Attending –

RMAC: Larry Spencer, Michele L. Tremblay (Chair)

LMAC: Garret Graaskamp, Janet Kidder, Lisa Morin, Steve Wingate

RMAC/LMAC: Mark Hemmerlein

NHDES: Tracie Sales

GUEST: Shane Bradt

(Brooke Kenline-Nyman, Cory Ritz, and Pete Bowman are unable to attend this week.)

The committee began by picking up a few leftover parcels in Sullivan County, most of which were very small.

Mark brought up the issue of LMAC jurisdiction, which according to LMPP statute (RSA 483-A) includes only those lakes on the Official List of Public Waters (lakes and ponds that are 10 acres or larger). Tracie is reaching out to colleagues to get that list of lakes in a GIS layer if it exists. Mark also brought up the committees' jurisdictional land area around lakes and rivers, which the LMAC and RMAC have both defined as within 250 feet or providing access to a lake or river, respectively. The subcommittee determined that contiguous parcels meet the definition of providing access to a lake or river and therefore were in jurisdiction.

Once the remaining small parcels in Sullivan County were reviewed, the group began assessing properties in southern Grafton County.

At the end of the meeting, Michele brought up how to assess properties in Sullivan County for LMAC recommendations. Prior to the meeting, Mark determined there were 27 properties adjacent to lakes that the subcommittee had not assessed for the LMAC. LMAC representatives asked that parcels within 250' of a great pond be marked as subcommittee retain. Others will be marked as No Recommendation. If any are borderline, Mark will bring those to the subcommittee next week.

In a smaller group after most others left the meeting, Michele proposed asking PREP (Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership) to review properties on the coast, such as those on Great Bay and the Gulf of Maine. Mark asked where rivers jurisdiction ends. Tracie stated it includes estuaries, but all were uncertain where estuaries end and the bay/ocean begin. For coastal opinions, Shane recommends PREP, the NHDES Coastal Program, and NEERS (National Estuarine Research Reserve System). Michele recommends adding NHDNCR and NHFG. Tracie reminded the sub-group that PREP and the others do not have statutory authority to make recommendations on disposal of state-owned properties. Mark has concerns about going to G&C (Governor and Executive Council) when statute currently says the RMAC advises NHDES, CORD and the Long Range Planning committee. To Do: Staff need to determine the jurisdictional area of rivers with respect to the extent of estuaries.

Next meeting: Friday, March 8, 2024