



October 28, 2009

Ms. Patterson,

The Exeter River Local Advisory Committee (ERLAC) met last night and discussed the efforts underway in Sandown to protect vegetated buffers along surface waters such as wetlands and streams. ERLAC strongly supports this work and urges the Planning Board to consult a recent survey of buffer regulations in the region, [http://www.prep.unh.edu/resources/09sote/www\\_sote\\_shows/sowers.pdf](http://www.prep.unh.edu/resources/09sote/www_sote_shows/sowers.pdf).

The survey was completed by the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) and should provide the Planning Board with information regarding how other communities in the region are protecting water quality and wildlife habitat. As a result of this survey, several communities are working to increase buffer requirements to increase protection of drinking water supplies. The relevant information begins on slide #21 of the presentation, link above.

I appreciate you forwarding this message to the Planning Board.

Sincerely,  
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