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Subject: Against implementation of the Lamprey River Water Management Plan

I have the following comments/concerns re: Lamprey River Water Management Plan:

1. It seems remarkably clear that those involved in the study have little or no local knowledge of the Pawtuckaway Lake. During a drought, the lake levels are in as much stress as the lower Lamprey River. The water levels are usually 6 to 8 inches lower than full pond. If DES is going to drain another 3 inches of water, this would further exasperate the situation. There is no inflow to replenish the water levels. The lake loses up to one quarter of an inch of water daily due to evaporation. By releasing more water, this would impact the shallows and make it virtually impassable for boating.
2. The entire report fails to consider the same stress related to the Pawtuckaway Lake that the plan is proposing to draw water from. Has there been a study to the impact of a drought to the Pawtuckaway Lake area, tributaries and upper watershed? It's quite possible that these areas would have a greater requirement for water than the lower Lamprey area. Why does the lower Lamprey River area take precedence to the Pawtuckaway Lake area?
3. The entire report characterizes the lake areas as storage impoundments. These are not just water storage areas that can be used at your leisure. Every lakefront property will be affected and they need to be notified in writing just as any abutter is notified when a building permit or septic permit is requested for an adjacent property that would affect their property value and border. This lake is my adjacent property.
4. The study does not seem to consider a maximum lake and win-win proposals, such as a maximum limit on the amount that the lake can be drawn down. Wouldn't it make more sense to suggest something like 8" from full pond, rather than an open-ended, unlimited drawdown?

This effort requires a full study of the entire watershed area before an aspect of implementation is considered.

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