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### **Workshop Teaches Ways to Protect Valuable Shoreland Areas**

ROCHESTER – On Monday, November 5, the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and the New Hampshire Estuaries Project will host a workshop at the Governor’s Inn in Rochester to help municipal land planning board members, town staff, members of watershed organizations, and concerned citizens protect surface waters by strengthening local buffer ordinances.

Presenters from a variety of resource management organizations will describe the multiple benefits of vegetated buffer zones adjacent to surface waters, how different regulatory scenarios protect water resources, the strength of specific town buffer ordinances, and steps workshop participants can undertake to improve their community’s buffer protections.

The workshop begins at 6:00 pm. Light refreshments will be provided. To register for this free workshop, contact Julie LaBranche at 742-2523 or [jlbranche@strafford.org](mailto:jlbranche@strafford.org).

Development of this workshop was a collaborative effort between the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Rockingham Planning Commission, NH Department of Environmental Services, Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, NH Fish and Game Department, Strafford Regional Planning Commission, New Hampshire Coastal Program, UNH Cooperative Extension, and the New Hampshire Estuaries Project.

This workshop will be offered again on November 29 in Manchester, NH. See the workshop announcement at [http://www.nhep.unh.edu/resources/temp/protecting\\_shoreland\\_and-nhep-07.pdf](http://www.nhep.unh.edu/resources/temp/protecting_shoreland_and-nhep-07.pdf) or call Jennifer Hunter at 862-3948 for additional details.

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