



MEMORANDUM

To: Nathan Poore, Town Manager

From: Theo Holtwijk, Director of Long-Range Planning

Date: April 21, 2017

Re: **FY 2018 Coastal Communities Grant Application: Route 1 Stormwater Management**

The Route 1 South TIF for 2017 has \$125,000 allocated for “Town assistance with private stormwater retrofits.” The initial scope for this project is the implementation of some of the recommended private stormwater retrofits outlined in the 2013 Route 1 Commercial District Stormwater Management Plan. Approximately a dozen possible retrofit sites were identified. Exact 2017 retrofit locations are yet to be determined.

At this time staff recommends a more comprehensive approach to implementing the remaining tasks of the 2013 Route 1 Commercial District Stormwater Management Plan and tackling related stormwater issues in the Route 1 corridor.

The proposed stormwater tasks to be implemented in 2017-18 include:

- certification of the 2013 Route 1 Commercial District Stormwater Management Plan by DEP (this would make the Town eligible to apply for possible state grant funds)
- development of baseline water quality criteria and watershed health indicators,
- preparation of Best Management Practices guide,
- development of Best Management Plan Strategy for Public-Private Retrofit Partnerships,
- prioritization of opportunities for Public-Private Retrofit Partnerships (as identified in the 2013 plan),
- development of stormwater zoning amendments (as recommended in the 2013 plan), and
- preparation of Norton Brook Stormwater Management Plan.

A FY 2018 Coastal Communities Grant opportunity, administered through the Maine Coastal Program of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, is currently available to help defray expenses for the work outlined above. The grant deadline is April 28, 2017. Staff proposes that the Town file a grant application with assistance from the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District. This application is a regional collaboration, with Falmouth as the lead applicant, and is also supported by the Greater Portland Council of Governments, the Greater Portland Interlocal Stormwater Working Group (ISWG), as well as the Town of Brunswick.

In case of a grant award, up to \$25,000 of the \$125,000 TIF funding will be used as the Town’s cash match. The remainder can be allocated for any private stormwater retrofits. In case of a non-award, up to \$50,000 of the \$125,000 TIF funding is proposed to be used for execution of the above tasks.