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Nequasset Lake Watershed Improvement Project-Phase 1 on the move

A public meeting will be held at the Woolwich Middle School on May 1, at 6 PM to introduce the recently awarded Nequasset Lake Watershed Improvement Project to watershed citizens and explained what needs to happen in this first phase. The grant was awarded to Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District who has created a steering committee comprised of local citizens, Bath Water District, Woolwich Conservation Commission, Towns of Bath, Wiscasset, and Woolwich, Maine Rural Water, Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Maine DEP. Phase 1 of the grant focuses on improving the water quality of Nequasset Lake by reducing the amount of soil, sediments, and associated contaminants that are washed into Nequasset Lake.

The meeting will give an introduction to the grant, and how watershed citizens can sign up for free technical assistance. Technical assistance will have to be provided to a minimum of 25 property owners to meet the needs of the grant. A cost share program is available to help with the installation of conservation practices in at least 20 medium to high impact sites, but to get in the cost share program a request for technical assistance has to be made. Installed conservation practices protect soil and water resources and can lower maintenance costs as well as enhance property values. Technical assistance request cards will be provided at the meeting or can be picked up at the town offices of Woolwich and Dresden.

To participate in grant activities; request technical assistance or help with conservation practices please contact AVSWCD at 753-9400, ext. 3.

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