



January 27, 2011

Don Willard
Town Manager
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

RE: Project Canopy Application

Dear Don:

I am writing on behalf of the Raymond Conservation Commission to express support for the Town of Raymond's Project Canopy Grant application. The RCC can provide input to a project that is aligned with our ongoing open space and land conservation goals. For example, if the grant includes developing sustainable forest management plans for the town's 200+ acres and creating, maintaining or connecting trails while also providing timber revenues, or an educational piece that involves the schools, I believe the RCC could add some value. At our current capacity, our most likely support would be as an advisory role and helping to inform the public through our monthly locally televised meetings.

I also note that any sustainable forest management plan that helps keep undeveloped land as working forests and specifies best management practices for minimizing erosion would be entirely consistent with the Raymond Waterways Protection Association's mission of protecting water quality in our lakes, ponds and rivers.

Sincerely,

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