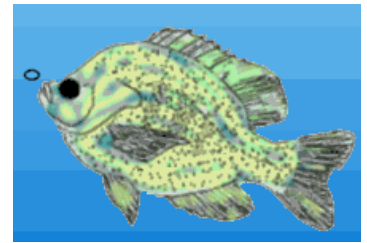




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Our new web site

Since March, 2002 we have been managing our own web server and pages at www.saugatucket.org. The site includes nine sections: the home page, what's new, our vision, the river, the Coalition, events on the river, links to other sites, a map gallery, the basic documents of the Coalition, and a discussion forum. If you haven't had a chance to visit, please do, and send along any suggestions you might have for expanding and improving it.

The attractive watershed photographs and efficient overall site design were created by Bea Palmer of 2 Dog Design (zbeamused@cox.net). The webmaster is Don Robadue (webmaster@saugatucket.org). Don uploaded the original design, added the document and map sections and adapted the underlying code to the requirements of our server.

The site is now indexed in the major search engines and has been receiving more than 500 unique visits per month since October 1. The counter you see on the home page only records visitors entering directly through saugatucket.org. However, since the entire site is indexed, most visits are directly to one of the content pages, which explains the higher average number of visits per month.

2002	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Unique site visits	96	196	145	175	279	297	567	502	560

We also installed software to operate a bulletin board, *The Forum*, and everyone is invited to sign in and use it.

We would appreciate any thoughts you have on any article in this newsletter.

There is much more that can be done with the site and we welcome anyone with a desire to help out to contact the webmaster. Some of the projects we could carry out on the site include posting the headlines from news articles about the Saugatucket River, scanning maps and photos from our archives or adding new pictures, converting more Coalition documents into text form that can be posted for download, and helping maintain lively discussion forums.

---Don Robadue

Spring 2003 Lectures and Events

Call 782-0149, Check Local Newspapers or Our Website for late-Breaking Final Details

Wednesday April 2: **Final Draft Report on the TMDL** (see page 3) Brandon Faneuf, RI Department of Environmental Management Neighborhood Guild, 7:00 pm

Saturday April 19: **Earth Day River Clean-UP**

Meet Sue Fisher and Rich Youngken at the Pedestrian Footbridge behind Caylily's Bistro, Main Street, Wakefield, 10:00 am-noon *Wear appropriate clothing, boots, jeans, gloves*

Wednesday April 23: **River Birding — Our Rare Visitor and Other Tails** Michael Tucker, Audubon Society of Rhode Island Peace Dale Library, 7:30 pm

Thursday May 8: **The River, Mills and Reservoirs — An Engineered Power System for the**

Hazards, Rodmans, and Robinsons Richard Greenwood, RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission Peace Dale Library, 7:30 pm

Thursday May 22: **Habitat and River Level Change** Philip Edwards, RI Department of Environmental Management Peace Dale Library, 7:30pm

Dorothy Devine Departs

Our second president, Dorothy Devine, stepped down this fall after six years of volunteer work for the Coalition.

With family and job responsibilities mounting, Dorothy was unable to devote all the hours required. Dorothy will be assisting, however, with press releases and the newsletter, and she will continue to run Watershed Watch water quality tests on Peace Dale Pond, as she has done since 1995.

Under Dorothy's leadership the SRHCC accomplished many things, including but not limited to:

- Watershed Council designation by the state Rivers Council
- Multiple river cleanups and trail cleaning and trail development events
- Presentations at the elementary schools and the high school
- Educational events and lecture series including river history, water quality and habitat, and planning exercises
- RIDEM TMDL work initiated (see story, page 3)
- River office established, furnished and organized
- Database and website initiated and updated
- Outreach to local service organizations and river coalition groups
- River advocacy at the state and local level and participation in state watershed planning
- Coordination with other watershed groups for annual South County Rivers Day planning
- Organizing and managing the SRHCC's work plan and monthly action agenda
- Maintaining a very healthy fund balance
- Participation in the Main Street Wakefield and Peace Dale revitalization plans, representing the SRHCC

We can't say enough good things about Dorothy and her tireless work for the Saugatucket through thick and thin, high water and low! She was once proclaimed River Guardian by a humorous and sage commentator on town affairs for her unflinching work to educate policy-makers about the rivers value. But Dorothy insists that we should all be guardians of the Saugatucket.

Dorothy's work earned her many awards and accolades from state and federal officials, and well as recognition

as the South Kingstown Parks and Recreation Department Volunteer-of-the-Year in 2001. She will certainly be hard to replace as the SRHCC president. (See Box, page 7)

Meanwhile Rich Youngken has stepped up from vice president to acting (interim) chair. The Board is reviewing priorities (see Board Retreat, page 6) and Galen McGovern has been retained as our first paid staff member on a part time basis to assist with grant writing and Rivers Council-funded storm water management projects.

River Walkway Progress

This month we are hoping to hear the good news that after years of waiting for designs to be complete and funded, the Saugatucket Walkway along Wakefield Pond and parallel to Main Street will go out for construction bids. This means that within two months a bid may be accepted and work will begin. We hope that this project will be constructed in 2003. We successfully lobbied for the ISTE A funds to remain in the state budget several years ago. The origins of the SRHCC and this exciting addition to Wakefield and the River are intertwined.

It was Kim Murdock and Rich Youngken who had the original idea for a walkway along the river as part of a Saugatucket River greenway plan. They submitted the original proposal as an \$500,000 ISTE A enhancement grant application a decade ago and developed the idea of a broad-based river coalition as the principal partner for implementation. The grant received a high rating and the project was given funding approval for the funds to be awarded to the Town of South Kingstown via RIDOT within an extended time frame.

The Town of South Kingstown adopted the project and included additional funds in the Town's Capital Budget. Subsequent lobbying by the SRHCC and others kept the project alive at the state level, while the Town painstakingly sorted out unforeseen legal issues with ownership of Wakefield Pond and the river bank, commissioned Albert Veri Associates to design the walkway, and obtained the necessary RIDEM permits.

We plan to be part of the celebrations this year for the project and to help care for the walkway and work on informational signage about the history and heritage of the site. Plans and specifications are available for viewing at the Town of South Kingstown Town Hall. We hope members will go to see them. Be sure to call the Town Planning Department for an appointment.

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

What is TMDL? Total Maximum Daily Load or TMDL establishes the maximum amount of a pollutant that may be introduced into a water body and still ensure accepted water quality standards are attained and maintained.

TMDL studies are required under Section 303 (d) of the federal Clean Water Act and the implementing regulations 40 CFR 130.7. The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reviews and approves TMDLs. Essentially, TMDLs are water quality restoration plans.

The water quality standard set for the Saugatucket is actually high. Portions of the river to the north of Saugatucket Road are classified as pristine and should retain a Class A water quality rating. Further downstream and south of the Peace Dale Pond dam the river has a Class B rating. Although not pristine in this area, the river still has significant habitat and recreational uses and should have water quality that allows for human contact. Certainly with more potential canoe and kayak use of the river and enjoyment of the new Walkway, water quality is a concern.

Unfortunately, the Saugatucket and its tributaries — Indian Run, Rocky Brook and Mitchell Brook — are all identified on Rhode Island's list of Impaired Waters. After wet days, they do not meet water quality standards for fecal coliform even though significant portions of the watershed are sewered. The presence of fecal coliform is used to indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms — including bacteria, viruses and other microorganisms associated with animal or human waste.

Obviously these pathogens may pose a threat to people who use the river for swimming, canoeing, kayaking or fishing. The latest TMDL studies for the river show that contact with the river should be limited after prolonged rainy weather as it is during wet weather that the fecal coliform counts exceed state health standards for specific portions of the river system. This is likely due to run off containing animal waste, although this has yet to be proved.

TMDL analyses will establish the maximum amount of pollution that the Saugatucket River and its tributaries can receive and still meet water quality standards. The TMDL studies are now nearly complete for the fresh water components of the river system.

Last summer, RIDEM began the TMDL studies for the saltwater estuarine components of the Saugatucket in the upper lobe of Point Judith Pond. We have long considered

the Saugatucket a major contributor to water quality in this area known as the Upper Pond. In fact Point Judith Pond, also known locally as Salt Pond, is the estuary of the river, with the Upper Pond in brackish condition with fresh river waters mixing with tidal salt water.

To date we have heard that the primary suspects for water quality failures in the river are bird and animal droppings including pet waste. While we admit that geese, ducks, pigeons, dogs and cats may be contributing to the problem, it is very hard to believe that the significant wet weather events or spikes in fecal coliform levels are mainly caused by wild and domestic animal waste. It is known that there are portions of the watershed that are not sewered, that when sewers were installed, property owners were not obliged to connect to the system and that the town created a municipal sewage sludge dump at the Rose Hill Landfill on the river. We continue to ask for clarification on these potential smoking guns.

Working for better water quality is a priority for us as a state-designated Watershed Council. To this end we will be participating with the Town of South Kingstown on storm water management planning, education, and implementation strategies. The Town of South Kingstown has just submitted a draft plan for addressing some of these water quality problems to the RIDEM. Entitled Phase II Storm Water Management Plan, this document, in its final form, will lay out a plan of action to address improving water quality. We hope to provide the Town with some assistance in formulating the final plan and also with the required educational outreach program.

After wet weather, significant fecal coliform have been found at the following sampling stations: Rocky Brook at Saugatucket Road; Asa Pond (downstream from the Rolling Acres subdivision); Indian Run at the Saint Dominic Savio, at Old Mountain Field, and at the Neighborhood Guild; Mitchell Brook at the Rose Hill Landfill; the Saugatucket at Church Street below the mill and River Bend, and at Main Street. The latter two were sampled below bridges where there have been pigeon rookeries. Explanations for the problem at other locations are being researched.

We will be hosting a public hearing with RIDEM on the final draft of the RIDEM plan Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Guild. Please join us for a presentation from the TMDL researchers and a public comment period. This will kick off our Spring lecture series on the river and the watershed (see Box, page 1).

Main Street East

Consultant Troy West has completed his visionary designs for remaking the commercial areas along Tower Hill Road from Date Carlia Corner to the Wakefield cutoff from Route 1 east of the Wakefield Mall. He calls this area Main Street East. The project was sponsored by the SRHCC with the support of the Rhode Island Foundation.

The design can be viewed at our headquarters and is striking for the boulevard treatment of the street. It proposes that new commercial and residential space be built on the Street edge, with generously wide sidewalks and on-street parking as on a traditional Main Street.

While the existing commercial space and businesses could remain, the plan envisions adding more space per lot and cutting back on parking spaces required by zoning. This cut back, with an allowance for adding more space, both commercial and residential, would create the business climate to build the improvements.

In addition to existing commercial uses, Troy envisions the area to be a great spot for market-rate and affordable housing, including artists' lofts and rental housing for students. Residential space in the commercial corridor as well as the urban design changes proposed will bring both traffic calming and a pedestrian quality to the area. It will also create a more pleasing gateway to historic Wakefield and Peace Dale with an upgrade of the commercial area.

Rivers Council Grants

The state Rivers Council has awarded the SRHCC \$5000 this year toward rental of our office space (which doubles as a meeting room for the coalition and some of our member groups). An additional \$ 1000 has been awarded by the Rivers Council to assist the SRHCC with several key education projects, including working on educational materials and programs for storm water management and TMDL water quality improvement projects. This funding and local matches from members will enable the SRHCC to hire Galen McGovern as part time staff.

Gafen will be able to work in our office part time each week, meet with town staff and help devise and implement an effective public outreach strategy. Galen comes to us from the RIDEM and the state Water Resources Board and has considerable experience in writing, grantsmanship, and water quality issues.

Thank you, Rhode Island Rivers Council!

We are particularly taken with the tree-lined boulevard plans for Tower Hill Road and the parking lots between the existing and new buildings. Here Troy envisions paving surfaces that will allow storm water to infiltrate rather than run-off to the existing catchment system.

The existing stormwater system catches most of the runoff from nearly 90 acres of pavement and channels it to Indian Run where it is discharged without any filtering at all. All the gasoline, grease, motor oil, radiator fluid, brake fluid, battery acid, brake lining, road salt, and tire residue from parked and moving vehicles ends up in Indian Run and the Saugatucket River. This is particularly egregious after a major storm.

Troy has presented his plans to several area business people with a favorable response. Coincidentally, the South Kingstown Town Planner, Steve Lysik, has proposed that the zoning and development regulations for this area be rewritten to allow concepts such as Troy's to be built. South Kingstown will soon be hiring consultants to review and update the Towers zoning and development regulations to enable improvements such as this project envisions to be built.

If you would like to see Troy's model and plans, call the SRHCC Office at 782-0149 to make an appointment.

Town Repairs Historic Bridge

The historic bridge at Columbia Street was repaired by the Town of South Kingstown during the summer. The original bridge had been built in the 1880s with very large paving stones to hold the weight of the traffic of the time. The structure was rehabilitated to carry a greater load. No change appears to have been made in the appearance of the bridge from the road bed.

This double-arched buttressed stone masonry bridge is a feature of our SRHCC logo (above). The bridge was designed by Rowland Hazard II and built in the 1880s to span Indian Run as it crosses under Columbia Street to flow into the Saugatucket. This is one of seven stone-arched bridges in Peace Dale designed by Rowland Hazard. These signature structures on the river and its tributaries are important elements of the cultural landscape of the watershed. Other stone bridges are located on the Church Street crossing of Indian Run, on the Railroad Avenue crossing of Rocky Brook, on the Kingstown Road crossing of the Saugatucket just below the Peace Dare Pond dam, and on Church Street as it crosses the river. The seventh bridge, located on Spring Street over Indian Run, is no longer standing.

The State of the River----

Eye on Growth, Change, and Loss of Character

We have said in our annual report to the state Rivers Council that, despite our efforts, there is still no change in the health status of the river and its tributaries. The Saugatucket Watershed is impaired, although we are making progress one baby step at a time!

The Saugatucket and its watershed continue to be one of South County's most threatened natural resources. Never before has the watershed been under such intense growth and development pressure. Due to the adopted Comprehensive Plan acknowledging the river as an asset, the Town of South Kingstown has taken some steps to promote river greenway conservation.

However, over 200 new homes have been built in the northern and formerly pristine reaches of the watershed within the last 5 years, including the large Watson Farm development on Saugatucket Road. Tracts of forested sands on slopes have been cleared for new housing development off Rose Hill Road. There has been some loss of forest cover for natural water retention and storm water run off control. Here the natural system has been replaced by an engineered system.

The Saugatucket River system is actually heavily influenced by the hand of man — going back to the early 1800s. The Hazards, Rodmans, and Robinsons, leading developers of the mills on the river, engineered portions of the system to create a steady flow of water power year-round. Areas were impounded as water reservoirs, such as Indian Lake, to enable release of stored water during dry weather. These systems, however, were engineered for tracts of forest and farmland, not housing developments.

Some have noticed that after storms and wet weather the ponds rise much faster than previously. The ponds also dry up much faster in times of dry weather. This may be an indication that some natural storm water retention systems have been lost. Despite town and RIDEM permits, we see a change in the way the system works. Another factor may be RIDEM policy to allow more water to flow through the raceway-canal from Peace Dale Pond than previously.

In addition to subdivision and new home construction in the northern watershed, several obtrusive new projects have been permitted in Peace Dale and Wakefield, including an out-of-character self storage facility on the river off Church Street.

A very important historic building — in all likelihood the oldest surviving structure in Peace Dale— the original Step-

ping Stones kindergarten / Rodman Farmhouse, was demolished despite efforts by the owners and concerned citizens to find a new site and use for the building. One of the things we learned through our tireless efforts and those of the Peace Dale Revitalization Committee to save the building is Town government must play a key role. We will continue to work to encourage the community to make historic preservation a higher priority (see Historic Resources, page 6). We were, however, able to arrange for the preparation of measured drawings, providing a valuable historic record of the building's existence.

Even new planning initiatives have been approved without consideration for the river and its tributaries. River-related water quality goals were removed from the final version of the newly adopted Peace Dale Revitalization Plan, which now largely ignores Rocky Brook — a major natural feature in the Peace Dale Flats area that is a tributary of the Saugatucket.

No substantial efforts have been made to date to include the upper reaches of the river in South Kingstown's open space planning, yet the Town of North Kingstown is working to conserve their portion of the area, acknowledging the sensitive and valuable nature of the pristine headwaters of the watershed.

We have much work to do on the education front! We hope South Kingstown's new conservation development regulations for subdivisions, known also as flexible zoning, will help preserve some of the character of the upper watershed. We shall move more aggressively for proactive open space conservation in the northern watershed. This means talking to property owners about the economic benefits land conservation may have for them. Efforts will also continue to conserve land on Peace Dale Pond. In cooperation with RIDEM and URI, we have submitted proposals to preserve and improve the health of the "Hazard/Olmsted" Forest off Broad Rock and Saugatucket Roads. We are also enthusiastic about the RIDEM TMDL studies and South Kingstown's draft Stormwater Management Plan. Narragansett is doing a similar plan for Point Judith Pond.

Under our state designation as a local Watershed Council, we shall take the opportunity afforded us under state law to comment on any updates to the Towns comprehensive plan regarding the watershed. Such comments will be aimed at both water quality and watershed character issues.

Preservation of Historic Resources Key to Community Character

We have focused on recreational trail development, river clean-ups, education on the natural habitat of the watershed, and water quality and can be proud of our progress. On the other hand, we have been moving ahead slowly in conserving the watershed's valuable historic resources.

The Saugatucket corridor is rich in historic man-made and natural features. Scholars have referred to the area as an important cultural landscape centered upon the Saugatucket and its tributaries. The National Park Service's National Heritage Area Program has developed an interesting program to assist in the conservation and development of such areas. We are exploring this program and how it may benefit our work. We shall work with the Pettaquamscutt Historical Society on this project. Time is of the essence.

We have lost a number of important buildings in Wakefield and Peace Dale over the years. However, this fall, the Greek Revival cupola, and weather vane, important architectural features of the Peace Dale Mill, were completely removed for restoration. According to Gary Guarriello, work is proceeding slowly and carefully. The Guarriello family, who has owned the mill for many years, has done much to preserve the complex.

The famous landscape architect Charles Eliot's well-known driveway landscape "Waterway" in Peace Dale is located adjacent to the headrace canal near the stone watering troughs and library. Clearing of vegetation south of the dam has exposed to view this wonderful area. The Homestead is undergoing sensitive renovations, as is the valuable Olmsted-designed landscape at the Homestead, even though portions have been subdivided. The famous Daniel Chester French bronze *bas relief* sculpture on the Peace Dale Library lawn was cleaned but not without a fight over an unsympathetic landscape plan. Luckily, the plan seems to have been shelved.

The Town of South Kingstown has appointed a Peace Dale Mill reuse committee. We've heard that consultants are being sought who have historic preservation backgrounds. There are several tax incentive programs available to assist in adaptive use and help historic buildings keep their value.

Preservation projects are proceeding on Main Street in Wakefield. Witness Howard Goldsmith's renovation to the old Post Office and the Sawmill on Robinson Street and Kenyon's on Main Street. Caleb Davis restored his Queen

Anne "Old Friends Antiques" building, the Bells painted the Bell Block and Wayne Cahoon has rescued the block of buildings from Robinson Street to the old First National Bank building. The building that housed the old surf shop near the Wakefield dam has been completely restored and now houses a very fine meat market and deli. Other buildings have been painted and spruced up, including numerous village houses on Robinson and nearby streets in the Kenyon Avenue neighborhood and on High Street. This is a sign that village life in historic Wakefield and Peace Dale is attractive and worth the investment.

There are some in town who have negative opinions of the practice and benefits associated with saving historic buildings and their architectural features. Some in policy making positions have the false impression that historic preservation is an undue burden, costly and of little benefit.

Savvy communities have used preservation as a tool for economic revitalization due to the many overlapping tax advantages for such an investment. The primary National Register historic districts of Peace Dale and Wakefield remain without any historical zoning or demolition delay protection. There is much to do in the way of education to ensure the investment being made so historic buildings keep their value as the area grows. New growth can fit in and complement the historic buildings if it is carefully planned and organized.

— Richard Youngken

Board Retreat

The SRHCC Board retreated for a bright sunny February snow-filled Saturday to review our accomplishments, organizational benefits, and to strategize for future work. The sessions were led by a riverway enthusiast, consultant and group facilitator, Judith Wagner, of the Massachusetts-based Center for Conservation Leadership.

The Board was able to set priorities for 2003 and will be finalizing an exciting work plan, which will include more opportunities to participate in river activities. Stay tuned!

Open Space

The South Kingstown Land Trust (SKLT), one of our great allies and a member organization, has been slowly moving ahead with land conservation within the northern watershed. The Forman family has provided a major tract of land for conservation north of Saugatucket Road through the selling of development rights. (Thank you Sheila!!) This large open and wooded parcel is located just to the west of the new Rose Hill golf club and course.

in a highly desirable location for development. With undeveloped land to the north, east, and south, it is a linking element within the Saugatucket greenway along the river and its tributaries.

We hope to fill in the puzzle of private parcels. Further to the north are large tracts of agricultural lands and forest cover associated with the headwaters of the river. The Town of North Kingstown is working to conserve a large tract of many parcels north of Route I 38 at the headwaters of the river. This pristine area is home to a variety of wildlife — including some rare species.

Meanwhile the Town of North Kingstown has taken measures to restrict the total number of new houses that can be built throughout the area. The southern part of North Kingstown has become a highly desirable location for new development.

In the southern watershed, contributing to Point Judith Pond and the River's estuary, many more parcels have been conserved over the years by the SKLT, including parcels in the Matunuck Hills area, along Route 1 and east of Old Post Road. Still there is much work to be done along the western shore of Point Judith Pond from Old Post Road east. Unfortunately, a sensitive parcel just west of Pond Street has been lost to a development.

The Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust has also worked to save Sunset Farm, south of Briggs Farm, an open space extending west to Point Judith Pond.

Thoughts from an Outgoing President

Because the Saugatucket forms the western boundary of my property in Peace Dale and I enjoy canoeing, it enriched my appreciation of my own home and neighborhood to learn more about this significant ecological resource, the names of its birds and fishes, its features and its challenges.

I particularly enjoyed learning how the river was key to the history of our town and how water-powered industry and a couple of key families created the beautiful and historic infrastructure we still enjoy: stone bridges and mills, parks and protected space, so much more.

Becoming a spokesperson for the river gave me the opportunity to develop public speaking skills I had never used before. At first, I wrote down every word. Eventually, I became less shy and capable of speaking intelligently about the river to all different sorts of groups.

I learned who makes decisions that affect the river and its watershed at the local, state, and federal levels. These hard-working and involved folks were extremely generous with their time and expertise to help a novice and non-scientist understand and become more effective as a river advocate.

Probably most important, Saugatucket work has given me a chance to meet *you*, literally hundreds of concerned community members—neighbors, merchants, teachers, schoolchildren, Boy and Girl Scouts and leaders, North and South Kingstown Town Council members and Town officials, and the leaders and volunteers of other watershed, land trust, and community groups in South County. It provides a deep, warm feeling to be on a first-name basis with so many of you. Getting to know you has been a real pleasure and a gift for which I am extremely grateful.

There are times in each of our lives when volunteer work has to take a back seat to closer concerns. I find myself, for now, in such a situation. Of course, I worry about “my Saugatucket” and who will be her champions. I wish I could retire now and do this work full-time, but alas! I won't be able to do that for another decade.

It is my fond hope that others will see ways working for the Saugatucket can enhance and enrich their lives the way it did mine — even in new ways specific to them and yet to be discovered! For me, it was and will always be a labor of love. Could it be for you?

Dorothy Devine

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www.saugatucket.org

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All who care about the Saugatucket are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings at 333 Main Street, Wakefield, the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

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_____ Land Acquisition & Protection

_____ Grant Writing, Fundraising & Membership

_____ Self-Guided History/Ecology Tour Design

_____ Attending/Reporting on Relevant Town Meetings

Questions? Ideas? Call us at 782-0149

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Here are some other ways I can help (please specify):