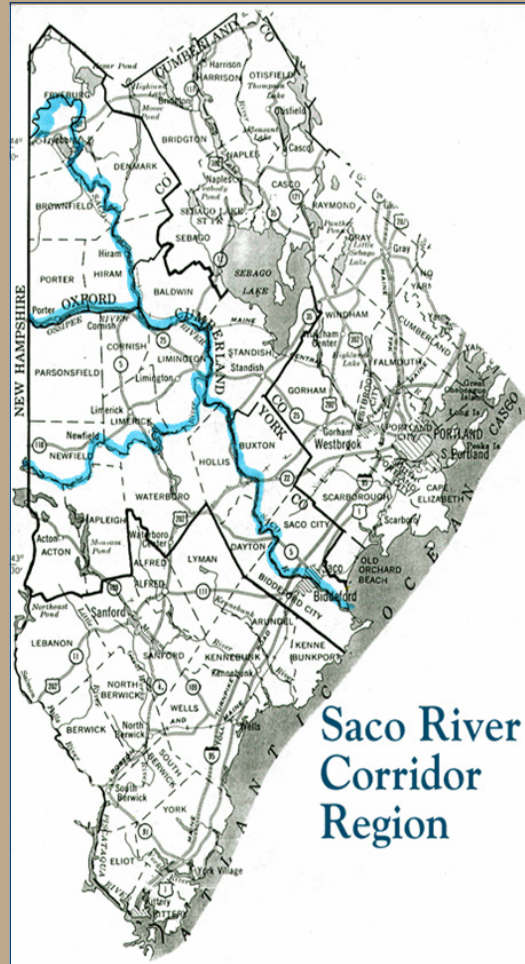


## Help us keep the Saco River Watershed Clean

*“Except for floods and drought, we ignore water. For over a generation most North Americans have seldom had to think about it. It comes to our taps when called. It drains away to somewhere else . . . Like good health, we ignore water when we have it. But like health, when water is threatened, it’s the only thing that matters. Fresh water is the blood of our land, the nourishment of our forests and crops, the blue and shining beauty at the heart of our landscape . . . Where there is no water, there is no life. A healthy human being can live for a month without food, but will die in less than a week without fresh water. We live by the grace of water.”*

*- National Geographic Society*



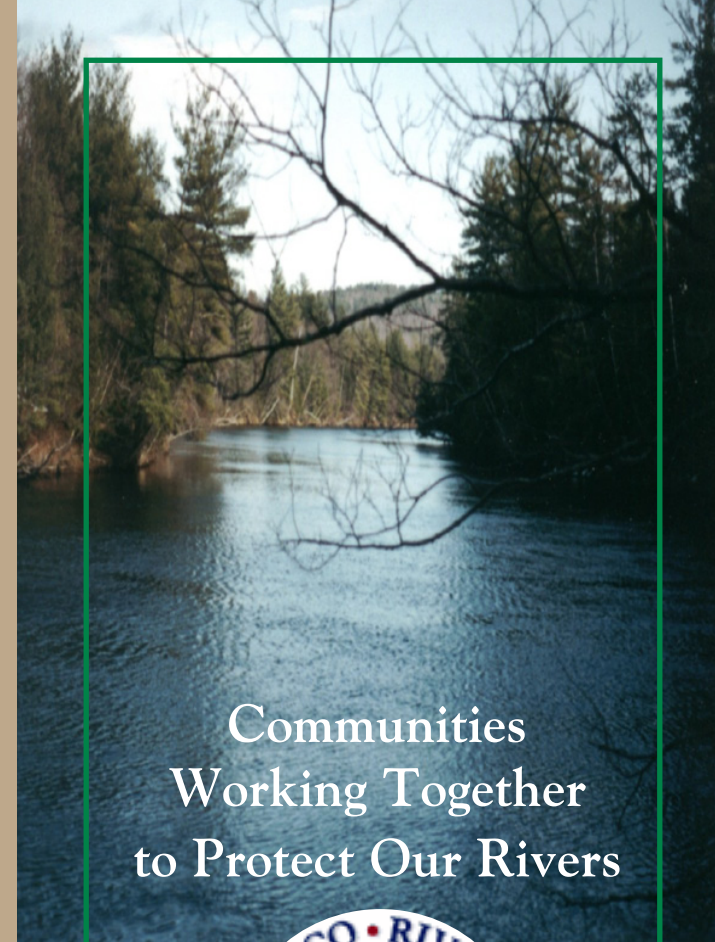
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# Commonly Asked Questions:

## Q. How do I know if I need a permit?

A. The Corridor includes all lands within 500 feet on each side of the riverbank. If the 100 year floodplain extends farther than 500 feet, the Corridor follows the floodline up to 1,000 feet from the riverbank. You are required by State Law to obtain a permit if you are proposing to develop within the Corridor. While there are certain uses that are allowed without a permit, it is always wise to check with the Commission office before you begin any activity. Beginning construction without a permit is a violation of the law.

## Q. Where do I get a permit?

A. You can reach us by phone, mail or e-mail (see below). Our website contains valuable information, along with the permit application. The Commission meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month to review the applications. You must have your application to our office by the first Wednesday of each month to have it brought before the Commission that month.

## Q. What is the fee for filing an application?

A. A fee schedule can be obtained from our website or by contacting our office. While there is a different charge for each type of development, the typical permit fee for new development rarely exceeds \$150.

## Q. When my application is approved, how long do I have to complete my project?

A. Your approved permit is good for two years, after which time you can request an extension for two additional years to complete your project.

## Q. What if I have additional questions?

A. Commission staff is available to explain the process, walk you through the paperwork or answer questions about the natural resources on your land.

## Q. What towns are included in the Corridor?

A. Acton, Baldwin, Biddeford, Brownfield, Buxton, Cornish, Dayton, Denmark, Fryeburg, Hiram, Hollis, Limerick, Limington, Newfield, Parsonsfield, Porter, Saco, Shapleigh, Standish and Waterboro are part of the Corridor, also included in the corridor are Lake Arrowhead and Balch Lake.

## Q. Why is it important to regulate growth along these rivers?

A. Clean water and clean rivers and lakes are vital to our communities' future and the quality of life we pass on to our children. The river has supplied the needs of many people over the years by acting as a source of power for industries, a recreational resource for people of all ages, and a source of drinking water to the cities at its mouth; namely, Biddeford, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Old Orchard Beach, Saco, and part of Scarborough. You need only see the improvement of our water quality to see the success we have had. By controlling adverse development, we help to preserve these qualities.



*A must read for anyone living along or planning development\* along the Saco, Ossipee or Little Ossipee River.*

It is impossible to overstate the value and importance of clean water for people and wildlife. We can't live without it. Our health, quality of life and economy depend on it.

We believe, and hope that you will agree, that it is in part because of our regulatory and water quality monitoring efforts that the waterways along the corridor remain some of the cleanest in Maine. We encourage you to contact us for more information about possible ways you can participate.

The Saco River Corridor Commission was formed by legislative action in 1973. The Commission regulates development along the Saco River, Ossipee River, Little Ossipee River, including Balch Lake and Lake Arrowhead in the 20 communities that border these waterways. The Commission Board is composed of volunteers from the 20 communities in the Saco River Corridor.

*\* Development is any type of activity that involves earthmoving, grading, dredging, filling, building, construction or mining operation, timber harvesting and agricultural utilization, for commercial or residential use.*