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WAYNE
LD 646

Dear Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and
Representatives Bell, Ankeles, Bridgeo, Doudera, Gramlich, Osher, Rielly and Terry,

I am writing in support of LD No. 646, Resolve, Establishing the Commission to
Study Unregulated Storm Water Pollution.

Stormwater runoff can contain phosphorus, nitrogen, pesticides, and other toxins, all
of which degrade water quality of our lakes, streams and other waterways.

In the 30 Mile River Watershed which includes 25 lakes, ponds and streams, erosion
from stormwater runoff is a major concern. Water quality in Androscoggin Lake (the
largest) has significantly degraded in the last four years due to algal blooms fed
largely by erosion from stormwater. The increasing severity of storms only
exacerbates this problem in every watershed in Maine. Having volunteered in four
watershed surveys in the last 12 years, I have seen evidence of runoff into every one
of the lakes surveyed.

My husband and I have lived in Wayne year round for 40 years. Stormwater is not
just an issue for lakefront property owners; it affects quality of life for anyone who
cares about wildlife, fisheries, recreation or simply the beauty of Maine's watersheds.

Please vote in favor of this resolve.

Respectfully,

Diana McLaughlin, Board member of Lovejoy Pond Improvement Association and 30
Mile River Watershed Association