

Testimony in Support of LD 1132
An Act to Further Protect Low-impact Landscaping
Presented to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Esteemed Members of the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary:

My name is Sue Stableford. I am a resident of a condo association in Brunswick, Maine. I am here to strongly support LD 1132, An Act to Further Protect Low-impact Landscaping.

I am also here as a 10 year member of the Brunswick Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission. Participation on this town Commission has allowed me to become well educated about the need to protect the waters that surround us. This means also protecting the land around these waters.

Not only are we surrounded by water, Brunswick also sits atop 8 watersheds that eventually empty into these same rivers and coastal waters. Water, water everywhere ...

Keeping these waters clean plays an essential role in the well-being of our community. Many use them to make a living – fishing, clamming, and farming oysters. Our school students use them to learn about marine environments and responsible stewardship. Our residents and tourists alike use them for recreational enjoyment.

I would like to exercise my individual rights to help protect these uses. I swim all summer in one of our bays, enjoy eating oysters raised in another bay, and kayak on the Androscoggin River.

I do not want pesticides used on my lawn or grounds – pesticides that seep into the soil, travel into our waters, and then threaten the health of all marine life. Condominium owners and others living in homeowner associations should have the same rights to protect our environment as do individual homeowners. LD 1132 would give us those rights.

Please vote to pass LD 1132.

Thank you, and a special thank you to Senator Daughtry.