

# Creating Municipal Source Protection

Building on Existing Programs

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# Learning to lean on the locals

- Maine has a strong tradition of town government
- Most land use decisions are made at the town level
- There is often fierce local resistance to “mandates” from the state and federal levels.

# Tools adaptable to source protection

- PL 761 gave Water Suppliers a better status in their source protection areas
- Comprehensive planning/ “sprawl” initiatives
- 319 Watershed management funds
- NEMO program
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts

# Early Lessons

- Persistent education for both suppliers and municipal officials
- Market successes: Boothbay
- Also market failures: Windham
- Locate and nurture local leaders
- Emphasize the common ground

