

## Glossary

**401 Water Quality Permit** – permit allowing the discharge of water into a waterbody, under Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act

**Clean Water Act impairment**—official status of a waterbody that does not meet standards for biological, chemical or physical integrity and that available pollution controls currently cannot maintain.

**conservation easement**-- a legal agreement between a landowner and a qualified conservation organization or agency in the form of a deed that permanently protects the land from harmful development.

**MS4** – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems [Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Sources | US EPA](#)

**watershed**-- an area of land that drains all the streams and rainfall to a common outlet. The Piscassic River watershed is a subwatershed of the Lamprey River watershed. The Lamprey River watershed is a subwatershed of Great Bay.