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Community members clean up Exeter's Little River

Students clean up river edge

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Mark Prescott, 17, of Fremont, left, and Robert Nickerson, 17, of Newton, both students at Seacoast School of Technology, join with students from Phillips Exeter Academy and residents of RiverWoods at Exeter, for a spring clean-up picking up litter around the Little River in Exeter led by Squamscott Community Commons.

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trails behind the old junior high and high school buildings on Linden Street. The Exeter Area Junior High School is to be demolished, with approximately 80 percent recycled and put into the 81,000-square-foot "green" community center that will house local non-profit organizations and a YMCA.

"We take this stewardship responsibility very seriously. There are a number of aspects to the project that make this very unique for the area and very cutting edge," said Kate Donald, sustainability coordinator of Squamscott Community Commons, discussing the green aspects of the project that include porous asphalt.

"Part of that includes stewardship of this river," Donald added.

To kick off the event, local river expert Pete Richardson, of the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee and Conservation Commission, filled students in on the Exeter River Watershed and why it is important to protect.

The Exeter River flows through about 10 towns, is 33 miles long and 108 square miles. Its water flows through Great Bay and on to the Piscataqua River, ending up in the Gulf of Maine, Richardson said.

"They are all interconnected to the Little River in Exeter," he said. "All of this stuff gets transported down the river but as we add chemicals and more we hurt the animals, which supply us with oxygen and food ...; today we'll discover how human behavior impacts our water bodies."

The 20 student volunteers worked in small groups, collecting trash and clearing minor brush from the riverbanks and trails, which they gathered in bags and brought to Linden Street to be picked up by the Exeter Department of Public Works.

Seacoast School of Technology students documented the project for their digital communications class and plan to create a documentary to raise awareness. Their teacher Kristine Groleau said groups of digital communications students are working on a number of community video projects and the group that participated in Wednesday's clean-up thought the project would make an interesting documentary. She said the film could be used within SST and even shown on the town's Channel 22.

Phillips Exeter Academy students participated in the clean-up as part of community action day at the academy. Some of the students Wednesday said they had not heard of Squamscott Community Commons, but were glad to hear about the community center and its future plans and to take part in its progress.

"At the academy you get busy and tend to stay on campus," said student Alex Manfull of Portsmouth. "It's nice to be involved in the community."

Mary Ellen Morse of Stratham, who retired last year from 20 years teaching in Exeter, said she has been looking for places to put her time.

"For this community, it's here," she said. "This is really fun to see the community and kids getting involved."

Morse said she taught between Exeter High School and the Exeter Area Junior High School during her years in Exeter.

"It's time for the building to go," she said. "I have no regrets. It served its purpose well and wasn't



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salvageable. Plus I love seeing what's going to be coming here. That's what's really wonderful."

Donald said Squamscott Community Commons plans to work with the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee and the Conservation Commission to determine the best time of year to work in the river. She said they'll head out once again and continue collecting debris and trash from within the water.

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