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## Town cooperation to improve Dudley Pond

TO THE EDITOR:

We've read a lot lately about various town boards just not being able to work together and we read letters in this newspaper from citizens criticizing one board or another.

Although we can't please all of the people all of the time, I wanted to share some news about phenomenal cooperation going on in town right now.

In 2004, the Dudley Pond Association (DPA) sponsored the submission of a grant through the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection for "Dudley Pond Stormwater Improvements." Because the DPA is not a government entity, the \$71,000 grant was submitted by the Board of Selectmen and awarded to the town of Wayland. This is a multi-faceted project with long-term effects on the quality of the water in Dudley Pond.

This past February a public hearing was held by the Wayland Conservation Commission on the Notice of Intent filed on behalf of the town of Wayland seeking approval for two tasks under the grant. The Conservation Commission unanimously approved the plan.

A bioretention cell has been designed and will be constructed to treat stormwater runoff from the paved areas of the Middle School and the Highway Department. Bioretention cells are shallow landscaped depressions that incorporate plantings and an engineered soil mixture with a high filtration rate. They control runoff volume and timing and can remove pollutants through the physical, chemical and biological processes that occur in plants, soil and mulch.

The stormwater that drains to the bioretention cell will be ponded in a shallow depression, percolate through the planting material and discharged via a catch basin and culvert that flows under Main Street and drains into the wetland and ultimately into Dudley Pond.

The outlet area has been redesigned to slow the velocity of the water coming through the culvert. A degraded section of the outlet and stream channel will be restored and stabilized using rock and turf reinforced mat and replanted with a native wetland seed mix.

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will survey the pond's milfoil growth to assess the development of milfoil beds. Based on this site visit, we are optimistic that a milfoil bed in a cove on the eastern end of the pond (Ted Williams Cove) will be a suitable weevil stocking site. These weevils eat only Eurasian water milfoil, an exotic invasive plant.

The Dudley Pond Association is currently working on the educational component of the grant and hopes to have something on Way-Cam's "Community Bear" before and during the construction.

This multi-faceted project is a joint effort of many town entities and has been funded by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Dudley Pond Association. The Board of Selectmen applied for the grant, the bioretention cell will be installed on School Department property, the outlet restoration will occur on conservation land, the Highway Department will donate equipment and manpower for the restoration of the outlet area, the Police Department has agreed to provide the special trail during reconstruction of the outlet, and we're hopeful that WayCam will add this project to programming.

I simply wanted to let readers know that although we may not

always agree on everything, town boards, neighborhood associations and private citizens can work together and can accomplish things for the good of the town. I'd like to thank all the town departments involved in this project for their continuing support in our efforts to preserve the water quality of Dudley Pond.

Judy Curtier

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### **Thank you for your support of Battle of the Bands fund-raiser**

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Interact Club of Weston and Wayland and the Rotary Club of Weston and Wayland we would like to extend our most sincere appreciation for all the support we received for our March 17 "Weston versus Wayland Battle of the Bands" fund-raiser for the town of Wayland's adopted sister city, Hurricane Katrina-ravaged Waveland, Miss.

In addition to all the bands, a cappella groups and soloists, the students of Weston and Wayland high schools, their families and friends and all "groupies" who supported and attended this great evening, we would like to extend a very big *thank you* to all of you

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