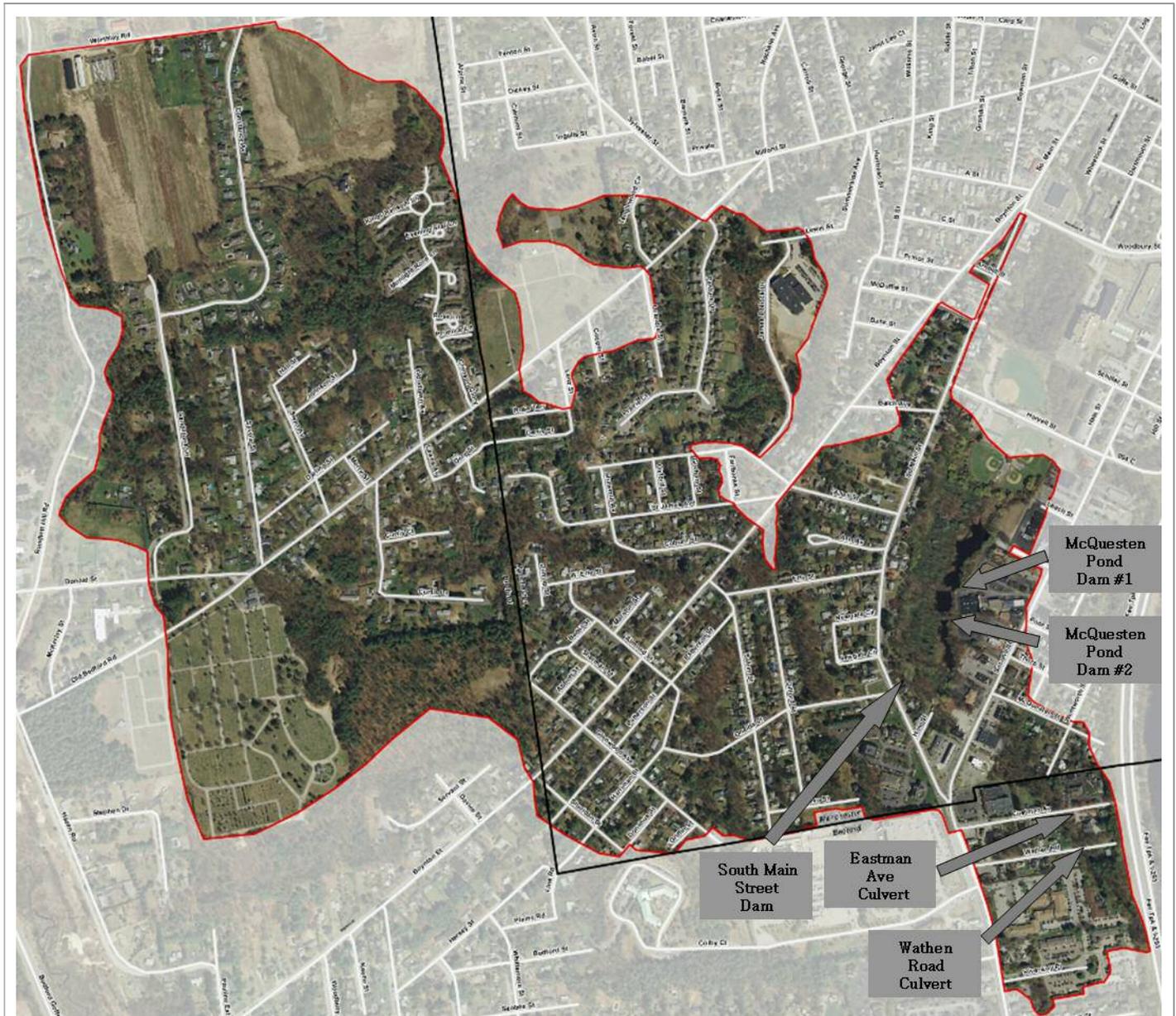


McQuesten by the Numbers

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563 acres	Over 193 acres or 34 percent of the watershed are covered by impervious surfaces. Negative impacts to water resources and the communities within them occur once a watershed reaches 10 percent impervious cover.
330 catch basins	This means that there are 330 ways for stormwater carrying litter, fertilizer, pet waste, oil, sediment, yard clippings, and other contaminants to flow directly into McQuesten Brook and McQuesten Pond .
50 volunteers	Volunteers include individuals from Anheuser-Busch, City of Manchester, Town of Bedford, Trout Unlimited Merrimack Valley Chapter, Manchester Flyfishing Association, NH Department of Environmental Services, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, and neighbors working on clean-up events and serving on the McTeam Steering Committee.
fifteen fourteen road crossings	There are fourteen (one was removed in 2015) habitat fragmentation and stream constriction sites in the watershed or, through replacement and restoration, there are fourteen opportunities to improve the flow and fish passage.
thirteen subwatersheds	This means that there are thirteen McQuesten watershed community neighborhoods identified to rise up to meet the restoration challenge.
(over) a dozen partner organizations	Partners and supporters include the NH Department of Environmental Services, NH Fish and Game Department, City of Manchester, Manchester Urban Ponds Restoration Program, Town of Bedford, River Network, Anheuser-Busch, Samuel P. Hunt Foundation, Manchester Flyfishing Association, Trout Unlimited Merrimack Valley Chapter, Ducks Unlimited, Amoskeag Fishways, and University of New Hampshire
four ZERO dams	There are ZERO places where flowing water is impounded, gets warmer, and loses oxygen. Four dams were removed through grants from the NH Department of Environmental Services.
two communities	Coordination across city and town lines can be challenging but not in this case: Bedford and Manchester have come together through the McTeam and have pledged tremendous in-kind support and other resources for the restoration effort.
two NOW ONE waterbody	With the four dams, one barrier, and two culverts removed (one replaced with a bridge), the watershed is now connected as a single waterbody: McQuesten Brook . Vital oxygen and connectivity is restored for water quality and the native brook trout population.
one watershed	Our goal is for the McQuesten watershed to be a healthy and fully functioning system capable of supporting the native brook trout population while providing this busy and highly populated Manchester and Bedford neighborhood with floodwater storage and an oasis for bird watching, fishing, and connecting with nature in a cool, green place .



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