



# Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District

## 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

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### PRE SUMPSCOT WATERSHED INITIATIVE GRANT ASSISTS LOCAL FARM

Over the past two years, the District has worked with several farms through the Agricultural Improvements Program, which is part of the Presumpscot Watershed Initiative Grant. This Program serves to improve the water quality of the Presumpscot River and its watershed by providing cost sharing opportunities to watershed farms. Participating farms have installed watering systems and fencing to keep livestock out of local water bodies, planted vegetated buffers, and implemented Nutrient Management Plans.



A mechanical planter is used to plant 3,500 pines at the Walnut Crest Farm in Gorham.

Concerned about the impact their farm was having on the water quality of the Presumpscot River, the Rines family worked with the District to implement many water quality improvement projects at Walnut Crest Farm in Gorham. As a fourth generation farmer at Walnut Crest, Dale Rines realized traditional farming practices could be degrading the Presumpscot.

Among the improvements at Walnut Crest Farm were the installation of fencing, a livestock watering system, and a vegetated buffer along the River. Rines' mechanical planting machine planted 3,500 red and white pines in the fall of 2006. The next spring, 200 hardwood trees were planted along the Presumpscot's shoreline as part of a buffer planting workshop. Six hundred feet of fencing was installed to prevent 30-40 cattle from accessing the River for water, and a watering system was installed this past fall.



Cows drink from a newly installed watering system at the Walnut Crest Farm in Gorham.

The District is partnering with the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership and the Presumpscot River Watershed Coalition to carry out the Presumpscot Watershed Initiative Grant, a \$739,942 grant funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The scope of this project is to lower the overall sediment, bacteria, nutrient, and pesticide loads to the River. The following tasks are being implemented as part of the Grant: YardScaping, Stream Crossing Erosion Control & Culvert Replacement, Youth Conservation Corps, Golf Course Certification, Education & Outreach, and Water Quality Monitoring. For more information, call the District or visit <http://presumpscotcoalition.org/pwi.html>.

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## Regional Cooperation—Interlocal Stormwater Work Group

Stormwater flows across political boundaries, presenting an opportunity for a cooperative management approach. The following Cumberland County municipalities are subject to federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Phase II regulations, including: Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Gorham, Portland, Scarborough, South Portland, Westbrook, Windham, and Yarmouth. Mandated by Congress under the Clean Water Act, the NPDES Stormwater Program requires control measures to be implemented to prevent harmful pollutants from being washed by stormwater runoff into local water bodies.

The District continues to coordinate the successful “Interlocal Stormwater Work Group” (ISWG), which was formed in 2002 to address stormwater management issues and, ultimately, the NPDES Phase II regulations.

### 1. Public Education and Outreach

- Partnered with Maine DEP and regulated communities to coordinate the statewide “ThinkBlue Maine” media campaign.
- Began implementing a healthy lawn care pilot program that included the development of support materials including a website ([www.cumberlandsxcd.org/yardscape](http://www.cumberlandsxcd.org/yardscape)), fact sheets, brochures, a poster, and a newspaper ad. Presentations were made at homeowner’s associations as well as through Adult Education programs in Windham, Westbrook, South Portland, Yarmouth, and Falmouth.
- As part of the healthy lawn care pilot program, a point of sale effort was implemented in four stores in the City of South Portland. Through this successful one year pilot, it was determined that YardScape materials are a great way to meet the demand for sound advice about environmentally sustainable lawn care methods, which helped stores sell such products.

### 2. Post-Construction

- ISWG provided input to the Maine Municipal Association for the development of a model post construction ordinance. Communities will need to adopt the ordinance or another mechanism by June 2009 to ensure compliance with their NPDES permits.

In addition, the group worked cooperatively with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the other regulated communities to negotiate the new five year NPDES permit. The new permit must be in place by July 1, 2008.



The Interlocal Stormwater Work Group's YardScaping display at Gorham Days in August.

### “YardScape: Healthy Lawn Care Made Simple” Classes Now Available



Tamara Lee Pinard teaches a “YardScape” class through Adult Education.

Take a minute and think about your lawn. Think about the time and money you put into making it look great. A lot of that time and money is spent on chemicals such as pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. What do you actually need for a lush green lawn that is safe for kids and pets? The answer may surprise you.

The Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District can help. The class “YardScape: Healthy Lawn Care Made Simple!” will give you the information and resources needed to have the lawn you want without relying on chemicals. You will discover how to create a self-sustaining lawn that safeguards the health of your family while saving you time and money. Whether you maintain your own lawn or hire a professional, this is the class for you.

The two hour class will provide broad information about natural lawn care, as well as address individual questions and concerns that are specific to your lawn. Past participants have described

the class as “wonderful” and providing “so much valuable information.” The class is being offered through adult education programs throughout southern Maine with offerings from February through May. For more information call the District or visit our website.

## Maine Harvest Lunch Program Expands

The annual Maine Harvest Lunch program began in 2003 as an effort to incorporate locally grown foods into school meals. Gorham schools have participated in the event since its inception, serving an entirely locally produced menu one day in September. On this day, the average distance food travels between field and fork is reduced from 2,500 miles to less than 300 miles. Prior to the Lunch, students learn about the importance of supporting the local food system through lessons that emphasize that by reducing the distance our food travels, we eat food that is fresher, more nutritious, helps to preserve open space, reduces fuel use, and ultimately keep jobs in Maine. Students also participate in a district-wide creative poster contest to illustrate the importance of eating foods grown near their home.



Sarah Plummer, Education Coordinator, teaches Gorham first graders about different varieties of locally grown tomatoes.

According to Ron Adams, Director of the Gorham School Nutrition Program, hot lunch purchases historically increase 33% and teachers “rave about the quality of the food” the day of the event. Adams continues to incorporate local produce into his menus, which was developed as a collaborative effort between the District, the Gorham School Nutrition Program, Gorham teachers and parent volunteers, PROP’s Communities Promoting Health Coalition (*a Healthy Maine Partnership*) and Farm Fresh Connection.

This successful program has grown in scope and popularity, even earning a visit from Maine’s First Lady, Karen Baldacci, in 2006. In 2007, Governor Baldacci and the Departments of Agriculture and Education publicly supported the initiative when they declared September 24th “Maine Harvest Day,” encouraging schools state-wide to serve locally grown food in their cafeterias.

The District continues to work with partners to spearhead the expansion effort in Cumberland County. Organizers place a strong emphasis on educating students about the importance of locally grown foods prior to eating the locally grown fare. A K-8 curriculum, “Maine Food for Maine Kids,” has been developed and was presented to students in Gorham and Falmouth schools in September. The District and partners continue to revise the Curriculum and plan to make it available state-wide this fall. A curriculum training was offered to University of Southern Maine teaching students and plans are underway to offer a similar training to participating schools in the early fall. For more information, contact Sarah Plummer by calling the District or by email at [sarah-plummer@cumberlandswcd.org](mailto:sarah-plummer@cumberlandswcd.org).

## Water Education Field Day at Gray-New Gloucester Schools

This past spring, the District worked with the Gray-New Gloucester High School and Middle School as part of the Libby Brook Conservation Project. High school students in Peter Reaman’s Ecology class participated in several water quality sampling events and also participated in a unique learning experience with their neighboring middle school.

Small groups of Ecology class students became experts in the following areas: watersheds, non-point source pollution, wetlands, macroinvertebrates, and water quality testing (including turbidity, pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and flow rate). They prepared materials and presentations as part of a research activity on their topic. Each group arranged an outdoor station around the middle and high school grounds, and on the morning of May 23rd, Sean Curran and Julie Brown’s sixth grade students rotated through the stations. Students from both schools learned a great deal about water quality topics through this experience. The high school students also gained valuable experience teaching younger learners. We hope to replicate this successful event again this spring!



Gray-New Gloucester Middle School students learn about turbidity as Ecology students from Gray-New Gloucester High School test this water quality parameter on the waters of Libby Brook.

## Conservation Projects

The goal of these projects is to reduce erosion and other nonpoint source (NPS) pollution through conservation practices and public awareness, which foster long-term stewardship. Below are the Conservation Projects currently underway at the District.

### Presumpscot Watershed Initiative Grant

- 16 stream crossings stabilized in Windham, Cumberland, Standish, Portland, Westbrook, & Falmouth
- 4 Gorham farms participated in the Agricultural Improvements Program
- Over 4,000 trees planted to restore & enhance riparian areas along the River and its tributaries
- 16 sites addressed by the Presumpscot River Youth Conservation Corps

### Upper New Meadows River Watershed Implementation Project

- 5 steering committee meetings held
- 4 technical assistance visits
- YardScaping, road drainage, and water quality protection workshops
- Watershed tour of completed projects
- Presentation on Project and buffers provided to the Town of Brunswick for broadcasting
- Project ended in December 2007 with over \$100,000 generated as match



Before

A specialized culvert was installed at a stream crossing site on Laskey Road in Windham as part of the Presumpscot Watershed Initiative Grant. The bottom of the aluminum culvert is buried in the streambed, making it more conducive to fish passage.



After

### Little Sebago Lake Conservation Project

- 30 technical assistance visits
- 8 road and residential improvement projects
- 6 Native Plant Matching Grants
- 25 sites addressed by the Little Sebago Lake Youth Conservation Corps in summer of 2007
- Little Sebago Lake Association presentation
- Windham Town Council presentation



### Forest Lake Conservation Project

- 19 technical assistance visits
- 4 residential matching grants
- Steering committee formed; 3 meetings held
- "Buffers Benefit" pilot program established; 19 residents pledged to plant in spring 2008
- Forest Lake Association Annual Meeting presentation
- 2 road association presentations to discuss road improvements through grant

### Highland Lake (Bridgton) Watershed Improvement Project

- 8 improvement projects
- 20 residential matching grants
- Watershed tour of completed projects
- Collaboration with Lakes Environmental Association, Town of Sweden, & Portland Water District to address sites in Sweden

## Thomas Pond Conservation Project

- 12 technical assistance visits
- 6 residential improvement projects
- Casco and Raymond Community Watershed Forum held; 70 participants attended
- Watershed Stewards Program training session held on invasive aquatic plant identification
- Town of Raymond Select Board presentation
- Raymond Waterways Protective Association presentation
- Youth Conservation Corps training at residential site to implement conservation practices
- Volunteer participation at a residential site to implement conservation practices



## Libby Brook Conservation Project

- 5 technical assistance visits
- 7 improvement projects
- Classroom presentations & sampling events with Gray-New Gloucester High School & Middle School
- 3 sites addressed by Royal River Youth Conservation Corps
- Watershed tour of completed projects

## Hancock & Sand Ponds Conservation Project

- 10 technical assistance visits
- Steering committee formed; 2 meetings held
- Project fact sheet developed and distributed to watershed landowners
- 1 gravel road maintenance workshop
- Hancock & Sand Ponds Association Meeting presentation

## Watershed Surveys

The goal of these projects is to identify and prioritize erosion sites throughout the watershed that have an impact on water quality, and to recommend conservation practices to reduce erosion. The District is currently involved in one of these projects with three more coming online in spring 2008.

### Pleasant Lake & Parker Pond Watershed Survey

- Steering committee formed; 3 meetings held
- Volunteer survey work completed; 64 sites identified
- Survey information entered into database
- Draft report completed
- Pollution load estimates completed for high & medium impact sites

## Highland Lake (Windham & Falmouth) Conservation Project

- 43 technical assistance visits
- 2 residential matching grants
- 7 road improvement projects
- 1 new road association established
- 6 watershed boundary signs installed
- 3 settling basin signs installed
- 9 sites addressed by the Youth Conservation Corps

## Long Lake Watershed Improvement Project

- 20 technical assistance visits
- 4 road and beach improvement projects
- 1 buffer planting workshop held with Bridgton Academy students
- 15 sites addressed by Long Lake Youth Conservation Corps during inaugural 2007 season



## Watershed Project Highlight:

### Naples Town Beach & Long Lake Improved through Joint Efforts

Several years ago, the Town of Naples removed a retaining wall along the lakeshore at the town beach on Long Lake. Over time the unstable shoreline continuously eroded, sending a tremendous amount of soil into Long Lake and threatening its water quality. The eroding shoreline also exposed gnarled tree roots and created an unsightly and potentially unsafe swimming area.

Through the Long Lake Watershed Improvement Project, funding was provided to stabilize the shoreline at the beach. In the fall of 2006, the Town of Naples contracted with Mason Property Services to grade the bank to a stable slope and replace the existing riprap that had slipped into the water. Mason Property Services donated the labor and machinery needed to complete the project, which totaled over \$5,000.

The Long Lake Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) returned to the site in June 2007 to complete the project. The Patriot's Day Storm had taken a toll on the beach, so in addition to planting a buffer and installing infiltration steps, the crew extended the existing riprap to further stabilize the site. It took the YCC two days to hand place 11 yards of 6-inch riprap, install four infiltration steps, plant 74 native plants, and spread three yards of mulch.

Derik Goodine, Naples Town Manager, says of the finished project, "I am pretty proud of how the town beach looks now. It actually looks like a beach for the first time since I have been here in Naples."



From top: Naples Town Beach before work, the YCC crew plants a buffer on the Beach, and a section of the completed project.

## Long Creek Planning Project

During the past year, the District has been involved with the Long Creek Planning Project. The Project serves as a stakeholder process to develop a restoration plan for Long Creek and its watershed so it meets quality standards under state and federal law.

Long Creek does not meet required state water quality standards. It receives runoff from the Maine Mall area, which contains a large amount of impervious surface due to businesses and industries. As a result, municipalities within the Long Creek Watershed (South Portland, Westbrook, Portland, and Scarborough) must take steps to restore the Creek's water quality, which may require watershed landowners to implement fixes on their properties.

The City of South Portland has received a federal grant to partner with other watershed municipalities and stakeholders to develop a locally supported plan for the Long Creek Watershed. The plan will outline a strategy to help restore the Creek's water quality so that it meets required quality standards.

The District serves as a key partner on this Project, involved as a stakeholder and with the facilitation and coordination of the Project. This year's accomplishments are as follows:



- Convening committee formed; 2 meetings held
- Stakeholder letter, project fact sheet, watershed maps, and committee lists developed and mailed to watershed property owners
- 73 stakeholders attended Project Kick Off meeting
- Developed and exhibited outreach display at Long Creek Family Day
- Began identification of stream floodplain, riparian, and in-stream recovery needs
- Outreach and Technical Advisory and Models Committees formed; each held 1 meeting
- Existing data on Long Creek was gathered, including municipal & state GIS data, municipal plans, MDOT plans, MTA plans, and community efforts
- Project website developed

For more information on the Long Creek Planning Project, visit [www.cumberlandswcd.org/long\\_creek](http://www.cumberlandswcd.org/long_creek), or contact Tamara Lee Pinard by calling the District or by emailing [tamara@cumberlandswcd.org](mailto:tamara@cumberlandswcd.org).

## URBAN PROGRAM

### Urban Review Program—Bridging the Stormwater Gap

The District offers third party services for developers of commercial and residential projects. Such a review saves both time and money.

The District's reviews are tailored to meet the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) Chapter 500 stormwater requirements and local municipal standards for stormwater management and erosion and sedimentation control. Typically, when getting approvals for a significant project, the developer must pay MDEP permitting fees as well as third party review fees for town or city approvals. When the District is performing the review, the State's permitting fees are reduced because the District's third party review package includes a significant reduction offered within the MDEP's fee structure. As noted within State of Maine Statute 38 M.R.S.A. §420-D, if a project with structural means of stormwater control is reviewed and approved by a professional engineer at a SWCD, the State's permit fee is reduced from \$500 to \$100 for the first acre disturbed and from \$250 to \$50 for each additional acre disturbed.

For example, a project involving 12 acres of disturbance that is reviewed by the District would see a MDEP review fee reduction from \$3,250 to \$650. This \$2,600 reduction is less than the typical project review cost charged by the District (\$1,500 to \$2,000). Along with the cost savings and the MDEP stormwater permit approval, the developer has already obtained the following:

- MDEP permit expedience
- Independent third party review and endorsement for town/city approvals
- Complete watershed approach to review including such aspects as local flooding standards
- Inspection during construction (may have an additional cost based on scale of project and/or inspection requirements)

For more information on the District's Urban Review Programs, call or email Chris Baldwin ([chris-baldwin@cumberlandswcd.org](mailto:chris-baldwin@cumberlandswcd.org)).



District Engineer Chris Baldwin inspects a site in Westbrook.

## ANNUAL MEETING

### Outstanding Conservation Partners are Recognized at the District's Annual Meeting

The District hosted its third Annual Meeting on the evening of May 16, 2007. The event was held at the District office in Windham. Cumberland County Commissioner Mallory Shaughnessy, representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Conservation Service, local lake association members, District Board members and staff, and 2007 award recipients were in attendance.

District Supervisors Bill Rust of Gorham and Jack Flaherty of Scarborough received awards to thank them for their noteworthy commitment to District work and staff. Thank you to all who attended and helped make our year successful. This year's Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, March 20, 2008; please call, visit our website, or see insert for details! We hope to see you there!



Alan Whitten, center, receives the "Contractor of the Year Award."

The 2007 awards and winners are as follows:

Cooperator of the Year:	C & M Baston & Sons Farm, North Yarmouth
Conservation Leadership:	City of South Portland
Conservation Stewards:	Keith Williams & Ralph Johnston, Highland Lake (Windham/Falmouth)
Conservation Stewardship Group:	Friends of the Presumpscot River
Outstanding Business Partner:	Pierson Nurseries, Inc.
Contractor of the Year:	Alan Whitten
Outstanding Public Works:	Town of Windham - Public Works Department
Conservation Teacher of the Year:	Peter Reaman, Gray-New Gloucester High School
Outstanding Journalist of the Year:	Andrew Colvin, <i>The Windham Independent</i>

## A Year in Review

Another great year of conservation achievements resonates across Cumberland County. Conservation practices implemented included: comprehensive nutrient management, cover crop, compost facilities, diversions, grassed waterways, critical area plantings, fences, fish passages, forest trails and landings, stone lined outlets, pest management, pasture planting, prescribed grazing, heavy use area protection, waste storage facilities, watering facilities, irrigation systems, stream crossings, wetlands restoration, and wildlife habitat improvements.

## 2007 Conservation Achievements

The following activities were accomplished through the efforts of many partners.

- The Highland Lake Fish Passage was completed, enabling more than 5,000 alewives to migrate to Highland Lake.
- Tidal wetlands restoration plans were implemented for five Scarborough Marsh projects. Over 1,000 acres were improved. Included are the following restorations: Tidal flow was restored to the upstream Libby River tidal community habitats; and the 250 acre Scarborough Marsh Middle Nonesuch River Tidal restoration project was completed.
- Ten Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans have been certified complete by VALIDUS Inc.
- A technology transfer information packet was compiled for solar livestock watering systems.

## Emerging Conservation Themes

- The National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) signed a Cooperative Agreement with The Maine Forest Service to advance Prescribed Forestry and Woods Wise Forest Management Plans. The agreement will improve the delivery to forest stewardship conservation programs.
- A New England Cottontail (NEC) management plan has been drafted by a team of conservation wildlife experts. The NEC is a threatened species in Maine and also a candidate species for federal protection. Surveys from 2001 indicate the NEC populations are found in select habitats in both Cumberland and York counties. New surveys will be conducted this winter to determine if these findings are still accurate. Labeled "Ghost in the Thickets," the NEC live in dense patches of shrubby areas. New protective programs will be available for interested landowners living near NEC habitat.
- The National Conservation Forestry Foundation, with guidance from the NEC team, produced a NEC brochure, landowner survey, and NEC Conservation Awareness Sign to encourage landowners to adopt habitat management plans. NEC habitat signs will be available to landowners that have completed a NEC survey. After completing a NEC survey, landowners will receive a NEC habitat sign. Contact NRCS for more information at (207)883-0159.



The New England Cottontail. Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service/Wells Reserve.

A new Farm Bill is pending. Its passing will present new opportunities and renew some conservation titles. Thank you cooperators, customers, partners, and staff for a very productive year!

## YCC Programs Experience Continued Success

Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) are groups of high school students, led by a technical director and crew leader, that work to install conservation practices to improve water quality.

The District and many local partners worked together over the past year to operate four YCC crews during the summer of 2007. The crews completed work at 171 sites in the following watersheds: Crystal Lake, Forest Lake, Highland Lake (in Windham & Falmouth), Little Sebago Lake, Long Lake, Presumpscot River, Royal River, Sabbathday Lake, and Sebago Lake.

We anticipate the operation of four YCC crews again this summer, and will be hiring for technical director, crew leader, and crew member positions! For information on positions, visit our website and click on "About Us."



The 2007 Little Sebago Lake YCC crew combats soil, the biggest threat to fresh water quality!

# FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

## Operating Revenues

Grants	\$388,164
County & State Funding	30,378
Urban Review Fees	35,562
Seminars & Tours	18,542
Water Festival	14,738
Other Revenue	<u>160,096</u>
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$647,480</b>

## Operating Expenses

Salaries & Wages	\$254,039
Payroll Taxes	21,971
Employee Benefits	30,357
Program Expenses	82,747
Project Costs	134,130
Depreciation	2,648
Dues & Subscriptions	3,199
Insurance	1,421
Printing & Postage	14,694
Rent	26,020
Meetings	2,307
Publications	89
Other Expenses	11,255
Maintenance & Repairs	3,375
Sponsorships	14,700
Supplies	18,593
Telephone	3,530
Travel Expense	<u>17,778</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$642,853</b>

**Net Operating Income (Loss)** **\$4,627**

## Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)

Interest & Dividends	\$4,522
Interest Expense	<u>(686)</u>
<b>Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$3,836</b>

**Change in Net Assets** **\$8,463**



### Native Plant Spotlight

#### Common Ninebark *(Physocarpus opulifolius)*

- Deciduous shrub that grows 6-10 feet tall with equal spread
- Full sun to part shade
- Pale pink flowers bloom in late spring
- Foliage turns bronze in the fall
- Attractive to butterflies and birds
- Excellent native alternative to invasive Burning Bush




**Ninebark**
**Burning Bush**



Chris Dunn, top, and Courtney O'Neill, right, join our ranks as AmeriCorps volunteers.



## AROUND THE OFFICE

Chris Dunn and Courtney O'Neill are the District's new AmeriCorps volunteers. Chris is a Maine native who is currently living in Portland and studying environmental science at the University of Southern Maine. Chris will be working on a variety of projects at the District, including recruiting schools to participate in the Southern Maine Regional Envirothon and assisting in the coordination of a number of watershed surveys.

Courtney hails from Pennsylvania where she previously worked as a Coastal Zone Management Technician at the Bucks County Conservation District. During her AmeriCorps service, Courtney will be heading up the point-of-sale YardScaping initiative to make healthy lawn care products more available in Southern Maine.

We are lucky to have found two highly qualified applicants and look forward to working with them in the months ahead!



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overhauled!  
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improvements and  
welcome your feedback.  
Happy viewing!

The screenshot shows the website header with the logo and the tagline "Conserving Cumberland County's Natural Resources". Below the header is a scenic photo of a lake with the word "Welcome" overlaid. A navigation menu includes: Home, About Us, Watershed Projects, Education, Technical Assistance, Stormwater, Urban Program, Agriculture, Publications. The main content area features a yellow duck icon with the text "Click!" and "YardScaping Healthy Lawncare Tips". A "What's New at the District" section includes a "This Website!" announcement and a "Forest Lake Watershed Residents - Mark Your Calendars for May 31st!" notice.

All programs and services of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, marital, or familial status.



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