



Portland Water District
FROM SEBAGO LAKE TO CASCO BAY



"We are proud to be part of an impressive list of municipalities, businesses, and schools investing in green, renewable energy in a way that provides significant savings to our ratepayers. It's a win-win," stated PWD General Manager Carrie Lewis.



▶ Portland Water District among 23 entities poised to benefit from renewable energy contracts

Portland Water District is among 23 Competitive Energy Services (CES) Consortium members taking advantage of Maine's new net energy billing credit program. The program which was enacted last year, allows utility billing credits to be issued in exchange for electricity exported to the grid by qualified solar and hydro power generators.

Annually PWD spends approximately \$1.9 million in electricity costs, and this initiative is expected to save PWD roughly \$437,000 a year, which includes \$237,000 in Renewable Energy Credits.

PWD is already seeing small savings, but full effects will not be realized until mid 2022 when all power generators are expected to be online.

▶ Portland Water District takes action to protect infrastructure from landslide debris

On September 16, 2020, a landslide occurred into the Presumpscot River in Westbrook. An area approximately the size of 2 acres slid over portions of PWD land into the river, over two 42-inch water mains and upstream of the Westbrook Wastewater Treatment Facility's outfall. The Portland Water District took action to remove debris and stabilize our portion of the riverbank. Sudden surges of heavy flow with debris and material moving over critical infrastructure threatened to disrupt Westbrook's wastewater treatment system and jeopardize the public water supply and fire protection capabilities.



"The first step in providing safe drinking water is to protect the water source. This grant will enable the protection of thousands of acres of forests that naturally clean Sebago Lake," said Carrie Lewis, General Manager of Portland Water District



▶ Portland Water District and Sebago Clean Waters awarded \$8 million USDA grant to protect Sebago Lake

Recently the Portland Water District and its Sebago Clean Waters partners were awarded an \$8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. This grant will be matched with local funding to help conserve 10,000 acres of forestland, remove invasive aquatic plants, replace undersized culverts, and manage working forests.

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Keep tabs on what's making waves on Sebago in the newly revamped Sebago In Depth (formerly the Sebago Lake Watershed News).



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