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Cathance River Education Alliance



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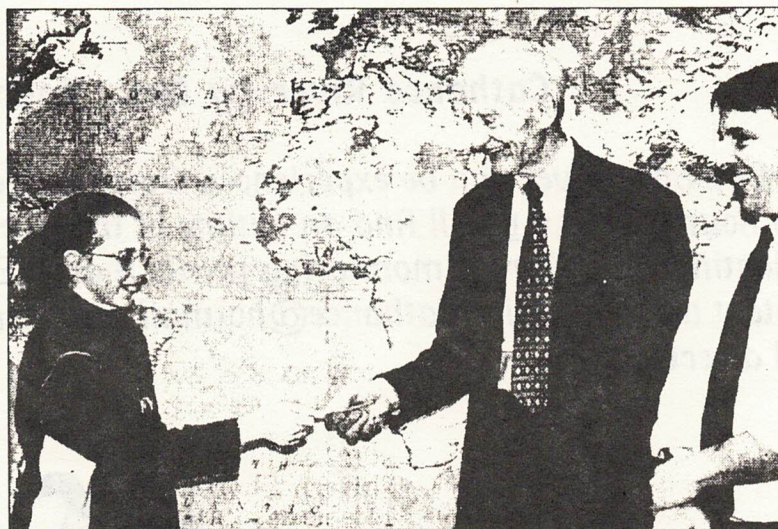
David Eaton / Highland Green

SPRING 2001 NEWSLETTER

CREA Gains a Logo!



Great Job Jamie!



SARAH HOLT / THE TIMES RECORD

Jamie Berry, a sixth-grader from Bowdoinham Community School, accepts a \$50.00 check from John Rensenbrink, President of the Cathance River Education Alliance as Education Coordinator Rick Wilson looks on.

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YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS BY BECOMING A MEMBER: PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING A DONATION (LARGE OR SMALL) TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE - THANK YOU!

Cathance River Education Alliance Mission Statement

The Cathance River Education Alliance promotes and uses the Cathance River Preserve, and the entire Cathance River watershed, from source to mouth, as a teaching tool for environmental studies.

~ CREA encourages and assists area schools, teachers, students, and administrators by developing environmental education curricula, workshops, and organized tours to the Preserve that incorporate the Cathance River Preserve as a hands-on teaching resource.*

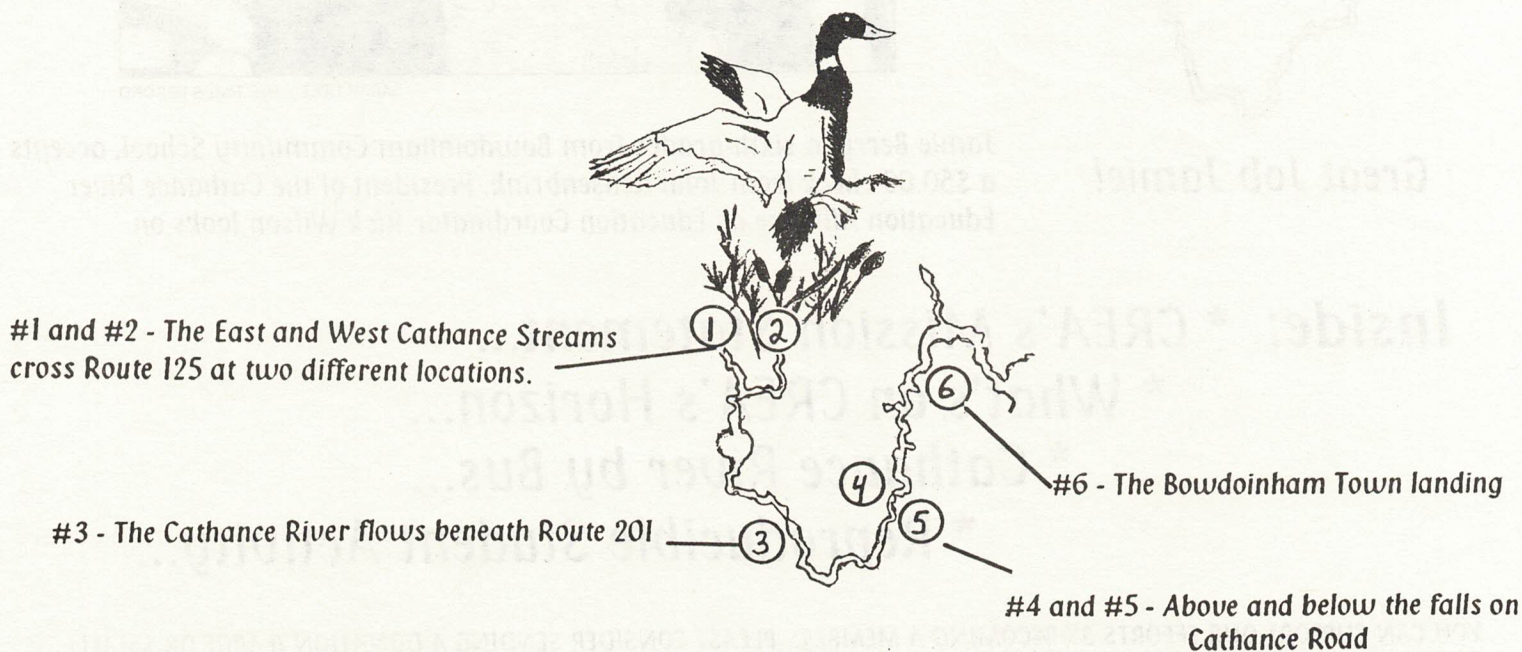
~ CREA promotes appropriate improvement and management of the Cathance River Preserve.

~ CREA encourages working relationships with other environmental organizations to generate awareness and support for the Alliance and the Cathance River watershed.

* The Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust will be stewarding this conservation easement

Cathance River by Bus: Source to Mouth

The Cathance River can be experienced from source to mouth by bus in under two hours! Below you'll find an outline of the river and numbered locations indicating the different monitoring points that CREA encourages teachers to use. Contact us by e-mail, (Cathance@hotmail.com) and we'll provide further details and directions.



In our first year CREA has established itself as a vibrant organization promoting environmental education in the Brunswick -Topsham area. We are proud of our accomplishments thus far and look forward to continuing our efforts in 2001-2002.

Some of our 2000-2001 accomplishments include:

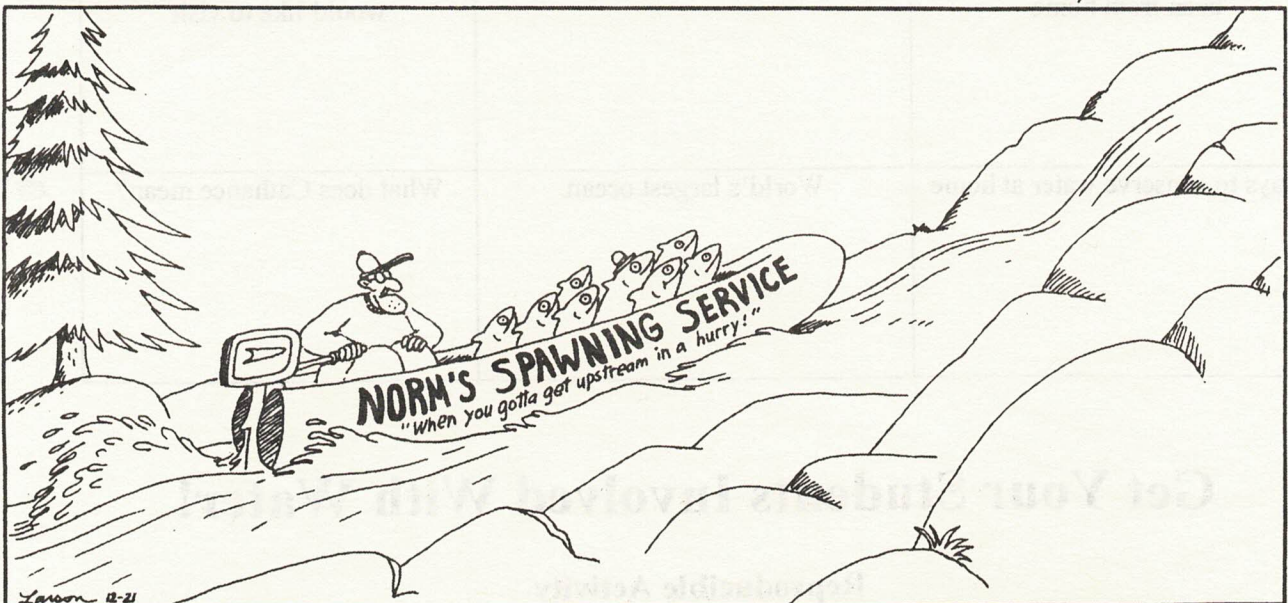
- ~ Achieving official non-profit organization status
- ~ Creating semiannual Newsletter to help connect and inform teachers
- ~ Establishing teacher representatives in twelve Brunswick / Topsham area schools
- ~ Conducting a successful logo contest among area schools (Congratulations Jamie!)
- ~ Purchasing educational videos for area schools and town libraries
- ~ Sponsoring and organizing three teacher workshops
- ~ Organizing formal water monitoring discussions about the Cathance

On the horizon in 2001-2002:

- ~ Gaining easier access to monitoring points along the Cathance including the Cathance River Preserve
- ~ Sponsoring more workshops organized by CREA
- ~ Producing newsletters and water related activity ideas on Cathance River history / flora / fauna
- ~ Formalizing our water monitoring program
- ~ Conducting field trips to the Cathance Preserve for participating teachers and their classes
- ~ Creating an interactive web site
- ~ Creating opportunities for members of the Highlands community to mentor area students

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Fill in a Water Friend

Name _____

Find someone who can fill in an answer to one of the questions. Have them sign their name, and only allow them to fill in one of the boxes. Continue to find “water friends” until all spaces are filled.

Write a non-English word for “water”	Name two towns where the Cathance river flows through.	Bottled water (name and source)
Closest body of water to home	2 man-made dams	Ocean current (name and location)
A river which flows only within the state (name and state)	Favorite water activity	Region you live and its approximate annual precipitation
The name of the bay which the Cathance river flows into	1 step in the water cycle	5 Great Lakes
Furthest body of water you have been from home	Famous boat or ship	Beautiful water location you would like to visit
2 ways to conserve water at home	World’s largest ocean	What does Cathance mean?



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Get Your Students Involved With Water!

Reproducible Activity