

## Youth in Action

This year, 4th grade homeschooler Maielle (10) and her mother Karen read several inspiring books about taking care of the natural world, including “Friends of the Earth: A History of American Environmentalism” (Pat McCarthy) and “Dr. Art’s Guide to Planet Earth” (Art Sussman). So when they learned of the opportunity to help monitor the Lamprey River this summer, they were happy to have a chance to lend a hand. Maielle and Karen love the natural beauty of Epping and care deeply about protecting the Lamprey River watershed.

Each day of testing, Maielle collected a bucket of water to sample at three stations and then helped log the test results. She learned how to test water pH, specific conductance and dissolved oxygen, and looks forward to handling the test equipment herself later this summer.

We are grateful to Andrea Sellers and the Lamprey River Watershed Association for providing training and the equipment. Volunteers in the area test the Lamprey River water and its tributaries biweekly through the summer. Protecting this beautiful river will be appreciated by many creatures big and small. If you are interested in volunteering, contact LRWA at [volunteer@lrwa-nh.com](mailto:volunteer@lrwa-nh.com) or call 610.2115.

There is still an opening on the Conservation Commission; if you are interested or have questions, leave a note at Town Hall or send an email to [EppingOutdoors@gmail.com](mailto:EppingOutdoors@gmail.com). Thanks for reading this!







