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\$1 MILLION FOR COCHECO DREDGING APPROVED BY SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that the Senate Appropriations Committee has approved \$1 million for the Cocheco River dredging project in the Fiscal Year 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations bill. Senator Gregg, who is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has now secured \$2.35 million for the project since Fiscal Year 1999. The measure is now ready for consideration by the full Senate later this year. The City of Dover is currently engaged in the final planning stages of the project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Surveys indicate that about 65,000 cubic yards of material need to be dredged to return the 7- foot-deep, 60- to 75-foot-wide channel to authorized dimensions. The dredge material will be disposed of in an upland Dredge Material Disposal Facility to be constructed over an abandoned landfill on Dover City property.

Senator Gregg stated, "The dredging of the Cocheco River is an integral component of the City of Dover's waterfront re-development efforts, and I am pleased to direct additional federal resources to the project to help turn the City's vision for a vibrant waterfront into a reality. The dredging of the Cocheco River, in accordance with recommendations of the Dover Master Plan and the Cocheco River Harbor Management Plan, represents a tremendous opportunity for the City to stimulate the local and regional economy, to revitalize the downtown area, and to re-capture Dover's proud maritime heritage."

Dover Mayor Alex Nossiff stated, "The City of Dover is pleased to learn that Senator Gregg has been successful in securing \$1 million in funding for the Cocheco River Dredge Project from the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water. This funding will help make the project a reality and is a critical step in the process to allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin this important dredging project. The dredging of the Cocheco River is a vital component of the City's efforts to redevelop the downtown waterfront area. The City very much appreciates the hard work of Senator Gregg and his staff."

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