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# Catchment hosting – the New Forest Catchment Pilot



- Partnership with Pond Conservation and Environment Agency. NFNPA lead
- DEFRA funding secured for part-time project officer
- Project runs March-Dec 2012
- Based on new catchment scale approach to water issues being adopted by EA



# New Forest Catchment Pilot – aims/objectives

- Aim to produce a Catchment Plan by December 2012
- Objective of plan is to secure good ecological status for waterbodies
- Plan will work with interested parties to identify local issues and possible solutions, also prioritise action
- 'Living plan' that shapes action

# New Forest Catchment Pilot – the collaborative catchment approach



- The process – collaborative, shared understanding of issues, integration of solutions
- Seek to reflect local views and identify shared interests where action can be progressed in future
- Mechanisms to include website, stakeholder meetings, workshop, walkovers

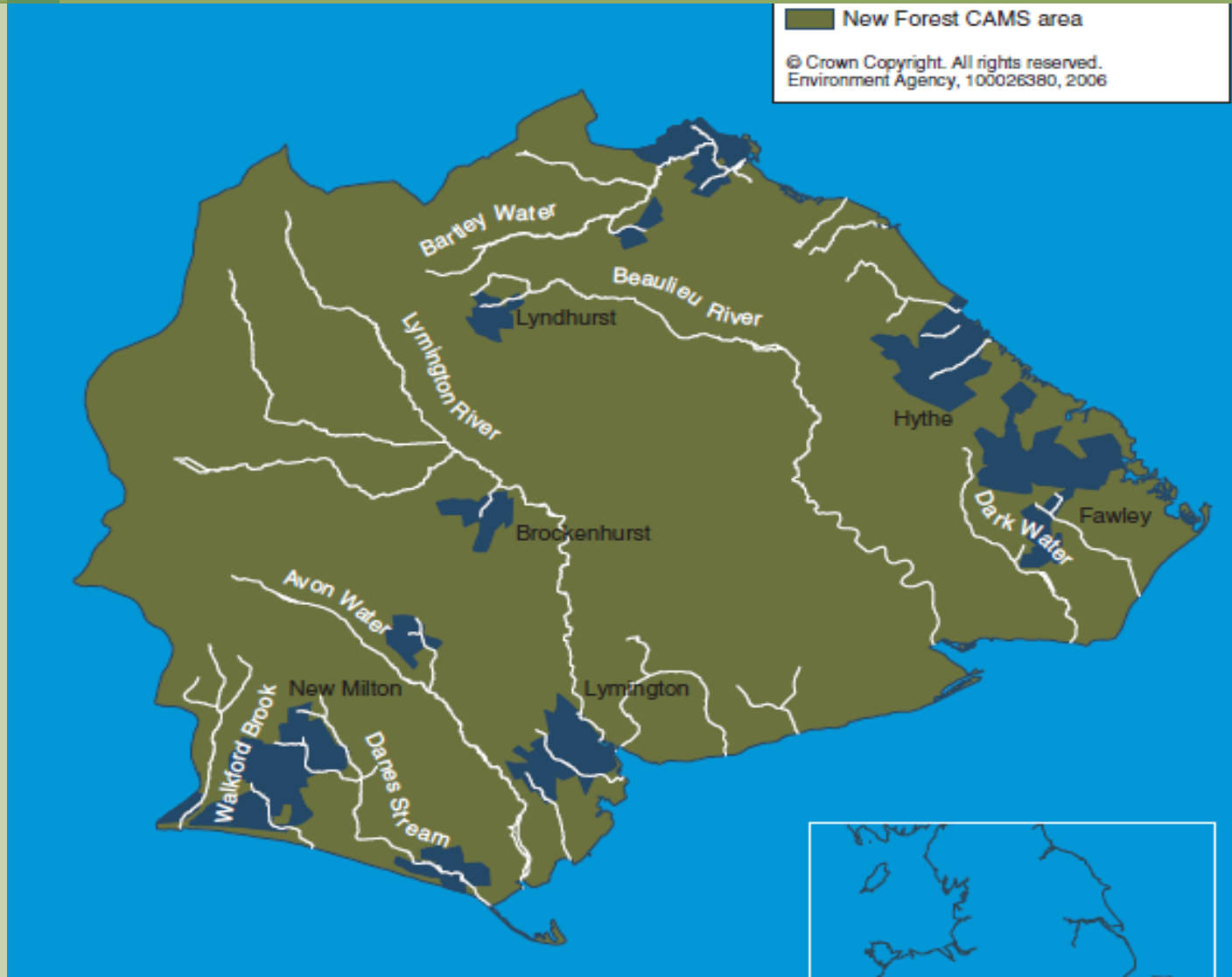
# New Forest Catchment

Area of approx 180 square miles

Pilot covers areas outside the National Park

> dozen sub-catchments, drain into Solent /Southampton Water, majority containing rivers less than 10km in length

Rivers predominately Moderate or poor, approx 30-44% already at good





# New Forest Catchment – Pilot areas also include coastal waters



# New Forest Catchment – EA views on the catchment to date



Issues likely to include:

- point source pollution
- diffuse pollution
- ‘alien’ species
- physical habitat quality (culverting/  
modification/fish obstructions)
- Water quantity/quality

Considerable potential for moving moderate waterbodies to good

# ...but still a fantastically rich and exceptionally valuable special area

<http://www.pondconservation.org.uk/about/News/latestnewsfrompondconservation/A+news+article+in+British+Wildlife+on+the+Tadpole+Shrimp>

<http://www.wildaboutbritain.co.uk/hampshire-purslane>

<http://www.arkive.org/floating-water-plantain/luronium-natans>

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# New Forest Catchment – what could outcomes consist of ?

E.g. holding discussions with regulators and water companies to investigate potential for improving any water quality issues from licensed outfalls such as water treatment works



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E.g. Working with landowners and managers to identify potential for land management to help reduce agricultural pollution (e.g. grass buffer strips to protect waterways)



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E.g. working with local communities, landowners and volunteers to help address non-native invasive plants such as Giant hogweed and Himalayan balsam.



This can build on the success of the New Forest Non-native Plant Project and help extend its approach to other areas of the catchment

# New Forest Catchment – wider public engagement role



Individuals can also help by taking part and adopting responsible responses e.g. water usage in the home, use of chemical and detergents.

Pilot is mainly aimed at key organisations/individuals but we all have a role to play and so the project will provide information for the wider public and allow views to be incorporated.





# New Forest Catchment Pilot – getting involved

- Watch out for opportunities to get involved in consultation events
- Provide your ideas on who should be involved and help network information on the project (via events/project website)
- Think about how you can become involved in delivering actions and help to implement actions
- Support the final vision for the catchment and encourage others to do likewise

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