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Conservation Commission Activities, Legislative Updates and more!



### Register now for NHACC Annual Meeting & Conference

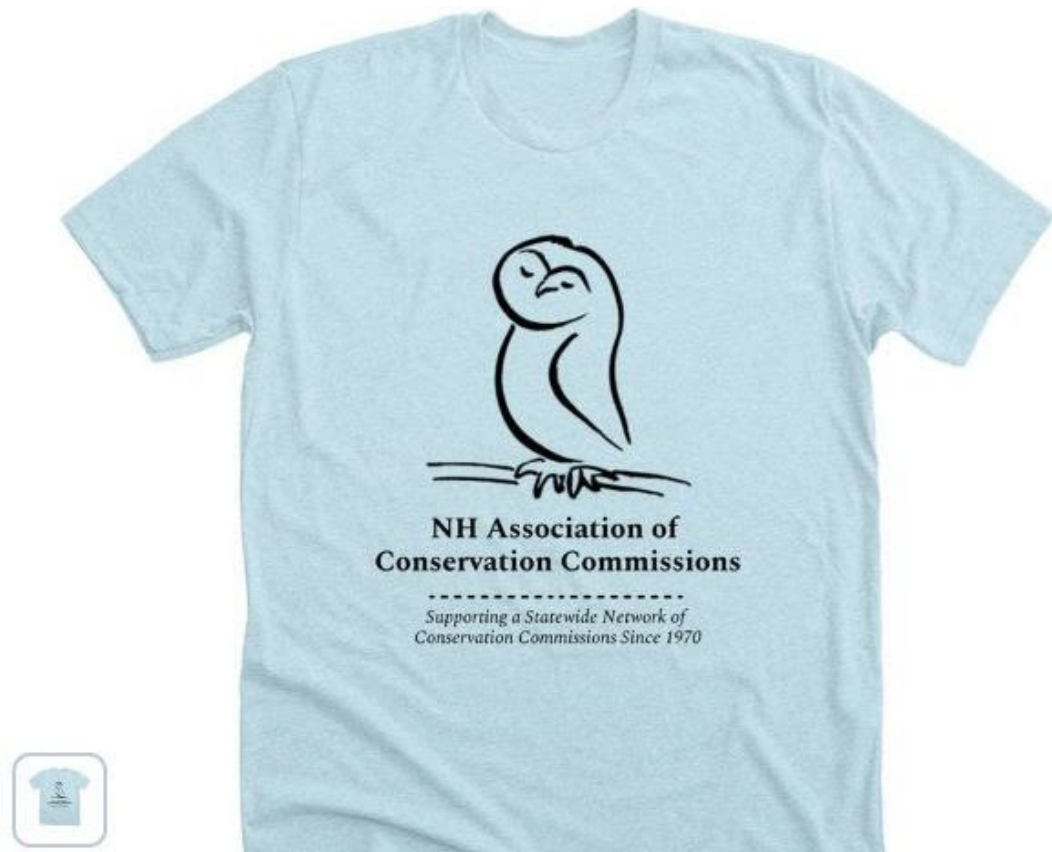
The NHACC Conference will be held on Saturday, November 4 at Pembroke Academy.

Go to the NHACC [website](#) for more information!

Following the NHACC business meeting we will present the keynote program; Journey to the swamp with naturalist, author, and artist David Carroll as he shares his love of wetlands and turtles. David will present a program of brief readings from his published work and tell stories of his many years studying wetlands.

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## CCs in the News

### **Bedford Conservation Commission Opens Up New Trail**

The Bedford Conservation Commission and Trail Stewards recently opened Bedford Hollow - Fairy House Trail on a local conservation area. The Planning Department solicited entries from the public, businesses, local organizations, and Town Departments. Over 20 houses were donated and installed on the new trail. Visitors can access materials to build a house onsite or take home to build and install later. The trail is expected to grow and change with new installations throughout the seasons. Feedback so far has been extremely positive, and it has been a great opportunity to foster multiple generations enjoying the outdoors.

### **Enfield Conservation Commission Supports Open Space Classification**

The Enfield Conservation Commission held a workshop in October to explain the town's recently adopted open space classification, which gives property owners an option to protect their undeveloped land and temporarily preserves open space property. Although the classification does not permanently protect the property, officials say it's a valuable tool to help reduce the tax burden on open space parcels that do not meet the state's requirements for farmland or forest land classification. [Learn more about the program](#)

## Belmont Conservation Commission Hosts Coyote Program

The Belmont Conservation Commission will host "Becoming Wolf: Eastern Coyotes in New Hampshire," on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m., first floor at the Belmont Mill. The program presenter, Chris Schadler, has 40 years of experience in wolf and coyote research, sheep farming and teaching. She will discuss the myths that surround the coyote and cloud our understanding of it. The eastern coyote shares genes with the eastern wolf, the grey wolf and the western coyote. Despite its ecological benefits, it is the most persecuted carnivore in North America. The public is welcome to this interesting event. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is not required.



## HOW TO PASS A CONSERVATION BOND

**Tuesday, October 24**

**12 noon on Zoom**

Katherine Heck, Government Finance Advisor, NH Municipal Association  
Rob Clemens, Amherst Conservation Commissions

Municipal bonds are growing in popularity as a significant funding source for communities interested in conserving land. Pursuant to RSA 36-A:4, Conservations Commissions are authorized to protect and limit the future use of, or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas. Learn how your municipality can utilize the bonding authority within the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1) to link your community's Master Plan using this financial tool. In this session we will cover the process for issuing Conservation Bonds and explain how the Town of Amherst successfully passed a bond by providing the public with a clear understanding of the program and its long-term benefits while engaging the voters throughout the process. [REGISTER HERE](#)

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PFAS

**Wednesday, November 15**

**12 noon on Zoom**

Amy Rousseau, PFAS Response Coordinator, NH Dept. of Environmental Services

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a class of chemical compounds used for waterproofing and stain resistance. They came into awareness in NH in 2014. This lunch and learn will be an overview of PFAS touching on the who, what, where, when, why and how of this chemical family class. The presentation will include a brief introduction to PFAS, health effects, PFAS in NH, and what is being done at the State and Federal levels. [REGISTER HERE](#)



## 2024 Local Source Water Protection Grant Applications Are Available!

Grants are available from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to develop and implement programs to protect local sources of drinking water. Public water suppliers, municipalities, regional planning agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, conservation districts, and watershed associations are eligible to receive funding. Grant projects must protect surface or groundwater actively used or that will be used in the future by public water systems as sources of drinking water. Applicants can receive up to \$25,000 for non-climate related source protection projects.

Applicants can receive up to \$30,000 for a source protection project that addresses climate/weather-related challenges – flooding, drought, cyanobacteria blooms, stormwater pollution, erosion, and sedimentation. This funding is offered to help public water systems and communities become more resilient, and sustainable, while saving money in the long-term. NHDES is happy to confer and exchange ideas with potential applicants in advance of the development of an application. Applications are due November 1, 2023. [For more information.](#)

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