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Conservation Commission Activities, Legislative Updates and more!



Make the Most of Town Meeting

Town meeting or a city council meeting (legislative body) is an important local step for many conservation commissions to gain approval for a specific project or to pass a warrant article, and is an opportunity to provide town residents with a better understanding of the purpose and goals of the commission. Conservation commissions should always strive to be a respected voice at town/council meetings. Commissioners should be informed and knowledgeable in commission activities including knowledge of the RSA relating to a conservation commission's functions, and current projects and plans. Read the [full article here](#).



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Hampton Conservation Commission Protects Barkley Property

In early December, the Hampton Conservation Commission completed the purchase of a 22+ acre parcel, known as the Barkley property, in a well-developed area of the town. The Commission worked with the SouthEast Land Trust on this project, and they are the holder of the conservation easement on the parcel. Funding for the purchase came from a combination of the commission's Conservation Fund, grants, donations, and a town warrant article. The warrant article was approved overwhelmingly at Town Meeting. Because of the commission's success in securing grants and donations, they did not spend all of the money requested in the warrant article, and thus about \$60,000 was returned to the town coffers. The Barkley property is a combination of uplands and wetlands, and includes a brook and pond that are part of an important watershed in Hampton. In addition, the parcel is a recognized wildlife corridor, and is part of the state's Well Head Protection Area and the town's Aquifer Protection Zone. The commission plans to create trails within the parcel and to open it to all for passive recreation.

Eaton Conservation Commission Presents Wildlife in Eaton

"Wildlife in Eaton," the fourth Conservation Conversation, sponsored by the Eaton Conservation Commission, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Eaton Town Hall. This will be a discussion about wildlife in Eaton, the threats affecting them and what can be done in our town to protect their habitat. Matt Tarr, associate extension forester, and Davis Stepanauskas, Eaton town forester, will help explore questions about which species are found in Eaton and how to support their presence in town.

Training & Education Opportunities

NHACC Wetlands Training Programs

NH DES On-line GIS Mapping Tools

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

12 to 1:30 pm presented on Zoom

Stefanie Tetreault, NH DES

This session will provide an introduction to several NHDES online GIS mapping products. Wetlands Permit Planning Tools are available to commission members for desktop site review and screening. Participants will learn how to use online mapping tools to gather information and interpret data. Participants will be required to view several of the online tools prior to the class in order to become familiar with the options that are available online. This presentation will demonstrate the power and functionality of these tools, and familiarize viewers with the array of data available at their fingertips, in order to assess the potential natural resource impacts of proposed projects and/or identify local restoration or conservation priorities in municipalities.

[Register Here](#)

DES Rules and How the Permit Review Process Works

Friday, March 31, 2023

12 to 1:30 pm presented on Zoom

Sandy Crystall, PWS, and Mary Ann Tilton, NH DES

This session will provide a more in-depth look at the different types of wetlands permits and what information you should expect to see with each application. This training will help conservation commission members better understand their role in the review process and understand the different types of wetlands permits. Through examples and available data, participants will learn to identify the impact, classifications, and thresholds that determine the application and information required. NHDES staff will outline what information is helpful to permitting inspectors so commissions can note observations and ask relevant questions when they provide comments to DES.

[Register Here](#)

Hollis Conservation Commission Winter Seminar Series

On February 21st, at 7:00 p.m. the Hollis Conservation Commission will hold our third seminar in our Winter Seminar Series on Biodiversity called "How to Identify and Remove Invasive Species." This program will be presented by Doug Cygan, NH Invasive Species Coordinator and Entomologist II. Admission and refreshments are free, so join us in person at the Lawrence Barn for a community feeling to this event. Live music and an audiovisual slideshow will be played before and after the presentation to allow attendees to eat baked goods, drink hot cider, and socialize.

Or if you prefer, you may tune in via Zoom. A recording of the program will be available to all participants. **Attendance is limited so please [sign up here](#).**

Grants

Drinking-Water and Groundwater Trust Fund

This Fund, established under RSA 485-F, is intended to provide for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the drinking water and groundwater resources of the state. In establishing

the Fund, the legislature recognized the need to invest in the State's drinking water infrastructure requires a comprehensive strategy designed to ensure the continued availability of safe drinking water for all New Hampshire citizens. Eligible projects for funding include the permanent protection of undeveloped water supply land, including wellhead protection areas, hydrologic areas of concern, and land that is likely to benefit future public water supply sources. For more information go to the [Drinking and Ground Water Trust Fund website](#)

Arbor Day Foundation

TD Green Space Grants support green infrastructure development, tree planting, forestry stewardship, and community green space expansion as a way to advance environmental and economic benefits toward a low-carbon economy. Through the program, municipalities in the United States and Canada are eligible to receive \$20,000 in grants in support of local forestry projects in areas of great need within a community. [For more information.](#)

Federal Funding Wetland Conservation Supported

The [North American Wetlands Conservation Council](#) is excited to announce several significant and profound changes to the U.S. North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) [grant programs](#) that will go into effect with the 2024 proposal cycles. The intent of making these changes is to reduce barriers and increase participation on projects, to help build partnerships with new organizations. The Council and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) believe these changes will empower our grantees and partners to continue to conserve vital wetlands, benefitting waterfowl, wetlands habitat and numerous other species of wildlife, today and into the future. Projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, enhancement, or establishment of wetland and associated upland habitats to benefit migratory birds.

Grants Enhance Pollinator Habitat on Public Lands

Through the Biodiversity Conservation Grant: Enhancing Pollinator Habitats program, the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) will provide \$200,000 in grants to support shovel-ready pollinator habitat enhancement projects on U.S. public lands. Projects should support the creation, restoration, remediation, improvement, and protection of habitats for important pollinator species such as butterflies, bees, bats, and more; impact pollinators on at least 150 acres of public land; and incorporate community outreach and engagement activities designed to educate and empower the public to help enhance pollinator habitats. The deadline for submitting letters of intent is March 10, 2023. Details on priorities and criteria are available on the [NEEF website](#).

Grants Available for Species Protection

[Bureau of Land Management](#)

The BLM Headquarters Threatened and Endangered Species Program works to conserve and recover federally listed and Bureau sensitive animal and plant species and their habitat on public lands. The 2023 priorities are addressing the impact of the climate crisis and ecosystem approaches for managing multiple listed and sensitive species, pollinator conservation and management, ensuring habitat connectivity, and updating outreach/education materials, including the Program's public facing website. The application deadline is March 24, 2023.

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