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Conservation Commission Activities, Legislative Updates and more!



### Get ready for Earth Day 2023

On Saturday, April 22, communities across NH will be celebrating Earth Day with educational programs, volunteer clean ups, wildlife hikes and outreach events. Conservation commissions know that every day is Earth Day and are committed to protecting NH's environment all year long. Thank you for dedication to ensure NH remains a beautiful, healthy place for future generations to enjoy. If your commission is looking for ideas to honor Earth Day, go to [earthday.org](http://earthday.org) and check out the science education tools kits and other ways to get inspired and take action.



CCs in the News



### **Building the Bridge in the Candia Town Forest**

For years, the Candia Conservation Commission had tried to figure out a way to build a footbridge over the river in the New Boston Road Town Forest, but had not been successful. Former bridges had been ripped out and washed downstream when the high waters came. But in the spring of 2022, through the combined volunteer efforts of CCC members, neighbors and friends, a sturdy, wooden footbridge was built – and proudly stands today. [Read the full story.](#)

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### **Atkinson Conservation Commission hosts Turtle Program at Library**

**Monday, April 3 6-7:30 p.m.**

**Kimball Library, Academy Ave, Atkinson.**

Want to learn about the turtles we have living here in New Hampshire? Did you know New Hampshire is home to seven native turtle species, four of which are listed by the state as being threatened or endangered? Would you like to learn how to help save both common and vulnerable species of turtles? [Learn more.](#)

*Education & Training Opportunities*

# New Hampshire's Annual Land Conservation Conference Saving Special Places 2023

March 30 - Virtual Keynote  
with Katharine Hayhoe

April 7 - Virtual Workshop  
with Peter Forbes

April 15 - In Person  
Conference



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
Katharine Hayhoe (March 30)

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Don't miss out on this year's Saving Special Places' VIRTUAL keynote session on March 30, 2023. Speaker Katharine Hayhoe, Chief Scientist for the Nature Conservancy, will address *Nature-Positive Solutions for the Climate and Biodiversity Crisis*. Learn more and register at: [www.savingspecialplaces.org](http://www.savingspecialplaces.org)

## NH Rivers Council Wild & Scenic Film Festival

**Friday, March 31, 2023**  
**Bank of NH Stage, Concord NH**

The New Hampshire Rivers Council is back *in-person* hosting its 2023 Wild & Scenic Film Festival on March 31st at the Bank of NH Stage in Concord, NH. Tickets for this local, family-friendly event include a membership to the NH Rivers Council and allow you to watch the film series for up to five days (there's also a ticket remote option). [For more information.](#)

**NH Climate Adaption Workshop**  
**Tuesday, April 11, 2023 • 8:30–11:00 am**

Southern NH Planning Commission (SNHPC) will present this regional climate workshop, supported by transportation program funds. SNHPC have invited state and national experts, to share potential funding opportunities and new resources under development regarding roadway adaptations to increased flooding. We anticipate an interactive session that will inspire movement on climate programs in the region as well as the state. Featuring confirmed speakers include:

- Federal Highway Administration
- UNH Center for Infrastructure Resilience to Climate
- The Nature Conservancy
- Upper Valley Climate Adaptation Work Group
- Rockingham Planning Commission

If you are interested in the topic: [Click here to reserve your spot today!](#)

## Grant Opportunities

### LWCF GRANTS AVAILABLE for REGIONAL PROJECT

The NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation has just released Grant Round 34 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund–State and Local Assistance Program. See [NH State Parks](#) for more Info. The office will be accepting intent-to-apply forms through June 2, 2023. NH Division of Parks and Recreation will be holding an online workshop on March 7, 1:00–2:00 pm, to specifically cover basic eligibility criteria. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out directly, to [lwcf@dncr.nh.gov](mailto:lwcf@dncr.nh.gov).

### NH DES ARM FUND

The NHDES Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund is now accepting pre-proposals for the 2023 grant round. The ARM Fund Program ensures that funds generated through In-Lieu Fee (ILF) mitigation payments for unavoidable impacts to wetlands, streams and other aquatic resources are used to fund projects that replace, restore, or protect aquatic resources within the same watershed. The primary goal of the ARM Fund is to provide sustainable compensatory mitigation meeting the federal goal of “no net loss” of functions and values of waters and wetlands nationwide. This year, nearly \$5 million dollars is available in the four service areas including the Merrimack River, Pemigewasset–Winnepesaukee River, Salmon Falls–Piscataqua River, and Upper Connecticut River service areas. Please view the [2023 ledger](#) to understand the resource types and functions and values lost in the watersheds soliciting proposals.

### NEW ENGLAND GRASS ROOTS ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

Grants to fund community involvement in projects that address environmental issues including agriculture, air quality, alternative energy, aquifer protection, biotechnology, community gardens, environmental justice, energy conservation, forestry, global warming, land trusts, marine environment, public health, sprawl, sustainable communities, toxics and hazardous waste, trails, water quality, watershed management, wetlands, wildlife, and youth-organized environmental work. [SEE WEBSITE.](#)

### GRANTS Available for Wetland Protection

The goal of the National Wetland Program Development Grants is to increase the quantity and quality of wetlands in the United States by conserving and restoring wetland acreage



and improving wetland condition. Eligible projects include those that develop or refine state, tribal, territory, or local government wetland programs as a whole, or individual components of those programs. The application deadline is March 27, 2023. For more info go to: [Environmental Protection Agency](#).

### **Program Supports Wildlife on Public Lands**

The Bureau of Land Management Headquarters Wildlife Program is focused on ensuring self-sustaining populations and a natural abundance and diversity of wildlife on public lands for the enjoyment and use of present and future generations. The Program works with partners and cooperating agencies/governments to align efforts to manage priority habitats and species and identify and implement strategies that promote building resiliency to climate change and environmental stressors, including drought, wildland fire, unusual weather events, and insects/disease. The application deadline is April 3, 2023. For more info go to: [Department of the Interior](#)

### **Funding Available to Protect Wild Places**

The Conservation Alliance (TCA) protects outdoor spaces and wild places through the collective power of its member companies. TCA members' annual contributions go directly to its grants program. Twice a year, TCA's [Member-Directed Grants](#) provide support for projects that seek to secure lasting and quantifiable protection of a specific wild land or waterway. As part of this process, TCA member companies nominate up to two organizations to apply for funding of up to \$50,000 and help to select grantees who are committed to creating a healthy, liveable planet for all. Organizations should connect with [member companies](#) in their state to secure a nomination. This program is led by an advisory committee made up of individuals from member companies, philanthropy, and grantee organizations. Visit the Conservation Alliance's website for further information on its grant programs. For more info go to: [The Conservation Alliance](#)

### **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**

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. [Bureau of Land Management](#)

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