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Conservation Commission Activities, Legislative Updates and more!



Please Join NHACC for our Annual Meeting & Conference

***“Something Wild”* Stories; A Peek Behind the Microphone with Thoughts on NH’s Natural Heritage.**

NH Public Radio’s “Something Wild” feature has been exploring the intricacies of nature in NH for more than 25 years. Chris Martin and Dave Anderson have teamed up as the show’s co-hosts for the past 16 years. Together, in short radio essays, Chris and Dave take listeners to visit the state’s most interesting birds, and forests while exploring unique Granite State habitats. ‘Something Wild Stories’ -- goes beyond the recording studio for a presentation filled with true stories and (a few) tall tales! Something Wild is a partnership of NH Audubon, The Forest Society and NHPR.



Pictured: Chris Martin, NH Audubon; Jessica Hunt, NHPR; and Dave Anderson, Forest Society

The Conference will be held on Saturday, November 2 at Pembroke Academy. Don't miss this educational and networking opportunity to learn from both peers and professionals. You can attend 3 workshops of your choice to enhance your learning experience. Sign up before October 25 to get the early bird rate of \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members. Workshops fill up fast and have limited space, register now to ensure you get your first choice of workshops.

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CCs in the News

New London Conservation Commission Restores American Chestnut

The New London Conservation Commission is in year five of an American Chestnut Restoration project. Currently, they have eighty seedlings in the ground and have scheduled a work day to plant additional seedlings and strengthen those already growing. The Conservation Commission is very pleased to have the support and participation of the The American Chestnut Foundation for this project. They held a volunteer work day on September 14 to help with planting, weeding, mulching, and cage building. [For more information.](#)

Stratham London Conservation Commission Conserves Trail Connection

A crucial segment of Stratham's cherished trail system will be permanently conserved following the town's July acquisition of the Ross parcel. The town's Conservation Commission had been eyeing the 17-acre property for nearly 20 years. The newly acquired property will add nearly 0.7

miles of trails for walking, biking, and snowshoeing to the existing outdoor recreation network encompassing the 465 acres of **Stratham Hill Park** and the **Gordon Barker Town Forest**.

[For more information.](#)

Lunch & Learn Zoom Series

RESTORING THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

12 noon to 1 pm, presented on Zoom

Will Abbott, VT/NH TACF Chapter

Will Abbott will present “Restoring the American Chestnut,” an overview of the work of The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) to restore a blight resistant American Chestnut (TACF) to its native range from Georgia to Maine. Learn more about the latest TACF research and the work of TACF’s VT/NH Chapter to apply this research at chestnut orchards managed by the Chapter in the two state region. Will recently retired from the Forest Society, and serves on the Board of Directors of the TACF VT/NH Chapter.

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TRACKING TRENDS in NH'S WHITE MOUNTAINS

Wednesday, November 6

12 noon on Zoom

Georgia Murray, Staff Scientist with the Appalachian Mountain Club

The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) has been monitoring cloud and rainwater on the slopes of Mount Washington for the last 40 years, adding high elevation measurements to the story of acid rain in New Hampshire. The AMC has also tracked other air pollutants (ozone and fine particle haze) and ecological contaminants in stream water for decades in collaboration with the White Mountain National Forest and NH Air Resources. Air quality has dramatically improved, which aligns with stronger federal and state air pollution regulations. Conversely, climate indicators AMC and partners have monitored in the region since the 1930’s, such as air temperature and precipitation, are telling a different story, but solutions are similar. Join Murray as she shares data and lessons learned from air and climate trends in the White Mountains and discusses opportunities to take action.

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CLIMATE UP CLOSE; CONVERSATION WITH CLIMATE SCIENTISTS

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

12 noon to 1 pm, Presented on Zoom

**Dr. Andrew Williams (Princeton), Dr. Nathaniel Tarshish (Harvard),
& Dr. Aaron Match (NYU, Cornell).**

Join climate scientists from Climate Up Close for a non-partisan and non-prescriptive presentation that addresses major questions in the public climate conversation: What climate knowledge is settled versus what remains uncertain? How has climate change

impacted extreme weather? What does the future hold? Have we crossed a tipping point? The main presentation is followed by an extended Q&A.

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Grant Opportunities

The Landscape Scale Restoration Grant

Application deadline: November 15, 2024

The Landscape Scale Restoration Program is a Forest Service State and Private Forestry competitive grant program that promotes collaborative, science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes and furthers priorities identified in [State Forest Action plans](#) or equivalent restoration strategy. The Program (Northeast and Midwest) seeks to encourage collaborative, science-based restoration of priority rural forest landscapes. Desired outcomes of the program include improved fish and wildlife habitat; improved water quality and watershed function; mitigated invasive plants, insect infestation, and disease; reduced wildfire risk; improved forest ecosystem health; and measured ecological and economic benefits. The program supports projects with on-the-ground outcomes across northeast and midwestern states. [For more info.](#)

Local Source Water Protection Grant

Applications are due November 1, 2024.

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 (see list below) including certain activities required under US EPA's Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit that work to limit stormwater impacts and protect source water. Routine operations/maintenance activities required under MS4 permits are not eligible.

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, sustainable and save money in the long-term. The application packet is now available online. NHDES is happy to confer and exchange ideas with potential applicants in advance of the development of an application. [For more info.](#)

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