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Conservation Commission Activities, Educational Opportunities and more!



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Find Relevant RSAs to Guide Your Commission

Interpreting the law can be challenging but knowing what laws apply to conservation commission work is an important part of successful interaction with other boards. The first step is know where to find the rules and regulations that impact your work. The state of New Hampshire determines how municipalities are structured and provide direction on commission activities. The laws of the state of New Hampshire are called Revised Statutes Annotated, or RSAs. [RSA 36-A](#) authorizes a municipality to establish a conservation commission “for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of said city or town.” Go to this [list for links](#) to relevant RSAs.

CCs in the News

Antrim Conservation Commission Receives LCHIP Grant

Conservation projects in Antrim and Bennington have been awarded grant funding from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program to support conservation and preservation efforts. The Town of Antrim Conservation Commission received a \$115,000 grant to expand the Campbell Pond Forest. The project will add approximately 112 acres of working forest habitat to the town-owned Campbell Pond properties, creating a protected forest block of nearly 400 acres. [Read the article here.](#)

The Meredith Conservation Commission Plans to Expand Page Pond

The Meredith Conservation Commission is planning to expand the Page Pond forest by securing a 38-acre parcel off Meredith Neck Road. The property proposed for purchase is a 38-acre parcel that abuts the 763 acres already preserved as part of the Page Pond Town Forest, accessed via trailheads on Barnard Ridge Road and at the end of Quarry Road. The lot's acquisition would allow for a third trailhead, as it offers frontage on Meredith Neck Road, but its the land on Page Brook that provides the most meaningful benefits. [Read more.](#)

Education & Training Opportunities

Get Ready for Earth Day; Our Power Our Planet Webinar Series

The International theme of Earth Day this year is *Our Power, Our Planet*. To celebrate Earth Day, NHACC is working with a Planning Committee of fellow Conservation Commissioners to develop a series of events to engage more people and build up excitement for the final celebration on April 22, 2025. NHACC will present a webinar series this spring to help commissions learn more about the theme *Our Power, Our Planet*, and how renewable energy helps protect our planet and our local, fragile natural resources. NHACC is partnering with Clean Energy NH on the first two programs. Join us for the first program in the series on Thursday, February 6 on Zoom.

State of the State: Clean Energy in NH

February 6, 2025, noon on Zoom. Sam Evans-Brown, Clean Energy NH
This opening session will feature a high-level overview of clean energy in NH, with guest Sam Evans-Brown of Clean Energy NH, a nonprofit working toward a decarbonized energy future for NH. What do NH conservation commissions need to know about clean energy in NH? Why is it important to work toward a decarbonized energy system and what would that look like in our state? What are the major programs and policies that enable clean energy deployment in our communities? How does all this relate to conservation and environmental stewardship? Join us to explore these questions as we kick off our 2025 Earth Day series.

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Local Success Stories: Why NH Municipalities Are Investing in Clean Energy

February 27, 2025, 12 noon with Clean Energy NH circuit riders
You know about the Conservation Commission in your town... is there an Energy Commission as well? Many NH communities have energy committees and commissions tasked with helping the town invest in clean energy and energy efficiency, to save taxpayers money and shift away from out-of-state, carbon-intensive energy sources. Clean Energy NH's Energy Circuit Rider Program was set up to support municipalities in

tackling complex community energy projects. CENH's team is currently supporting over 90 towns on over 200 projects statewide. We'll learn about the different kinds of projects communities are pursuing, what it takes to bring these projects to fruition, and the benefits communities are seeing as a result.

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NH Coverts Project is accepting applications

Each year, UNH Cooperative Extension and NH Fish & Game bring together 25 conservation-minded individuals with a team of natural resource professionals to learn about wildlife and forest ecology, habitat management, conservation, and effective outreach. The 2025 NH Coverts Project Workshop will take place from May 14–17 in Greenfield, NH. Participants pay a \$50 registration fee; program sponsors fund all lodging, food, and other expenses. Application deadline is March 1, 2025.

[Learn More & Apply](#)

Grant Opportunities

National Environmental Education Foundation Provides Funds for Pollinator Gardens

The National Environmental Education Foundation is excited to announce \$200,000 in grant funding to support shovel-ready pollinator habitat enhancement projects on America's public lands. Public lands are any government, tribal, or privately owned land that the public can access. Phase 1 of the grant opens February 1, 2025, but we wanted to let you know about this funding opportunity early as a special preview.

There is a new Grant Writer's Guide created specifically for this Biodiversity Grant in addition to an [informational video](#). Both will help improve the strength of proposals and answer grant-specific frequently asked questions. Those two resources, in addition to more information, can be found on the [NEEF website](#). The application will be up on their website on February 1.

Fields Pond Foundation

The primary mission of the Fields Pond Foundation is to provide financial assistance to nature and land conservation organizations that are community-based and that serve to increase environmental awareness by involving local residents in conservation issues. The Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations and municipalities that request one of the following: project grants for trail making and other enhancement of public access to conservation lands,

rivers, coastlines, and other natural resources; land acquisition for conservation; assistance in the establishment of stewardship endowments as a component of a land protection project; and support for related education programs and publications as components of a land protection project. Proposal outlines and formal applications may be submitted throughout the year. Detailed guidelines and forms are available on the [Foundation's website](#).

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