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Conservation Commission Activities, Legislative Updates and more!



### Register now for NHACC Annual Meeting & Conference

#### Keynote Speakers: Susie Spikol and Jack Dalton

Meet two of the most inspiring people in conservation education and learn how they use their love of nature to encourage others to protect our natural environment. Join a conversation with Susie Spikol, and Jack Dalton, and find out what motivates them to teach others about nature and share their excitement for animals and the outdoors. Susie will open the conversation by explaining the critical link between children and nature and why it is so important to get children outside to experience nature.

**The NHACC Conference will be held on Saturday, November 5 at Pembroke Academy.**

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



This year we are offering both in-person and on-line registration. The on-line option will include video viewing of the annual business meeting, the keynote presentation and all three workshops from the Foundations Track.

## Register Now

### Conservation Commission Resource Update

#### New State Program to Help Control Invasive Species

The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food (DAMF) has just established the Herbicide Cost Share Program, which provides reimbursement to NH municipalities for the cost of herbicides purchased for management of prohibited and restricted upland invasive plants. The program helps New Hampshire municipalities offset some of the cost of managing New Hampshire's **prohibited upland invasive plants** and **restricted upland invasive plants**. The the deadline for submission is November 1st.

Information about this program and the form are available by going to the **DAMF's website**.

**Learn more at the NHACC conference workshop: CONTROLLING INVASIVE PESTS: NH'S NEW PROGRAM; with Doug Cygan, NH DAMF.**

### CCs in the News

#### Conservation Commissions team up to raise money.

Brookline and Milford Conservation Commissions team up to raise funds for improvements to the Granite Town Rail Trail between the two towns. The Ghost Train is a road race presented by the Conservation Commissions of both Brookline and Milford, N.H. in conjunction with the Trail Animals Running Club (TARC). The event features a 15 mile haunted trail run and lots of fun. **For more information**.

### Education & Training Opportunities

#### WORKING WITH JOURNALISTS

**Wednesday, October 26 at 12 noon**

Mara Hoplamazian, NH Public Radio, Reporter, Climate Change

One aspect of a conservation commission's job is public outreach and education, but it can be a challenge for commissions to help spread the word about their good work. This workshop and Q&A will provide guidance on how journalists and newsrooms work, and how to best approach working with the media to get the word out about your work. **To Register**

#### STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEER TRAINING

**Moose Mountains Regional Greenways**

Saturday, December 10, 2022 • 9:00am–2:00pm

This workshop will train on everything you need to know about being a land steward volunteer, from the importance of conservation easements and monitoring to how to read a survey. This workshop will be split in two locations. The first half will be spent inside learning about conservations easements and how to properly monitor them and the second half will be spent at the Casey Road Conservation Area putting your new skills to the test! Go to [Nature Groupie](#) for more information.

**NH BioBlitz Guide & Resources Now Available!**

Do you want more people to know about and explore your town lands? Do you want to learn more about the natural resources in your community? UNH Extension has developed a BioBlitz Guide, a kit anyone can borrow, and a variety of other resources for communities and organizations who want to host a successful BioBlitz in NH. The in-depth guide includes a planning timeline, promotional resources, tips for collecting data and more. The kit can be borrowed (for free!) from UNH Extension and includes specialized equipment for specific data collection as well as general event supplies.

For more information and to access the resources, visit the UNH Extension [website](#).

## Grants

**2023 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, sustainable and save 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, 2022.

[For more information.](#)

## Funds Available for Culvert replacement from the U.S Department of Transportation

The Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Program provides grants during Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 funding. Funds made available for FY 2022 for the Culvert AOP Program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for the replacement, removal, repair, and improvement of culverts or weirs that would meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish. See 49 U.S.C § 6703. DOT plans to conduct outreach regarding the Culvert AOP Program in the form of a virtual meeting on October 26, 2022, at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The Webinar will be conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). To join the Webinar, register by following the instructions posted on [Culvert AOP Program Website](#) (FHWA)

Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov no later than 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on February 6, 2023.

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