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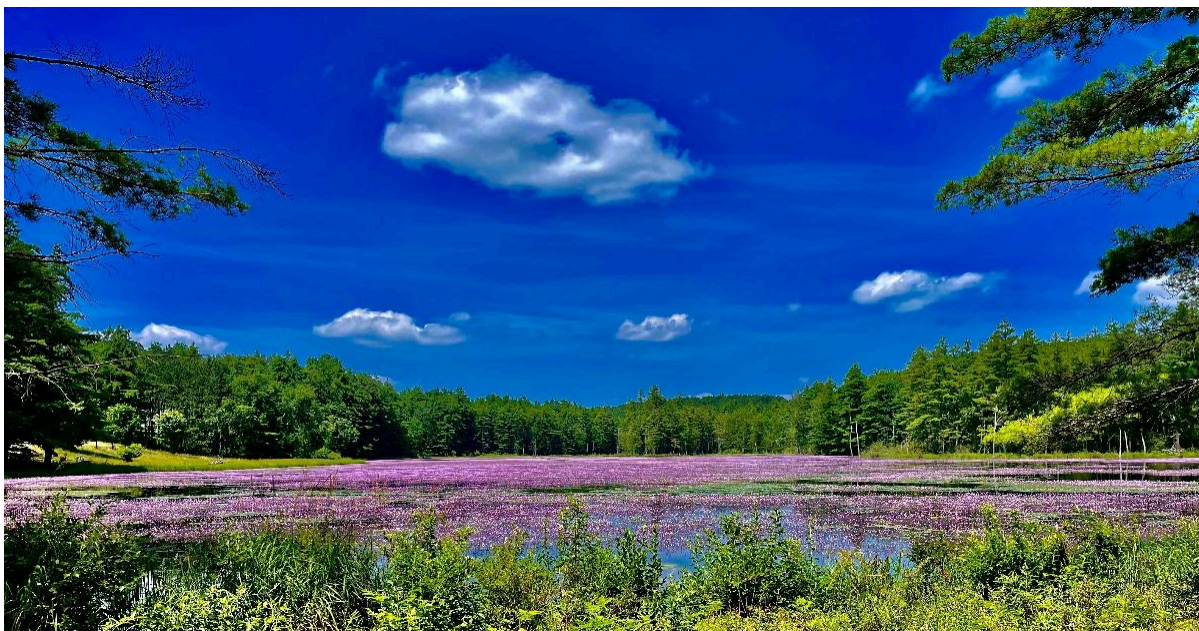
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Conservation Commission Activities, Updates and more!



What is the conservation commission's role in land management?

RSA 36-A:4 specifies that any interest in land acquired in the name of the municipality by the conservation commission be “managed and controlled” by the commission. A municipal governing or legislative body also may vote to authorize a conservation commission to manage other parcels of town-owned land for conservation purposes. When a commission has responsibility for a parcel, a concrete, individually designed management plan or stewardship plan is recommended to ensure protection of its unique natural areas. [LEARN MORE.](#) *Photo by Keith Kullmann*

CCs in the News

Canaan Conservation Commission Hosts Film Festival

September 11, 2026, Mascoma Auditorium @ Mascoma High School, Canaan, NH

Join the Canaan Conservation Commission for an amazing night of inspiring and adventurous films. Concerned citizens worldwide know the urgency of the many environmental crises facing our planet today, but most don't know how they can contribute to the fight. Now, attendees in the Upper Valley can support their own local advocates for the environment by attending the Canaan Conservation Commission's Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour. For more info & register: [click HERE.](#)

Charlestown Conservation Commission & the Charlestown Solid Waste Committee Present: *Plastics What you should know, What you can do*

**September 22, 2026, 6:00 pm, Charlestown Senior Center,
223 Old Springfield Road, Charlestown, NH**

Presented by Susan Richman, a member of the Plastics Working Group, NH Network for Environment, Energy and Climate, this is an informational, educational presentation open to the public and to anyone interested in learning more about plastics. The program will cover the role of plastics in our lives and in the environment, recycling of plastic, alternatives to plastic, and more, with an emphasis on what we can do at our local community level. Following the presentation there will be time for questions and discussion. For more information: [click HERE.](#)

New London Commission Creates Pollinator Garden...

As the world learns more about the importance of pollinators to our food supply and the fact that pollinators are in decline, the New London Conservation Commission is taking action. The NLCC has installed a "pollinator garden" along the Esther Currier Wildlife Management Area at Low Plain, right alongside the beaver dam at the Wildlife Pond on Davis Path. [READ MORE](#)



and Works to Control Invasive Species

The New London Conservation Commission recently championed a project to reduce a knotweed infestation at Esther Currier Wildlife Management Area (Low Plain). The aim of this project is to weaken the current stand of invasive Japanese knotweed and allow native plant species to take hold. This recent effort extended a control area

originally established in 2024 by another
3000 sq ft. [READ MORE.](#)

Education & Training Opportunities

Natural Burial & Conservation Lands; What Conservation Commissions Need to Know

Wednesday, September 16, at 12 noon on Zoom

If you've got an ear to the ground, you probably know there is growing public interest in finding final resting places in natural burial grounds that nurture the environment while protecting land. As municipal cemeteries trustees and independent nonprofits search for land suitable for natural burial in your communities, conservation commissions may be asked to participate in the search and, ultimately, in protection of the land involved. Join us for an introductory workshop/lunch-and-learn to see what goes into creating natural burial opportunities, what responsibilities characterize the web of relationships involved, and what conservation commissions need to know to be ready for the question.

Our speakers Steve Whitman and Lee Webster are members of the Board Directors of Natural Burial New Hampshire (NBNH) a statewide nonprofit focused on education and fundraising related to increasing natural burial opportunities in NH. [REGISTER HERE](#)

MGT-415: Disaster Recovery in Rural Communities

Class Date: September 17, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Primex, Bow Brook Place, 46 Donovan St., Concord, NH

The overarching goal of the course is to assist rural communities with effective and efficient implementation of recovery efforts, thus ensuring the best possible long-term social and economic recovery of their communities from disaster. This course is specifically tailored for rural communities, ensuring that you and your team are prepared for any situation. Please pass the attached class flyer on to others in your organization who may benefit from this great class

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Get Help Taking Action for Wildlife

Looking to do more for wildlife and habitat in your community? The Taking Action for Wildlife team is here to help. We provide **free technical assistance to New Hampshire communities** that want to protect and enhance wildlife and habitats. **Our team can provide guidance, technical expertise, and resources to support projects related to land stewardship, land conservation, land-use planning, natural resource inventories, and outreach and education.** Whether you're looking to identify priority conservation areas, exploring ways to better protect wildlife through local planning,

updating a Natural Resources Inventory, or organizing a community education event, we can help you move your ideas forward. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, so your community can apply whenever you're ready.

[Learn more and apply](#)

Grant Opportunities

Moose Plate Grant Applications Are Due in September

Grant applications are due on September 11, 2026.

The New Hampshire State Conservation Committee (SCC) announces the opening of the fiscal year 2027 Conservation Moose Plate Grants. Grant application information and program requirements are available on the [SCC website Conservation Grant Program](#). Grant funds are available for projects that support and promote programs and partnerships that protect, restore, and enhance the state's valuable natural resources. Grant applications are due on September 11, 2026. Awards will be announced in December 2026, and funding will be available to successful applicants in July 2027. Eligible applicants include municipalities, County Conservation Districts, qualified nonprofit organizations engaged in conservation programs, public and private schools, County Cooperative Extension, and natural resource programs.

For SCC grant program inquiries, contact Rachel Stevens, Administrator, rachel.a.stevens@agr.nh.gov.

New England Grassroots Fund

The New England Grassroots Environment Fund grant programs aim to energize and nurture long-term civic engagement in local initiatives that create and maintain healthy, just, safe, and environmentally sustainable communities throughout the six New England states. The Grassroots Fund is currently accepting applications for Seed grants, designed to support new (often less than one year old) environmental projects, and Grow grants, for initiatives that look to deepen their work or broaden participation. Grants focus on groups doing local, grassroots work, with priority on community groups that have an approximate annual operating budget under \$100,000, represent a broad range of voices in their community, and are not being reached by other funders. [For more information.](#)

Save the Date Saturday, November 7, 2026 Pembroke Academy

Don't miss the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) 56th Annual Meeting and Conference. This year's keynote speaker is Anthea Lavallee and Lindsey Rustad from [Hubbard Brook Ecosystem Study](#). We will be presenting 24 program sessions covering a variety of topics. The NHACC Annual Meeting and Conference is the only State-wide conference dedicated to municipal conservation commission members.



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