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Conservation Commission Activities, Grant Opportunities, Updates and more!



# Protecting Wetlands

Photo by Real Levasseur

Wetlands are among the most biologically diverse, productive, and unique habitats on earth. No part of our landscape provides so many benefits at so little cost to the public. Wetlands play a role in flood control, drinking water quality, groundwater discharge and recharge, pollutant filtration, shoreline stabilization, wildlife habitat, recreation, and education.

While the importance of wetlands is well established, New Hampshire loses **almost 100 acres of wetlands per year**. The loss of wetlands is an increasing threat to the health of our environment. Protecting our wetlands is important not only for wildlife, but it is also critical to support beneficial functions provided by these natural ecosystems. Only an estimated 5–10% of New Hampshire lands are wetlands and it's important to ensure this remaining resource is healthy and functions for the future. [Read the full story here.](#)

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## CCs in the News

### Meredith Conservation Commission Maintains Trails

For over 20 years, a volunteer group with the Conservation Commission has been maintaining local trails. Spring to fall, the group meets every Tuesday around 9 a.m., trimming branches, clearing trail debris, draining pooled water on the trail, and clearing invasive species. Last spring, the group cleared 35 trees from trails after the region experienced high winds. [READ More](#)

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New Hampshire's State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP), a roadmap for conserving wildlife in the state, is being updated to set priorities for the next 10 years, through 2035. The plan is a guide for state agencies, conservation organizations, towns, landowners, and others in their efforts to help conserve New Hampshire's wildlife. The plan includes an updated list of species of greatest conservation need (SGCN), a list of priority habitats, an assessment of the challenges these species and habitats are facing, and the actions needed to conserve wildlife over the next decade. Review the the revision of the SWAP on the [NH Fish & Game website](#).

You can submit comments may email their input to [wildlifeactionplan@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:wildlifeactionplan@wildlife.nh.gov) (include "SWAP" in the subject line), or by mail to: Wildlife Division, NH Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301. All input must be received by July 16, 2025.

## Dues

Thank you to the 192 commissions that have paid 2025 Dues! We really appreciate your continued support for the work of NHACC and we look forward to working with our members throughout the year. As a member you can take advantage of our benefits. Not only do we send out a monthly Enews, you can find recordings of our lunch & learn programs and our wetlands training series on our [YouTube channel](#), or join the NHACC listserv at [NHACC Exchange](#).

**If your commission is unsure of your membership status, please email NHACC at [admin@NHACC.org](mailto:admin@NHACC.org).**



## Training & Education Opportunities

### Wetlands Walk Maintenance

Thursday, June 26, 2025 • 9:00am–12:00pm

Saturday, June 28, 2025 • 9:00am–12:00pm

**719 Cherry Valley Rd (aka Rt 11-A) Gilford, NH 03249**

Help care for trails at Gunstock! The Wetlands Walk is an accessible boardwalk that offers a self-guided walk through the wetlands.

Help with a variety of upkeep for the trails: removing leaves around wood posts, moss and lichen from the boardwalk surface, trimming branches there and on the connecting trails, minor carpentry, sanding and priming/painting the bumper for the visually impaired, and removing invasive weeds, replacing 30yr old failing support posts. [More Info](#)

### Recognizing and Managing Wildlife Habitat

Thursday, July 10, 2025 • 5:30pm–7:30pm

**247 North River Road Epping, NH 03042**

In this field-based workshop, you'll learn how to identify and describe the components of wildlife habitat and how those components function as habitat for vertebrate and invertebrate creatures. You'll learn how to assess your land's habitat and make your land more attractive to a variety of wildlife. We'll also discuss how to identify trees, shrubs, and annual and perennial plants and how these plants function as wildlife habitat. [More Info](#)

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## Natural Resource Conservation Service New Tool Helps Farmers

NRCS has a tool on the Farmers.gov site called the "Conservation Concerns Tool" where interested producers can learn about different types of conservation issues or "resource concerns" and build a list of concerns on their farm to discuss with a local planner. NRCS created a helpful tool for new potential NRCS customers and an introduction to our Farmers.gov portal where they can create a login and view all their contracts, planned work, and submit requests directly to their local field office.

Here is the link to the Conservation Concerns Tool: <https://www.farmers.gov/conservation/concerns-tool>

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