**Public Outreach and Education Program Ideas**

Many towns offer public presentations to help educate the community about the importance of protecting our environment. There are several topics that the conservation commission can present to encourage a connection to nature and promote good stewardship.

Topics include:

* Land Conservation Options for Landowners
	+ Reach out to your local land trust and invite them to present a program on land conservation. Go to the [NH Land Trust Coalition website](https://nhltc.org/) to find a land trust.
* Wildlife education
	+ NH Fish & Game has a [Fish & Wildlife Steward program](https://nhfishgame.com/fish-wildlife-steward-request-form/);  Fish and Wildlife Stewards are now available to present **free** wildlife-related programs to **adult groups** statewide.
	+ NH Audubon offers public outreach programs. [Check out their website for info.](https://nhaudubon.org/education/public-programs/)
* Land Management
	+ Contact your [County](https://extension.unh.edu/countyforesters) Forester to present a program on trees and wildlife or controlling invasive species.
	+ Your local land trust may also offer field programs for the public
* Citizen Science and Community Engagement
	+ Coordinate a Bioblitz to encourage your community to get outside and observe nature. [UNH Extension has a Bioblitz Guide](https://extension.unh.edu/nhbioblitz) to get you started
	+ The Harris Center for Conservation Education has [educational programs](https://harriscenter.org/programs-and-education) for all ages.

Reach out to your local college or university for speakers on climate resilience and natural resource protection. Most colleges have a department of environmental studies or natural resource.

## Keene State College [Environmental and Sustainability Studies Faculty](https://sites.keene.edu/esgs/esgs-faculty/)

## Plymouth State College [Center for the Environment](https://www.plymouth.edu/center-environment/about-us) Faculty

## University of New Hampshire [Natural Resources and the Environment](https://colsa.unh.edu/natural-resources-environment/people) Faculty

## Antioch University New England [Environmental Studies](https://www.antioch.edu/faculty/?_sft_focus=environmental-studies-sustainability) Faculty

## Colby Sawyer College [Environmental Science](https://www.colby-sawyer.edu/majors/sas/environmental-science/faculty) Faculty

## Dartmouth College [Environmental Studies](https://envs.dartmouth.edu/people) Faculty

## Franklin Pierce University [Environmental Science](https://franklinpierce.edu/about/directories/faculty-staff/koningc.html) Faculty

## New England College [Faculty Directory](https://www.nec.edu/directory)

## Saint Anselm College [Biological Sciences](https://www.anselm.edu/academics/departments-programs/biological-sciences/faculty-staff) Faculty

## Southern New Hampshire University [Faculty Directory](https://www.snhu.edu/about-us/faculty-at-snhu/campus)