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Conservation Commission Activities, Educational Opportunities and more!



Annual Meeting & Conference

Register now for NHACC Annual Meeting & Conference

The NHACC Conference will be held on Saturday, November 2 at Pembroke Academy.

Don't miss this educational networking opportunity to learn from both peers and professionals. We offer workshops on the fundamentals of conservation commissions as well as more advanced sessions. Choose ANY 3 SESSIONS from a selection of 24 workshops! **Go to the NHACC [website](#) for more information!**

Following the NHACC business meeting we will present; NH Public Radio's "Something Wild" feature has been exploring the intricacies of nature in NH for more than 25 years. Chris Martin and Dave Anderson have teamed up as the show's co-hosts for the past 16 years. Together, in short radio essays, Chris and Dave take listeners to visit the state's most interesting birds, and forests while exploring unique Granite State habitats. 'Something Wild Stories' -- goes beyond the recording studio for a presentation filled with true stories and (a few) tall tales! Something Wild is a partnership of NH Audubon, The Forest Society and NHPR.



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CCs in the News

Lancaster Conservation Commission Teams up for Heritage Trail

The Town of Lancaster Conservation Commission, Northern Forest Center, and Appalachian Mountain Club are teaming up to restore the Heritage Trail through Lancaster, NH! The project will be installing bog bridges on the Heritage Trail between Reed Road by Weeks State Park and RT 2 near downtown Lancaster. Anyone is welcome, and no prior trails experience is needed. Participants under 18 are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The Appalachian Mountain Club will provide trail work instruction, all tools and personal protective equipment. Please wear long pants and boots and bring your own food and water. The day will run from 9am–3pm. Participants will meet on Reed Road in Lancaster. Contact jszalewicz@outdoors.org with questions. Join the team on **October 19 and 26, 9:00–3:00 PM** to help bring this 12-mile segment to life. [Registration is required.](#)

Hanover Conservation Commission Helps to Manage Deer

Hanover seeks to manage deer by bringing landowners and hunters together. The commission invited hunters and landowners to talk with officials from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department about Hanover's ongoing plan to reduce its deer population. Since 2018, Hanover has participated in New Hampshire's Deer Management Assistance Program, or DMAP, that aims to help towns deal with deer overpopulation on the local level beyond the state's annual deer hunting seasons. "It's time for hunters and landowners to get re-acquainted," said Barbara McIlroy, who serves on the Hanover Conservation Commission's biodiversity committee. [Read the full article here.](#)



Chester Conservation Commission Opens a New Trail

Chester Conservation Commission opened up a new trail on the Spring Hill Farm conservation property and hosted a walk to showcase the property. The new trail is a 2 mile hike which goes through fields and pleasant walk through a stand of hard wood forest. A portion of the trail is a steep, providing exercise for the hiker.



New London Conservation Commission Plants American Chestnut Trees

The NLCC is a proud chapter member and previously planted, and is now managing, eighty chestnut trees at three sites in New London; the Esther Currier Wildlife Management Area at Low Plain, Clark Lookout, and Shaker Street. In September, they planted 22 seedlings at the site on Shaker Street and restored the tree cages and mulch at both the Shaker Street location and at the planting area at the Clark Lookout trail. 18 volunteers from the NLCC, TACF, Elkins Fish & Game Club and Nature Groupie worked on the project, splitting up into two groups to complete the work at both sites. The American Chestnut Foundation VT/NH generously provided all the metal posts, fencing, and plant matting for the project and the New London DPW provided the soil and bark mulch. The American Chestnut, which once dominated the forests of the eastern United States, was decimated by a deadly Asian blight starting in the late 1800s. Through scientific research and breeding, TACF is working to develop a blight-resistant American Chestnut Tree. Planting sites, like the ones in New London, help with this valuable research. The commission thanks TACF and all the volunteers for doing a great job.



RESTORING THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

12 noon to 1 pm, presented on Zoom

Will Abbott, VT/NH TACF Chapter

Will Abbott will present "Restoring the American Chestnut," an overview of the work of The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) to restore a blight resistant American Chestnut (TACF) to its native range from Georgia to Maine. Learn more about the latest TACF research and the work of TACF's VT/NH Chapter to apply this research at chestnut orchards managed by the Chapter In the two state region. Will recently retired from the Forest Society, and serves on the Board of Directors of the TACF VT/NH Chapter.

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TRACKING TRENDS in NH'S WHITE MOUNTAINS

Wednesday, November 6

12 noon on Zoom

Georgia Murray, Staff Scientist with the Appalachian Mountain Club

The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) has been monitoring cloud and rainwater on the slopes of Mount Washington for the last 40 years, adding high elevation measurements to the story of acid rain in New Hampshire. The AMC has also tracked other air pollutants (ozone and fine particle haze) and ecological contaminants in stream water for decades in collaboration with the White Mountain National Forest and NH Air Resources. Air quality has dramatically improved, which aligns with stronger federal and state air pollution regulations. Conversely, climate indicators AMC and partners have monitored in the region since the 1930's, such as air temperature and precipitation, are telling a different story, but solutions are similar. Join Murray as she shares data and lessons learned from air and climate trends in the White Mountains and discusses opportunities to take action.

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CLIMATE UP CLOSE; CONVERSATION WITH CLIMATE SCIENTISTS

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

12 noon to 1 pm, Presented on Zoom

Dr. Andrew Williams (Princeton), Dr. Nathaniel Tarshish (Harvard),
& Dr. Aaron Match (NYU, Cornell).

Join climate scientists from Climate Up Close for a non-partisan and non-prescriptive presentation that addresses major questions in the public climate conversation: What climate knowledge is settled versus what remains uncertain? How has climate change impacted extreme weather? What does the future hold? Have we crossed a tipping point? The main presentation is followed by an extended Q&A.

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2025 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 (see list below) including certain activities required under US EPA's Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit that work to limit stormwater impacts and protect source water. Routine operations/maintenance activities required under MS4 permits are not eligible.

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. Further guidance can be found at the end of the application.

The application packet is now available online to allow time for applicants to identify key partners/stakeholders and craft a high-quality grant proposal. **Applications are due November 1, 2024. [For more information.](#)**

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