



Assistance for Communities in New Hampshire's Coastal Watershed

2009 SINGLE PROJECT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Application Deadline: Friday November 14, 2008

This is a less intensive program than *Dealing with Growth*, and provides guidance with a single project or topic.

- NROC can help you with a specific project, e.g. developing a water quality monitoring program, developing and implementing a survey, building on a previous NROC project, etc. **OR**
- If there is a natural resources topic that you are concerned about but haven't addressed yet, or that you have worked on and now would like to explore other aspects, NROC staff can help you refine your focus and develop a project that will give you meaningful results. The enclosed Application Form provides a list of possible topics for assistance (or you can add your own).

Apply for this program if you have a specific project or topic you need assistance with.

Program Description:

- NROC tailors the program to your community's needs and works with community members for up to six months.
- The NROC team helps towns and conservation groups complete a single project that has the goal of protecting the community's natural resources and managing the effects of growth.
- NROC staff with expertise in your project/topic area will be assigned to assist you with your project.

Program Benefits:

- Helps to energize community efforts to protect natural resources.
- Provides small grants to NROC communities to begin work on natural resource protection projects.
- Provides access to expertise from natural resources protection agencies and organizations.
- Provides training needed by volunteers to complete specific project tasks.
- Provides technical assistance in specialized areas, e.g. land conservation, water resources, etc.

To learn about what other communities have achieved with the assistance of NROC, visit our web page: <http://extension.unh.edu/CommDev/NROC/CANROC.cfm>.

NROC Partner Organizations

UNH Cooperative Extension ▪ NH Sea Grant ▪ Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
NHDES Watershed Management Bureau ▪ NH Coastal Program ▪ NH Estuaries Project
Rockingham Planning Commission ▪ Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission ▪ National NEMO Network

*NROC is staffed by the participating organizations and receives funds from
the New Hampshire Coastal Program and the New Hampshire Estuaries Project*



SINGLE PROJECT/TOPIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2009 Application Form

Applications must be received by November 14, 2008

Town(s) Name and Affiliation of Applicant (*e.g. conservation commission, planning board, open space group, conservation group, etc*):

Name of primary contact person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (Day): _____ (Evening): _____ E-mail: _____

Please check the community boards and/or other groups actively supporting this application and provide a contact name and phone number/e-mail address for each:

Conservation Commission _____

Planning Board _____

Zoning Board _____

Select Board _____

Town or City Council _____

Open Space Committee _____

Board Subcommittee _____
(*e.g. zoning revisions, master plan, etc.*)

Lake/River/Watershed groups _____

OTHER (give details): _____

1. On a separate page, describe the assistance you are requesting and the goals you hope to achieve (select a topic from the list below, add your own topic, or describe a specific project). Note that NROC assistance takes the form of guidance, technical assistance and education to help community volunteers conduct the project.

Project/Topic Title: _____

TOPIC LIST

Water Resources
Developing community strategies for protecting water resources
Developing and implementing a water quality monitoring program
Managing stormwater runoff
Protecting drinking water
Protecting riparian buffers
Minimizing impervious surfaces and water quality
<i>Other: (describe)</i>
Wetlands
Evaluating wetlands and understanding wetland ecology
Implementing buffers for wetlands and surface waters
<i>Other: (describe)</i>
Land protection
Creating, updating or adding to a natural resources inventory
Building on an existing land conservation program
Developing a conservation easement stewardship plan for town-owned lands
Developing and/or implementing a conservation plan
Understanding the economics of land conservation
Land protection funding strategies
Starting or rejuvenating an open space committee/land conservation group
implementing an Open Space Plan
Managing town forests
<i>Other (describe):</i>
Building public support
Developing new education & outreach strategies
Conducting surveys to get public input (e.g. master plan survey, land conservation survey, etc.)
<i>Other: (describe)</i>
Other
Implementing specific Master Plan strategies for natural resources protection
<i>Other: (describe)</i>

2. Which of the following are priorities for your community? (Please check your TOP THREE):

- Better coordination among municipal boards working on natural resources
- Mote technical background information for basing decisions
- Increased community support for natural resource protection
- Better planning for natural resources protection
- Better local regulation (zoning, subdivision and site review) for natural resource protection
- Financial assistance to accomplish natural resource protection projects
- More action at the community level for natural resource protection
- Other (describe:)

3. Provide information about the existing, planned or in-progress natural resources-based information that your community already has.

✓	Natural Resource Protection Efforts	Provide dates of: - Most recent update, - In-progress, or - Planned in near future
	Most recent Master Plan update	
	Natural resources section in Master Plan	
	Water resources section in Master Plan	
	Natural Resources Inventory	
	Natural resource protection ordinances (e.g. wetlands, aquifers, watershed protection)	
	Resource protection oriented overlay zoning district (specify which resources)	
	Open Space Plan or Conservation Plan	
	Water Resources Protection	
	Agricultural Preservation	
	Land Protection	
	Bond Allocation for land conservation	
	Open Space Committee (provide date of when the committee was formed)	
	Wetland inventory/evaluation	
	Forest management plan	
	Lake, River or Watershed Associations in town (provide date when group/s were formed)	
	Open Space/Land Conservation Group (provide date when group was formed)	
	OTHER (please describe)	

4. Please list other organizations/groups/programs your community is currently working with on related projects and/or will be working with in 2008.

- Civic Profiles
- Plan NH
- Minimum Impact Development
- OTHER (give details):
- Main Street Program
- Master Plan update consultants/Reg. Plan Comm.
- Planning Board subcommittees
(specify, e.g zoning revisions, master plan, etc.)

5. **Expected Time Frame:** On the table below, please check the program time frames (Spring or Summer) that your community would be available to start working with NROC. Please indicate first and second choices.

NROC Tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring 2009 Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer 2009 Program
Initial meeting with community	January, 2009	February, 2009
Kickoff Project Work session including interested community members	April, 2009	May, 2009
Six-month period of Follow-up assistance	May - October, 2009	June - November, 2009

*An electronic version of the application form is available on the NROC website:
<http://extension.unh.edu/CommDev/NROC/CANROC.cfm>*

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 COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

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Working with NROC

Community Responsibilities for the

Assistance with Specific Projects/Topics Program

The NROC team will need assistance from community members to prepare for this program. Specific community responsibilities include:

- 1. Assemble a work group with representation from municipal boards and other appropriate groups (e.g. lake associations, subcommittees, etc.) to work with the NROC team.**
- 2. Attend initial meeting between NROC staff and community representatives (municipal boards and other groups) to discuss the details of the NROC assistance program, your needs and goals, and the time frame for the project.**
- 3. Publicize the Project.**

The community is responsible for advertising the program and inviting community members to participate - getting additional people involved helps to spread the workload. Many community members are more willing/able to commit to a focused project with a defined beginning and end.

 - Invite town or city officials (including select board, planning board, ZBA, conservation commission), and other local organizations via letters of invitation.
 - Invite members of the public (newspaper articles, notices in public places).
 - Publicize the initial kick-off meeting to start developing the project work plan.
- 4. Host initial and subsequent follow-up meetings to develop an action plan.**

The community work group is responsible for reserving meeting space for project meetings.