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Greetings!

You have expressed an interest in the New Hampshire Coverts Project or you were recommended as someone who might be interested. UNH Cooperative Extension, in cooperation with the NH Fish and Game Department, NH Division of Forests and Lands, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, is looking for landowners and other individuals committed to wildlife conservation and forest stewardship. If you have time in your schedule for a training workshop, and approximately 40 hours of volunteer outreach during the coming year (it may be volunteer work you are already doing), then we invite you to complete the enclosed application form by **June 26, 2009**.

Twenty-five individuals will be chosen from the list of applicants to attend the fall workshop scheduled for September 23-26, 2009. The workshop will be held at the rustic, beautiful Barbara C. Harris Conference Center in Greenfield, New Hampshire. The workshop is free for participants, funded by the program sponsors. The workshop offers you an opportunity to get to know and to work with natural resource professionals from around the state. It will be fun, educational, and you'll become part of a volunteer network that will keep in touch through newsletters, field tours and future workshops.

This is our fifteenth year of the program—over 300 people from throughout New Hampshire have completed the workshop and become Coverts volunteers. These volunteers have returned to their communities and hosted tours on their property, conserved land, presented wildlife programs in schools, joined conservation commissions, written articles for newspapers and magazines, staffed exhibits, initiated natural resource inventories, worked on community conservation projects, and much more. For more information about the workshop agenda (based on past trainings) and other materials, visit our website at: **NHCoverts.org**

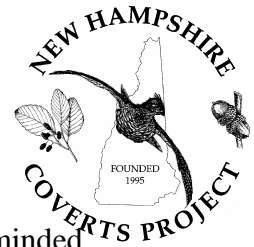
If you have any questions about the Coverts Project please contact me or the Extension educator in forest resources in your county Extension office. We look forward to hearing from you! Applicants will be notified in July.

Sincerely,

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The New Hampshire Coverts Project

2009 Application Form



The New Hampshire Coverts Project is looking for landowners and other conservation-minded individuals who can motivate friends, neighbors, and other peers to become stewards of New Hampshire's forest and wildlife habitats. We are looking for enthusiastic local leaders to join the statewide network of Coverts volunteers. Twenty-five people will be selected from the pool of applications to participate in the fall training workshop, scheduled for September 23-26, 2009 in Greenfield, NH. If you are interested, please complete this form and return by **June 26, 2009** to:

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214 Nesmith Hall, 131 Main Street
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Questions? Call Malin Clyde at (603) 862-2166, email: malin.clyde@unh.edu

Website: NHCoverts.org

1) Name _____

2) Home Address _____

(R.R., Street, or P.O. Box)

(Town)

(State)

(Zip)

(Home Phone)

(Work Phone)

3) Email Address _____

4) Occupation (indicate current or former): _____

5) How long have you lived in New Hampshire? _____ years

6) How long have you lived in the community in which you now reside? _____ years

7) How (or from whom) did you hear about the NH Coverts Project?

8) Do you own land or are you responsible for managing land in New Hampshire? ___ yes ___ no

_____ acres owned _____ acres responsible for, owned by _____

8a) This land is located in the town of _____

8b) Does this property have a management plan? _____yes _____no

If yes, does it include wildlife habitat objectives? _____yes _____no

8c) What, if any, wildlife or forest management activities have been carried out on this property in

the past 3-5 years? (For example, releasing apple trees or fruiting shrubs, trail construction, timber stand improvement, etc.)

8d) Is there public access on this property? ____yes ____no

8e) Is the property permanently protected in a conservation easement or other means? ____yes ____no

8f) Are you a tree farmer? ____yes ____no

9) Please check the topics below that you feel you have some knowledge of or skill in.

- ____ wildlife habitat management
- ____ forestry
- ____ community conservation planning
- ____ land protection
- ____ field naturalist

10) How would you rate your abilities in the following areas? *Please circle the appropriate number, with (1) being low skill and (4) being highly skilled.*

	<i>Low Skill</i>			<i>High Skill</i>
a. Expressing my ideas to others	1	2	3	4
b. Meeting and talking with new people	1	2	3	4
c. Helping others find information and assistance	1	2	3	4
d. Speaking in public	1	2	3	4
e. Getting involved in my community	1	2	3	4

11) How much access do you feel you have to local media sources?

No Access 1 2 3 4 5 6 A Lot of Access

12) How much access do you feel you have to local community groups or other organizations active in your area?

No Access 1 2 3 4 5 6 A Lot of Access

13) Which of the following do you feel are your three strongest potential points as a communicator?
Please circle the appropriate letters.

- a. Writing for newspapers, magazines, etc.
- b. Appearing on radio
- c. Appearing on television
- d. Public speaking
- e. Organizing workshops or educational displays
- f. Leading groups in the field
- g. One-on-one conversations with neighbors and others
- h. Addressing important issues with legislators or local officials
- i. Serving on conservation commission or other local board
- j. Staffing educational displays and answering questions at fairs or similar functions
- k. Other _____

14) Please list any current or past community or organizational involvement (include, for example, association memberships or offices, community boards, or other volunteer activities).

<i>Organization/Activity</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Former or Current?</i>

15) Please indicate the statement which most accurately describes the level of knowledge you feel you have about forest and wildlife stewardship. *Please circle the appropriate letter.*

- A) I have little or no knowledge of forest or natural resources stewardship.
- B) I am aware of some of the options available for landowners/managers in managing property for wood, wildlife, and other benefits.
- C) I understand some forestry and wildlife concepts and can explain them to others.
- D) I have enough skills to implement some forestry and wildlife stewardship activities on my land or land I help manage.
- E) I know as much about forestry and wildlife stewardship as most foresters or wildlife biologists.

16) Please share the names of two people (non family members) who can serve as references:

Name	Daytime phone number	Occupation

17) What aspects of the Coverts Project interest you the most?

18) Please share anything else about yourself or your interests with us, including why you would like to attend this workshop and become a NH Coverts Project volunteer.

Thank you!

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