

**New Hampshire Ecological Reserve System Project News
("The Ecoreserve Project")**

**Advancing the Conservation of New Hampshire's
Ecologically Significant Lands, Waters, and Wetlands**

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Pilot Phase Update

The NH Ecoreserve Project is completing a pilot phase this Fall. Eight sites varying in size from 50 acres to more than 1000 acres with a mix of public and private ownership were evaluated using the ecological criteria developed by the Project. A combination of landscape analysis using GIS, aerial photo interpretation, review of existing information, and some fieldwork was used to assess each site for ecological significance. A Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) is meeting in November to evaluate the pilot phase, to consider natural area/ecological reserve design, management strategies, and human use guidelines. The purpose is to test and evaluate our process and to modify and enhance the project's scientific criteria and reserve design concepts. The results of the pilot will then be used to guide Project partners in implementing a system that conserves the state's biodiversity.

LCHIP Round2

The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) is holding 7 workshops around the state to help potential applicants with the process for Grant Round 2. If you have any questions regarding the schedule contact Cheryl Carlson, Office Manager, at 603-224-4113 or by e-mail: info@lchip.org. For other information check the LCHIP web site at <http://www.lchip.org>

Workshop Schedule: all workshops are from 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Lancaster Monday, October 22
Lancaster Courthouse - Board/Conference Room, 148 Main Street, Route 3

Manchester Tuesday, October 23

City Library, Winchell Room, 405 Pine Street, Manchester

Tamworth Wednesday, October 24
Remick Museum, 58 Cleveland Hill Road, Tamworth

Keene Thursday, October 25
Keene Public Library, 60 Winter Street, Keene

New London Monday, October 29
New London Town Offices (white building next to Town Hall)

Dover Tuesday, October 30
Dover Middle School, 16 Daley Drive - Rte. 108

Exeter Thursday, November 1
Rockingham Planning Commission, Exeter Town Office, 10 Front Street, Exeter

New Hampshire Everlasting

“I long for wildness...woods where the wood thrush forever sings, where the hours are early morning ones, and there is dew on the grass, and the day is forever unproven... a New Hampshire everlasting and unfallen.” This quote by Henry David Thoreau provides the theme for a new initiative unveiled this Fall by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF): New Hampshire Everlasting.

SPNHF seeks local, state, and national partnerships to help fulfill a mission of conserving one million acres of the state’s most significant natural lands within the next 25 years. Their call to conserve encompasses five goals to guide the selection and conservation of lands for communities, forestry, habitat, clean waters, and farming.

The NH Ecoreserve Project will play an important role in helping to identify and protect ecologically significant areas as part of this New Hampshire Everlasting Initiative.

SPNHF’s proposal is available on their website: <http://www.spnhf.org>. For more information contact Sarah Thorne, Research Director, SPNHF at 603-224-9945.

Wolves, Wildlands, Landscapes

A variety of conferences on the horizon offer a range of topics from single species to rivers and ground water to landscape scale conservation.

Restoring Wolves to the Northern Forest.

A two day science and educational conference on the prospects of wolf recovery in the northeast. October 19-20, 2001 at The Balsams Grand Resort Hotel

For more information and to register contact the National Wildlife Federation website at <http://www.nwf.org/wolves/northeastwolvesconference.html>

Forest Structure: A Multi-Layered Conversation
A Forest Ecosystem Information Exchange
October 25, 2001 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wells Conference Center, Umaine Campus, Orono
For more information see <http://www.manometmaine.com/exchange>

NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting
November 3, 2001 Concord
For more information contact Marge Swope at 603-224-7867.

Protecting, Connecting and Restoring the Wilds of the Northeast
November 12, 2001 9:30 am – 5:30 pm
Turner Hill, Ipswich, MA
Sponsored by the Sweet Water Trust
For more information contact their web site at <http://sweetwatertrust.org>

NH DES River and Watershed Conference 2001
November 17, 2001 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
NH Dept. of Environmental Services Office, Hazen Drive, Concord
Sponsored by the NH Department of Environmental Services
For more information check the DES web site at <http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers>
Registration information will be available on line by next week.

Ground Water and Aquatic Habitat Protection in New Hampshire
A Conservation Issues Forum that includes science, regulation, conservation issues and more
November 29, 2001 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Marriott Courtyard, Concord, NH
Sponsored by the American Ground Water Trust
For more information contact Garret Graaskamp at 603-228-5444 or visit their website at <http://www.agwt.org>

Landscape-Scale Conservation in New Hampshire:
Scientific Underpinnings, Planning, and Practice
January 9, 2002 NH Technical Institute, Concord
Sponsored by the NH Ecological Reserve System Project, The Nature Conservancy and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests
Registration information available later this fall
