



UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



Help for Landowners

Financial Assistance Programs

The 2008 Farm Bill offers a mix of financial and technical assistance and education to help landowners care for their land. The NH Division of Forests and Lands, UNH Cooperative Extension, NH Fish and Game Department (NHF&G), and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) all help bring these programs to you. Contact your UNH Cooperative Extension county forester or local NRCS conservationist to decide which programs are right for you. A brief description follows:

Natural Resources Conservation Service- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

Both EQIP and WHIP provide technical and financial assistance to landowners to improve water quality, conserve both ground and surface water, reduce soil erosion, improve riparian and aquatic areas, improve air quality and address wildlife habitat. These programs apply to private lands, including cropland, rangeland, pasture land, private non-industrial forestland, and other farm lands. In order to qualify for EQIP, a landowner must have a Conservation Activity Plan and these plans are available through EQIP. Contracts generally range from 1-10 years. For more information contact your local NRCS conservationist or UNH Cooperative Extension county forester.

New Hampshire Fish and Game Department- Small Grants Program

This state program is designed for restoring, maintaining, or enhancing wildlife habitat. It applies to properties larger than 25 acres, owned by an individual, organization or local government. Funding is limited to \$2,000 per property per year and no more than \$6,000 will be granted to a single landowner over a 10-year period. Because it is funded by a fee required of all who purchase a New Hampshire hunting license, the land needs to remain open for non-motorized public use, including hunting. For more information, contact your regional New Hampshire Fish and Game Department office.

Management Practice	EQIP	WHIP	NHF&G Small Grants
Forest Stewardship Activity Plan	X		
Forest Land and Wildlife Habitat Improvement			
Forest Stand Improvement	X	X	
Fish habitat improvement	X	X	X
Mast tree/fruited shrub release	X	X	X
Mowing/brush clearing	X	X	X
Early Successional Habitat Creation	X	X	X
Creation of woodland openings	X	X	X
Site preparation for regeneration	X		
Tree planting	X	X	
Invasive Species Control	X	X	
Firebreaks	X	X	
Prescribed Burning	X	X	
Windbreaks	X	X	
Water Quality Improvement/Protection			
Riparian forest buffer	X	X	X
Access road construction	X	X	
Critical area planting	X	X	X
Forest trails and landings	X	X	
Grade stabilization	X		
Water crossings	X	X	
Streambank/shoreline protection	X	X	X

Help Is Just a Phone Call Away

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Belknap	527-5475	223-6023	Region 1, Lancaster:	788-3164
Carroll	447-3834	447-2771	Region 2, New Hampton:	744-5470
Cheshire	352-4550	756-2988	Region 3, Durham:	868-1095
Coos	788-4961	788-4651	Region 4, Keene:	352-9669
Grafton	787-6944	747-2001	Headquarters, Concord:	271-2461
Hillsborough	641-6060	673-2409		
Merrimack	225-5505	223-6023		
Rockingham	679-5616	679-1587		
Strafford	749-4445	679-1587		
Sullivan	863-9200	756-2988		

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