



2017 Community Assistance Program

Taking Action for Wildlife is a collaborative effort by UNH Cooperative Extension and the NH Fish and Game Department to assist New Hampshire communities who wish to protect, conserve or manage wildlife habitat. We offer direct technical assistance to towns interested in incorporating wildlife considerations into local conservation planning and actions. **There is no fee for this assistance.**

Depending on the interest of your community, our team can help with activities such as:

- Identifying priority habitat conservation areas (conservation planning)
- Incorporating wildlife and habitat information in your town's natural resources inventory (NRI)
- Integrating wildlife information into other existing town documents (e.g. master plan) & policies
- Developing guidelines for managing town-owned lands in ways that support wildlife
- Landowner and public outreach and education
- Accessing a wealth of wildlife information resources
- Other wildlife and habitat-related projects as identified by communities

To learn more about *Taking Action for Wildlife*, visit: <http://takingactionforwildlife.org>.

Communities must be willing to commit portions of at least 2-3 of their regularly-scheduled Conservation Commission meetings to working with Taking Action for Wildlife staff. We usually need around 1 to 1 ½ hours to review wildlife information and facilitate discussion to help you move forward with your goals.

Please e-mail your response to amanda.stone@unh.edu

Questions? Call Amanda Stone at 603-862-1067

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

Please consult with the other members of your board and get their support prior to submitting your request.



Communities Taking Action for Wildlife 2017 Request for Assistance

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An online version of this application form can be found at www.takingactionforwildlife.org
We prefer submission to the online form, but you can also mail or e-mail this paper form to

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Town: _____

Name of contact person: _____

Town Board/Committee affiliation of contact person _____
(e.g. conservation commission, planning board, open space committee, etc.)

Mailing Address: _____

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

Please involve all members of your board in reviewing and submitting this application

1. Have you started using NH Wildlife Action Plan information in any of your conservation or planning work?

☐ NO, we have not used NH Wildlife Action Plan information yet.

☐ YES, we have started using NH Wildlife Action Plan information.

Briefly describe how you have used it:

2. In the space below, please tell us why your community would like to receive assistance, and what you would like help with in your wildlife planning:

3. Please rank your top 3-5 priority areas where your community needs assistance from the *Taking Action for Wildlife* team (where 1 is your first priority).

- _____ Identifying & inventorying critical habitats and/or wildlife species of concern and their locations in our community
- _____ Communicating with and educating landowners about wildlife habitat management and conservation
- _____ Incorporating wildlife information into our natural resources inventory
- _____ Incorporating wildlife information into a conservation or open space plan
- _____ Incorporating wildlife information into a municipal master plan
- _____ Learning about land conservation options to protect wildlife habitats
- _____ Conducting land conservation projects to conserve critical wildlife habitats
- _____ Using wildlife information in a management plan for conservation land or public land
- _____ Working with neighboring towns on conservation planning for wildlife
- _____ Working with private groups such as land trusts on conservation planning for wildlife
- _____ Inventorying and monitoring wildlife species
- _____ Education and outreach to the public and/or landowners about the value of wildlife in our town
- _____ Other (please describe)

4. Check other organizations/groups/projects your community is currently working with on related projects and/or will be working with in 2017-2018.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Profiles | <input type="checkbox"/> Local or regional Land Trust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plan NH | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan update consultants/Regional Planning Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space or Conservation Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board subcommittees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake, river or watershed associations | (e.g zoning revisions, master plan, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (give details)_____ | |

5. Please provide information about natural resources-based work that your community has completed, planned or is currently doing:

Natural Resource Protection Efforts	Provide dates of: - Most recent update, - In-progress, or - Planned in near future	Does this include information from the NH Wildlife Action Plan? (Y/N)
Most recent Master Plan update		
Natural Resources Inventory		
Natural resources Chapter in Master Plan		
Natural resource protection ordinances, e.g. wetlands, aquifers, watershed protection (specify which)		
Resource protection oriented overlay zoning district (specify which resources)		
Open Space Plan or Conservation Plan (specify which or both)		
Land protection		
Open space/land conservation group (provide date when group was formed)		
Allocated funds for land conservation (e.g. municipal conservation fund, etc.)		
Water resources protection (e.g. in Master plan, Water Quality Monitoring, etc.)		
Wetland inventory/evaluation		
Forest management plans/Town property management plans		
Farmland conservation		
OTHER (please describe)		