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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 and NH Division of Forests and Lands, 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 **March 1, 2019**.

Twenty-five individuals will be chosen from the list of applicants to attend the spring workshop scheduled for May 15-18, 2019. The workshop will be held at the Barbara C. Harris Conference Center in Greenfield, New Hampshire. Accepted applicants pay a \$50 registration fee to secure their spot in the workshop, with all other costs – including food, lodging, and materials – funded by program sponsors. The workshop offers you an opportunity to get to know and to work with natural resource professionals and other volunteers 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.

Since 1995, over 500 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, 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), visit our website at:

**[www.nhcoverts.org](http://www.nhcoverts.org)**

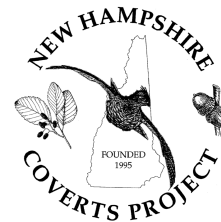
If you have any questions about the Coverts Project, please contact me or the Extension Educator in Natural Resources in your county Cooperative Extension office. We look forward to hearing from you! Applicants will be notified shortly after the March 1 deadline.

Sincerely,

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# The New Hampshire Coverts Project

## 2019 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 spring training workshop, scheduled for May 15-18, 2019 in Greenfield, NH. If you are interested, please complete this form and return by **March 1, 2019** to:

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**Questions?** Call Amy Arsenault, (603) 862-1029  
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1) Name \_\_\_\_\_

2) Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Street or P.O. Box)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Town)

(State)

(Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_

(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, timber harvest, grassland management, releasing apple trees or fruiting shrubs, trail construction, 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. Communications – writing, media, or online messaging
- b. Public speaking or delivering presentation
- c. Organizing workshops
- d. Leading groups or stewardship workdays in the field
- e. One-on-one conversations with neighbors and others
- f. Addressing important issues with legislators or local officials
- g. Serving on conservation commission or other local board
- h. Working to conserve land in your community
- 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>E-mail address and/or daytime phone number</b>	<b>Relationship or Connection</b>

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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