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2016 Conservation 'Moose Plate' Grant Awards

- Cheshire County Conservation District, *Windyhurst Farm - Manure & Waste Water Handling Improvement Project*, \$24,000.
Project Category: Water quality and water quantity.
Retrofit an existing dairy barn to effectively and efficiently move manure and milkhouse waste from the dairy cattle barn and milking center to the watertight manure tank, thereby removing two direct discharges of waste into surface water and improving nutrient management on the farm, and improving the water quality in the Connecticut River Watershed.
- Coös County Conservation District, *Coös County Conservation District's Plant Nursery*, \$10,930.
Project Category: Conservation Planning.
The development of a native plant nursery, in partnership with The Town of Columbia, that will offer a diverse selection of native plant species to educational facilities, contractors and associates for bank stabilization and native plant restoration projects.
- Five Rivers Conservation Trust, *Stonehurst Farm Conservation Project*, \$20,000.
Project Category: Land conservation.
The permanent conservation of a 217-acre farm in the Town of Dunbarton, owned by the Stone family since the 1780s, will protect significant agricultural soils, historic and scenic resources, and connect with existing conservation lands.
- Grafton County Conservation District, *Improving Hayland and Pastureland by Improving Soil Health*, \$10,000.
Project Category: Soil Conservation and Flooding.
Support local agricultural producers and improve the soil health of Grafton County pasture and hay lands through the rental of an AerWay aerator and a Herd broadcast seeder.
- Hanover Conservancy, *Vision 2020- Implementing the Hanover Conservancy's Strategic Conservation Plan*, \$4,221.
Project Category: Conservation Planning.
The development of a strategic conservation plan, in collaboration with the Town of Hanover, will identify community priorities and support the conservation of a high priority conservation project.



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- Harris Center, *Osgood and Hurd Hill*, \$20,000.
Project Category: Land conservation.
The permanent conservation of the 580-acre Osgood and Hurd Hills property in the Town of Nelson will conserve significant natural resources, and contribute to an existing 1,700-acre corridor of protected land extending north from Spoonwood Pond to Route 9 in Stoddard.
- Merrimack County Conservation District, *Supporting Soils for Small Agricultural Producers through Shared Soil Amendment Equipment*, \$24,000.
Project Category: Soil Conservation and Flooding.
Assist small agricultural producers in Central NH through the availability of shared equipment that will spread mulch, wood ash, and other beneficial soil amendments to improve soils, increase water efficiency, improve plant health, reduce weeds, and contribute to the local foods infrastructure.
- Monadnock Conservancy, *Conserving Platt Farm*, \$20,000.
Project Category: Land conservation
The permanent conservation of 50-acres of farmland along the Contoocook River and Cochran Brook in the Town of Antrim, will protect important farmland soils, significant wildlife habitat, and 4,500 feet of frontage along the Contoocook River and Cochran Brook.
- Monadnock Conservancy, *Devan Preserve Natural Resource Inventory*, \$5,000.
Project Category: Conservation Planning.
The completion of a Natural Resource Inventory for the 400-acre Devan Preserve in the Town of Marlborough will act as a guidance document for management activities on the property, and will serve as an educational resource and demonstration site for management practices.
- Moose Mountain Regional Greenways, *Woods, Water, Wildlife Conservation Action Plan*, \$6,500.
Project Category: Conservation Planning.
The development of a Conservation Action Plan will identify natural resource protection priorities and direct next steps and strategies, including the establishment of a regional greenway.
- Piscataquog Land Conservancy, *Black Brook Preserve*, \$20,000.
Project Category: Land conservation.
The permanent conservation of a 101-acre property in the Town of Goffstown, abutting the existing Black Briar Woods Preserve, will protect a designated prime wetland, wildlife habitat and a mile of riparian corridor along Black Brook, a pristine tributary of the Merrimack River. The conserved land will remain open to the public for passive outdoor recreational uses.



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- Rockingham County Conservation District, *Odiorne State Park Forest and Shrub Thicket Restoration*, \$14,978.
Project Category: Wildlife Habitat.
Utilize integrated pest management techniques to restore 11-acres of upland forest and state imperiled maritime shrub thicket habitats that have become overrun by invasive plants, resulting in impacting native plant diversity, soil properties and wildlife habitat, and improving the aesthetic, recreational and educational values of the Park.
- Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, *Powder Major Farm and Forest – Goss*. \$20,000
Project Category: Land conservation.
The permanent conservation of the 227-acres Goss family land in the Towns of Madbury, Lee and Durham, protecting the historic property’s ecological, agricultural and forestry resources, and ensuring public outdoor recreation.
- Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire, *Bodwell Farm: Kensington's Last Dairy Farm*. \$20,000
Project Category: Land conservation.
The permanent conservation of the 115-acre dairy farm in the Town of Kensington that has been in the Bodwell family for six generations, protecting important agricultural soils and supporting the natural benefits of a pasture-based system.
- Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire, *Harvey Forest - Growing Pawtuckaway to Great Bay Greenway*. \$20,000
Project Category: Land conservation.
The permanent conservation of the 1,114-acre Harvey property in the Towns of Epping and Nottingham will protect important uplands, wetlands, ponds and streams, habitat for several documented state and federal rare/endangered species, and ensure the land will remain open to the public for outdoor recreational uses.
- The Nature Conservancy, *Ashuelot River Floodplain Forest Restoration*. \$24,000
Project Category: Water quality and water quantity.
The restoration of 11-acres of riparian area and areas surrounding 5.5 acres of oxbow wetlands to floodplain forest habitat, and the eradication of 2-acres of invasive species along 1,500 feet of the Ashuelot River in the Town of Swanzey.