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## 2017 Conservation 'Moose Plate' Grant Awards Announced by the SCC Conservation Grant Program

The New Hampshire State Conservation Committee has awarded \$289,379 in Conservation 'Moose Plate' Grants to eighteen New Hampshire municipalities and conservation organizations.

The State Conservation Committee's 2017 Conservation Grant Program has awarded funds to eighteen projects that will enhance New Hampshire's environment by promoting the sustainability of the state's natural resources.

"This is a competitive grant program that awards grants annually to exceptional projects from throughout the State. Grants were awarded to projects that qualified in one of the six conservation project categories: Water Quality and Quantity, Wildlife Habitat, Soil Conservation and Flooding, Best Management Practices, Conservation Planning, and Land Conservation" said Dea Brickner-Wood, Administrator for the SCC's Conservation Grant Program. Eligible grant applicants include county conservation districts, municipalities, qualified conservation nonprofit organizations, county cooperative extension natural resource programs, public and private schools (Kindergarten through Grade 12), and scout groups.

To view a list of the 2017 grant recipients and to learn more about the State Conservation Committee's annual Conservation Grant Program, visit <a href="http://www.nh.gov/scc/grants/">http://www.nh.gov/scc/grants/</a>

The SCC Conservation Grant Program is funded through the purchase of Conservation License Plates, known as "Moose Plates". To learn more, visit www.mooseplate.com

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Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, \$20,000 Deuik Conservation Easement

Belknap County Conservation District, \$10,000 Poorfarm Brook Restoration Strategy, Wetlands Walk Repair and Public Involvement

Francestown Land Trust, \$19,000 Collins Brook Headwaters

Great Bay Stewards, \$24,000 Restoring the Bellamy River: Sawyer Mill Dams Removal Project

Hillsborough County Conservation District, \$20,915 *Implementing No-Till Farming in Hillsborough County* 

Merrimack County Conservation District, \$10,750 Merrimack County Skidder Bridge Initiative

Milford Conservation Commission, Town of, \$7,500 Mile Slip Town Forest Conservation Easement

Monadnock Conservancy, \$20,000 Bearce Conservation Easement, Jaffrey & Rindge

Monadnock Conservancy, \$15,000 Sip Pond / Chamberlain

Rockingham County Conservation District, \$7,064 Odiorne Point State Park North Fields Partnership Project

Society for the Protection of NH Forests, \$20,000 Powder Major Farm Easement

Society for the Protection of NH Forests, \$20,000 Sullivan Farm Conservation Easement

Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$10,000 North Branch River Conservation Easement

Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$20,000 Stonehouse Forest

Strafford County Conservation District, \$12,000 Biomass Plantings for Wildlife and Biomass Production on Agricultural Lands

The Trust for Public Land, \$20,000 Page Pond Community Forest

Upper Valley Land Trust, \$20,000 Blackmount Farm

Upper Valley Land Trust, \$13,150 Smith Pond - Baker