



New Hampshire State Conservation Committee

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NH State Conservation Committee ~ FY2024 Conservation Moose Plate Grant Awards

The New Hampshire State Conservation Committee awarded 24 grants in fiscal year 2024 to municipalities and conservation organizations totaling \$670,656.

Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, *Haverhill-Moulton*, \$30,000.

Town of Haverhill, Grafton County.

Permanent conservation of a 126-acre farm, protecting agricultural, forest, wildlife connectivity and scenic values.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Audubon Society of New Hampshire, *Bowman Divide Wildlife Crossing Project*, \$30,000.

Town of Randolph, Coos County.

Develop plans for a wildlife highway crossing structure on U.S. Route 2 in the Town of Randolph to improve public safety, safer passage for wildlife, and increased habitat connectivity.

Conservation Planning. Accomplish a conservation project or outcome that includes a public involvement component.

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, *Byron Barton Forest*, \$30,000

Town of Grantham, Sullivan County.

Permanent conservation of a 185-acre property, protecting highly visible property including valuable wildlife habitat, and contributing to the region's conservation lands.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, *Harkness Conservation Easement*, \$30,000

Town of Epsom, Merrimack County.

Permanent conservation of an 81-acre farm, protecting agricultural soils, water resources, significant wildlife habitat, and forests linking two of the largest unfragmented forest blocks in the region.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, *Horan Conservation Easement*, \$30,000

Town of Barnstead, Belknap County.

Permanent conservation of a 31-acre property, protecting farmland soils and water resources.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Belknap County Conservation District, \$15,000. *Belknap Town Forest Plans*

Towns of Belmont, Gilmanton, Meredith, Belknap County.

Development of Town Forest Plans for the communities of Belmont, Gilmanton, and Meredith. Conservation Planning. Accomplish a conservation project or outcome that includes a public involvement component.

Cheshire County Conservation District, *No-Till Farming Initiative of Cheshire County*, \$30,000.

Town of Walpole, Cheshire County.

Provide No-Till Seed Drill rental equipment to landowners in Cheshire County to support the use of conservation practices, promote the viability of farms, prevent soil erosion, build soil health, and protect natural resources.

Best Management Practices. Plan and implement for agriculture, storm water or forestry. viability of their farm and protect natural resources.

Chocorua Lake Conservancy, *Chocorua Lake Eastern Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration*, \$29,175

Town of Tamworth, Carroll County.

Implement shoreline stabilization and restoration practices along Lake Chocorua's eastern shore to remediate and prevent erosion and increase resiliency against intense storm events.

Soil Conservation and Flooding: Reduce or prevent erosion, or improve soils.

Francestown Land Trust, *Comley Tract*, \$30,000

Town of Francestown, Hillsborough County.

Permanent conservation of a 55-acre property, protecting frontage along the Collins Brook, wetlands, vernal pools, recreational trails, and providing a link within the Crotched Mountain to Shattuck Pond greenbelt.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Hanover Conservancy, *Protecting Moose Mountain Forest*, \$30,000

Town of Hanover, Grafton County.

Permanent conservation of a 137-acre property, protecting scenic views, high-quality forests, meadows, and wetlands on Moose Mountain abutting the Appalachian Trail corridor and existing conservation land.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Lakes Region Conservation Trust, *Swain Farm Conservation Project*, \$25,000

Town of Sanbornton, Belknap County.

Permanent conservation of a 320-acre family farm, protecting productive agricultural soils, forestland, wildlife habitat, water resources, a highly scenic resource and public recreational access.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Town of Lancaster Conservation Commission, *Lancaster Elementary School Floodplain Restoration*, \$30,000. Town of Lancaster, Coos County.

Completion of a river and wetland restoration project on the Lancaster Elementary School property on the mainstem of the Connecticut River, restoring 11-acres of floodplain and riparian forest to native riparian forest and temporarily flooded wetlands.

Wildlife Habitat: Create, restore, enhance, manage or protect.

Town of Meredith Conservation Commission, *Meredith Ycas Addition to Page Pond Town Forest*, \$30,000. Town of Meredith, Belknap County.

Permanent conservation of a 38-acre property, to be added to the existing 765-acre Page Pond Town Forest, protecting natural resources, and providing low-impact recreational and educational benefits to residents and visitors to the Lakes Region.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Monadnock Conservancy, 5 Sigma Farm Conservation Easement, \$30,000

Town of Sullivan, Cheshire County.

Permanent conservation of a 55-acre working farm, protecting a diversity of agricultural natural resource values, water resources and wildlife habitat, and scenic and historic resources.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Moose Mountains Regional Greenways, MMRG Kimball Conservation Easement Project, \$20,000

Town of Milton, Strafford County.

Permanent conservation of a 42-acre property protecting valuable wildlife habitat, prioritized habitat block and farmland soils, and adding to conserved lands in the region including the 242-acre Teneriffe Mountain Forest.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Moose Mountains Regional Greenways, MMRG Simpson Conservation Easement Project, \$25,000

Town of Ossipee and Tuftonboro, Carroll County.

Permanent conservation of a 35-acre property protecting valuable wildlife habitat, farmland soils, wildlife corridors, with connectivity to other conserved lands.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Northeast Wilderness Trust, Children's Woods and Carey Park, \$18,099

Town of Jaffrey, Cheshire County.

Permanent conservation of a 123-acre property protecting intact old forest and extensive wetlands and providing the community with low-impact recreation and an educational resource for local schools.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Rockingham County Conservation District, Enhancing Coastal Resiliency at Odiorne Point, Little Harbor Shoreline, \$28,382. Town of Rye, Rockingham County.

Implementation of best management practices to enhance the resiliency of the coastal area's Little Harbor shoreline, including dune restoration, invasive species control, sourcing native coastal plants, and improving public access.

Best Management Practices. Plan and implement for agriculture, storm water or forestry.

Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Sugar Bush Farm, \$30,000

Town of Goffstown, Hillsborough County.

Permanent conservation of a 53-acre historic farm, protecting high quality habitat for wildlife and agricultural soils, and expanding the connected network of conservation land in Goffstown.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Underhill Acres Conservation Easement, \$30,000

Towns of Bethlehem, Grafton County.

Permanent conservation of a 264-acre property protecting water quality, diverse ecological features, responsibly managed forests, and located upstream of the Gale River between the White Mountain National Forest and the Forest Society's 1,400-acre Rocks Estate.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire, *Mallego Brook Headwater Project*, \$30,000

Town of Barrington, Strafford County.

Permanent conservation of the 83-acre property, protecting highest-ranked habitat in the biological region, prime wetlands, frontage on a tributary to Mallego Brook, and within a 4,259-acre unfragmented forest block.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

The Nature Conservancy, NH Chapter, *Durham Point Addition – Gsottschneider*, \$30,000

Town of Durham, Strafford County.

Permanent conservation of a 27-acre property, protecting priority wildlife habitats including early successional habitat for New England Cottontail, water quality protection, and connectivity to 2,500 acres of conservation land around Great Bay.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Upper Valley Land Trust, *Barrett - On The River Farm*, \$30,000

Town of Lyme, Grafton County.

Permanent conservation of an 18.7-acre family generational farm, protecting prime agricultural soils, highest ranking habitat in the region, and a valued scenic resource along the Connecticut River National Scenic Byway and River Road in the Town of Lyme.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.

Upper Valley Land Trust, *Putnam Farms - Lower Plain*, \$30,000

Town of Charlestown, Sullivan County.

Permanent conservation of a 52.6-acre property, protecting prime farmland, highest-ranked habitat, and river frontage along the Connecticut River.

Land Conservation. Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee acquisition and/or associated transaction and stewardship costs.