

NHLTC Newsletter

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE
LAND TRUST COALITION**
Advancing Land Conservation in NH

News and Programs

Water Cooler Session, "Another Pass Through the Rules for Gifts from Pass-Through Entities"

Wednesday, September 10th, 12:00 - 1:30pm
Zoom Webinar

The recent "[Trying Times](#)" webinar session about the IRS "Disallowance Rules" and "Listed Transaction Rules" covered a lot of complex material quickly. Trying Times panelist Jeanie McIntyre (President, Upper Valley Land Trust) will revisit the material in an informal discussion about the practical implications for land trusts working on ordinary transactions involving LLC's and partnerships. This is intended primarily as a follow up to the webinar and a slower-paced opportunity for practitioners to delve into compliance and reporting issues that we will most commonly face. For a comprehensive introduction to the subject, you can obtain a webinar recording [here](#).

[Register Here!](#)

NHLTC's Fall Workshop



Figuring Out Funding for Forever - Utilizing Stewardship Calculators

Thursday, October 9th, 8:30am

NH Fish & Game Conference Room, Concord NH

Presenters: Deborah Goard, Stewardship and Land Engagement Director- Southeast Land Trust
Wendy Weisiger, Managing Forester- Society for the Protection of NH Forests

“Forever is a long time” is a classic land trust quote. Conservation organizations take on a big responsibility by accepting conservation easements and fee lands. Calculating the appropriate monetary contribution to fund the forever stewardship of this land can be daunting. Join us for this in-person Fall workshop and learn from our colleagues about utilizing stewardship calculators.

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Member and Partner Spotlight



New addition to Upper Asquam Preserve. Photo credits: SLCS staff

5.59 acres conserved in Sandwich, NH

Squam Lakes Conservation Society closed on a 5.59 acres property back in May 2025 that is adjacent to the over 1,000-acre Upper Asquam Preserve. Leo Dwyer and his wife Kathryn Field donated this conservation easement to protect the forested buffer by Thompson Brook which flows into Intervale Pond and then Squam Lake. The Upper Asquam Preserve in Sandwich, NH consists of many conservation projects completed over many years and now covers over 1,000 acres on the north side of Squam Lake. The preserve area includes shoreline, multiple ponds, extensive wetland systems and forests, some fields, and various hiking trails. The Upper Asquam Preserve and its newest addition is a great example of how the community comes together to protect a place that they love for generations to come.

*If you are an **NHLTC Member or Partner** and would like to see your completed conservation project featured in our next eNews, contact Cassie Bernyk at coordinator@nhltc.org*



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Conservation Updates

Policy

On May 21, 2025, a [memorandum](#) written by Diana Norris, Esq. from the Land Trust Alliance, Nancy A. McLaughlin from the University of Utah, and Stephen J. Small, Esq, was sent to the IRS regarding the 2024 "Listed Transactions" regulations under 26 C.F.R. §1.6011-9. The memorandum provides examples to clarify four points of law, and requests that the IRS confirm that certain practices and procedures of normal and customary conservation transactions, in which pass-through entities, such as an LLC, donate land or conservation easements to a qualified land trust, will not be subject to the additional scrutiny of 26 C.F.R. §1.6011-9.

With no response from the IRS, the NHLTC Board asked the NH Congressional Delegation to contact the IRS Office of Chief Counsel and request a response to the memorandum. The letter sent to Senator Maggie Hassan's office can be [read here](#). On July 25th, NH State Representatives Maggie Goodlander and Chris Papas, sent a letter of request to the Special Counsel of the IRS asking them to respond to the memorandum to "ensure land trusts in New Hampshire understand how to apply the regulations to their work and can continue to conserve farmland and forestland across our state." This letter can be [viewed here](#).

If and when we receive any updates regarding the memorandum sent, we will share with the community as soon as possible.

News

2025 NH Wildlife Action Plan, available this Fall!

Since 2005, [NH's State Wildlife Action Plan \(SWAP\)](#) has been a blueprint for protecting NH's habitats and Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN). Every 10 years, NH Fish and Game's Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program works to update the SWAP in collaboration with other NH Fish and Game departments, state and federal agencies, and nonprofits. For the past two years, biological experts and conservation partners across the state have worked

together to update the SGCN and habitat lists, re-evaluate the threats facing these species and habitats, and develop new conservation actions to protect them. By identifying the species and habitats most in need, NHFG, conservation organizations, towns, other state agencies, and all NH residents can focus their efforts where action is needed most. Rooted in collaboration and guided by science, the NH SWAP lays the foundation for successful conservation in the decade ahead.

The public comment period for the 2025 Plan closed earlier this summer, staff are now actively working to review and incorporate comments into the Plan. The final version of the 2025 NH SWAP will be available early this Fall! It will be [posted here](#) on NH Fish and Game Department's website.

Grant Opportunities

- [Merrimack Conservation Partnership Land Conservation and Environmental Science, Education and Outreach 2025 Grant Round](#)
-Applications due August 29th 2025
- [SCC Conservation Moose Plate 2026 Grants](#) - *Applications due September 12th 2025*
- [GBRPP Stewardship Grant Program 2025](#) - *Applications due October 15th 2025*

Webinars and E-Learning

Unrestrict Your Mind: Fundraising for a Whole Organization

Thursday September 25th, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern / Online

Hosted by the Land Trust Alliance, this webinar will feature Gallatin Valley Land Trust's Katie Moyer, Director of Finance and Operations, and Justin Barth, Director of Development, along with Big Waters Land Trust's Christine Johnson, President, and Shalla Ashworth, Director of Philanthropy. They will discuss development strategies to fund the whole organization, shattering myths about what donors will and won't fund, and share examples of interdepartmental teamwork for successful financial planning and fundraising.

\$75 for LTA members. \$140 for non-members.

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Basics of Real Estate Appraisals for Conservation Easement and Fee Simple Transactions

Tuesday October 7th, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern / Online

Hosted by the Land Trust Alliance, this webinar will feature appraiser and appraisal educator Brian Gatzke of Northern Plains Appraisal, LLC. Brian will provide you with an introduction to appraisals for purchased and donated conservation easements and fee simple property. He will primarily focus on transactions that do not involve federal funding

sources in this webinar.
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Becoming a Stewardship-Focused Land Trust

Thursday October 9th, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern / Online

Hosted by the Land Trust Alliance, this webinar will feature Sarah Bliss (director of community conservation initiatives) and Alex Boice (lands manager) from Mojave Desert Land Trust and Mike Okma (manager of easement stewardship) with Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy. You will learn about how Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy is expanding capacity, increasing focus and elevating the role of conservation easement stewardship internally and externally, while the organization continues a strong acquisition program. As well as how Mojave Desert Land Trust successfully shifted focus away from acquisition efforts following increased land prices in their service area, using a two-program stewardship approach that engages communities and provides strong land management capacity.

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Leading Your Land Trust to Be the Best Place to Work

Wednesday October 15th, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern / Online

Hosted by the Land Trust Alliance, join for a panel-style webinar featuring land trust leaders who have created amazing places to work. These practitioners will share values, strategies and true stories about equitable compensation and benefits, professional development, career advancement, and more.

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Job Postings

- [Southeast Region Program Manager](#), Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Portsmouth NH
Application Deadline: Open until filled
- [Stewardship Assistant](#), Piscataquog Land Conservancy, New Boston NH
Application Deadline: August 29, 2025
- [Development Operations Coordinator](#), Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, Northwood NH
Application Deadline: Open until filled

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