



## The Municipal EcoLink

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*The Municipal EcoLink*, is a monthly e-bulletin designed to inform you of the latest environmental ideas, trends, grants, rules and more from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES). We respectfully request that the following is read into the minutes of your municipal committees, councils and boards. Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well.

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### **Public Hearing to be Held Nov. 18 in Manchester on Guidelines for Coordinated Lake Management**

DES will hold a public hearing at the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, 438 Dubuque Street, Manchester, on Tuesday, November 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., to accept public comments on "The New Hampshire Guidelines for Coordinated Lake Management and Shoreland Protection Plan." The DES Lakes Management and Protection Program in cooperation with the Lakes Management Advisory Committee and the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning designed the guidelines to provide municipalities and lake associations with the information needed to develop and implement lake and watershed management plans at the grassroots level. The guidelines are available for review at [www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/wd/documents/nhdes-wd-08-8.pdf](http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/wd/documents/nhdes-wd-08-8.pdf) and the compendium document, "New Hampshire Comprehensive Lake Inventory," can be found at [www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/wd/documents/wd-07-31.pdf](http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/wd/documents/wd-07-31.pdf).

### **New Sustainable Land Use Planning Guidance Available**

*Innovative Land Use Planning Techniques*, the handbook for sustainable development, just became available in hard copy. Prepared by DES in partnership with NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions, NH Office of Energy and Planning, and NH Local Government Center, this handbook will be invaluable to communities around the state as they face the challenges of growth and maintaining a desirable quality of life. The authors have written the guide with the Regional Planning Commissions' principles for good planning in mind, and organized the planning guide into four general categories: prosperity, sustainability, livability and mobility. The handbook, includes sections dealing with development density, environmental characteristics, and site level design. Each of the 23 chapters includes model ordinances and regulations for use by municipalities interested in implementing the innovative land use techniques. Limited copies of the printed manual are also available from DES. To learn more, go to [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) and type "innovative land use" in the search tool or go directly to [www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/repp](http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/repp).

### **Review/Redesignation of Hazardous Waste Rules**

The existing hazardous waste rules, Env-Wm 100-1100, implement RSA 147-A by establishing requirements governing the generation, storage, treatment, transportation and disposal of hazardous waste. These rules are being redesignated Env-Hw 100-1100 and will undergo a comprehensive review in the coming year. To access DES administrative rules, please see [www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rules/index.htm](http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rules/index.htm).

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