



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.

Public Comments Sought for Revised Forest Management Practices

Landowners, natural resource professionals, municipal officials and others are invited to comment on the revised draft of New Hampshire's keystone forest management document: "Good Forestry in the Granite State: Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire." The revised draft, written by scientists and natural resource professionals, updates the original document to include new scholarship in the field of natural resources and addresses issues raised by natural resource professionals, landowners and the public. An electronic copy is available for review and comment at www.goodforestry.org. For more information or to submit comments, please contact Kristina Ferrare at (603) 862-3883 or email kristina.ferrare@unh.edu. The comment period ends November 1, 2009.

2010 Local Source Water Grant Applications Now Available

Applications for the next round of Local Source Water Protection grants are now available on the DES website at http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp_grants.htm. The deadline for applying is November 2, 2009. The grants are available to public water suppliers, municipalities, regional planning agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, conservation districts and state agencies. Applicants can receive up to \$20,000 to develop and implement programs to protect public drinking water sources, including watershed planning, delineation of protection areas, assessment of threats to water supply sources, implementation and source security. For information, please contact Johnna McKenna at (603) 271-7017 or johnna.mckenna@des.nh.gov.

DES Sustainable Land Use Planning Handbook Wins Recognition

The DES "Innovative Land Use Planning Techniques: A Handbook for Sustainable Development" was recently awarded the 2009 Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association (NNECAPA) Project of the Year. The handbook, released a year ago, 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. The entire handbook is available for free download at www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/repp. For more information, contact Eric Williams at (603) 271-2358 or eric.williams@des.nh.gov.

RECYCLING—NERC Conference and America Recycles Day

Learn about recycling's return as a centerpiece of the national environmental dialogue at the Northeast Recycling Council Fall Conference, October 27 and 28, in Northampton, Mass. The conference is open to municipal and state recycling and environmental officials; recycling collectors, recycling professionals; public and private sector sustainability coordinators; and more. The full agenda is online at http://www.nerc.org/conferences/upcoming_conference_agenda.html. Register now! <https://www.nerc.org/registration/index.php>. DES and the National Recycling Coalition encourage municipalities to plan now for America Recycles Day, November 15. For information, contact Don Maurer at donald.maurer@des.nh.gov.

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