



## 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 electronically distributed or otherwise made available to your municipal committees, councils and boards. Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well. Read *Municipal EcoLink* at:  
<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/newsletters/ecolink/index.htm>

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### **"Responsibly Buy, Use & Recycle Computer Equipment" Webinar, April 11**

On Wednesday, April 11, at 3 pm learn how you can responsibly buy, use and recycle computer equipment and as a result save energy, reduce costs and achieve sustainability goals. This webinar is an opportunity to learn about the State Electronics Challenge and what the program offers. The Challenge is a free program that provides support and recognition to state, regional, local governments, schools, colleges for lifecycle stewardship of their computer equipment. Free registration at

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/176747190> For more information about the [State Electronics Challenge](#) and what it means for your community, contact Lynn Rubinstein, program manager, at [lynn@stateelectronicschallenge.net](mailto:lynn@stateelectronicschallenge.net) or 802-254-3636.

### **NH Public Works Mutual Aid Program Workshop, April 25**

The NH Public Works Mutual Aid Program will be having a workshop on April 25 in Lebanon. The free, half-day workshop is geared toward municipal officials, public works departments, municipal water and wastewater systems, building inspectors and local emergency management directors. Members and non-members are welcome. The workshop will include a short tabletop exercise to demonstrate how the program works in the event of a real emergency. Non-members can learn about the program and current members can get a refresher and meet their fellow members. Go to [www.horsleywitten.com/newarn](http://www.horsleywitten.com/newarn) to register. More information about the NH Public Works Mutual Aid program can be found on the web at [www.t2.unh.edu/ma](http://www.t2.unh.edu/ma). If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Johnna McKenna, DES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau, at 271-7017 or at [johnna.mckenna@des.nh.gov](mailto:johnna.mckenna@des.nh.gov).

### **Grants Available within the Southern I-93 Corridor & Lake Massabesic Watershed**

DES has \$2.4 million in federal funds available for the conservation of critical drinking water supply lands in the Lake Massabesic watershed and I-93 corridor communities of Salem, Windham, Derry, Londonderry and Manchester as well as portions of Auburn, Hooksett, Candia and Chester. Municipalities and non-profit land trusts may apply for grants to cover up to 25 percent of the cost of purchasing land or conservation easements critical to the quality of their public drinking water supply. Eligibility applications are due June 1, 2012. Grants will be awarded based on priority ranking and availability of funding. More information, including a map of the eligible areas and copies of application forms are available online at [http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/land\\_acqui/index.htm](http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/land_acqui/index.htm) or by contacting Holly Green at (603) 271-3114 or [holly.green@des.nh.gov](mailto:holly.green@des.nh.gov).

### **Largest Drinking Water Protection Workshop in New England, May 2**

Register to attend the DES 2012 Drinking Water Source Protection Workshop on May 2 from 8:30 am to 4 pm at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. The morning plenary will take a look back at the progress made over the last 25 years and the remaining work necessary to protect New Hampshire's drinking water resources. The event will feature policymakers, scientists, water supply managers and local officials, who will present their work and views on a range of topics. These topics include emerging contaminants, shoreland protection law changes, examples of low-impact development, results of studies on salt contamination, leak detection surveys and low-dose arsenic exposure. For more information or to register, go to the American Ground Water Trust website at <http://www.agwt.org/workshops.htm> , or contact Jackie Daoust at [jdaoust@agwt.org](mailto:jdaoust@agwt.org) or (603) 228-5444.

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