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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

January 5, 2011, *CEDS Energy Sub-Committee Meeting*, 2-4:00 p.m., NCC Offices.

January 5, 2011, *Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee*, 4:30-6:30 p.m., NCC Offices.

January 5, 2011, *Planning Board Training*, 6-8:00 p.m., Dalton Town Hall.

January 13, 2011, *Safe Routes to School Meeting*, 1-3:00 p.m., NCC Offices.

January 19, 2011, *NCC Board Meeting*, 3-5:00 p.m., NCC Offices.

February 2, 2011, *CEDS Meeting*, 2-4:00 p.m., NCC Offices.

February 2, 2011, *Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee*, 4:30-6:30 p.m., NCC Offices.

February 16, 2011, *Transportation Advisory Committee*, 3-5:30 p.m., NCC Offices.

March 2, 2011, *CEDS Energy Sub-Committee Meeting*, 2-4:00 p.m., NCC Offices.

March 2, 2011 *Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee*, 4:30-6:30 p.m., NCC Offices.

March 16, 2011, *NCC Board Meeting*, 3-5:00 p.m., NCC Offices

April 6, 2011, *CEDS Meeting*, 2-4:00 p.m., NCC Offices.

April 6, 2011 *Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee*, 4:30-6:30 p.m., NCC Offices.

April 20, 2011, *Transportation Advisory Committee*, 3-5:30 p.m., NCC Offices.



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Congratulations Ammonoosuc River LAC and Rick Tillotson

Every year the North Country Council staff chooses a recipient for a Planning Award to honor the memory of Colonel Oliver Nelson. Nelson was one of the original founders of NCC and a long time board member and supporter of the Council. He was passionate about planning and his vision for the region and council is the basis for which the Council was created. The Award is presented to a person, organization or community that represents the vision and innovative spirit that Colonel Nelson so often demonstrated. This year the Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee was chosen in recognition of their hard work and objectivity in carrying out their responsibilities under the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. The LAC

members represent the seven river corridor towns (Carroll, Bethlehem, Littleton, Lisbon, Landaff, Bath, and Haverhill) and the unincorporated places that lie in the headwaters of the River on Mount Washington. The award was presented by NCC Planning Director Tara Bamford at the North Country Council Annual Meeting. LAC Chairman Charlie Ryan of Littleton accepted the award on behalf of the group's fifteen members, many of whom attended the dinner and program at the Mountain View Grand in Whitefield.

The Award for Economic Development is given to a person, organization or community that demonstrates the following attributes: commitment to a balance of sustained use and conservation of resources; community

based economic development; individual civic leadership and a commitment to planning. This year Rick Tillotson was the recipient of this award. Long time friends Beno Lamontagne and Steve Barba described Mr. Tillotson's life-long commitment to the region and his many good works for Colebrook and the surrounding communities. These included: being a member of the Colebrook Economic Revitalization Committee, past chair of the Colebrook Downtown Development Association, past chair of the Colebrook Main Street Program, member of the local chamber of commerce, Trustee of the Neil and Louise Tillotson Foundation and Tillotson Trust, founder of Colebrook Academy Business program scholarship and leading an ongoing effort to develop a community arts center.

Generator Grants Available for Municipal Water Systems

New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management recently announced another round of Emergency Management Performance Grants targeted to improve "all hazards" planning and preparedness capabilities/activities,

including the purchase of power generators. A 50 percent match is required, in the form of either cash (hard) or in-kind (soft) match monies. Please contact Steven Finnegan at (603) 223-3644 or Steven.Finnegan@hsem.nh.gov for

information or an application.

Article By: NHDES Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau

Planner's Corner

Taking Action For Wildlife

Is your community interested in incorporating wildlife habitat concerns into your other town planning efforts? As part of a collaborative effort called *Taking Action For Wildlife*, NH Fish and Game and UNH Cooperative Extension have developed a comprehensive set of web-based tools to help communities protect, conserve, restore or manage wildlife habitats. Browse these tools at <http://TakingActionForWildlife.org>, and use them to help your efforts to protect wildlife habitat in your community.



COMMUNITY ACTION TOOLS

START HERE:

1. [Planning Your Wildlife Conservation Project](#)
2. [Natural Resources Inventory & Wildlife](#)
3. [Conservation Planning for Wildlife](#)

Other Tools

- [Land Conservation to Protect Habitat](#)
- [Regulation to Protect Wildlife](#)
- [Manage and Restore Land for Wildlife](#)
- [Public Outreach & Wildlife Habitat](#)

Learn More About Community Actions....

- [Resources & Publications](#)
- [Community Stories](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

For each stage of the planning process, **TakingActionForWildlife.org** provides step by step instructions, with links to other resources available to conduct the work. These include wildlife habitat maps and fact sheets developed by NH Fish & Game and UNH Cooperative Extension, and examples from other communities. Check out the website today and soon you can add your own success story!

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

How to Create a Wildlife Conservation Plan for Your Community

STEP 1: Identify critical habitats that are common in your community and region and those that are rare

Use the NH Wildlife Action Plan [Habitat Map](#) to identify and locate [critical habitats](#) in your community

- Small-scale habitats, such as [marsh & shrub wetlands](#)
- Forest block habitats such as [lowland spruce fir forests](#)

STEP 2: Identify habitat areas of statewide and regional importance

- Use the NH Wildlife Action Plan [Highest Ranked Habitat Map](#) to identify habitats ranked as of highest importance statewide and regionally.

STEP 3: Identify species of greatest conservation concern



SMART GROWTH TOOL KIT

Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association (NNECAPA)

<http://nncapa.org/resources/smart-growth-tool-kit/>

A new resource on the NNECAPA website, the Smart Growth Tool Kit, can direct you to the many resources available to implement your municipality's smart growth policies. The tool kit contains links to guides, models, case studies and more developed specifically for New England, as well as award-winning materials from outside the region. The tool kit summarizes and links to resources on a variety of smart growth topics. The tool kit can be searched by keyword or browsed by topic. The website also offers users the ability to comment on and discuss the resources.

Carroll County Transit To Begin Services



The Carroll County Transit Project, a program of Tri County Community Action Programs (TCCAP) started their Dial a Ride (door to door) service on December 8, 2010.

The Dial a Ride service offers curb to curb shared ride services within several areas of Carroll County. Zone 1 includes the Albany/Conway/North Conway/Intervale area. Zone 2 includes the Tamworth/Sandwich/Moultonborough area and Zone 3 includes the Ossipee/Tuftonboro/Wolfeboro area.

The Dial a Ride service is especially useful to people with disabilities or health conditions who are unable to access transportation on a fixed route system and is also valuable to those who have no other means of transportation or prefer not to drive, but need to get places. Trips can be arranged to go to health care appointments, shopping, employment, senior centers, so-

cial activities, and many other places.

The Carroll County Transit expects to have its flex route service up and running within the first few months of the new year. This service will be wheelchair accessible.

Article contributed by Ted LaLiberte, Carroll County Transit office, 323-8150, www.carrollcountytransit.info.

North Country Ride-share Committee Members Needed

North Country Council is currently looking for volunteers with an interest in improving transportation options throughout the region to serve on its North Country Rideshare Advisory Committee. As a NCRAC member you will be asked to attend approximately 4 meetings and provide information, guidance, input and support to North Country Council staff with the development and operation of the North Country Rideshare program. If you have an interest in becoming a committee member or would like to learn more about North Country Rideshare, please email Rideshare@nccouncil.org or contact James Steele at 603-444-6303.

Planning for Broadband

North Country Council continues work under the New Hampshire Broadband Mapping Program. Preliminary results from this statewide effort can be viewed by visiting :

www.iwantbroadbandnh.org

To help improve the information collected thus far, individuals are encouraged to visit the above website and take the speed test. The speed test information will be used to map current broadband availability and plan for future broadband expansion in New Hampshire. As we enter year two of this five-year program, NCC will be looking for individuals interested in serving on the region's Broadband Stakeholder Group. The activities of this group will include: the identification of barriers to the deployment of broadband services; promoting collaboration with service providers to facilitate deployment and use; collecting and analyzing information on the use and demand for broadband services; demand for broadband services; and facilitating information sharing between the public and private sectors regarding use of and demand for broadband services. Interested persons should contact James Steele for additional information at 603-444-6303.

Happy Holidays From North Country Council



The North Country Council extends warmest wishes to you and your family during the holiday season. May your New Year be filled with good health, happiness and prosperity.



NCC Service Book Update Available

Do you have the August 2009 edition of the North Country Council Member Services booklet? Download an update here: <http://www.nccouncil.org/images/NCC/NCCServiceBookInsert.pdf>