



## What Do CC's Do?

NH's Conservation commissions have the responsibility to ensure the protection and sustainable use of NH's natural resources through a variety of tools and techniques.

### Conservation commissions are very active in NH.

These engaged volunteers study natural resources and develop long-term plans and strategies for the protection of critical habitats, water resources, and natural areas. They purchase land and conservation easements to protect wildlife habitat and natural resources to ensure these natural areas will be available for generations to come. They provide educational programs to the public and lead hikes and outdoor activities. They manage town land for timber production, recreation, and wildlife. They work closely with the State's Department of Environmental Services to provide local comments on wetland permits.

Conservation commissions are on the forefront of emerging issues. Increasing contaminants threaten our drinking water and lakes and streams. Climate change impacts our native species and threatens biodiversity. Development impacts are putting pressure on wildlife and other natural resources. Commission help ensure climate resilience by assisting with hazard mitigation plans, to address flooding and drought. They support wildlife habitat by restoring wetlands, rivers and streams to provide connectivity for migration and breeding grounds.

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