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About US

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways is a land trust with a mission to permanently conserve a network of lands that protects our region's water, wildlife habitat, forests, and farmland.

Established by resident volunteers, Bear-Paw works to conserve open space through outreach, education, and land protection project assistance.

Our Goal is to safeguard our irreplaceable water resources, important wildlife habitat and travel routes, and productive forests and farms.

We envision a region of scenic beauty and rural character where diversity and quality of life are sustained.

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Unique Natural Features

New Project Grows in Hooksett

By Daniel Kern

The Clay Pond Headwaters area of northeast Hooksett is a special place that includes some of the most ecologically significant natural lands in New Hampshire and is part of a 3,979-acre conservation focus area identified in *NH Wildlife Action Plan (WAP)*. According to the *NH WAP*, our state requires a network of permanently conserved lands that effectively represents the state's wildlife and habitat diversity. Protecting threatened and essential habitat resources like those found in the Clay Pond Headwaters (CPH) area – large unfragmented forest blocks that include both upland and wetland habitats, riparian/shoreland habitats, and wildlife corridors connecting significant habitat – is critical to the future of New Hampshire's wildlife.

The Town of Hooksett and Bear-Paw are working in partnership to conserve over 200 acres in the Clay Pond Headwaters area. The ultimate goal is to protect the area by combining town ownership with a conservation easement held by Bear-Paw. This will assure permanent conservation of an area recognized as a top priority in Hooksett's Master Plan and by NH Fish and Game, Bear-Paw, and other conservation organizations. Steve Couture, Vice Chair of the Hooksett Conservation Commission, said, "We are thrilled to be working with Bear-Paw on Hooksett's first land conservation purchase. We are even more pleased that this project implements the priority land conservation recommendations of the Master Plan and the Open

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An active beaver pond found along a stream in the Clay Pond project area.

PHOTO CREDIT: DAN KERN

A Note FROM THE CHAIR

It is with great pleasure that I assume the role of Board Chair. We have a very full calendar of events planned for the year and I hope to see many of you out in the field getting your feet wet. I believe this is where we make our best connections with each other and with the land we love.

One of our most important goals for 2009 will be the implementation of the Bear-Paw Conservation Plan. This will include a visit to each of our seven towns' Conservation Commissions to discuss our conservation priorities and the ways that we can all work together. We'll be looking for your input!

In the meantime, I encourage all of you to get out to the special places in your community and enjoy the land.

Kind regards,



Mark West
Board Chair

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Al Jaeger

New Project Grows in Hooksett *continued from page 1*

Space Plan, and could only have occurred with the financial leverage afforded by our Conservation Fund.”

The Clay Pond Headwaters area demonstrates a wide variety of upland, wetland, and riparian habitats – including high-conservation value hemlock-hardwood-pine and Appalachian oak-pine forests as well as peatlands, marshlands and other wetlands. The CPH area has a varied topography and is primarily forested. The forests are quite diverse though white pine and oak are the most common species. Others include paper birch, hemlock, red and sugar maple, red, white, and black oaks, and red, white, and pitch pine. Shrubs and herb species in the understory include high and low-bush blueberry, bracken fern, sheep laurel, teaberry, and witch hazel. A wide variety of wetland habitats can be found on the property; including beaver ponds, scrub-shrub swamps, red maple and dead tree swamps, wet meadow, marshes, sedge dominated fen, and vernal pools. These areas provide habitat for waterfowl, wading birds, and other species associated with wetlands such as beaver, otter, and moose.

The Clay Pond Headwaters project area is large in the context of the surrounding region, particularly when one considers its proximity to Routes 3, 93, and 101. The Manchester city limits are just five miles from the project area, yet the unfragmented forest block that includes the CPH project area is one of the largest remaining in southeastern NH – more than 28 square miles in extent. Large, unfragmented forest ecosystems like this offer vital support to the region's biodiversity and insurance against climate change. Wildlife such as moose, bobcat, and bear depend on these large areas of habitat to survive and some bird species,

including goshawk and veery, depend on the forest interior habitats provided by sites such as this to breed. Conservation of the Clay Pond Headwaters project area will also help maintain connections between areas of significant conservation and ecological value that are already protected.

The Clay Pond Headwaters project area lies entirely within the Lake Massabesic watershed – the public drinking water supply for nearly 160,000 people in the greater Manchester area; including Auburn, Bedford, Derry, Hooksett, Londonderry and Manchester. The property is also used by local residents and others for a

variety of outdoor activities, including hunting and passive recreational uses. Historically, the area was settled, but due to the unusually rugged terrain and dry rocky soils it was abandoned. The

network of Class VI and Discontinued roads and trails will continue to provide recreational opportunities to a wide variety of users. With frontage on North Candia Road, the acquisition of this property by the Town of Hooksett will protect public access to open space in the area. Since the CPH properties also abut Bear Brook State Park, they will provide a direct link to over 10,000 additional acres of protected forest.

Daniel Kern, Executive Director of Bear-Paw, said, “Hooksett and Bear-Paw have secured much of the funding needed to complete this project and we are reaching out to area landowners to increase the amount of land protected.” Conservation of the Clay Pond Headwaters area will provide multiple benefits: drinking water protection, wildlife habitat, and outdoor educational and recreational opportunities. Without the hard work of countless volunteers and professionals, none of this would have been possible. 🐾

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DANIEL KERN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BEAR-PAW

Make Tracks! – A guide and map for your next outdoor adventure.

Kimball Family Forest

Freeman Hall Road • Nottingham, NH

HISTORY

The property was purchased by Roland and Charlotte Kimball in 1975. During his life, Roland and his family enjoyed many happy hours on this woodlot and the Kimball family donated a conservation easement on this property in 2008 so that it would be permanently protected. When walking the land it is difficult to envision that all of this property was in agricultural use about a century ago and the succeeding woodland was extensively harvested by a previous owner. Roland Kimball and his sons spent a lot of time improving the young forest by cutting out undesirable hardwood trees for fuelwood, always carefully leaving behind the best trees.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The Kimball Family Forest is an interesting mix of forested uplands running along the edge of a stream corridor and interconnected wetlands though the center of the parcel combined with outstanding North River frontage – all on just 22 acres! The family's hard work shows in this vibrant forest which is dominated by white pine with a mixture of red and white oak, red maple, and other hardwood species.

The wetlands are quite evident along the northern sections of the Freeman Hall Road frontage where one can see through the red maple swamp to a fairly open sedge dominated wetland and an open water area that was an active beaver flowage and small great blue heronry not long ago. Just south of this is an overgrown path that leads into a small man-made pond that has

been in place for long enough that it looks quite natural. This is a great place to look for tracks and to peer out into the wetland edge beyond.

On the other side of the property, the North River frontage is a challenge to walk but well worth the effort. At this point in the watershed, the river is a good sized brook with bordering wetlands and many twists and turns. This is ideal habit for wood turtle, otter, and other wildlife that rely on wetlands and water as well as veery, winter wrens, and maybe an occasional Louisiana waterthrush. If you see anything interesting, please let us know!

CONSERVATION VALUES

The property includes:

- Wildlife habitat for species of concern and identified as a conservation priority in the *New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan*
- 1,300 feet of undeveloped frontage along the North River that serves as a “buffer” to the river – providing riparian habitat as well as protecting the river's water quality
- Over seven acres of wetlands and open water
- Productive forestland
- 1,400 feet of undeveloped frontage on Freeman Hall Road
- Educational and recreational use of the general public

DATE PROTECTED

December 10, 2008

PUBLIC ACCESS

The property is open to the public for low-impact, non-commercial, outdoor educational or recreational activities such as hiking, wildlife observation, cross-country skiing, hunting, and fishing.

TRAILS AND ACCESSIBILITY

There are no designated trails on the property.

LOCATION

The property is at the intersection of Freeman Hall Road and Priest Road in Nottingham, NH.

GPS COORDINATES

43° 9'47.03"N, 71° 6'33.44"W

DIRECTIONS

From Route 4, go south 1.0 mile on Freeman Hall Road to the intersection with Priest Road. Freeman Hall Road is 3.0 miles east of the intersection of Routes 4, 43, and 202 in Northwood and 5.2 miles west of the intersection of Routes 4 and 125 at the Lee traffic circle.

PARKING

There is no parking area but the shoulder at the intersection of Freeman Hall Road and Priest Road is wide.

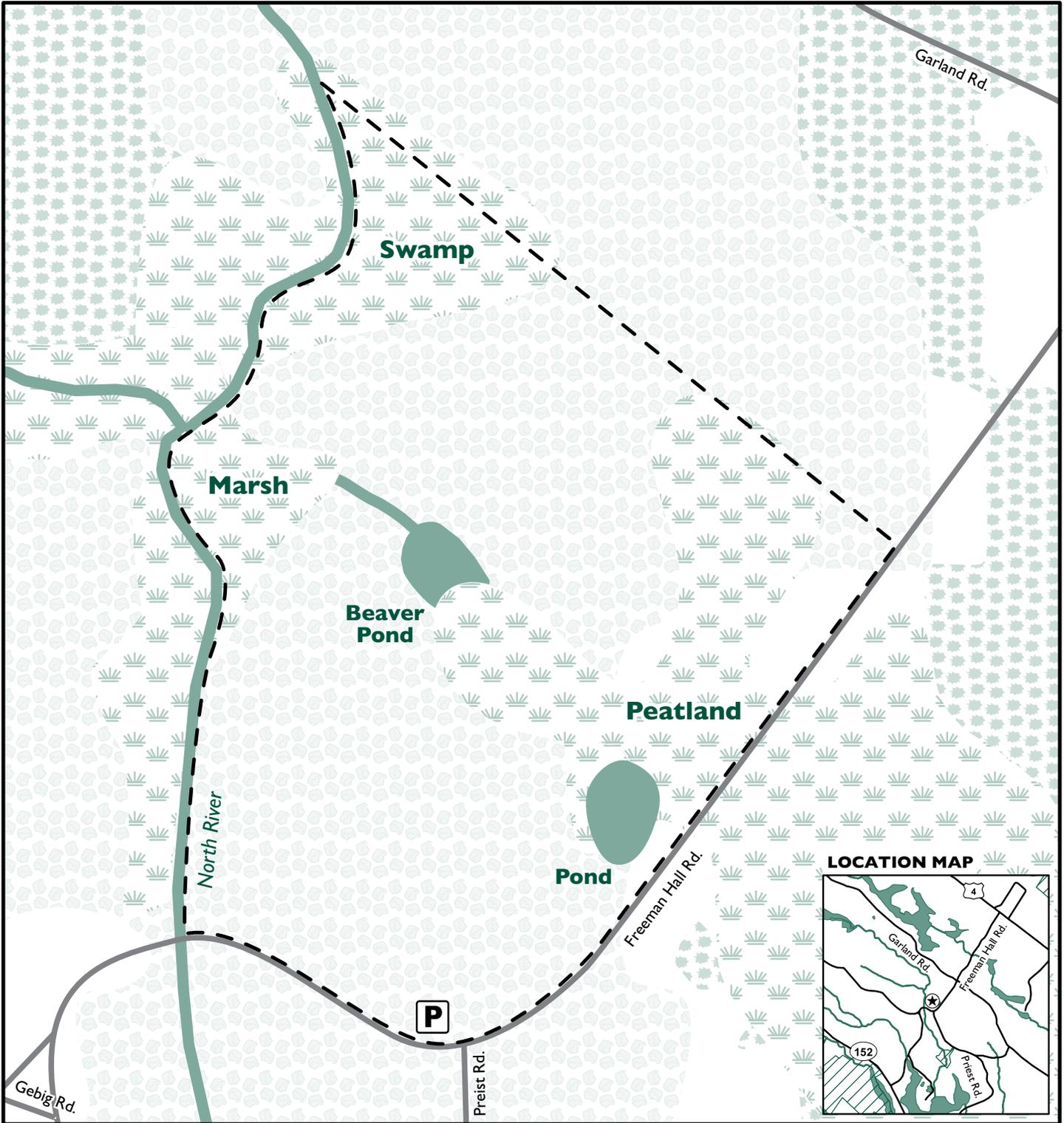


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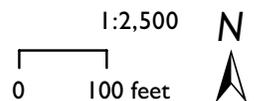
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Kimball Family Forest Map

Freeman Hall Road, Nottingham, NH



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| Kimball Property | Water Body | Appalachian oak-pine forest |
| Roads | Rivers/Streams | Hemlock-hardwood-pine forest |
| Conservation Land | Wetlands | |



The Annual Meeting Celebrates a Banner Year

Over 120 people turned out for the Annual Meeting on February 14, 2009 at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy to help Bear-Paw celebrate a record year of conservation success. The crowd watched Frank Mitchell and Phil Auger's slide show of 1,147 acres of forests, fields, and wetlands now protected with the eight conservation easements completed in 2008.

Bear-Paw board members presented conservation awards with Al Jaeger's art and hand lettering to Carolyn and Pat Bedford, Randall Cooper and Candace Walworth, Ed Cournoyer, Charlotte Kimball, the Strafford School District, and the towns of Candia and Deerfield. The towns of Nottingham and Strafford were also thanked for their assistance with projects in their towns. The board surprised Phil Auger with an award for his work on the 868-acre Isinglass project, and gave Executive Director Dan Kern an award for an outstanding year of conservation work. Harmony Anderson received an award for service as board chair and the crowd welcomed Mark West as the new Bear-Paw chair.

Keynote speaker, Dr. John Litvaitis, UNH professor of Wildlife Ecology, discussed his research about the effects of roads on wildlife and habitat connectivity. His statistics, though dealing with a somber subject, were delivered with humor, and supported mathematically the Bear-Paw mission of protecting large forest blocks unbroken by roads. All of the presentations are available on the Bear-Paw website.

Annual Meeting fun always centers on the raffle and food. Sam Demeritt presided over a table of more than two dozen items donated by board members, friends, and local businesses. Attendees generously purchased tickets for the items which were won in drawings at lunch. Wini Young and Jean Cumings and their team of student volunteers laid out the ample spread of donated food. The sandwiches, soups, stews, and desserts prepared people for the afternoon snowshoe trek from Barrington's Stone House Pond through unbroken forest to a Bear-Paw easement on the Comte property in Nottingham.

Bear-Paw thanks its members and friends for their contributions to our Annual Meeting celebration! 🐾



Charlotte Kimball accepts an award for donating a conservation easement on her Nottingham property.
PHOTO CREDIT: SCOTT KIMBALL



Annual Meeting hikers gather at Stone House Pond.
PHOTO CREDIT: DAN KERN

Town Tracks

UPDATES FROM YOUR
NECK OF THE WOODS

Raymond provided the season's most promising land conservation success story as voters agreed to place a conservation easement on 143 acres of the town-owned Flint Hill property (70 acres of the property will remain unrestricted). This forest just west of Route 156 is an important wildlife corridor and provides riparian habitat along a tributary stream of the Lamprey River. It also includes vernal pools, rocky outcrops, and peatlands.

Strafford voters approved two warrant articles implementing new provisions of NH RSA 36-A: 4-a, I(b) – added by recent amendments through Senate Bill (SB) 381.

These articles specifically authorize the Conservation Commission to expend Conservation Funds on land protection projects that involve conservation groups such as land trusts without holding a legal interest in the property being conserved and to expend Conservation Funds on land protection projects outside of the municipal boundaries.

The nation's economic hard times seemed to have some local effect on conservation voting for March town meetings.

Candia reduced the allocation of the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) going to the town's Conservation Fund from 100% to 25% and Deerfield's proposal to fund a part-time Land Protection Coordinator was not approved. No proposals directly related to land protection were considered in Epsom, Northwood, or Nottingham this year.

Agricultural SOILS AND FARMS

Important agricultural soils occur on land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops and is available for these uses. Factors such as steepness of slope, permeability, susceptibility to erosion, water capacity,

or other soil properties can affect a soil's productivity. **Only five percent (9,682 acres) of the Bear-Paw region supports prime farm soils or soils of statewide importance. Of these farm soils, only five percent (500 acres) are within permanently protected areas. Many New Hampshire farms can also be found on less than ideal soils.**

Loss of farmland and farms as well as the pressures of encroaching development and increased regulation present challenges to farm businesses. At the same time, proximity of rising populations and affluence creates demand for fresh, locally produced farm products and services, and raises awareness of the values of the region's rich agricultural traditions.

According to a New Hampshire Farm Viability Task Force Report, *Cultivating Success on New Hampshire Farms New Hampshire*, an analysis of 2002 indicated that agriculture produced \$930 million in direct spending that supported 11,600 jobs and generated household income of over \$200 million. New Hampshire's agriculture's total economic impact

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The Stewart family's McClary Hill Farm is

Barbara and Dave reflect upon their lives and work as

Barbara Stewart

When I think of "the farm," my thoughts often linger on the many and varied customers we have and the unfailing support they've given us all these months. If we are both lucky and good, we may never have to disappoint them.

What a storehouse these wonderful people have filled with their goodwill. I never quite knew what all the fuss was about "community" until we started farming for real. Now I see that when we supply people with food that is truly good, we get so much more back than some financial remuneration.

We get friendship and hope and the opportunity to be a part of people's lives at the most basic, sustaining level. And there really is nothing like the sight of a friend savoring a forkful of our own luscious ham, all of us in full knowledge of the kind of life the pig had and what its meat represents.

There was a time when all I wanted was to have a steady paycheck and the chance to be one of those people who could faithfully support local farming. I was content to be on the receiving end. I still think I could be okay in that role, but now I've had the good fortune to live in a provider's house. And despite my fundamental unsuitability to farmwifery, I have to admit I understand the magic of the farm and the essential realness of it. I could never be Farmer Dave, but I see what drives him now.

And I see that this farming life is the one Dave set out to make for all of us –

not just for himself. This is how he takes care of his family. He feeds us and nurtures us with a life of value and meaning.

Who knows what the next months will bring, but I keep reminding myself that these free hills I look out on from my window will always be there to sustain us, thanks to the conservation efforts of those who dug deeply before we ever came on the scene. It's a reminder of the community of people who have made it possible to live this dream.



The Stewarts, clockwise from left: Madeleine, David, Axel and Barbara.
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David Stewart

We started McClary Hill Farm two years ago on 138 acres in Epsom. Flush with optimism and our easement protected “farmland of local significance” we have undertaken to feed and shelter ourselves while providing a variety of farm products to our customers.

Without regard to our impatience for progress, the land reveals its agricultural capabilities on its own schedule. Water flows, droughtiness, and microclimates can only be understood in the fullness of the seasons.



Dave Stewart and Julie, one of his six milking Jersey cows.
PHOTO CREDIT: MAYA RUSHING WALKER

Durable clues are immediately available but speak in a tongue most of us have forgotten. Rocks reveal past strategies for deriving a living from the land. The short stone walls ringing our fields rest low as they settle into the “uppening” soil. The biggest rocks at their base reside deep. Some of these walls may be the result of make-work activities from a past economic downturn while others may represent an

effort to sequester animals, likely sheep to provide wool for the mills in Manchester. Piles of small stones support the claim that parts of our property may have grown beans for a local baked bean factory. Ancient apple trees grown spindly and decrepit in the midst of a maturing forest bear fading witness to another abandoned plan.

Each endeavor was a rational response to the needs and opportunities of their time and demonstrated the productive potential of the land. Today, our response involves diversification to create mutually supportive systems involving animals, plants and people. We hope to grow and nurture a community. A community grounded, nourished and informed by the land.

Is this strategy the definitive answer for how best to use our land? Not necessarily. Some simple twist of fate will likely render our solution non-viable. Our efforts will then fall into history with the sheep, beans and apples that have gone before.

The land will either continue patiently producing food and fodder according to efforts driven by another’s will, or return to providing for the greater community according to its nature – filtering the water, replenishing the air, and providing nursery for the continuing evolution of life in our soils, streams, fields and forests.

Thanks to our conservation easements the land will be waiting. 🐾

Soils, continued

was over \$2.3 billion including direct, indirect, and induced spending, linking a total of 18,300 jobs to agriculture. The total of all spending produced \$118 million in state and local government tax revenue.

Significant opportunities are available for agriculture in New Hampshire. Residents and visitors alike are re-discovering the joys and benefits of eating locally and regionally produced foods, bringing about a grassroots renewal of our food systems. Permanent protection of the region’s important agricultural soils and operating farms is a Bear-Paw priority and is important to the region’s ability to produce locally grown foods and to ensure its scenic landscape and community heritage.

Here are several sources that will help you find a farm or farmer’s market near you:

New Hampshire Farms Network:

www.newhampshirefarms.net

New Hampshire Farmers Market

Association: www.nhfma.org

Seacoast Harvest: [seacoasteat](http://seacoasteatlocal.org/seacoastharvest)

local.org/seacoastharvest

New Hampshire Made:

www.nhmade.com

Visit NH: www.visitnh.gov/what-to-do

We will post more information about how to find and support local farms and businesses on our website: www.bear-paw.org.

Grants

AND PROJECT SUPPORT

Once again, we were grateful to receive support from our member towns, foundations, and other organizations over the last year. Bear-Paw and Deerfield secured a \$100,000 Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) grant to help purchase the Freese Town Forest in Deerfield. And, we received a \$25,000 Samuel P. Hunt Foundation grant and a \$10,000 Davis Conservation Fund grant to complete the Isinglass River Conservation project. Our member towns contributed over \$38 thousand to help cover the transaction and stewardship costs associated with the eight land protection projects that we completed in Candia, Deerfield, Nottingham, and Strafford. We also helped some of those same towns secure over \$30,000 in funding from the New Hampshire Estuaries Project for those projects.

The Adelard A. Roy and Valeda Lea Roy Foundation (\$10,000) and the Newman's Own Foundation (\$5,000) both presented grants to Bear-Paw to support our land protection program. We also received a \$4,000 Norcross Wildlife Foundation grant to upgrade our computer, printer, and other equipment. And, we finally closed out a \$9,438 State Conservation Committee Conservation Number Plate Program grant to complete Bear-Paw's Conservation Plan. **We would like to thank everyone for their support! We truly appreciate your confidence in our work.**

In Memory of Kay Williams

Katharyn "Kay" Williams, long time Deerfield resident, community volunteer and conservation easement donor, passed away at her home on December 21, 2008. She will long be remembered for her community spirit, positive attitude and eagerness to get involved.

Kay's conservation activity was a natural extension of her broader dedication to her community. She loved the town, the people in it and the many community groups in which she played an active role. Kay donated a conservation easement on most of her land to the Town of Deerfield and Bear-Paw in 1999. This was a bold step at the time, as hers was among the earliest conservation easements in town. Her pioneering commitment was one that inspired other landowners, some of whom have since completed easements.

A notable feature of Kay's land is the view across her fields as one passes by. One day, I mentioned to her that people really enjoyed seeing that view as they drove by. Kay quietly acknowledged the remark, then, weeks later, had a few pines strategically cut at the edge of her field to open the view further for all to enjoy. This event illustrates the kind of person Kay was. Bear-Paw joins her family and friends in mourning her loss, recognizing her great contributions to the community and being inspired by how she lived.

Frank Mitchell

Reducing their Carbon Footprint with Bear-Paw

By Mark West

Charlene Andersen of Nottingham has always been involved with environmental issues. After a UNH Sustainable Living class Charlene took, she and her partner Cheryl Smith began a serious assessment of their utility and food use, household waste production, and overall "carbon footprint." They set up a 10-year plan to address financially challenging household improvements to reduce energy use.

Nevertheless they felt that they should do more. Because Charlene's marketing business focuses on helping "green" businesses, she knew about Native Energy (www.nativeenergy.com). It's a website that helps people determine a dollar amount to help offset their fossil fuel usage. Charlene decided to use the system to approximate an offset for their occasional airplane flights.

Charlene says, "We determined we had limited funds to give back, and we wanted to know exactly where our money was going and how it could benefit future generations of folks who choose to live in this area. Bear-Paw and SPNHF were already active in Nottingham so we



Cheryl Smith and Charlene Andersen.

decided Bear-Paw would get the majority of our donations. When it's time to give, I go to Native Energy's website with our travel information and the online calculator determines the amount. We chose Bear-Paw simply because of its mission, its volunteers, and the towns it serves."

How can others get involved? Charlene highly recommends people read Jim Merkel's book, *Radical Simplicity*. They can take from it what connects with them and realize that living in a sustainable manner is a wonderful journey. 🐾

Bear-Paw Supporters 2008

The Board, Staff, and volunteers of Bear-Paw want to acknowledge all of our contributors for their generous support – with a special thanks to 100 members who gave more in 2008 than in 2007!

Friends of Bear-Paw Giving Society

In 2008, these donors each contributed \$500 or more to Bear-Paw and played an extraordinary role in allowing us to continue our work – generously providing more than one-half of all of our contributions!

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And a special thank you to all of our volunteers!

Would you like to become a member today?

Yes, I'd like to give to Bear-Paw.

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Become a new member with a contribution of \$75 or more, or increase your annual contribution by \$75 or more from 2008, and receive a "thank you" gift – a quality t-shirt with the Bear-Paw logo on the front and map on the back.

Calendar of Spring & Summer Events

All programs are free and open to the public. Please pre-register at info@bear-paw.org, www.bear-paw.org, or 603.463.9400, unless noted otherwise, so that we can provide adequate materials for everyone.

“Earth Day” Riverwalk Fieldtrip

April 25 • 1-3pm • Kimball Family Forest, Nottingham

Bear-Paw and the Nottingham Conservation Commission are hosting a fieldtrip to learn more about the important role of riparian and wetland habitats and why we need to protect them. Mark West, Bear-Paw Board member and biologist, will lead an exploration of the habitat found along the North River in Nottingham on a property recently protected by a conservation easement (*see the property profile on pages 3 and 4*). Kids are welcome!

Conservation Options Workshop

April 27 • 7-9pm • Epsom Public Library, Epsom

Bear-Paw, the Epsom Conservation Commission, and the UNH Cooperative Extension are offering an informative land conservation workshop to landowners and their families. For all those who have been thinking about doing something to protect their land, this will be an opportunity to get expert advice

from Phil Auger and Jed Callen, an attorney who specializes in land conservation and estate planning issues.

Please pre-register with Deb at 603.679.5616 or 800.248.6672 so that we can provide enough materials for everyone.

Spring Migration Bird Walk

May 2 • 7-9am • Isinglass River Conservation Reserve, Strafford

Bear-Paw and the Strafford Conservation Commission are hosting a beginner's bird walk on a newly acquired town forest property. Davis Finch and Scott Young have volunteered to lead the early morning walk to identify birds by both sight and song at the beginning of the spring migration.

Shiitake Mushroom Culture Workshop

May 9 • 12-2pm • Coffeetown Road, Deerfield

Bear-Paw member Tom Cumings will demonstrate the care and culture of growing

mushrooms. Workshop participants will also be able to inoculate logs with the shiitake mushroom spore to take home and grow on their own. Please pre-register so Tom can prepare materials for all.

Ed Burtt Day

July 11 • Northwood Meadows State Park, Northwood

The Northwood Area Land Management Collaborative (NALMC) is planning a day to celebrate the protection of Northwood Meadows State Park. It was 20 years ago that Ed Burtt sold the area now known as the park to New Hampshire. Check out NALMC's website for details (www.nalmc.net).

Pond Ecology for Kids

August 15 • 9-11am • Hill Pond, Strafford

Bear-Paw invites area families to an exploration of plant and animal life found along the shores of Hill Pond on the recently conserved Strafford School District property. Bring your kids and be prepared to get wet!

Hawkwatch

September 12 • 9am-12 • Location TBA

Bear-Paw is hosting another hawk watch and Scott Young will be on hand to offer help with bird identification. Depending on conditions, we may travel to Blue Job in Strafford, Fort Mountain in Epsom, or South Mountain in Pawtuckaway.



WHAT'S A Biothon?

June 6, 2009 • Freese Town Forest, Deerfield

Bear-Paw invites its members and friends to participate in its fifth annual Biothon – a species identification treasure hunt to discover and promote the biodiversity of the lands Bear-Paw works to protect. Two to three teams of skilled naturalists will compete to identify as many plant and animal species as possible on the Freese Town Forest in Deerfield – recently purchased by the Town and protected by a Bear-Paw easement.

The 175-acre Freese Town Forest will be the site of this year's Biothon. The property is open to the public and includes a wide variety of wildlife habitat including Appalachian-oak-pine and hemlock-hardwood-pine forest, marshes, swamps, a pond, and a section of Hartford Brook. It is part of an 8,000-acre unfragmented forest ecosystem that is a Bear-Paw conservation priority.

We are asking our friends to pledge any amount to the Biothon to support Bear-Paw's land conservation program. A pledge form will be available on our website. All of the contributors to the Biothon are invited on a tour of the Freese Town Forest at 9:30am on the day of the event. Please pre-register (and pledge) for directions! Bruce Lindwall, a faculty member with the Audubon Expedition Institute and Deerfield resident, has volunteered to lead a small plant identification fieldtrip the same morning that will be available on a first pledge, first served basis!

Free 1 1/2 hour personal consultations with Jed will be awarded to two lucky attendees.

Are You a Member of Bear-Paw Yet?

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways is a land trust with a mission to permanently conserve a network of lands that protects our region's water, wildlife habitat, forests, and farmland. The members of Bear-Paw envision a region of scenic beauty and rural character where diversity and quality of life are sustained.

Last year, Bear-Paw protected 1,147 acres of forest, over three miles of frontage on streams and rivers (including the Isinglass, North, and North Branch Rivers), and almost two miles of road frontage on eight properties in Candia, Deerfield, Nottingham, and Strafford. Bear-Paw and its partners helped local communities secure over \$3 million in grants and landowner gifts to complete those projects. However, without our members none of this may have been

possible since most of the grants that we receive go directly to acquisition and transaction costs.

Bear-Paw is a non-profit, tax exempt charitable organization that relies on our members for over 75% of our operating budget. Contributing to Bear-Paw will ensure that you and your town continue to have a local resource to help protect the open spaces that define your community. Please consider becoming a member today by returning the enclosed reply envelope or online at www.bear-paw.org. Any level of support is greatly appreciated but if you make a contribution of \$75 or more, you'll receive a T-shirt decorated with a Bear-Paw map as a "thank you"!

See the t-shirt on page 10!

 Contact Bear-Paw Regional Greenways at PO Box 19, Deerfield, NH 03037. Call us at 603.463.9400, e-mail us at info@bear-paw.org, or visit bear-paw.org.

Wildlife Habitat

Land Protection UPDATE

As of December 31, 2008

Land under Bear-Paw easements **2,310 acres**
 Assists – Other land permanently protected or publicly owned . . . **3,266 acres**
 Total land protected **5,576 acres**



TAKE A HIKE WITH THE NEW TEAR-OUT GUIDE
 See pages 3&4 for details.
SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS:
Frogs, Birds, Mushrooms and More on the Calendar
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