



# Source Water Protection Grant Program





NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER  
& GROUNDWATER TRUST FUND



# about the Trust Fund

*“To protect existing source water supply sources, prepare for growth and development of new water supply infrastructure, and preserve the natural environment that will provide existing and future New Hampshire water users with safe, reliable supplies of water.”*







**For every 10% increase in forest cover in the source watershed, treatment and chemical costs decreased by 20% - 2022 USDA Forest Service National Forests to Faucets 2.0 Assessment**



**we want YOU**



# for source water protection

Preserving the lands that hold our source drinking water is a joint effort.



**Government**



**Public Water  
Suppliers**



**Conservation  
Commissions**



**Land Trusts**

# why prioritize



# source water protection?

**Safe Drinking Water**



**Natural Environment**



**Resource Values**



# who and what is eligible?

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## Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities, state agencies, boards or commissions
- Public Water Systems
- Land Trusts and Non-Profits whose mission is land conservation
- Other entities approved by the Commission



## Eligible Projects

Permanent conservation of undeveloped lands that protect an active public drinking water source through land acquisition or a conservation easement.



## Eligible Land

- Hydrologic Areas of Concern (HACs)
- Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPA)
- High-Yield Stratified Drift Aquifers (GA2)
- Future Public Drinking Water Supply Sources





# find eligible land

Use the NHDES One Stop Data  
Mapper to find out if your project  
property is eligible

<https://www4.des.state.nh.us/onestopdatamapper/onestopmapper.aspx>





# project components



ID Funding Sources, Project Budget, Title Search, etc.



Discuss Program Requirements w/Landowner



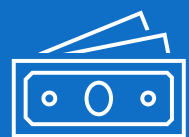
Purchase & Sales Agreement or Acknowledgement



Qualified Appraisal, Property Survey, Site Assessment



Baseline Documentation Report



Stewardship Fund



# application timeline

## Early to mid-June

Eligibility Applications  
due

## Late Summer

Funding Applications  
due

## September-October

Site visits conducted

## Mid-to late October

Subcommittee reviews  
applications; makes  
funding  
recommendations

## Mid-November

Advisory Commission  
votes to award funding

## December

Award Letters sent out



# project completion

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Enter into Grant Agreement with NHDES



Draft Conservation Easement or Deed Restrictions



Complete Due Diligence (Survey Work, BDR, Site Review)



Schedule Closing



Submit Final Closing Package/Request Disbursement



Record Conservation Easement and/or Deed



Conduct Annual Stewardship Monitoring



# Chesley Property in Hopkinton







Agricultural Land Easement Program (ALE)



Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program



NH Forest Legacy Program



Land and Water Conservation Fund



Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)



Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund (ARM)



Local Source Water Protection Grant Program (LSWP)



State Conservation Commission Conservation Grant Program "Moose Plate"

# Other State and Federal Conservation Funders





# thank you!

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