



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

## NHDES Source Water Protection Seminar

In partnership with  
Central NH Regional Planning Commission  
**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**  
**5:30pm – 7:00pm**  
**Horseshoe Pond Place Community Resource Center**  
**26 Commercial Street, Concord NH 03301**  
and via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83032446876?pwd=M1l2Q2pzOTM3K2REeDFyOUZQYmFKdz09>

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The Evolution of Source Water Protection. Contamination of drinking water historically has focused on certain land uses, such as underground petroleum storage tanks, auto salvage yards, and urban runoff. With PFAS and other emerging contaminants, protecting drinking water is both more challenging and more important, but the goal is the same – to preserve the long-term quality and availability of safe drinking water.

[Pierce Rigrod, Supervisor, Source Water Protection Program, Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau](#)

Getting it Done. Great Works in Source Water Protection! There are many ways to protect local drinking water resources and NHDES has a grant program for doing just that. The Local Source Water Protection Grant Program has provided funding for hundreds of local projects. We will cover some standout projects and how to apply for a grant this fall.

[Melissa Macheras, Source Water Protection Coordinator, Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau](#)

Protection Through Land Conservation. NHDES administers a land conservation program designed to protect drinking water and \$2M is typically available annually to protect “high-priority water supply lands.” You’ll be impressed by how these projects are protecting areas near reservoirs and community wells used by public water systems.

[Laura Weit-Marcum, Conservation Planner/Source Water Protection Grant Program Coordinator, Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau](#)

Guidance and Food for Thought. There’s a great new toolkit for community leaders to use - “**Protecting Drinking Water Sources in Your Community: Tools for Municipal Officials**” republished in 2023 by The New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPPC). NEIWPPC will give an overview of this regional toolkit that draws on practices and experiences gathered from across New England.

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