



The Municipal EcoLink

An e-bulletin from the NH Department of Environmental Services

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The Municipal EcoLink, is a monthly e-bulletin designed to inform you of the latest environmental ideas, trends, grants, rules and more from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES). We respectfully request that the following is electronically distributed or otherwise made available to your municipal committees, councils and boards.

Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well. Read *Municipal EcoLink* at:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/newsletters/ecolink/index.htm>

Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund Announces 2012 Awards

The recipients of the 2012 Aquatic Resource Mitigation Awards were recently announced. The ARM Fund Site Selection Committee provided its report and recommendations to the Wetland Council on November 27, 2012, and the Council approved the funding of 13 projects across the state. The projects range from acquisition of conservation easements for wildlife protection to restoration of wetland areas historically filled prior to state regulation. A total of \$2,878,427 was released to the projects located in Hebron, Greenland, Franconia, Barnstead, Pittsfield, Strafford, Hooksett, Merrimack, Plaistow, Canterbury, Keene, Plainfield, Lisbon, and Hanover. For details of the ARM Fund program contact Lori Sommer at 271-4059 or find the full report at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/wmp/documents/2012-arm-fund-awards.pdf>

Does your sewer-related project need a permit or review from DES?

All cities and towns are required to receive sewer connection permits or a design review from DES for most sewer-related projects. Some fail to apply for a permit or review as required. We encourage you to review the rules for sewer connection permits and reviews at:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rules/index.htm#envwq700>. Specifically, for permit requirements see Env-Wq 703.07. Some projects require a review by DES but not a permit, see Env-Wq 703.01. If you are unsure about whether or not a permit or review is required please call Gloria Andrews at 271-3568.

Free Webinar - How the Indoor Environment Impacts Everyone's Health

This free webinar will teach you the basics of respiratory health, and how it is influenced by air quality, behavior and our general environment. Environmental triggers of asthma that may be found in the school environment will also be reviewed. Tuesday, February 5th from 11 am - 12 pm

For more information visit: <http://www.nhhealthyschoolenvironments.org/documents/Indoor-Environment-Health-Webinar.pdf> To register visit: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/749225344>

Are you using the updated form?

Most Land Resources Management Programs (Alteration of Terrain Bureau, Subsurface Systems Bureau, Wetlands Bureau and the Shoreland Program) have updated their permit application forms. If you provide permit applications to the public or submit permit applications to DES, please take a moment to discard old permit application forms and ensure you have the newest versions. All current application forms are available at their respective DES web pages at www.des.nh.gov (use the A to Z list).

2012 AFR Forms for Solid Waste Transfer Stations Available Online

Each year, permitted solid waste facilities are required to report their regulated activities to DES. The 2012 Annual Facility Report (AFR) forms for Transfer Stations are available online at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swmb/css/index.htm>. Please note the forms have changed from last year. Reports are due March 31, 2012 and can be submitted in the mail, by fax (271-2456) or electronically, either as a pdf or email attachment to: Solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov.

Save the Date: Networking Session February 13

The NH Government Finance Officers Association (NHGFOA) will hold a networking session with the Local Energy Working Group (LEWG) on February 13th from 10am to 12pm at the Local Government Center in Concord, NH. In addition to an introduction to the LEWG, including an overview of its services, capabilities and program offerings, the session will feature Clay Mitchell, Founder and Principal of Revolution Energy and Karen Rantamaki, NH State Energy Manager. Topics to be covered include: the role of energy; the energy marketplace; energy data tracking and energy management; and energy project selection and financing.

This event is open to members of the NHGFOA and the Municipal Managers Association of New Hampshire. Light refreshments will be available. Please RSVP to tstgelais@nhmhb.com by February 8th if you would like to attend.

Save The Date: 5th Annual Local Energy Solutions Conference, April 13

The NH Local Energy Work Group is hosting the 5th Annual Local Energy Solutions Conference on April 13th, 2013 at Winnisquam Regional High School in Tilton, NH. This full-day training and networking event highlights local energy projects, planning and solutions for representatives from local energy committees, municipalities, schools, counties and energy efficiency/renewable energy enthusiasts. Registration opening soon. Learn more at nhenergy.org.

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