



## The Municipal EcoLink

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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 (NHDES). 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. You may read past issues at [The Municipal EcoLink](#)

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### **Change in Procedure for Submitting Wetlands Dredge and Fill Permit Applications to NHDES**

As of June 17, 2014, town and city clerks are no longer required to mail Wetland Dredge and Fill permit application forms to NHDES. Town and city clerks are now only required to sign and certify that the municipality in which the property is located has received four copies of the application form and attachments. After the town or city clerks signs and certifies receipt of the application form and attachments, the applicant is responsible for either mailing or hand delivering the original permit application form and attachments to NHDES. Permit application forms can be hand delivered to NHDES during normal business hours; Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.

Town or city clerks must still ensure a copy of the permit application form and attachment are provided to the local governing body, and, if any, the municipal planning board and the municipal conservation commission. The town or city clerk must also retain one copy of the permit application form and attachments to be made reasonably accessible to the public. If you have questions about this new procedure, please call (603) 271-2147.

### **New NHDES Coastal Atlas Can Help You Make Your Summer Weekend Plans**

NHDES is excited to launch the New Hampshire Coastal Atlas. This internet based product gives people quick access to information on shellfish harvest opportunities and closures, beach swimming advisories, and coastal public access sites. The mobile version includes a geo-location feature to help users get directions to where they want to go. For more info and to visit the Atlas, go to: <http://xml2.des.state.nh.us/CoastalAtlas/> Please consider posting a link to the N.H. Coastal Atlas on your municipality's website.

### **Source Water Protection Grants**

The 2015 Local Source Water Protection grant application is now available at [http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp\\_grants.htm](http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp_grants.htm). Funding is available to develop and implement projects to protect existing sources of public drinking water. Applicants can receive up to \$20,000 for projects to protect drinking water sources, including watershed planning, delineation of protection areas, assessment of threats to water supply sources, implementation, and source security. Descriptions of projects previously funded by this grant program are available on the program's webpage. Please contact Kelsey Vaughn at 271-2950 or [kelsey.vaughn@des.nh.gov](mailto:kelsey.vaughn@des.nh.gov) or Pierce Rigrod at 271-0688 or [pierce.rigrod@des.nh.gov](mailto:pierce.rigrod@des.nh.gov) if you have any questions or would like to discuss your proposal.

### **Clean Diesel Project Grants NOW AVAILABLE**

NHDES announces the availability of federal Diesel Emission Reduction Grant (DERA) funds through the Air Resources Division. This is a continuation of the popular federal grant program that began in 2008. To date, NHDES has awarded over \$900,000 for projects ranging from idle reduction equipment retrofits to new vehicle purchases. For more information, click [here](#), or contact [Felice.Janelle@des.nh.gov](mailto:Felice.Janelle@des.nh.gov).

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