



## 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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### Back to School... Is Your School AHERA Compliant?

As students and faculty return to school this month, make sure your schools' Asbestos Management plans are up-to-date and in compliance with the **Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)**, 40 CFR 763, Subpart E. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services urges all schools in your municipality to provide a safe and healthy educational environment. For more information, contact the NHDES Asbestos Management Program at (603) 271-1373, or visit the Program's webpage at: <http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/cb/ceps/ams/index.htm>

### New Website and Training for NH Coastal Viewer Mapping Tool

New Hampshire GRANIT and the NHDES Coastal Program are excited to launch a new website and training program for the New Hampshire Coastal Viewer mapping tool: [www.nhcoastalviewer.org](http://www.nhcoastalviewer.org). The NH Coastal Viewer, which first launched in 2015, is a web-based mapping tool that makes spatial datasets about community assets, natural resources, and hazards within New Hampshire's 42 coastal watershed communities publicly accessible in one place. NH Coastal Viewer users, which include municipal and state officials, planners, engineers and coastal watershed residents, can explore datasets such as Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain maps and sea-level rise scenarios; tax parcel boundaries; conserved lands and priorities areas for future conservation; dams and culverts; habitat information including eelgrass, oysters, and salt marshes; aquaculture sites; recreational access points; aerial imagery and topographic information; and much more. Users can analyze data, make maps, and save projects to share with others. The new website streamlines access to the NH Coastal Viewer, provides new training resources including video tutorials, and displays examples of how the data can be used to tell stories about our coastal resources. Bookmark [www.nhcoastalviewer.org](http://www.nhcoastalviewer.org) on your favorite internet browser and start exploring the many fascinating and useful datasets about our coastal watershed!

### Coastal Viewer 101 for Land Conservation Free Training on September 6

As part of the effort to improve coastal resource and hazard data access to coastal watershed communities through the NH Coastal Viewer, NH GRANIT and the NHDES Coastal Program are partnering with the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, and The Nature Conservancy to hold a hands-on training entitled, "**Coastal Viewer 101 for Land Conservation.**" **The free training will take place Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 6-8pm at the University of New Hampshire in Pettee Hall, Room G18.** Find out more information and register for the training here: <http://www.nhcoastalviewer.org/coastal-viewer-101-training-for-land-conservation/>. Space is limited; register soon!

If you can't make it to the hands-on training, you can explore other NH Coastal Viewer training resources here: <http://www.nhcoastalviewer.org/training-resources/>. If you have questions about the NH Coastal Viewer, please contact Kirsten Howard, NHDES Coastal Program Resilience Specialist, at [Kirsten.Howard@des.nh.gov](mailto:Kirsten.Howard@des.nh.gov) or (603) 559-0020.

*The New Hampshire Coastal Viewer is funded, in part, by NOAA's Office for Coastal Management under the Coastal Zone Management Act in conjunction with the NHDES Coastal Program.*

### **Drive Electric Week 2017 Event – Saturday, Sept. 9**

On Saturday, September 9, the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual New Hampshire Drive Electric Week Event will fill Capitol Plaza in Downtown Concord. There will be various examples of electric vehicles and technology gathered on the sidewalk in front of the State House, adjacent to the Concord Farmer's Market.

This year's event, hosted through a partnership between ConVerdant Vehicles, Granite State Clean Cities Coalition, New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association, Electric Auto Association, Plug-In America and the New Hampshire Sierra Club, promises to be bigger and better than ever. Test drives of the new Chevy Bolt will be available and other vehicles scheduled to be exhibited include the Tesla Model S, BMW i3, and Chevy Volt. S&J Sports will also have electric bicycles available for those who would like to test them out. The Event starts at 8:30 AM and ends at 1 PM. There will be lots of electric vehicle owners, experts and enthusiasts available to talk about the benefits of electric vehicles. All are welcome to come see the cars and enjoy the fall flavors of the Farmer's Market. More information about National Drive Electric Week is available at <https://driveelectricweek.org/>

### **Instream Flow Rules (Env-Wq 1900) Rulemaking Information Meeting**

NHDES will hold a public information meeting to discuss the final two sections of the proposed new Instream Flow Rules (Env-Wq 1900). The meeting will be held Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 9 to 11 AM in Room 208C of the NHDES offices at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH.

Meeting documents are available on the ISF Rulemaking page of the Rivers Management Advisory Committee website at [https://www4.des.state.nh.us/blogs/rmac/?page\\_id=2510](https://www4.des.state.nh.us/blogs/rmac/?page_id=2510)

For more information, contact Wayne Ives, Instream Flow Specialist, [Wayne.Ives@des.nh.gov](mailto:Wayne.Ives@des.nh.gov) or (603) 271-3548.

### **Gravel & Dirt Road Maintenance Workshop**

A one day workshop on cost effective gravel and dirt road maintenance and improvements while reducing pollutants to protect and restore water quality will be held September 29, 2017, 9 AM to 3:30 PM (8:30 registration) at the Gilford Community Church, 19 Potter Hill Road, Gilford, NH. Hosted by NHDES' Watershed Assistance Section and the Belknap County Conservation District, this workshop is designed for road agents, public works department staff, road associations, gravel/dirt road owners, private contractors, watershed and lake associations, and interested residents. Registration is \$45 and includes morning refreshments, a hot lunch, and certificates of Attendance and 5 EnviroCert Prof. Development hours. Topics include: Innovative drainage BMPs, permitting, road surface & materials, drainage easements and maintenance responsibilities.

Visit: <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/blogs/watershed/> for more information and registration or contact Lisa Morin, Belknap County Conservation District, (603) 527-5880 or [lisa.morin@nh.nacdnet.net](mailto:lisa.morin@nh.nacdnet.net) with "Gravel & Dirt Road Workshop" in subject line.

### **Solid Waste Operator Training (SWOT) Program**

The SWOT Program has partnered with Primex for a workshop focusing on "Safety at NH's Transfer Stations" on October 4 from 9 AM-Noon and then repeated from 1-4 PM. This workshop will be held in the Auditorium at NHDES in Concord. This workshop is open to municipal officials as well as transfer station operators. Certified SW Operators will receive 2.5 hours of Continuing Professional Development. Please contact Tara Mae Albert to register for the class at [Tara.Albert@des.nh.gov](mailto:Tara.Albert@des.nh.gov) or (603) 271-3713.

Additionally, the 2018 Workshop Calendar has been uploaded at <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/workshop.htm>

### **State Clean Diesel Program**

The Air Resources Division has limited funding through the State Clean Diesel Program under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) funding for local/state governments and businesses with vehicles and equipment operating in New Hampshire. We will be accepting project proposals between October 1 and October 15, 2017. A draft request for proposal and additional information is available under Forms/Applications on our Diesel Vehicle page.

<http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/tsb/tps/msp/diesel-vehicles/index.htm>

### **News on Rules**

The JLCAR approved revised rules for Certification of Water Works Operators (Env-Dw 502) at its August meeting. The rules became effective on August 19, 2017, and are available online at

<http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#adrinking>

The JLCAR also approved the Youth Camp rules (Env-Wq 900) at its August meeting. The rules will take effect on September 1, 2017, and are available online at

<http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#aquality>

### **Survey of Municipality Communication Preferences**

NHDES would appreciate your feedback on how best to communicate with our city and town officials.

Please take just a few minutes of your time to fill out our survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DZV2DXV> to help us to better deliver the information you need.

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