

Mary Ann,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments for the pending legislation.

I am currently representing the Thornton Conservation Commission, but previously I worked as an Environmental, Safety & Health Manager for several industries (aerospace, semiconductor, biotech and Research & Development), in Southern California, for 36 years, now retired. I also supported facilities located in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania Colorado and Kentucky.

I think that NHDES has done an admirable job to streamline and clarify the permitting process for construction in wetland areas, while reaching out to the public for feedback.

I think it is very important that the local conservation commission have input for assessing **all** the wetlands permit applications. Could the local conservation commission chair be notified via cell phone about the permit application? That way, there would still be local oversight, without too much of an impact on the timeline.

Also, other than the local conservation commission oversight, I think more construction (with oversight) is good for New Hampshire. What this state needs is more manufacturing, more businesses and more jobs. It be better for the state to have more balance and not the reliance on tourism and retail for jobs.

Thanks for your support.

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