

A land trust conserving ribbons of green in southeastern New Hampshire.



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NEWS & INFORMATION ABOUT BEAR-PAW REGIONAL GREENWAYS

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About US

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways is a land trust established by resident volunteers, who are working to conserve open space through landowner outreach, education, land protection, and community assistance.

Our Goal is to safeguard important wildlife habitat and travel routes, water and other natural resources, the region's inherent natural beauty, and local recreational opportunities.

Our Mission is to create a network of voluntarily protected lands in our region which connects with the larger network in southeastern New Hampshire.

We Envision a region of scenic beauty and sustained rural character, where human habitat is set within a viable network of natural resources preserved for present and future generations to enjoy.

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Unique Natural Features

Two New Easements Add to Existing Protected Lands

By Frank Mitchell

Two new easements adding significantly to the conservation fabric Bear-Paw is helping to weave through the region have been completed this winter. Each exemplifies Bear-Paw's partnerships with conservation-minded, future thinking landowners, community leaders and residents.

Easement Donated on Organic Farm and Forest Land

One conservation easement is being donated by Greg Doane and Wendy Schorr of North Road in Deerfield. The easement includes several acres of garden, field, and orchard land which Greg and Wendy manage organically. Most of the land is forested and has been well cared for over the years. The property also includes some wetlands including interesting basin swamps. The easement will be held by Bear-Paw with an executory interest held by the Town of Deerfield. This easement has added value because it abuts 89 protected acres gifted by Kay Williams to the Town of Deerfield in 1999 with an executory interest to Bear-Paw. Both properties lie at the watershed divide between the Lamprey River/Great Bay Watershed and the Suncook/Merrimack River Watershed.

Pawtuckaway Addition includes Prime Farm Land and Uncommon Species

The second greenway addition is a conservation easement of 85 acres granted by Avis Rosenfield and Tim Mallette of Nottingham Road in Deerfield through a bargain sale of development rights (less than the appraised value) to Bear-Paw and the Town of Deerfield. This land abuts the north side of Pawtuckaway State Park and lies a short distance from the protected land of neighbors Jack and Susie Sherburne.

In addition to the vital connectivity value of the Rosenfield-Mallette easement, this exceptional property has several acres of very productive field land, managed forest land, and a prime view of North Pawtuckaway Mountain from a town road.

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A martin house stands open for business in the meadow of the Greg Doane and Wendy Schorr easement.

PHOTO CREDIT: FRANK MITCHELL

A Note FROM THE CHAIR

Ever since our former executive director, Sherry Godlewski, first suggested it, we have thought that a bike ride event with routes connecting Bear Brook and Pawtuckaway State Parks would be an excellent way to have fun, raise money for Bear-Paw, and symbolize the Bear-Paw goal of connecting the parks

with protected land.

We are continuing to work out the logistical details of such an event with the help of the experienced group



from the New England Mountain Bike Association. Board members have plotted several trail loops from easy to extreme out of Bear Brook State Park, including the 33-mile round trip loop to Pawtuckaway. For the hard-core riders we are working on a possible loop that would add Northwood Meadows to a route. Our goal is to be ready to ride on a Saturday this autumn, with a barbecue and some music from the band Cordwood at Bear Brook to end the day.

Harmony Anderson
PHOTO CREDIT: DAN KERN

When it all comes together, we will need you, our Bear-Paw members and friends, to help as riders or trail assistants and water-stop hosts. Watch for final details of this **epic bike ride** in the mail and on our web site.

Happy trails,

Happy trails,

Harmony Anderson
Board Chair

Off the Walls and Into the Woods With Our Wildlife Habitat Maps!

Bear-Paw and The Friends of the Suncook River invite you to join NH Fish and Game wildlife biologist Eric Orff for an evening **Wildlife Habitat Workshop at the NH Audubon Popple Island Wildlife Sanctuary in Epsom on Thursday, May 26th.**

We'll compare co-occurrence maps with actual on the ground features that make Popple Island a "high score" significant wildlife habitat area. Participants will also learn how to get the latest wildlife habitat maps from NH Fish and Game for their towns – *for free!*

Wildlife Habitat Workshop
May 26th • 6 pm
Popple Island Wildlife
Sanctuary • Epsom

We'll be traversing woodlands and wetlands, so wear appropriate gear. It'll be worth fending off a few bugs to take advantage of this best time of the day and the year for a chance to spot some real wildlife enjoying prime conservation land.

Take Route 28 north of the Epsom Circle 4.35 miles, turn right on Websters Mill Road and travel 2.3 miles to the right turn onto Lockes Hill Road. Park about six tenths of a mile down Lockes Hill Road and walk to meet at the trailhead 500 feet beyond at 6 PM. For more information call 463-9400, or visit www.bear-paw.org. 🐾

Two New Easements continued from page 1

Its high elevation portion supports an uncommon natural community with acidic summit rock outcrops and their associated plant and animal species. The south facing ledges provide important habitat for wildlife which take advantage of the solar exposure.

Bear-Paw thanks landowners Greg, Wendy, Avis, and Tim for their patience and persistence throughout the work on these projects. The Town of Deerfield support for land protection is validated by the addition of these two easements. Both are important steps toward realizing the Bear-Paw vision of protected greenways throughout the region. 🐾



The view of North Pawtuckaway Mountain from a ledge outcrop on the Avis Rosenfield and Tim Mallette property.

PHOTO CREDIT: MARK WEST

Recycle for Bear-Paw at Hannaford

Area residents can now support two environmental causes by recycling their aluminum cans in the Bear-Paw collection trailer newly placed at the Hannaford Supermarket in Northwood. The trailer is for aluminum cans only, with revenues from the recycling to go to land protection in the Bear-Paw towns. We thank Hannaford managers Steve Sevigny and Joanne Turner for this opportunity! 🐾

Teams Needed for Biothon 2005

Coming June 11, 2005, to a Conservation Easement Near You

Are you an avid birder or a lover of wild flowers? We need your help. Bear-Paw invites you to participate in our first Biothon, a species identification treasure hunt to benefit Bear-Paw's land protection efforts.

Each team will explore an easement held by Bear-Paw to find and identify as many species as possible. Team members

including naturalists and scribes seek pledges from members and friends for each species identified. The money raised will go toward land protection in the Bear-Paw region. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 the first year!

Please contact Dan Kern at 463-9400 or at info@bear-paw.org for more details and to join the fun. 🐾

Scenes from the Annual Meeting

More than 100 people joined the Bear-Paw Board on February 12th at the 2005 Annual Meeting held at Coe-Brown Academy to hear annual updates, applaud awards, and hear Kevin Gardner, author of *The Granite Kiss* discuss the art of drystone wall construction. The Brownell, Willoughby, and Cumings families received awards for their completed easements. Outgoing chair, Cody Cramer, also received an award for the importance of his work for Bear-Paw. A snowshoe trek into the woods to examine some fine old stonework on conservation land followed the meeting. 🐾



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A fine day for a snowshoe hike on conservation land.

Cody Cramer applauds Kevin Gardner who built a stone wall in miniature during his Annual Meeting talk.



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Please send your contribution to Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, PO Box 19, Deerfield, NH 03037.

Town Tracks

UPDATES FROM YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS

Snowstorms and postponements didn't stop good conservation results coming from area town meetings.



Candia: Candia approved raising \$200,000 more for their conservation fund.

Deerfield: Deerfield agreed to raise \$270,000 to complete the project that will protect the Clifford Farm. Selectmen approved the Deerfield Business Association plan for a Farmers' Market that will be held on Friday afternoons behind the Town Hall beginning in June.

Epsom: Epsom voters approved turning 10% of the land use change tax over to a conservation fund.

Northwood: Northwood followed up a year of a moratorium on large subdivisions by approving a limit on the number of building permits to be issued in town.

Strafford: Strafford voters approved a year moratorium on subdivisions of four or more lots to have time to plan workable growth ordinances.

Calendar of Events

Land Conservation Workshop

May 18 • 7-9 pm • Strafford Elementary School

Expert advice about protecting your land. See details below.

An Evening Wildlife Habitat Walk

May 26 • 6-8 pm • Popple Island Wildlife Sanctuary in Epsom

See the details inside.



Biothon 2005 • June 11

Teams will participate in a species identification treasure hunt. More information and a call for participants in the article inside.

Join Us for a Land Conservation Workshop

Bear-Paw and the Strafford Conservation Commission will offer an important land conservation and estate planning workshop to area landowners and their families on **Wednesday evening, May 18th, from 7 to 9 pm at the Strafford School**. For all those who have been thinking about doing something to protect their land, this will be the opportunity to get expert advice and the answers to many questions. What are different conservation options? How does one start the process?

What are the costs involved? What money is available to help with those costs? What are the tax advantages to the present landowner and the heirs? Guest speaker, to answer these and other questions, will be Tom Masland, conservation attorney for both Bear-Paw and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

There is no charge for this workshop open to all area residents. Call Bear-Paw at 463-9400 to pre-register so that we can provide adequate materials. Please join us to learn more about the means and the value of protecting your family land. 🐾

Land Conservation Workshop

May 18th • 7-9 pm

Strafford School



Contact Bear-Paw Regional Greenways at PO Box 19, Deerfield, NH 03037. Call us at 603.463.9400, e-mail us at bear-paw@worldpath.net, or visit www.bear-paw.org

Wildlife Habitat

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Land Protection UPDATE

As of press time...

Land in Bear-Paw easements **789 acres**

Land conserved by Bear-Paw assists **1,239 acres**

Total land protected by Bear-Paw work. **2,028 acres**

Conservation Workshop
Wednesday, May 18, 2005
A Walk on the Wild Side
Thursday, May 26, 2005 • Popple Island Sanctuary
Details Inside!



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