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Drinking water protection is a team effort

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services recently approved funding for a project to work with local towns on source water protection, pending approval from the Governor and Council. The project will help identify and evaluate threats to drinking water sources and improve overall drinking water protection within the Ossipee Watershed.

In addition to working with local volunteers and the Ossipee Watershed Coalition, GMCG is being assisted by UNH students as part of the Natural Resources Senior Project program. The team of students will help to launch the Ossipee Watershed Source Water Protection Project this spring. The students have an interest in water quality, and recognize that this will be a great opportunity to learn how to interact with the public in protecting water resources. "This is a real life learning experience. It is a great opportunity to see different organizations working together on very important issues to create awareness and solutions," Karen Martel expressed. The students helped create a brochure featuring information about groundwater



UNH Seniors Tess Finnigan-Allen, Graham Parnaby, Douglas Miller and Karen Martel will help launch the Source Water Protection Project.

resources, pollutants, homeowner and public water supplier responsibilities, best management practices and upcoming meetings and workshops related to groundwater protection. The first event is a **Regional Drinking Water Protection Conference on Saturday, April 28th** featuring speakers from NH DES, USGS and other organizations on public health, and well testing, groundwater legislation, community responsibilities and protection measures.

New tools help Watershed towns plan for the future

Community planners and local decision makers will soon have a few new tools to assist with land use planning. In February, the Ossipee Watershed Coalition Steering Committee and nearly twenty volunteers met with Professional Planner Steve Whitman to work on the Ossipee Watershed Natural Resource Guidebook. The Guidebook will provide towns with maps, template ordinances and information about balancing development with protection of natural resources.

The project has truly become a collaborative effort between local citizens, municipal officials, and professionals from many organizations, including: Department of Environmental Services, Department of Fish & Game, UNH Cooperative Extension, Appalachian Mountain Club, The Nature Conservancy, Department of Resources & Economic Development, NH Lakes Association and the Forest Society. As part of the project,

and thanks to the efforts of Katie Callahan of NH Fish & Game, each watershed town will receive new maps from the Wildlife Action Plan showing priority wildlife habitat and habitat types.

GMCG has also been invited by the University of New Hampshire's NH GRANIT program to participate in a build-out analysis and pilot project for a new kind of software called CommunityViz. A build-out analysis determines the development capacity for an area and assesses the fiscal, environmental and social effects of future growth. The CommunityViz program is a GIS-based interactive analysis tool that produces two and three dimensional maps of future development, projecting the resulting impacts. This is an incredible opportunity for decision makers and stakeholders to see the effects of land use decisions from many perspectives and allow them to better analyze choices about future growth, development and change. To learn more, visit www.communityviz.com.

The Watershed News

The Watershed News is a quarterly publication of the Green Mountain Conservation Group, a non-profit, 501(c) 3, charitable organization established in 1997 and dedicated to the preservation of the natural resources in the Ossipee Watershed. The towns of Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Ossipee, Sandwich and Tamworth make up the boundaries of the Ossipee Watershed. This watershed includes one of the largest and deepest stratified drift aquifers in New Hampshire. It covers 47 square miles and receives drainage from a 330 square mile area. It is a critically important resource for existing and future community water supplies.

GMCG's purpose is twofold:

1. To provide an organizational structure for a coalition of citizens and local officials interested in identifying sensitive areas within the Watershed in need of protection;
2. To offer public educational events about conservation issues and possible solutions regarding the preservation of unique natural resources.

Through research, education, advocacy and land conservation we strive to promote an awareness and appreciation of our watershed's natural resources and encourage a commitment to protect them.

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Special Places

Ossipee project will protect viewshed

Editor's Note: Special Places is a regular feature of the Watershed News, highlighting an historical or cultural resource within the Ossipee Watershed. GMCG continues to endorse the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP,) a public-private partnership committed to conservation of New Hampshire's natural, cultural and historical resources. For more information, on LCHIP call 224-4113, or email www.lchip.org.

BY ELIZABETH GILLETTE

When you next travel north on NH Route 16 in Ossipee, don't miss the majestic Ossipee Mountains to your west. At a roadside clearing 1.8 miles north of Route 28, you will get a sweeping vista of the Ossipee Mountains with especially striking hues at sunset over 2,975-foot Mt. Shaw and neighboring peaks. It is easily the finest view from the highway of this world-famous geologic complex.

To keep the "window" open on the Ossipees, the Ossipee Conservation Commission has launched the "Window on the Ossipee Mountains" project to buy and manage as open space the 26.6-acre view parcel on busy Route 16 that will:

- * Protect the view of the Ossipee Mountains -- a world-famous Ring Dike geologic complex;
- * Reclaim valuable open, brushy wildlife habitat that supports 'highest quality wildlife habitat' in NH; and
- * Provide public access to Ossipee scenic assets with a roadside scenic pull-off and nature trail, plus maps and signs that explain the area's geologic history, town history and nearby points of interest and services.

Ironically, the view enjoyed today is the result of drastic land use change 25 years ago when this once-forested lot became a golf driving range. The range quickly closed, but today the spectacular view remains, and nature is reclaiming the site with shrubs, grasses and early successional forest that are especially important for wildlife habitat. The lot is bordered by existing conservation lands, so its purchase will extend a green corridor of protected land on NH Route 16 to over one linear mile.



The "Window on the Ossipee Mountains" project will protect this view from NH Route 16 of Mt. Shaw and neighboring peaks.

Local Project, Big Benefits! The Ossipee Master Plan (2006), NH Main Street Ossipee Resource Team Report (2006) and the NH Route 16 Corridor Protection Study (1999) all highlight the benefits such a scenic view with public access offer the town and entire community. The site will be maintained by the Ossipee Conservation Commission for the Town of Ossipee.

Pledges Welcome! \$275,000 must be raised to purchase the property and create the scenic pull-off with maps and signs. Additional funds are needed to create the nature trail. Over one-fifth of the needed funds have been committed by the Ossipee Conservation Commission from the proceeds of timber sales on conservation lands. The Commission is also applying for grants. Above all, the Commission is seeking pledges, payable in December 2007, from individuals like you who want to help keep the "Window" open on this scenic vista for generations to come!

For more information please contact:
Ossipee Conservation Commission, P. O. Box 67, Center Ossipee, NH 03814. Or, call 539 4181 or 539 4742.

Elizabeth Gillette is a member of the Ossipee Conservation Commission, GMCG Board of Directors, and a Water Steward in Ossipee.

Watershed Birder Time to provide habitat for spring birds

BY SUSAN LEE

Spring! It's on the way and so are the birds returning to the wonderful variety of habitat in the Ossiipee Watershed. Year-round birds such as black-capped chickadee, tufted titmouse and goldfinches are starting to sing spring songs and calls. Red-tailed hawks, bald eagles, owls and peregrine falcons are already mating and nesting. (View the peregrinecam: www.nhaudubon.org/research/pcamframehi.htm).

Migrants which have spent the colder months farther south are coming back. As you read this robins, mockingbirds, bluebirds, red-winged black birds, eastern phoebes may already be here, and soon will be joined by the early warblers (palm, yellow-rumped, black and white, pine). By the end of April and beginning of May, flycatchers, vireos, ruby-throated hummingbirds and the rest of the warblers which nest here in the Watershed will be flitting from tree to tree and shrub to shrub feeding on caterpillars and emerging insects.

Whether the Watershed is a final destination for these avian travelers or merely a rest stop along the way to nesting grounds in the boreal forests of the far north, suitable habitat is critical to survival. Scientists have long studied habitat loss and degradation in nesting and winter habitat, but only recently has "stopover habitat" received much attention. What has become evident is that even small patches of stopover habitat can mean the difference between successful migration and starvation for many species.

Studies in Arizona and in the plains states show that isolated patches of suitable habitat, and shelterbelts—long, narrow plantings of tree and shrubs used to reduce soil erosion, are as important as large corridors, if not more so. Even habitat islands in the middle of urban and agricultural

landscapes can provide much-needed stopping places for famished songbirds.

On our own properties in the Watershed, whether small yards or larger tracts, we can make life easier for migrating land birds by providing areas with as many of the different layers of plants found in a healthy forest: the tallest trees form the roof or ceiling of the forest, smaller understory trees, shrubs and groundcovers. Landscapes with all these layers, especially shrubs loaded with berries are magnets for migrating songbirds.

In "gardening for birds", the goal is to re-create the range of habitat niches preferred by different species. Migrant songbirds don't care as much about the *type* of vegetation, but are very particular about the *structure* of that vegetation and vertical layers. So, look for blackburnian warblers at the top of tall trees, either coniferous or deciduous. On the other hand, the mourning warbler prefers shrubby thickets and magnolia warblers like both tall and understory trees. A recent article by Audubon Magazine author Janet Marinelli suggests that two thirds of all migrants were found in shrubs and understory trees, the layers most often missing in typical yards where we clean up each spring and tend to clean out under trees and plant expanses of cut grass lawns.

Audubon recommends planting shrubs of different kinds and heights. Migrants are attracted to thickets, dense masses of fruiting shrubs, vines, briars and brambles. And once planted, they are essentially maintenance free! Use native trees and shrubs. The Carroll County Extension Agency, as well as many bird gardening guides, can provide lists of native plants for use in this area.

Woodlots with fallen limbs and leaves, dead plant material and other woodland debris harbor insects on which migratory birds thrive. This spring, don't clean up, or at least not too much.

Leave as much dead plant material as possible on your land. Rather than chipping up logs and branches, create a brush pile in a corner of the property - the wrens will love it.

Consider letting your grassy area "go wild" with native grasses, milkweed and goldenrods which will attract migrating monarch butterflies as well as birds. Large lawns are useless to most birds except robins, flickers and starlings. Instead, allow annuals to reseed. Cardinals, juncos, buntings and rose-breasted grosbeaks are seed-eaters which will be attracted to such an area.

If you own or are responsible for a larger tract of forest, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology has produced the first in a series of manuals for improving habitat for populations of forest-interior birds. The first in the series is "A Land Manager's guide to Improving Habitat for Scarlet Tanagers and other Forest-interior Birds" and is available on line or from the lab. The nine other species which may also benefit from habitat improvements for scarlet tanagers include: yellow-bellied sapsucker, black and white warbler, rose-breasted grosbeak, baybreasted warbler, black-throated blue warbler, Canada warbler, wood thrush, red-eyed vireo, ovenbird, veery, black-capped chickadees and blackburnian warblers.

A great resource for gardeners wishing to start or improve a bird friendly yard or garden is "Birdscaping Your Garden" by George Adams (Rodale Press 1998). In addition to advice on specific plants, shrubs and trees, this large format paperback book has extensive information on the habitat, migration and winter range, breeding range and feeding habits of common and not so common species, allowing gardeners to match plants to the birds they attract.

Susan Lee is an avid birder and longtime resident of the Ossiipee Watershed. Share bird sightings or comments with her by email: leegull1@earthlink.net.

Conservation Conversations

Editor's Note: *Conservation Conversations is intended to provide a forum for the conservation commissions in the six towns of the Ossipee Watershed to share news of their activities and an opportunity to find creative solutions regarding watershed issues.*

Think Locally; Act Watershed.

Effingham

The commission recently submitted a Recreation Trail Program grant proposal to the Department of Resources and Economic Development to develop a birding path in the Larry Leavitt Preserve. Another Moose Plate grant has been awarded to the town for work in 2007-2009 related to the Wildlife Action Plan.

In January the commission sponsored a forum on global warming featuring members of the Carbon Coalition. The forum was followed by a showing of the film "An Inconvenient Truth" to help inform the town of an upcoming warrant article, the NH Climate Change Resolution, to be considered at the March 17th town meeting. One hundred and eighty towns in NH are also presenting similar articles before town meetings. The commission also sponsored a public presentation on February 26th on the Effingham Wetlands Inventory project. Presentations covered the town culvert study by UNH seniors, two major wetlands communities by Jeff Lougee of The Nature Conservancy, and a final report by Dr. Rick Van de Poll.

The commission and Wetland Review Committee recently submitted a special use permit report regarding wetland buffers. Commission members also attended workshops on tree and shrub identification and a NH DES auto salvage yard training.

Madison

The commission is applying for a USDA Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program grant to span over ten years and up to \$200,000 of cost share monies to protect the pitch pine 130 acre portion of the Goodwin and Burke Town Forest. Restoration of the habitat may include brush hogging of debris and fire management. In February the commission hosted a well-attended talk for landowners with GMCG and Phil Auger of the UNH Cooperative Extension regarding the benefits of creating conservation easements. The commission will sponsor a \$5,000 request to

continue setting aside monies for land conservation projects at March's Town meeting. Finally, the two year project of documenting easement and town forest properties is completed and the commission will next work on updating the 2002 Master Plan to include natural resource inventory data.

Ossipee

The Ossipee Conservation Commission seeks Fishing Sponsors to help support the summer Ossipee Lake Host Point Person at the Pequawket Trail Road boat landing. In a new brochure targeted to fishing enthusiasts who benefit most from the Lake Host Program - which guards against invasive plants - the commission invites Fishing Sponsors to donate funds toward the cost of the supervisory Point Person. The tax-deductible private donations will supplement state and town contributions. The brochure will be distributed through fishing clubs and at sporting businesses and other points. The goal is to raise awareness of the Lake Host Program and to recruit Fishing Sponsors who want to keep Ossipee Lake healthy. Those who donate \$50 or more will be recognized on boat landing kiosk. For more information call the Ossipee Conservation Commission at 539-4181.

Tamworth

After 20 years of service, John Mersfelder stepped down from the chairmanship of the conservation commission in March. He will remain on the commission as an alternate, thereby providing a smooth transition and institutional memory. The TCC had many accomplishments under the leadership of John, including the acquisition of numerous conservation easements, improvement in the easement monitoring procedure and greater involvement in town planning and wetlands issues. His energy and fair-minded but earnest conservationism served the town well for two decades.

Bryan Berling will be taking over as chairman. He has a background in surveying and civil engineering, which give him a strong grasp of land use planning and regulatory issues facing a growing town such as Tamworth. With Bryan at the helm, a full compliment of committed commissioners and John as chairman emeritus, the TCC is in good position to continue the valuable service begun by founders Betty Steele, who recently passed away at age 93, and Peg King, and carried on by John.

NH Residents Support Land Conservation

Land conservation is becoming a priority in many communities across the state. According to a recent poll commissioned by the Forest Society and conducted by the UNH Survey Center, 85% of New Hampshire adults think their city or town should invest public funds to protect farms, forest land and other open space.

Locally, some towns have allocated funding to assist landowners with surveys, appraisals and legal fees for conservation easements and gifts of land. Other towns are investing in projects that protect scenic vistas, wildlife habitat, drinking water, forest resources, and recreational

opportunities for the future. New tax incentives have also encouraged landowners to conserve their properties.

Mapping technology and tools such as the NH Wildlife Action Plan allow for strategic planning and prioritization of conservation efforts to target and protect valuable resources. Communities are actively working with specific landowners to protect specific resources of high conservation value. The Peterborough Open Space Committee is one example of how citizens approached strategic land conservation in their town. Visit www.townofpeterborough.com under "Open Space Committee" for more information.

Watershed Water Quality Monitoring

Notes from Upstream

Volunteer Water Stewards are honored

BY TARA SCHROEDER

GMCG volunteers help with everything from collecting water samples and completing newsletter mailings, to assisting with special projects, setting up workshops and events, and monitoring GMCG conservation lands. Thank you to all those who continue to contribute your time and energy in the spirit of community service and volunteerism!

Water Quality volunteers contribute thousands of hours of work each year, collecting water quality information for the monitoring programs and helping provide their towns and other organizations that use the data with an assessment of watershed health. Without their assistance, we would not be able to collect data and monitor water quality of 35 rivers, streams and lake sites that are tested each year. The program is truly community-driven and supported!

Two volunteers were recently recognized at Annual Meeting for their efforts. **Ned Hatfield** of Freedom was honored with the "Water Steward of the Year" award, and **Elizabeth Ahearn**, a student at Kingswood High School, received the "Young Steward of the Year" award. Ned has helped to support the water quality monitoring program since it began in 2002, both as a regular volunteer at Cold Brook in Freedom, and as an assistant at annual training events. Most recently, Ned helped with the launch of the Macroinvertebrate Sampling Program, donating his macroinvertebrate collection, files and expertise to the project. He is also a dedicated volunteer for

the Saco River Corridor Commission's water monitoring program.

Liz Ahearn became a volunteer in 2006, and trained to participate in sampling the Beech River



Ned Hatfield is honored as "Water Steward of the Year".

in Ossipee as part of the Volunteer Biological Assessment Program. She not only helped collect and identify macroinvertebrates, but also contributed an article to the newsletter and presented the results to the community at the State of the Watershed event in November. Liz sets an excellent example of what other students can do to learn more about their watershed and contribute to their community.

To sign up to participate as a volunteer for water quality monitoring programs, please call 539-1859. **Training for river sampling is April 14th from 1-4 p.m. at The Community School in Tamworth.** New volunteers are needed and students are welcome to join the program, too!

Tara is GMCG's Program Director.

Notes from Downstream

SRCC has protected corridor since 1971

BY DENNIS FINN

While writing my article for the GMCG newsletter, it occurred to me that although these articles appear with some regularity, many people may not know what the Saco River Corridor Commission does. Who are these folks downstream, and in Maine no less, and why do they appear in our newsletter. So rather than discuss individual water related issues I decided to spend a little time talking about what we do and who we are.

It all started over 30 years ago. A group of citizens within 20 Maine communities gathered to discuss the importance water quality, and a plan that would ensure clean water for future generations to come. This group approached the Maine State Legislature with their concerns and ideas and in 1971, the State created the Saco River Corridor Commission (SRCC) to carry out the purpose of the newly created Saco River Corridor Act.

Within this Corridor the Commission oversees three main program elements. There is the land use regulatory program, the Water Quality Monitoring Program that began in 2001, a program we proudly share and work cooperatively with GMCG, and a conservation and environmental education program.

Our water quality monitoring program has 35 volunteers taking part in a bi-weekly monitoring program from April to October. Throughout our 15 week testing season, these volunteers perform over 3,000 individual water quality tests in an effort to maintain a minimum water quality designation for the waters of the Saco, Ossipee and Little Ossipee Rivers. Because long term background information was not available, the SRCC started this program to determine the current water quality of the river(s) and to determine if current land use management strategies and regulations remained effective.

The pace of development here has not slowed and, if anything, the interest in living in Maine and New Hampshire, especially along water bodies, has only increased. People move from more densely developed locations where natural resources have been compromised, to western Maine where resources are still abundant. Maine and New Hampshire are one of the few places in the Northeast where it is still possible to actively protect our natural resources before they are gone versus planning to restore our resources after they are gone – and this is precisely why the SRCC does the work we do.

Dennis Finn is Executive Director at the Saco River Corridor Commission in Cornish, Maine.

Field Notes

Habitat conservation starts in the backyard

BY TARA SCHROEDER

“Habitat conservation starts in each person’s backyard,” exclaimed Dr. Rick Van de Poll on Jackman Ridge after an afternoon of animal tracking through the forest. Looking out upon the pine barrens and lake below, and the Ossipee Range beyond, there were no roads or fences visible to distinguish one yard, neighbor or town from the next. There seemed to be no obstacles to the fox, weasels, and deer whose tracks had crossed the trail, and ample access to water, shelter and food sources. There were no barriers to movement, finding various habitat needs, or survival. Yet underneath the tree canopy, it was a very different story.

Had this been an aerial view, the roads, neighborhoods, and other human developments would have partitioned the landscape into the more familiar patterns of daily life. Still, the boundary-less perspective was an important reminder that we are all part of a greater landscape, no matter what boundaries are imposed upon it, and that for many reasons, planning for such things as wildlife, water and other resources that know no boundaries must be done at a larger scale than we are used to and with collaboration across those comfortable boundaries within which we are accustomed to living and planning.

Conservation planning stretches and challenges us to think about our surroundings in greater scales of time and space, and can easily overwhelm with the scope of work that is needed to protect natural resources for the future. Town planners, land trusts, and local and state organizations all play a part in this process, but individual landowners play an even greater role in the state’s future since most significant habitat, forest, water, and other resources are located on private lands.

There are many ways individual landowners can help protect wildlife habitat and other resources. Learning how your backyard, whether it is two or two hundred acres, fits into the overall picture of your neighborhood, town and watershed is a good place to begin, and may have a ripple effect on your neighbors. Oftentimes, this type of grassroots initiative is how important conservation lands, wildlife corridors, riparian areas and other resources are protected.

Getting to know your land can lead to new discoveries and conservation opportunities. Learning how to be a better steward can be rewarding as well. Some resources to assist in this process include: town natural resource maps, NH GRANIT, UNH Cooperative Extension services, GMCG, Coverts Cooperators (see below), foresters, wetland ecologists, and conservation commission members.

Wildlife Volunteer Opportunities

BY MALIN ELY CLYDE

The NH Coverts Project is looking for concerned landowners and other interested individuals who want to learn more about their forests and the animals that live in them, in exchange for a commitment to share that knowledge in their community.

The NH Coverts Project is currently accepting applications for its annual training workshop to be held in Hancock, NH September 5-8, 2007. Anyone with an interest in wildlife, land stewardship, and community outreach is invited to complete an application.

The name of the project, “Coverts” (pronounced “cover” with a “t”), is from the name for a thicket that provides shelter for wildlife. The term symbolizes the project’s goal of enhancing, restoring and conserving habitat for the rich diversity of native wildlife in New Hampshire. Trained volunteers for the Coverts Project, called “Coverts Cooperators”, help educate the public on how sound land stewardship practices can enhance wildlife habitat.

All costs of the workshop, including meals, lodging and educational materials, are provided by program sponsors: UNH Cooperative Extension, NH Fish and Game and the Ruffed Grouse Society. The Ruffed Grouse Society is a

national non-profit organization dedicated to improving habitat for ruffed grouse, woodcock and other forest wildlife. In exchange for receiving the training, participants agree to return to their communities, share what they’ve learned, and motivate others to become stewards of the state’s forests and wildlife habitats.

Anyone interested in participating in the program, or who would like more information, should contact Malin Ely Clyde, NH Coverts Project, 214 Nesmith Hall, 131 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824, phone (603) 862-2166 or email malin.clyde@unh.edu. *Malin Ely Clyde is the Director of the NH Coverts Project.*



NH Coverts Project offers tools for anyone interested in wildlife conservation and land stewardship.



Spring Calendar



Introducing Watershed Wednesdays, Every Wednesday April through June, the public is welcome to join GMCG staff and learn about water quality monitoring, stream sampling and local river ecosystems. Interested individuals, families and school groups welcome! Times flexible. Call 539-1859 for details.

Wednesday, March 28th: Ossipee Watershed Coalition Steering Committee Meeting.

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Green Mountain Conservation Group office in Freedom Village. If you would like to participate on the committee or learn about current projects, please contact 539-1859.

Saturday, April 14th: Water Steward Training. 1-3:30 p.m. at The Community School, Tamworth.

Volunteers will learn how to collect water samples and field data for the RIVERS and OLT monitoring programs. Volunteers monitor assigned streams, usually in their town, every other week from April through October. Please call to sign up for the training and the 2007 monitoring season today! An introductory session on the Ossipee Watershed Source Water Protection Project from 3:30-4:00 p.m. will follow the training. Anyone is welcome to learn about this new project and how they can help in their town.

Saturday, April 28th: Regional Drinking Water Protection Conference. 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Calumet Conference Center in Freedom, N.H. This event will be hosted by the Green Mountain Conservation Group, Saco River Corridor Commission and local conservation commissions, and sponsored by GMCG, SRCC and the NH Department of Environmental Services. Presentations will focus on groundwater resources, greatest threats, and protection measures for existing and future drinking water supplies. Public water suppliers, businesses, residents and municipal officials will gain information about drinking water protection programs, recommended well testing, and groundwater related legislation in the state. Water testing kits for homeowners will be available. Fun activities for kids will be held throughout the day. Please pre-register for this event. Breakfast & lunch included. \$10 adults, \$5 children.

Thursday, May 3rd: How to Draft and Adopt Ordinances. The Ossipee Watershed Coalition and GMCG will host a workshop presented by attorney Susan Slack on drafting and adopting ordinances and regulations for municipal officials. The workshop will be followed by a presentation from the NH Department of Environmental Services using a walk-through example of the Model Groundwater Ordinance for NH towns, and an introduction to the Ossipee Watershed Source Water Protection Project. 7-9 p.m. at Runnells Hall, Chocorua. Light refreshments provided.

Thursday, June 14th: Ossipee Watershed Coalition Workshop: "Sustainable Communities" 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Runnells Hall in Chocorua. Professional Planner Steve Whitman will give a slide presentation of sustainable communities from his travels around the globe, and examples closer to home of sustainability and relocalized living. The presentation will be followed by a regional meeting about the Ossipee Watershed Natural Resource Guidebook. The Ossipee Watershed Coalition Steering Committee will solicit feedback from participants on the first draft of the guidebook, GIS maps, and ordinances. Any residents, businesses and town officials are welcome to attend. Light refreshments provided. There will also be an opportunity to hear about the Source Water Protection Project.

* All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Call 539-1859 for more information.

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Dawn Marion and Fred Van Cor test
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