

# ◆ The Watershed News ◆

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## Help is needed to protect rare, prime agricultural lands

GMCG has nearly reached its final \$50,000 fundraising goal to protect three parcels of prime agricultural land in Sandwich, Tamworth and Albany, but we're not there yet, and we need your support. In partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), GMCG is purchasing conservation easements that will allow the three parcels to remain in agricultural use forever.

The total appraised value of the three conservation easements is \$892,000. GMCG has secured a \$446,000 grant from the Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP), and has successfully raised another \$466,000 in pledged contributions. As of mid-September, GMCG is within \$12,000 of our final goal of raising \$50,000 to offset associated legal and administrative costs.

The parcels include the 93-acre Butcher-Nesbitt Whiteface Intervale



parcel in Sandwich, which is used for vegetable and hay production, as well as pasture land for horses. It is located at the foot of Mt. Whiteface, is adjacent to the White Mountain National Forest and is near several other privately owned properties also protected with conservation easements.

The other two parcels include the 22-acre Behr Farm Albany Field, used for hay production, and adjoining 11-acre woodlot, as well as the 40-acre Behr Farm in the heart of Tamworth Village. The Behr Farm includes 2,970 feet of

frontage on the Swift River. The Albany Field property abuts the Behr Family woodlot, which in turn abuts the White Mountain National Forest and is adjacent to the 84-acre Birches Intervale Farm, which GMCG successfully protected last year by a conservation easement also funded with FRPP grant support. Also near the Behr Farm Albany Field is the 405-acre Wonalancet Nominee Trust property on which GMCG also holds a conservation easement.

Your contribution now will make it possible for GMCG to complete this three-parcel project, resulting in the permanent protection of these prime agricultural properties. Contributions may be sent to GMCG, c/o Jonathan Taylor, PO Box 117, Sandwich, NH 03259. For more information, contact Peter Pohl (284-6666) or Scott Aspinall (651-7063), both members of GMCG's Board of Directors, or call GMCG at 539-1859.

## Groundwater study completed in 2009 for Ossipee Watershed

This summer, GMCG embarked on a new level of water quality research by studying groundwater. Unseen and therefore often unnoticed and overlooked, the health of our groundwater affects many of us on a daily basis. A grant from the NH Moose Plate Program and partnership with Smith College made it possible to sample wells in July to gather baseline data for the Ossipee Watershed.

There was an overwhelming response from people wanting to be involved in this study: over one hundred residents, businesses and town facilities contacted GMCG in a two week time span! In the end, sixty wells throughout the Ossipee Watershed were sampled and preliminary results from Dr. Robert Newton at the



Summer intern Angie Mrozinski presents Brooks Motor Sales with a certificate for participating in the Groundwater Project.

Aqueous Geochemistry Lab at Smith College show that while a handful of wells are salt impacted, the aquifer is in

good health overall. This is great news!

Another big focus of the summer was public education and outreach about Best Management Practices (BMPs). Two new brochures were developed outlining simple things homeowners and business owners can do to protect surface and groundwater quality and are available for distribution by towns, lake associations, and residents of the watershed.

GMCG staff and volunteers also participated in the Ossipee Household Hazardous Waste Day again. Thirty-five well test kits were handed out and people learned about how they can protect drinking water. Newsletters and brochures, including new BMP brochures, were handed out as well.

## 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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## GMCG creates a vision for the future...

BY NOREEN DOWNS & ELIZABETH GILLETTE  
*"Healthy Water, Healthy Communities"*

Many of you responded eagerly to our invitation last fall to re-visit the GMCG Strategic Plan of 2002 to set priorities and direction for the next three to five years. Friends of the watershed from volunteers to local officials joined GMCG board and staff members in hours of work over several months, guided by facilitator and past president Duane Dale, to "vision" where GMCG should strive to be in the future. The result was the reconstruction of a "refreshed" strategic plan 2009 that was adopted in June by the Board of Directors.

You will find a condensed version of the strategic plan—a four-page document with charts, and working sub-documents, including implementation plans—as well as the full text on our website [www.gmcg.org](http://www.gmcg.org). (Contact the office for an electronic or a paper copy.)

How gratifying it was to hear your enthusiastic praises and compliments for what this small organization has accomplished to date! Equally satisfying was the reinforcement for the projects-in-progress. Above all, your opinions, insights and constructive feedback on how we might move forward powered the strategic planning process.

The overwhelming consensus? We are all about "WATER" and our new vision statement reflects this collective view of the committee of volunteers: ***"GMCG envisions an Ossipee Watershed characterized by clean water and land use decisions that protect shared natural resources for future generations."***

Our mission statement particularly reflects the challenges of moving from our role today as the local watershed protection leader to that which area communities look for us to be in the future: ***"GMCG promotes an awareness of and appreciation for clean water and the wise use of shared natural resources across the Ossipee Watershed and fosters a commitment to protect them."*** Note the similarities between the mission and vision statements but observe the differences in verbs. Verbs of the mission translate into goals and actions which provide direction and focus followed by implementation

plans.

Much discussion centered on setting goals to ensure the GMCG will lead local communities to protect and sustain the quality of water and other shared natural resources of the watershed for future generations. Success will require strengthening coalitions and stakeholder partnerships to extend our effectiveness efficiently. We also realize the importance of building a sustainable, flexible organization able to weather economic shifts.

The key methods employed to carry out our mission remain those that fall within the categories of Research,

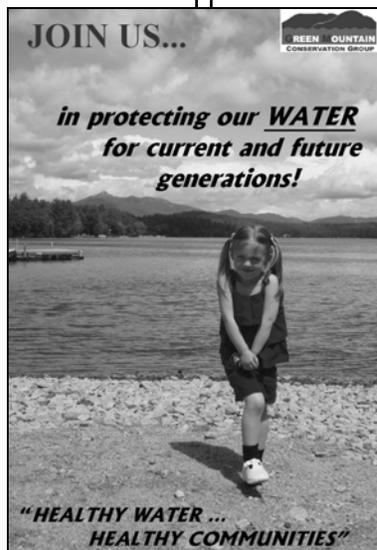
Education, Advocacy and Land Conservation (R.E.A.L.). You may have already read and heard much about these proven methods.

Briefly, we work to gather data and scientific information, distribute that information and provide expertise to educate the community, present objective information in a non-confrontational way to help citizens make informed decisions about our environment, advocate for wise land use, and support natural resource protection through our stewardship of land conservation easements.

There is much more in the strategic plan that will guide how we are to carry out our watershed protection work within our organization, our communities and with our partners. Reaching our goals and objectives will take time. Both staff and board are committed to utilizing this document as the framework for decision-making over the next three to five years.

Our sincerest appreciation goes to the staff, the board members, community residents, GMCG members, and volunteers who gave their time, talents and inspiration to help refresh our strategic plan. We will work hard to reach the "vision" you helped us define and we will always welcome your feedback on how we are doing!

*Noreen Downs is GMCG's Board President, watershed resident and a water quality volunteer. Elizabeth Gillette is GMCG's Ossipee representative to the Board and water quality volunteer.*



## Road salt BMPs are a top priority for the Ossipee Watershed

This summer, a Best Management Practices (BMP) Strategic Plan was drafted to focus on four areas in the Ossipee Watershed that need priority attention: salt, nutrients and sediment, septic systems, and hazardous chemical use and storage. The BMP Strategic Plan addresses the recommendations of the Water Quality Report completed in 2009 that was based on eight years of data from water monitoring across six towns. The Plan is also based on the recommendations from the Natural Resource Guide, a document completed in 2008 that catalogues and maps natural resources for the Ossipee Watershed with information and recommendations provided by natural resource professionals. Both documents include recommendations for the watershed-wide adoption and implementation of BMPs.

Indeed, one of the top concerns of water quality professionals, state agencies, town officials and local residents that has surfaced from water quality data, trends elsewhere in the state, surveys, and, more recently, groundwater data, is the impact that winter deicing and road salting can have on our rivers, streams, and lakes, in addition to drinking water. In the Ossipee Watershed, we are already seeing signs of

salt impacting smaller streams in Effingham, Madison, Freedom and Ossipee. Preliminary results from the recent groundwater study has also shown that about a quarter of the wells tested this summer are salt-impacted.

On **November 5th from 6-8 p.m. at Runnells Hall in Chocorua “Road Salt BMPs for the Ossipee Watershed”** will be an opportunity for road agents, contractors, town officials, businesses, residents, and other interested individuals to learn about strategies that not only reduce the amount of salt used, and thus the amount of salt that goes into our surface and drinking water, but also strategies to save towns and individuals money.

Officials from NH DES, NH DOT, UNH Technology Transfer Center, and UNH Natural Resources Department will provide information and a forum for participants to learn about cost-saving strategies with short and long-term benefits, and avoid the expensive mishaps experienced elsewhere in the state. Topics to be covered are: Salt Impacts to Surface & Groundwater, the Route 93 Corridor Study & Implications, Salt Reduction & Winter Road Maintenance, and State Guidelines & BMPs. Please sign up in advance as space is limited: [gmcgnh@roadrunner.com](mailto:gmcgnh@roadrunner.com) or 539-1859.

## GMCG places 3rd in international contest!

GMCG’s staff and board of directors would like to thank the many members and supporters who were responsible for propelling GMCG to the winner’s circle through the first and second rounds of an internet-based grant contest this spring and summer. Because of GMCG’s strong showing of support through daily votes and personal entries, GMCG won round one of the Brickfish Eco Champion competition in May. As a result, GMCG was accepted to the second round of the competition to win a grant from The North Face and Polartec.

After coming in first place among 182 other entries in round one of the contest with 2,252 votes and 10,421 views worldwide, GMCG was one of twenty five nonprofit organizations selected to compete in round two of the contest, a great honor in itself.

In the end, GMCG was selected as the Third Place Prize winner in the The North Face®/Polartec® “Be an Eco Champion - Round 2” campaign, winning a \$1,500 donation and North Face jacket that will be raffled at the October 18th celebration.

This contest was a fantastic opportunity for local residents, members, and new friends of GMCG to demonstrate the power of our collective and individual voices. Thank you again for voting!

## Towns move forward with drinking water protection

Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Madison, Effingham, and Freedom currently enjoy the benefit of clean, drinkable water. Because of large-scale development and changes in land use, the communities need to take action now in order to protect this valuable resource. According to the EPA, the leading cause of drinking water degradation is from non-point source pollutants, or stormwater runoff. A large portion of the towns’ residents receive drinking water from the Ossipee Aquifer; therefore it is important that this resource is protected. Expanding or upgrading treatment facilities or finding a new source of clean water are costly alternatives.

The LRPC, GMCG, and local towns are



working together to assist the Ossipee Watershed communities establish safeguards for future drinking water supplies. Aquifer ordinance work sessions have been held monthly since July, bringing representatives from each of the six towns together to enhance regional protection for

the Ossipee Aquifer and determine what measures are needed to prevent contamination of water supplies.

LRPC’s Erica Anderson has been guiding towns through the process of drafting ordinances, using the state’s model ordinance as a template, and following the Belmont/Tilton/Northfield watershed’s example. This three-town watershed has had great success with protecting their shared aquifer. In Belmont there were no additional costs to the town and 65% of businesses completed BMP surveys and inspections in the first six months of ordinance adoption. FMI, visit: [www.lakesrpc.org/services\\_resources\\_aquifer.asp](http://www.lakesrpc.org/services_resources_aquifer.asp)

## 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

Dr. Van de Poll, the lead scientist on the Wildlife Action Plan project for Effingham, gave a final presentation at the Municipal Offices meeting room on June 8th to a full audience. This two-year project supported by a State Moose Plate grant ended in June. The outcome of this project, amongst others, is a list of conservation recommendations and habitat maps for the town.

The Commission Wetland Review Committee, headed by Al Levesque, has worked on several NH Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau applications from residents. This included a Minimum Impact Expedited Application on stabilization of shoreline for a property on Province Lake using riprap and buffer strip BMPs; a Permit by Notification application on the construction of a seasonal dock and anchoring pad in nontidal waters for another property on Province Lake, and a standard Dredge & Fill application on a driveway construction wetlands impact.

The Commission has received a donation from KA Perry Real Estate, LLC in honor of conservation land purchase by Stephanie

Barnes. The Commission has also received a grant from The Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Inc. towards the construction of a kiosk for the commission's bird-watch project at the Larry Leavitt Preserve, off Route 153. The bird-watch path project is headed by Steve Zalewski, chair of the Open Space Committee. To date, one trail-bench has been placed at the site.

For this and other commission news please visit our website: <http://EffinghamConservationCommission.web.officelive.com>; or type 'Effingham Conservation Commission' in Google; or try the link at the Effingham Library website.

#### Ossipee

The Ossipee Conservation Commission was pleased to host in August both Sara Steiner of NH DES and GMCG's summer intern Molly Newton who shared results of Ossipee Lake water quality monitoring. For eight years GMCG has led lake water testing plus river and stream testing in partnership with NH DES, UNH Lakes Lay Monitoring Program and the UNH Natural Resources Department. In general the "big" lake is above state average in all respects. But these good results contrast sharply with results from Freedom's Broad Bay and Leavitt Bay, which Steiner said show "alarming" deterioration in clarity. Full reports with graphs and analyses are online at [www.gmcg.org](http://www.gmcg.org). Molly described her delight in introducing young campers this summer to lake testing which gave them an "up close and personal" exposure to how "lake science" helps safeguard the watershed.

## Tamworth Conservation Commission focuses on Gilman Forest

An ecologically rich swath of land runs north to south through western Tamworth and eastern Sandwich. This "corridor" of fields and forests, rivers, and marshes supports large and wide-ranging mammals - moose, bear, deer, bobcat, otter, fisher and mink - some roaming and interbreeding between the Sandwich Range of the White Mountain National Forest to the north and the Ossipee Mountains to the south. And where large animals roam, there is a rich diversity of smaller wildlife.

The Tamworth Conservation Commission and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests are partnering to conserve The Gilman Forest, a key 130-acre property within the Whites-to-Ossipees Wildlife Corridor, a matrix of intact habitats that provide wildlife population connectivity between the Sandwich Range and the Ossipee Mountains. It is located next to 895 acres of previously conserved land. This property and adjoining lands have been identified by the NH Fish and Game Department's *Wildlife Action Plan* as having some of the highest priority habitats in the state.

The Gilman Forest contains trails that are part of a network maintained by the Mill Brook Trail Association. By conserving this



area, we will ensure continued opportunities for public recreation on the land, such as hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, fishing, and hunting. Conserving this critical property will also protect the water quality of Mill Brook, preserve well-managed forestland, and protect the scenic ridge viewscape.

The Gilman Forest includes 3,045 feet along Durrell Road and 2,500 feet along Mill Brook. Even in a depressed economy, this parcel is a tempting site for development - an occurrence that

could compromise all the afore-mentioned values: wildlife habitat, recreational access, water quality, working woodlands, and scenic viewscales.

On Sunday, August 23rd, about 25 people turned out in the rain for a walk and a presentation on the preservation of The Gilman Forest. To conserve this important property, we have until May 1, 2010 to raise \$140,000, of which we already have pledges of approximately \$64,000. To contribute, or FMI, contact: Ned Beecher, Chairman, Tamworth CC: 387-7869, [Ned.Beecher@gmail.com](mailto:Ned.Beecher@gmail.com); John Mersfelder, Chairman, Gilman Forest Project: 323-7793, [mhfarm@ncia.net](mailto:mhfarm@ncia.net); Jack Savage, VP of Communications, SPNHF; 224-9945, [jsavage@forestsociety.org](mailto:jsavage@forestsociety.org).

# Water Quality & Conservation Team 2009

## Summer 2009 was busiest yet for water monitoring

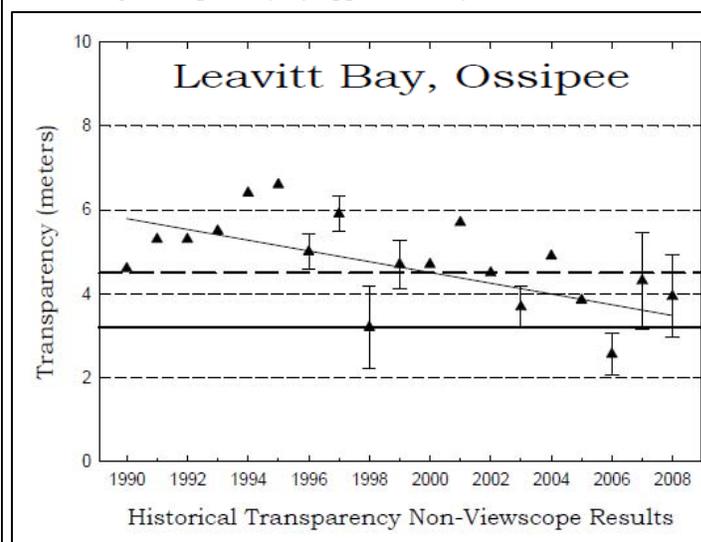
This summer, GMCG continued monitoring 45 surface water sites through the RIVERS, OLT, VLAP and VBAP programs, and an additional 60 wells across the watershed for groundwater. It has certainly been a busy summer for data collection! Special thanks to the 28 RIVERS and OLT volunteers who sample April through October! This summer, 119 summer camp staff and campers participated in water quality education and sampling for the OLT and VLAP programs. This fall, nearly 100 school children from four area schools and local volunteers assisted with macroinvertebrate sampling for the VBAP program. Thanks to all of these individuals for lending a hand and participating in citizen science in the watershed!



Water Quality Intern Molly Newton explains what a watershed is to a group of campers on Ossipee Lake.

For the past two years, GMCG has co-hosted a presentation with the Ossipee Conservation Commission to bring water quality monitoring results to lake residents, officials, and associations. On August 12th, GMCG's Water Quality Intern Molly Newton and NH DES's Sara Steiner presented findings from the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program. The presentation featured analyses of the data collected by GMCG with the help of local summer camp

staff and campers, and Ossipee Lake Alliance. Thus far, Ossipee Lake, Berry Bay, Broad Bay, Leavitt Bay and Danforth Pond showed concentrations of chlorophyll-a, transparency, total phosphorus, and conductivity that are low (good) to average for NH lakes. However, the Broad Bay deep spot has greater than 10 years of data and therefore statistical trend analyses was performed. These analyses show a significantly decreasing (worsening) transparency by approximately 3.004%. Similarly, the Leavitt Bay deep spot also has greater than 10 years of data with statistical trend analyses showing a significantly decreasing (worsening) transparency by approximately 2.279%.



## Lake Host program is successful; needs support

BY JILL PIEKUT

The Lake Host Program is a program of NH Lakes, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting lake resources in the state. The program is supported by local organizations all over the state; GMCG has been one of those organizations since the start of the program in 2002. For eight summers, Lake Hosts have been stationed at the Pine River Boat Launch on Rt. 25, a popular inlet to Ossipee Lake for motorboats, canoes, kayaks, and jetskis. Lake Hosts do courtesy boat inspections for milfoil and other invasive species and act as educators about invasive species as well as local topics, such as the Ossipee Lake Natural Area.

This season was my second as a Lake Host. The second season was an excellent opportunity to gauge the effectiveness of the Lake Host Program on Ossipee Lake. Because NH Lakes was unable to provide enough funding for two paid positions, as there had been in years past, I was able to be at the launch on both Saturdays and Sundays during a shortened season. I had learned enough from the previous year to begin to hold meaningful conversations with boaters, and these two factors allowed me to see that awareness of invasive species is on the rise, and that most boaters really care

about the lakes they frequent. Many were pleased to see me because it meant that the lake they care about is being protected on three levels: by the individual, the towns, and the state.

NH Lakes has limited funds for paid Lake Host positions, and GMCG is always looking for volunteers to protect the lake. My awareness of this need was reinforced this summer after a visit to Danforth Bay, upstream from Ossipee Lake, where infestations continue to resist eradication, and after finding my very first segment of milfoil on a boat after two summers of looking for it. I won't be able to return as a Lake Host next season, and though I'm hopeful that NHLA will continue to fund at least one paid position, I'd like to stress the importance of volunteer Lake Hosts. Lake Hosts are the front lines in non-confrontational, education focused lake resources protection, and the Lake Host Program is an excellent way for GMCG and its members to support the ideal of community supported, localized environmental outreach.

*Jill Piekut was GMCG's Lake Host Point Person and Garden Coordinator this summer. In August, Jill recorded the first save at the Pine River boat launch when milfoil was found on a boat entering the lake.*

## Fast facts & frequently asked questions about aquifer ordinances

### *Communities within the Ossipee Aquifer contain:*

- \* 159 sites generating hazardous waste
- \* 12 solid waste sites
- \* 9 leaking underground storage tanks
- \* 2 sites contaminated with MTBE

### **“Why is protecting groundwater SO important?”**

Numerous towns in NH, including those in the Ossipee Watershed, have some experience with contamination of groundwater. Contaminated groundwater risks public health, is difficult and expensive to clean up and can limit the potential for future growth and reduce property values. Nearly 90 communities have some form of groundwater/aquifer protection ordinance.

### **“Where in town could an aquifer ordinance apply?”**

It could apply within certain stratified drift aquifers that are potential water supplies and in areas that already contribute water to existing, large municipal public water supplies called “wellhead protection areas”.

### **“To whom or what activities could an aquifer ordinance apply?”**

The ordinance usually applies only to commercial activities. It applies minimum standards for storing, transferring or otherwise using more than five gallons of gas, oil, hazardous or other toxic substances, (referred to as “regulated substances”). It will not apply to any residential use of property.

### **“Does an aquifer ordinance prohibit any land uses?”**

Yes, a relatively small number of businesses (e.g. junkyards, waste disposal) that present a high risk to the town’s aquifers and water supplies are prohibited in the district. However, the vast majority of residential and commercial activities are usually not prohibited.

### **“What may be required by businesses that have “regulated substances”?”**

If a business stores more than five gallons of a regulated substance they will need to follow some basic best management practices (BMPs) spelled out in the “performance standards” section of the ordinance to prevent these substances from being spilled or released onto the ground. The requirements under the ordinance are for the most part already

required by the state of NH. The ordinance will allow the town to check to be sure the BMPs are in place, as necessary.

### **“Would it cost the town a lot of money to implement a drinking water ordinance?”**

No, the town of Belmont is a recent example that the ordinance, which includes checking to be sure certain businesses are following BMPs, does not involve any significant cost to the town. Typically the local code enforcement officer, building inspector, health officer or other local official can conduct simple best management practice inspections, as necessary.

### **“Will local businesses that use gas, oil, or other regulated substances cooperate with the town to complete the BMP inspection?”**

Many businesses already follow the BMPs in the proposed ordinance, which are simple and include labeling containers that hold gas or waste oil, or making sure they are closed when not in use. In Belmont, where there is a similar ordinance, not one business has refused to complete an inspection or complained to date. *Of the 98 businesses in Belmont, 65% voluntarily completed the BMP inspection within the first six months after the ordinance was adopted.* Communities that have taken a supportive, instead of an adversarial approach have had outstanding cooperation from the business and industry community. No one *wants* to pollute their own drinking water.

### **“Is an ordinance the only way to protect groundwater?”**

No, but it is one of the most direct ways to protect groundwater. There are a number of ways to protect the drinking water beyond a zoning or health ordinance, but an integrated approach with a coordinated set of efforts will offer the greatest protection. Additional tools include acquiring land or easements, household hazardous waste collection and public education. See the DES websites listed below for guidance on how to protect groundwater.

*Local Zoning and Health Ordinances (NHDES):* <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/ordinance.htm>

*Best Management Practices for Groundwater (NHDES):* <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/dwgb/documents/dwgb-22-4.pdf>

*Groundwater Protection for Municipalities (NHDES):* [http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/documents/groundwater\\_municipalities.pdf](http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/documents/groundwater_municipalities.pdf)

## Wild & Scenic Film Festival needs sponsors to bring 2010 Festival to NH

GMCG seeks local sponsorship for the second annual “Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival on Tour”. Presented by Patagonia, the Festival will take place on Sunday, March 21, 2010, at the Majestic Theatre in Conway plus other popular locations being planned.

The Festival is presented by Patagonia in over 90 communities nationwide where it is hosted by local groups like GMCG. It features terrific films to inspire and engage people in environmental protection. We were very proud to host the successful

“first-ever in NH” Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival this past March.

The event is well-advertised, and sponsors will be highlighted on posters, flyers, news releases, radio, television, the internet and at the event itself. Sponsors can choose to support the event in a few ways: 1) Event Sponsor (\$200+ donation); 2) Ticket Sponsor (\$10+donation); 3) Goodie Bag Sponsor; or 4) Raffle Item Sponsor. Please contact [gmcgnh@roadrunner.com](mailto:gmcgnh@roadrunner.com) or 539-1859 FMI, or send donations to: GMCG PO Box 95 Effingham, NH 03882.

# Fall Calendar

**October 18th Watershed Celebration at Lakeview Neurorehabilitation Center, Highwatch Rd, Effingham 4:30-7:00pm.** Celebrate land conservation in the Ossipee Watershed with featured speaker Nat Scrimshaw who will present a Google Earth fly-over of the Ossipee Watershed highlighting GMCG's conservation lands and water quality monitoring sites. Punch and cheese social hour followed by Yankee pot roast dinner and apple crisp. \$25 per person, \$15 per child 12 and under. For more information or to reserve your tickets, please call (603) 539-1859 or email gmcgnh@roadrunner.com by October 5th. All proceeds will help support GMCG's mission.

**November 5th 6-8pm Road Salt BMPs for the Ossipee Watershed at Runnells Hall, Chocorua.** This workshop is for road agents, contractors, town officials, residents and others interested in cost saving best management practices, salt alternatives and reduction strategies. GMCG will host NH DES, NH DOT, UNH Technology Transfer Center and Department of Natural Resources to learn more about steps that can be taken to save money on road and parking lot deicing, increase effectiveness, and reduce impacts of salt on surface and groundwater. Please call (603) 539-1859 or email gmcgnh@roadrunner.com to sign up in advance. The workshop is free and open to the public.



### Thanks to everyone who made the Summer Celebration a great time for all!

GMCG wrapped up the summer with a celebration in honor of its hard working volunteers, board members and supportive members. Special thanks to Camp Cody's John & Anna for providing pizzas with ingredients from the Community Garden, Bobby Sue's for the mint ice cream, Camp Calumet staff and campers for creating the rain gardens and getting the grounds looking fabulous, musical guests Kathy Bennett, Jim Pittman and Matt Abatelli for the



wonderful guitar and sax music, and to Matt and Kathy Lambert of Cloverleaf Farm for teaching folks about wild edibles and how to build fires with a bow drill! (Photos: Camp Calumet staff and campers build the rain gardens, left; Jill Piekut unveils the garden-grown pizzas)



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Are you interested in being a GMCG Volunteer in 2009?  YES

GMCG must be self-sufficient, non-grant dependent, specifically from membership dues and donations. PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to join GMCG. Thank you!

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# The Watershed News

## Save the Date:

October 18th, 2009

“Watershed Celebration”

*Special Dinner & Presentation  
at Lakeview  
Neurorehabilitation Center*

Deadline for  
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