




NEW HAMPSHIRE
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

ENVIRONMENT

NH Healthy Climate works to educate and mobilize people in support of climate solutions to improve health.

Goal: All people in New Hampshire have access to natural resources and a safe and clean environment to support their health and quality of life.

WHY IT MATTERS

New Hampshire's forests, lakes, wetlands and mountains are the state's most treasured assets.

Conservation of and access to those natural resources improves the health and well-being of Granite Staters while also driving economic activity for the state.

However, natural ecosystems in New Hampshire are increasingly threatened by development and the climate crisis. Recent policy changes have also reduced funding and other support for environmental protection and climate-change mitigation, and threaten to reverse progress in important areas.

Environmental harms from pollution, climate change, and substandard neighborhood conditions disproportionately affect low-income rural and urban communities. The people in those communities are

more likely to face the negative impacts of an unsafe environment, with greater proximity to landfills, industrial plants and unsafe streets and housing. These communities are also poised to suffer the greatest impacts of the climate crisis, in part due to their distance from natural areas that buffer against extreme heat, poor air quality and floods.

Climate change is affecting the health of all Granite Staters, driving increased prevalence of childhood asthma, poor air quality and insect-borne diseases along with increased risks of both flooding and extreme drought. And it affects our economy, threatening industries like skiing, tourism and maple sugaring.

When our environment is protected and the effects of climate crisis mitigated, everyone stands to benefit.

BY THE NUMBERS

2050

Year by which New Hampshire's climate is projected to mirror that of North Carolina's current climate, if carbon emissions continue at current rate.

90%

Percentage of people of color in New Hampshire who live in a "nature deprived" census tract.

17%

Percentage of white people in New Hampshire who live in a "nature deprived" census tract.

52%

Projected increase in extreme precipitation events driven by climate change in the northeast by 2099.

Sources: The Nature Conservancy, Center for American Progress, Applied Hydroclimatology Group at Dartmouth College.

WHAT WE'RE DOING

We are funding advocacy for climate action and improved environmental policies at the state and local levels; supporting environmental justice efforts that help people challenge negative environmental impacts in their communities and advocate for a healthy environment; helping nonprofits improve community engagement; and working to ensure that people from low-income communities, communities of color and people with disabilities have access to the outdoors.



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Funding is helping conservation and grassroots groups across New Hampshire to create nature trails that are accessible to all — including those who use wheelchairs. Trails have been built or are underway from Pelham to Ossipee.



Courtesy of GSOP

Support for the **Conservation Law Foundation** is helping to build the political will to advance climate action in New Hampshire, with the goal of achieving legislation that would enable the state to reduce its climate emissions to net-zero by 2050.



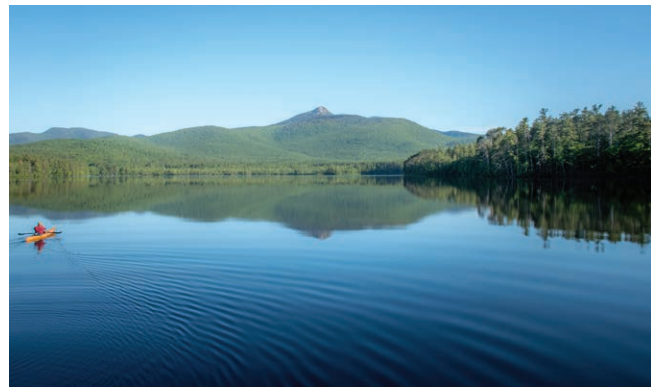
Courtesy of NCABC

A multiyear grant to the **North Country Alliance for Balanced Change** is supporting community-based efforts to prevent potential environmental harm posed by a planned landfill in Dalton, a small, rural town in Coös County.



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A grant is helping to provide staffing to the **New Hampshire Land Trust Coalition** for education, outreach, and advocacy work, all with the goal of advancing land conservation.



Ongoing support for nonprofits, including the **New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts**, **NH LAKES** and others is helping conservation organizations across sectors to more effectively learn from one another and work together.

SHORT-TERM GOALS

Given recent federal and state policy and budget actions, our focus for the next three to five years will be:

Build nonprofit capacity

Determine needs of nonprofits based on the current political and funding climate and respond accordingly — including funding to build capacity for nonprofits to meet their missions.

Advance long-term policy changes

Support organizations that are well-positioned to build public will for meaningful, long-term policy changes, including statewide conservation organizations and local and regional organizations.

Expand access to the outdoors

Support projects that expand people's access to green space and the outdoors, especially for those whose access is limited by ability or geography.

Encourage peer-learning and collaboration

Support opportunities for peer-learning among environmental organizations and with other nonprofits to build relationships and create opportunities for cross-sector collaboration.

Advance climate action

Continue to build support and momentum for climate action at state and local level.



Courtesy of Melissa Paly, Great Bay-Piscataqua Waterkeeper, CLF

Saving Great Bay

For more than a decade, the Foundation has supported a broad collaborative effort to improve the health of the Great Bay Estuary and its watershed. The collaborative includes nonprofits, municipalities, academic and research institutions working in partnership with state and federal agencies. Dedicated Foundation donor support is funding the Great Bay 2030 initiative, through which more than 40 organizations are working together to promote a healthy Great Bay Estuary.



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The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is dedicated to making New Hampshire a more just, sustainable and vibrant community where everyone can thrive. As New Hampshire's statewide community foundation, we are the place where generosity meets the dedication and ingenuity of nonprofits and the potential of New Hampshire students. Since 1962, thousands of people have entrusted their charitable resources to the Foundation, creating a perpetual source of philanthropic capital. That generosity makes it possible for the Foundation to award more than \$70 million in grants and scholarships every year and collaborate and lead on high-impact initiatives.