

Hanover Conservation Council

Protecting the natural environment of Hanover, New Hampshire



Annual Report 2008

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Thank You

Our many supporters, volunteers and friends make the programs of the Hanover Conservation Council possible. Thank you for another successful year.

- 400 Members and Volunteers
- The Barrette Family Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation – Upper Valley Region
- The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation
- The Elizabeth Parkhill Charitable Trust
- Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation
- National Park Service Rivers and Trails Program
- Natural Resources Conservation Service Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program



Cover photo was taken at Greensboro Ridge Natural Area

Letter from the President

The Council worked diligently this year to ensure the long-term future of our organization and the broadening of our land conservation and stewardship activities in Hanover. I am pleased to help lead our efforts as we further develop our programs and focus on expanding our membership and our volunteer base.

This spring, we successfully completed a 4 year \$500,000 capital campaign. The campaign established the “Fund for Hanover’s Future” and we are most grateful to the vision and generosity of our many donors. These funds will be used for land conservation projects, stewardship and education programs, and a new permanent endowment.

Volunteers are the key to the success of our programs. We have had an excellent year recruiting new volunteers to work with us. This is increasingly important as we provide stewardship volunteers for a growing number of conserved lands in Hanover, including Mink Brook, Balch Hill, Greensboro Ridge, and Slade Brook.

In this report you will read about our newly acquired conservation area, Greensboro Ridge, and the trailhead development and dedication of our natural area at lower Slade Brook. Both examples provide a glimpse into the Council’s partnerships with the community aimed at expanding the protection of special natural areas and ensuring open access for the public to enjoy.



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Accomplishments

Adding Conservation Lands: The Greensboro Ridge Natural Area

☞ The Council has acquired 112 acres of natural area that serves to increase the wildlife buffer around Velvet Rocks. The Greensboro Ridge Natural Area offers beautiful landscape and rock formations as the trail climbs up the ridge to connect to the Appalachian Trail. This land is permanently protected in partnership with the Town of Hanover Conservation Commission and its Trails Committee. Public access to the trailhead is off of Greensboro Road at the end of Velvet Rocks Drive.



Expanding Our Volunteer Base: Land Stewardship Committees

☞ Many new volunteers have come together to help us provide oversight and manage our conservation land. Following the successful model of the Balch Hill Stewardship Committee, we have formed committees for Slade Brook and Mink Brook. Our volunteers are helping us meet our management plan objectives by working on trailhead improvements, signage on trails, addressing invasive plants and planning a brook crossing. Never before has the Council had such a comprehensive effort to actively manage our lands and to ensure access for the community.

Reaching Out to the Community: New Volunteers

✧ In an effort to excite community members about Council volunteer opportunities we hosted a community pancake breakfast at the Richard W. Black Community Center. The 60 people who joined us for breakfast enjoyed the opportunity to share stories with fellow volunteers. Throughout the year, we have engaged many new volunteers and sustained our strong base of volunteers.



Celebrating Our Successes: Spring Celebration

✧ This past spring we celebrated the close of our successful capital campaign which established The Fund for Hanover's Future. Supporters and volunteers gathered at the Dartmouth Outing Club House at Occum Pond to celebrate our long-time volunteers. We honored Peter Armstrong for his many years of service to our membership campaign. Lilla McLane Bradly was recognized for outstanding leadership and service to the capital campaign.

Accomplishments

Recognizing Leadership: The Jim and Evalyn Hornig Natural Area at Lower Slade Brook

🌀 The Lower Slade Brook has been rededicated to honor Jim Hornig for his many years of service and leadership. This conservation area will now be known as The Jim and Evalyn Hornig Natural Area at Lower Slade Brook. Under Jim's leadership as board president, the Council expanded its programs, community presence and successfully conserved new lands. It is a privilege to recognize Jim and Evalyn by naming this beautiful land in their honor.



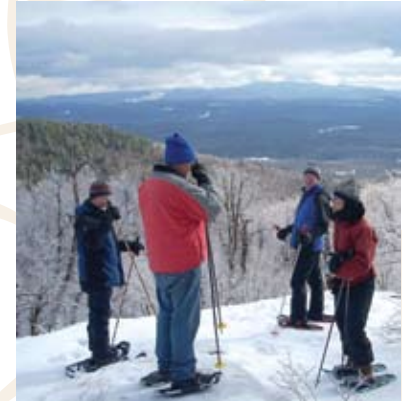
Continuing Our Commitment: Outdoor Education

🌀 In the last year the Council organized 14 Outdoor Adventures on conserved and public lands in the Hanover area. These free trips are led by volunteer naturalists who share great stories and experiences with the groups they lead. The Council is dedicated to getting people out on the land with binoculars pointed at the treetops or hand lenses inspecting vernal pool creatures. Trips occur throughout the year, led on foot, snowshoe and cross-country ski. The Council believes that Outdoor Adventures enhance the public's appreciation of Hanover's special places in the natural way, through firsthand experiences.

Financial Report

June 30, 2007 and 2008

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash equivalents	\$ 545,588	\$ 471,321
Pledges receivable, less allowance	26,500	7,400
Prepaid rent	433	433
Cash held for permanent endowment	25,000	25,000
Land held for conservation purposes	682,296	364,720
Total	1,279,817	868,874
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$ 1,283	\$ 28,275
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	573,481	452,416
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	707,296	389,720
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	1,282,060	870,411
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Contributions	\$ 136,944	\$ 170,556
Membership Income	30,390	29,479
Investment Income	12,700	19,021
Total Support and Revenue	180,034	219,056
EXPENSES		
Programs	\$ 59,974	\$ 46,739
Management and General	25,561	18,141
Fundraising	740	631
Total Expenses	86,275	65,511
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS		
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 411,649	\$ 69,455
Net assets, end of year	870,411	870,411



*Copies of 2008 financial review
are available at our office.*



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