



# HANOVER CONSERVANCY

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## March 2013

Aldo Leopold  
on migration...

"One swallow does not make a summer, but one skein of geese, cleaving the murk of a March thaw, is the spring.

A cardinal, whistling spring to a thaw but later finding himself mistaken, can retrieve his error by resuming his winter silence. A chipmunk, emerging for a sunbath but finding a blizzard, has only to go back to bed. But a migrating goose, staking two hundred miles of black night on the chance of finding a hole in the lake, has no easy chance for retreat. His arrival carries the conviction of a prophet who has burned his bridges."

*A Sand County Almanac*

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## Winter Trips Wind Up

After March 2's trek on the Water Company lands, we'll hang up our snowshoes until next year. Here, Alcott Smith interprets signs of wildlife near Tunis Brook. We've posted accounts of our adventures [HERE](#), including some fun slide shows.

Our Outreach Committee is now busy planning spring trips. Look for:

- Wildflower Walk at the McKinley Tract
- Geology Tour of the South Esker
- Vernal Pools at Greensboro Ridge
- Kite Day at Balch Hill
- Spring Migrants at Mink Brook...and more.



*Hanover Conservancy members will receive our colorful card announcing spring trip details. Member support keeps our popular trips program up and running. If you're not already a member, sign up [here!](#)*

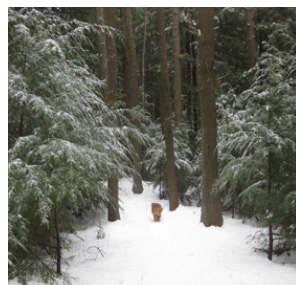
## Update on Wilder Dam

The Hanover Conservancy has now submitted comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, endorsing research related to erosion, aquatic habitat, recreation, archeological sites, and more.

The five-year process to update the long-term license for Wilder Dam is underway, examining how TransCanada operates its dam and 45 miles of the Connecticut River. Read our comments and learn more about Wilder Dam [HERE](#).

## Welcome New Corporate Conservators

We are delighted to welcome Caldwell Law and IT Stuff for Non-Profits as new business sponsors of the Hanover Conservancy. Ledyard Bank and Lyme Timber have also renewed their support. Many thanks to these community-minded corporate citizens. Learn more about them and our other sponsors [HERE](#).



## Where Is This?

Here's a glimpse of the Hanover Conservancy's newest conservation project.

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Details coming soon!

### **LCHIP - Some Good News**

Governor Maggie Hassan has proposed restoring \$1 million of LCHIP's dedicated funding in FY14 and full restoration in FY 15. You may recall that the previous legislature raided the entire \$4 million that was supposed to be dedicated to land conservation and historic preservation, and diverted it to the general fund. [MORE](#)

### **Special Membership Vote**

Conservancy members are invited to vote on the nomination of Joanna Whitcomb to our Board of Directors on Thursday, March 14 at the Richard Black Community Center at 4:45pm. Board elections are usually held at our annual meeting, but a vacancy prompted this special vote. We are thrilled that Joanna, Director of Planning in Dartmouth's Office of Campus Planning Design & Construction, has accepted nomination to our board. Meet our current board [HERE](#).

### **Meeting on Dana Pasture Lot**

A reminder that the Hanover Select Board will invite public comments on the future of the Dana Pasture Lot on Monday, March 25. The Hanover Conservancy will attend. Learn more about this issue and the land [HERE](#).

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