



Help Make Land Conservation Possible in 2010

Greetings,

The Forest Society has had a tremendous year for land conservation. Thanks to the support of members and partners, we protected thousands of acres of important New Hampshire forestland statewide, including:

- 139 acres along the Merrimack River in Concord and another 245 acres of working forest upstream along the Pemigewasset River in Bridgewater;
- more than 1,000 acres surrounding Goose Pond in Keene, a local landmark and popular recreation area;
- a 100-acre gap in the White Mountain National Forest in Bartlett, visible from Route 16 between Conway and Jackson;
- 174 acres in Madbury and Durham in concert with the Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership, which works to protect the Great Bay estuary.



Among the projects we'll be working on in 2010 is the Upper Merrimack River Oxbow – nearly 300 acres with extensive river frontage just north of Concord. Photo by Jerry and Marcy Monkman, EcoPhotography

We accomplished this in spite of a challenging economy in 2009. Today, as I work with our trustees and staff to plan for the year ahead, I'm pleased to note that we have dozens of land conservation opportunities:

- more than 31 miles of shoreline on First and Second Connecticut Lakes, plus seven and a half miles of frontage along the upper Connecticut River, all located in the heart of the Connecticut Lake Headwaters;
- 6,600 acres of working forest known as Green Acre Woodlands in Groton, Hebron, and Plymouth that form the core of one of the largest and most ecologically rich woodlands south of the White Mountains;
- two miles of scenic, forested shoreline along the Merrimack River in Canterbury with stunning river bluffs, unusual sand plains, and recreational opportunities for hikers, boaters, and hunters on almost 300 acres.

These forests provide wildlife habitat, protect our drinking water, produce locally grown wood products, and

allow us all to enjoy outdoor recreation and a higher quality of life.

As the year draws to a close, if you're in a position to help the Forest Society accomplish its work, it's not too late for a tax-deductible donation. Just [click here](#) to do so online, quickly and easily, or call Karen Rose at 603-224-9945. For stock gifts, please contact Marlene Sage at Cambridge Trust by calling 603-369-5102.

I thank you for your support, and I look forward to this time next year when I can tell you about what we've accomplished with your help. In the meantime, I always welcome your feedback.

Sincerely,

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The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is the state's oldest and largest non-profit land conservation organization. In order to preserve the quality of life New Hampshire residents know today, the goal of the Forest Society, in partnership with other conservation organizations, private landowners, and government, is to conserve an additional one million acres of the state's most significant natural lands for trails, parks, farms and forests by 2026.

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