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### **NALMC Expands Information and Outreach Efforts**

The Northwood Area Land Management Collaborative (NALMC) is pleased to announce its recently expanded programs to develop and share information about lands within the NALMC neighborhood. NALMC seeks to build understanding and appreciation of the local landscape by encouraging public and private landowners to connect with their land, with their neighbors and with appropriate tools and resources to support collaborative land stewardship.

NALMC is a unique, voluntary public/private partnership working together across property boundaries to maintain and enhance the ecological, social, recreational, and economic resources. The NALMC neighborhood currently encompasses over 3,000 acres and includes lands owned by New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, the Town of Northwood, Coe Brown Academy, the University of New Hampshire, Harmony Hill Farm and several other private landowners.

Through a generous grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Ibis Wildlife Consulting of Newmarket, in partnership with Neatline Associates of Deerfield, will conduct an ecological assessment of the NALMC neighborhood. The project will inventory and summarize the wildlife habitats, plant communities, soils, wetlands, trails, conserved lands, and other natural and cultural resources in the NALMC [focus area](#). Peter Lamb, Senior Philanthropic Advisor for the NH Charitable Foundation praised the collaborative. "NALMC is pursuing cutting edge, ecosystem-based land stewardship work," said Lamb. "We are pleased to be a partner in this effort."

The grant has also allowed NALMC to hire an Outreach Coordinator. Maryalice Fischer from The Center for Health, Energy & The Environment in Strafford, is assisting the mission of the collaborative through NALMC activities and direct landowner communication.

Last year NALMC celebrated the opening of a new [five-mile hiking trail](#) that begins at Northwood Meadows State Park and continues across the privately owned Harmony Hill Farm, before returning to the State Park. This trail was one of the first collaborative projects initiated by NALMC.

This year, several activities are planned including a community-wide open house on July 11<sup>th</sup> celebrating our forests, farms, wetlands and wildlife as part of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Northwood Meadows State Park and the Forest Peters Wildlife Management Area, core public lands in the NALMC neighborhood. More information about the event will be coming soon.

For information about NALMC activities visit the website [www.nalmc.net](http://www.nalmc.net), or email NALMC's Outreach Coordinator at [maryalice@nalmc.net](mailto:maryalice@nalmc.net).

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