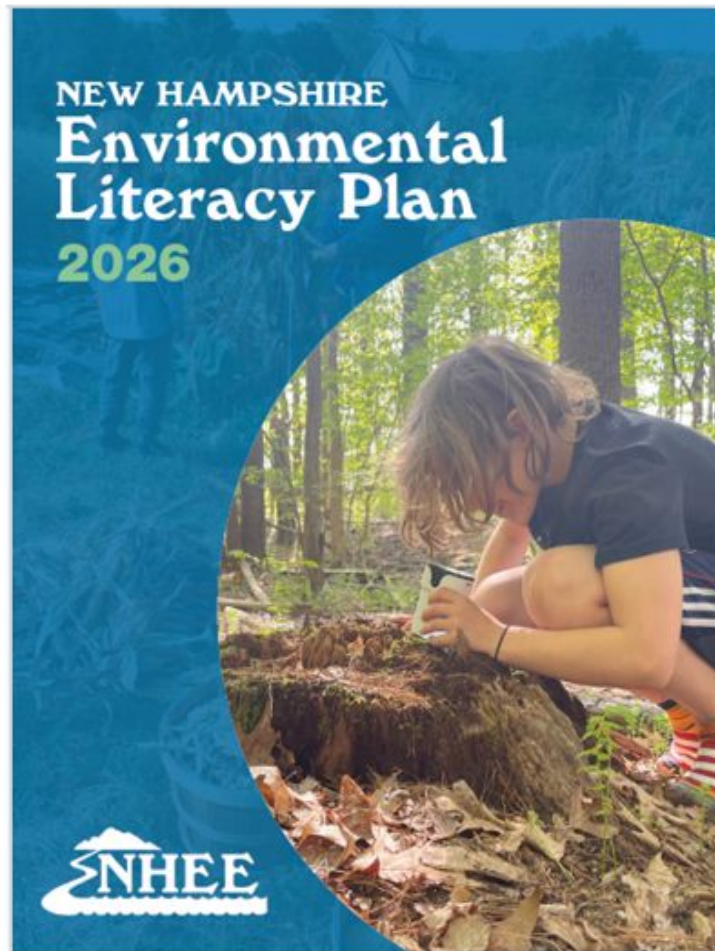




A network of individuals and organizations working to inspire connection to our natural world by supporting high quality environmental education and advancing environmental literacy.



Environmental Literacy Means...

- 🌿 **Understanding** the natural world
- 🔍 **Interpreting** how environmental systems work
- ⚖️ **Making informed decisions** grounded in:
 - Science • Ethics • Aesthetics
- 🌍 **Recognizing connections** between:
 - Social • Cultural • Economic • Political systems



Goals of the Plan



**Expand Access to Environmental Learning
Across Ages and Settings**



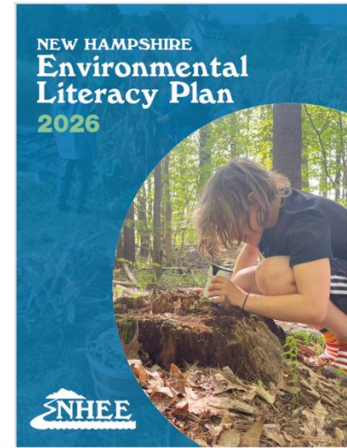
**Empower Youth and Communities as Environmental Stewards and
Changemakers**



**Provide High-Quality Widely-Accessible Professional Development
for Formal and Informal Educators**



**Create Pathways to Integrate Environmental Literacy into
Curriculum Standards**



A Flexible Framework for Action

EDUCATION & ACTION

Wednesday
22
APRIL 2026

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12:30 PM / SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

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Members (includes NHEE Membership)

Register by April 29, 2026

Jim Hill Riverwalk, Concord, NH

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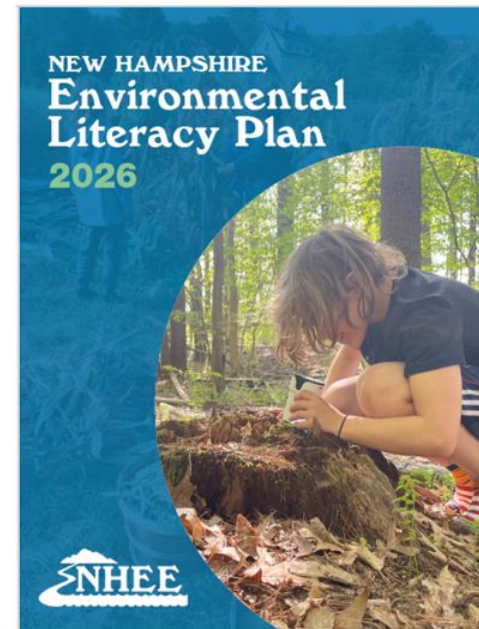
Registration closes
Jan 31, 2026

May 6, 2026, Manchester, NH (rain date May 7)
Register at <https://nhwaterfestival.org>. Poetry theme coming soon!



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Finalize &
Release

*March
2026*



**“Never doubt that
a small group of
thoughtful, committed
citizens can change the
world; indeed, it is the
only thing that
ever has.”**

– Margaret Mead

Appendix J: Support Letters

The development of the 2026 New Hampshire Environmental Literacy Plan has been strengthened by broad support from organizations across the state. As of March 26, 2026, the following organizations have submitted letters of support:

- Appalachian Mountain Club
- Concord, NH Climate Hope Affiliate
- Granite Outdoor Alliance
- New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions
- New Hampshire Audubon
- New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
- New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
- NH LAKES
- NH Lions Green Team
- NH Project Learning Tree
- Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry Development
- Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center
- Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire
- UNH Cooperative Extension
- Vermont and New Hampshire Energy Education Program

These letters reflect a shared commitment to advancing environmental literacy and expanding access to high-quality environmental education across New Hampshire.

Letters of support can be accessed here:

<https://nhee.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/NH-ELP-Letters-of-Support.pdf>

How the NH Environmental Literacy Plan Connects Across New Hampshire



Aligns with statewide priorities

Education, workforce development, public health, and climate resilience



Builds on existing partnerships

Schools, nonprofits, state agencies, and community organizations



Strengthens ongoing initiatives

Outdoor learning, place-based education, and environmental stewardship



Supports shared goals

Equity, access, and meaningful learning for all students

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