

## Resources for Agricultural Commissions

Assistance is available to organize and support the activities of an agricultural commission. Please contact the organizations below for information and suggestions.

### **New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food**

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### **University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension**

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UNH Cooperative Extension  
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### **New Hampshire Coalition for Sustaining Agriculture**

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### **New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources**

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### **North Country RC&D Area Council (Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Coos counties)**

*Contact:* Rick DeMark, Coordinator

North Country Resource Conservation &  
Development (RC&D) Council  
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Gilford, NH 03249  
(603) 527-2093  
[www.nhracd.net](http://www.nhracd.net)  
[northcountryrcd@metrocast.net](mailto:northcountryrcd@metrocast.net)

### **New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation**

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### **Center for Land Conservation Assistance**

*Contact:* Dijit Taylor, Director  
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### **American Farmland Trust**

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Northampton, MA 01060  
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**Vital Communities** (Upper Connecticut Valley communities of Bath, Landaff, Haverhill, Benton, Piermont, Warren, Orford, Wentworth, Lyme, Dorchester, Hanover, Canaan, Orange, Lebanon, Enfield, Grafton, Plainfield, Grantham, Springfield, Wilmot, Cornish, Croydon, Sunapee, New London, Claremont, Newport, Goshen, Newbury, Charlestown, Unity, Langdon, Acworth, Lempster, and Walpole)

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## Potential sources of grant funds for agricultural commissions:

### **New Hampshire Charitable Foundation**

Community Impact Grants are available to address a range of needs and opportunities to improve NH communities, including support of agriculture.  
37 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 225-6641  
info@nhcf.org  
[www.nhcf.org](http://www.nhcf.org)

### **New England Grassroots Environment Fund (NEGEF)**

To increase engagement and participation in grassroots environmental initiatives and to build and connect healthy, sustainable communities in New England, NEGEF funds community involvement in projects that address a wide range of environmental issues including: agriculture, air quality, alternative energy, aquifer protection, biotechnology, community gardens, environmental justice, energy conservation, forestry, global warming, land trusts, marine environment, public health, sprawl, sustainable communities, toxics and hazardous waste, trails, water quality, watershed management, wetlands, wildlife, and youth-organized environmental work.  
New England Grassroots Environment Fund  
PO Box 1057  
Montpelier, VT 05601  
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### **Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NESARE)**

NESARE offers Sustainable Community Grants to organizations such as community nonprofits, Cooperative Extension, local governments, educational institutions, planning boards, farming cooperatives, and incorporated citizens' groups. The purpose of the Sustainable Community Grants program is to reconnect rural revitalization and farming. Projects can address diverse issues such as land use, nutrition, employment, markets, education, farm labor, public policy, and environmental quality. NESARE seeks proposals that will bring together farmers, local government, citizens, community nonprofits, extension, civic and environmental organizations, and others who contribute to

community vitality. Projects should support appropriate growth, improved quality of life, a cleaner environment, and farm diversity and profitability.

NESARE is also a source for information about books, brochures, websites and other information that may be helpful to community advocates for agriculture.

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