



NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER & GROUNDWATER TRUST FUND

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**Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory
Commission Meeting
November 20, 2023**



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Agenda: vote to accept meeting minutes, public comment, construction project assistance funding recommendations vote

Agenda Items

OPENING REMARKS

Welcome

Vote to accept meeting minutes

October 16, 2023 Advisory Commission meeting

October 24th and 25th Construction Project Assistance Subcommittee meetings

October 16th and November 7th Source Water Protection Subcommittee meetings

COMMISSION UPDATES

Representative Bill Boyd, Chair

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PROGRAM UPDATES

Drinking Water Construction Project Assistance Program

Funding recommendations for the Annual Round - **vote**

Marco Philippon, Subcommittee chair

Source Water Protection Program

Funding recommendations for the 2023 grant round - **vote**

Laura Weit-Marcum, Source Water Protection Program Coordinator

PFAS Removal Rebate Program Update- informational only

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CONCLUDE

Public
Comment on
today's
agenda items



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Drinking Water Construction Project Assistance 2023 Annual Round

Applications Received	Loan Request	Grant Request	Total Trust Fund Request	Total Outside Leveraged Funds	Total Project Cost
29	22,147,250	27,199,146	49,346,396	47,928,914	96,199,010

- Subcommittee met October 24th and 25th to review the applications
- Note- Advisory Commission has already approved \$5.4 million in grants to 7 projects in 2023
- Trust Fund balance was \$108.9 million December 2022
- 2022 projects withdrawn
 - Raymond- \$2,625,000 loan and \$875,000 grant
 - Rebecca Lane Water Systems- \$450,00 loan and \$337,500 grant

Drinking Water Construction Project Assistance 2023 Annual Round (2)

Funding Recommendation	Loans	Grants	Total Trust Fund Request	Total Outside Leveraged Funds	Total Project Cost
NO	\$10,839,300	\$24,537,560	\$35,376,860	\$28,429,335	\$63,386,895
YES	\$11,307,950	\$2,661,586	\$13,969,536	\$19,499,579	\$32,812,115

Estimated Loan Return is **+/- \$4.8 million** based on a fixed 3.5% interest rate

Subcommittee Funding Recommendation

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Drinking Water Construction Project Assistance 2023 Annual Round (3)

Applicant	Town	Project Name	Recommended Funding (Loan)	Recommended Funding (Grant)
Town of Londonderry	Londonderry	High Range Road Area Water Main Project	\$0	\$10,700,000
Jewel Estates Cooperative	Merrimack	Water Distribution System and Utility Replacement	\$432,000	\$1,008,000
Town of Lancaster	Lancaster	Water Storage Tank Installation	\$0	\$1,851,760
Warde Senior Living	Windham	Rehab Center Water Supply Improvements	\$0	\$3,500,000

- Considerations for applications that may return as a Special Project
 - Calculate the amount of loan to bring the Projected Affordability Index closer to 1.5 (water rates/median household income)
 - Verify pending outside sources of funding

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Agenda: source water protection program funding recommendations vote

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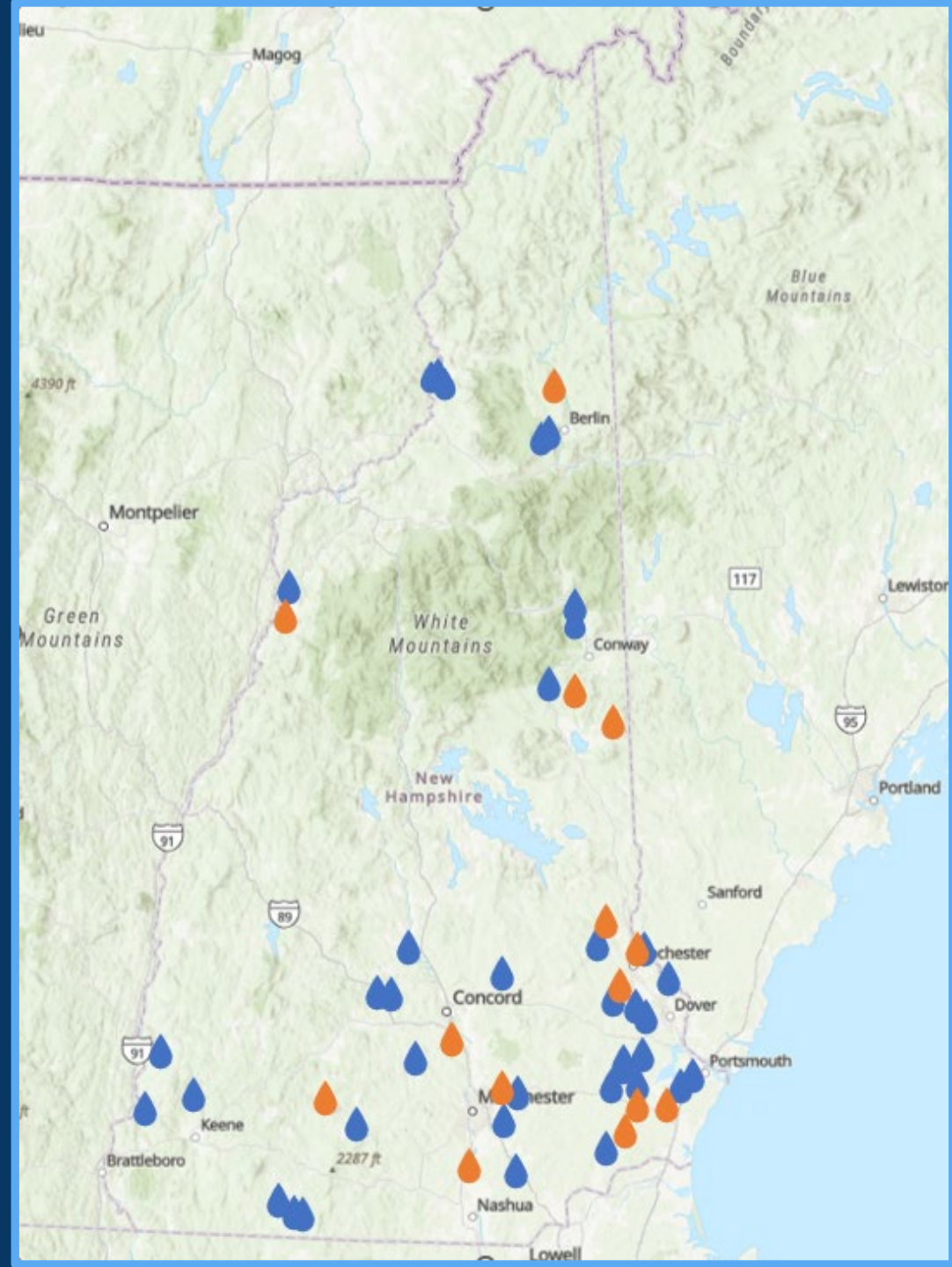
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Source Water Protection 2023 Grant Round

Pre-Applications		21
Applications		14
Population Served		291,096
Total Acres		2,389
High-Priority Acres		1,208
Total Requested		\$3,516,081

SUMMARY

- Highly competitive grant round with high-quality applications from a variety of applicants.
- Projects protect full range of public water systems: major municipal systems, non-transient, non-community systems to small community systems.
- Projects range in size from 900+ acres to 11 acres.



Applicant	Location	Project Name	Recommended Funding (grant)
Manchester Water Works	Auburn	Lake Massabesic Watershed Protection	\$500,000
Swains Lake Village District	Barrington	Dudzik – Swains Lake Village	\$189,760
Bow Open Spaces, Inc.	Bow	Houghton – PEU/Stone Sled WHPA	\$44,350
Green Mtn. Conservation Group	Effingham	GMCG Natural Area Expansion	\$29,650
Southeast Land Trust of NH	Exeter, Kensington & E. Kingston	Rider Property – Exeter River Water Supply	\$500,000
Moose Mtn. Regional Greenways	Farmington & Strafford	Shillaber Conservation Easement	\$120,371
Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust	Haverhill	Moulton Generations Farm	\$64,850
Town of Litchfield	Litchfield	Durocher Property Acquisition	\$360,000
Southeast Land Trust of NH	Rochester	Griewank Property – Salmon Falls	\$225,000
Town of Stratham	Stratham	Ross-Stratham Memorial School	\$91,950

Funding Recommendation Total: \$2,125,931
Conditionally Approved Projects:
Applicant: Town of Milan
Town: Milan
Project Name: Milan Community Forest Expansion
Recommended Funding (grant): \$250,000
Funding Recommended Grand Total: \$2,375,931

Source Water Protection 2023 Grant Round (2)

Subcommittee Funding Recommendation

Move to fund the 10 projects identified in the Funded List and conditionally approve the Milan Community Forest project provided they submit a revised application excluding the parking area. Decline the Madison Chain of Ponds, Exeter-Newfields Community Forest, and the Horizon Farm projects for funding.



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PFAS Removal Rebate Program

- Initiative proposed January 2022
- At the time over 9,000 private wells had been tested
 - Over 3,500 with exceedances of one or more PFAS AGQS
 - More than 2,000 without third party assistance
- \$5M approved
 - Approximately 900 households



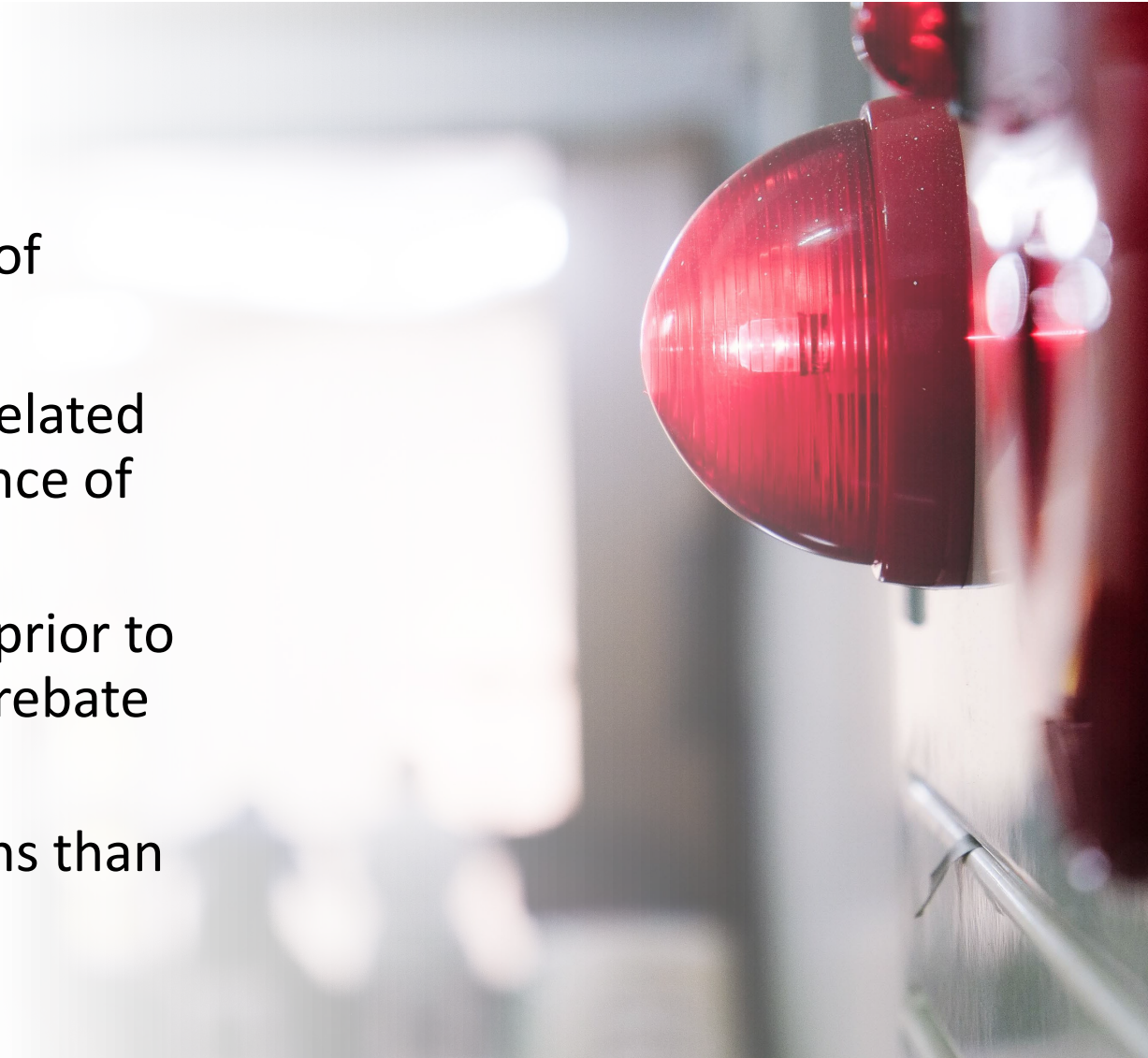


Program Details

- A one-time rebate of up to **\$5,000** for the installation of PFAS treatment or up to **\$10,000** for a service connection to a public water system
- Applicants
 - Owners or tenants of a single or multi-unit residence on a private well
 - Installation contractors

Restrictions

- The property may not already have an offer of alternate water from a third party.
- This program does not cover any expenses related to post installation operation and maintenance of the treatment system.
- Treatment or a service connection installed prior to September 30, 2019 are **not** eligible for the rebate program.
- Treatment systems installed for other reasons than PFAS reduction.



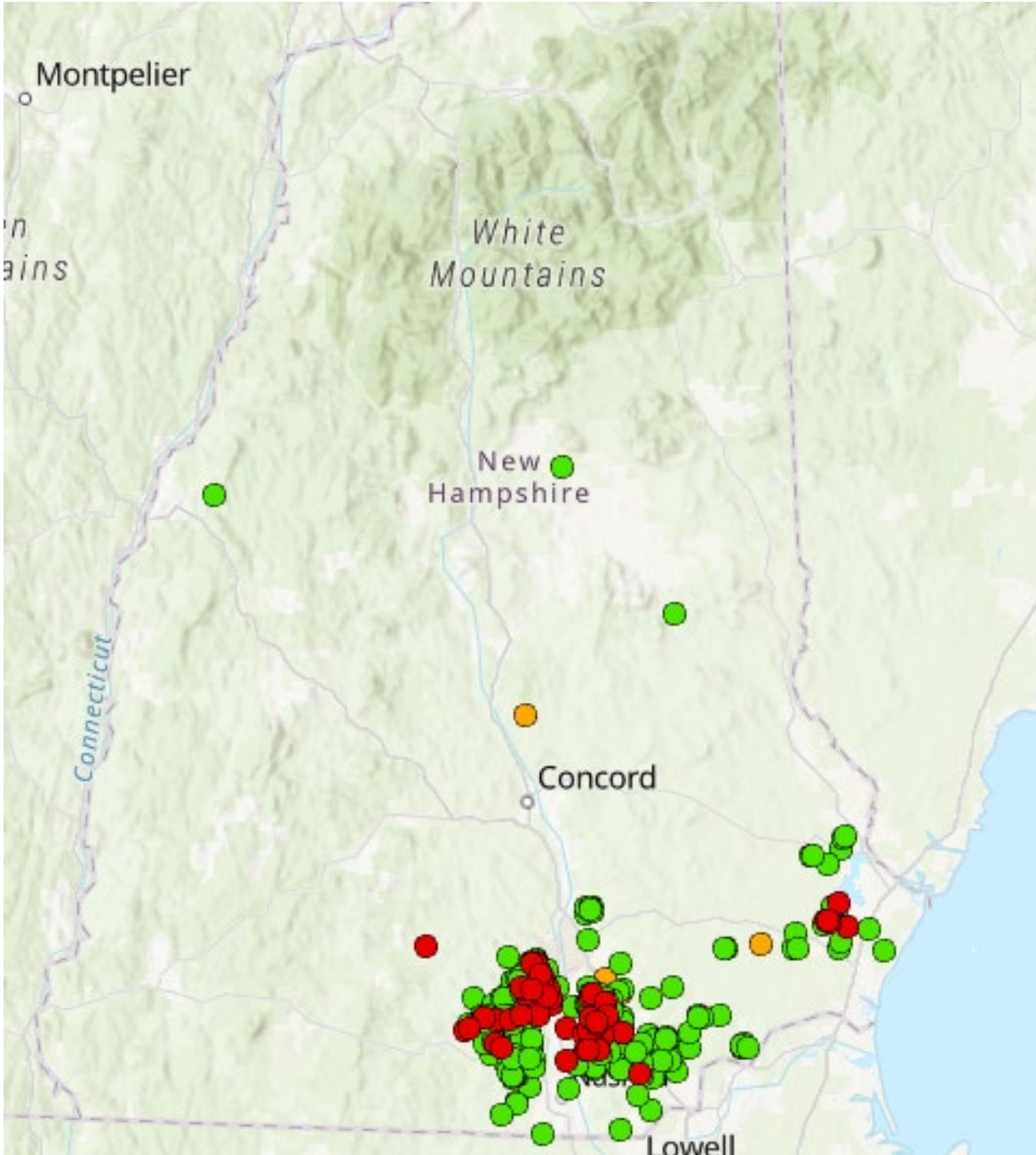


Program Status

- Over 870 applications
- 780 approved and processed
- Over \$2.9M disbursed
- Average rebate \$3,900

PFAS Removal Rebate Program (2)

Location	Processed Applications
Londonderry	370
Amherst	112
Bedford	81
Merrimack	62
Windham	40





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