Hooksett Conservation Commission
“Vision & Triumph” Celebration
October 24, 2014
“Vision & Triumph”

- 2004 Master Plan & 2011 Open Space Plan
- Land Acquisitions & Conservation Easements
- Quimby Mountain
- Pinnacle Park
- Merrimack Riverfront Project
- Clay Pond Conservation Area
- 2014 Community Outreach
- In Memoriam
What is the HCC?

- Active commission with five full members and two alternates appointed by the Town Council
- Enrich the quality of life and land value in Hooksett by protecting its natural resources
- Research and catalog all open space, natural, ecological, wetland or aesthetic areas within the Town
- Obtain land through gift, purchase or grant for continued preservation
- Ensure public access to conservation land for recreational and educational opportunities

Meetings: 2nd Monday of every month, 6:00 PM

One of New Hampshire’s oldest Conservation Commissions!
Members

- Steve Couture, Chair
- Cindy Robertson, Vice Chair
- Phil Fitanides
- David Hess
- JoCarol Woodburn
- Carolyn Cronin, Staff support

- Todd Lizotte, Town Council Rep
- Frank Kotowski, Planning Board Rep

- Openings for two Alternate Members
In honor of our past members

- Tim Johnson, chair, 2001-2012
- Jim Walter, member 2005 - 2014
- Jodi Pinard, staff support 2007-2014
- John Turbyne, member 2009-2014
2004 Master Plan Vision

- Enhance the quality of life in Hooksett by promoting natural resources
- Develop plans for hiking and biking trails
- Preserve the natural environment and wildlife habitats
2004 Master Plan Key Areas

- Expand Merrimack River access
- Preserve and expand Quimby Mountain
- Preserve and enlarge the Pinnacle
- Preserve and expand undeveloped space in the northwest quadrant (Clay Pond Conservation Area)
2011 Open Space Plan

- Preserve the Town’s natural and cultural resources
- Identify and prioritize areas of open land marked for preservation
- Help landowners manage properties of value
Land Acquisitions and Conservation Easements

2004-2015
Conservation Land 2004

Conservation Land Acquired Through 2004

Timeline (4 Year Progression)

2004
Conservation Land 2008
Conservation Land 2012

Conservation Land Acquired Through 2012

Timeline (4 Year Progression)

- 2012
- 2008
- 2004
Hooksett Conservation Land 2014

- Land area: 36.3 square miles about 23,500 acres
- Conservation land: 5,490 acres (about 24%)
Hooksett Conservation Land 2015...

- Mitigation for Manchester Sand & Gravel Head's Pond Development
- NHDES & NHF&G critical partners
Quimby Mountain

Highest Point in Hooksett
Quimby Mountain

- Approximately 96.5 acres of upland adjacent to the highest point in Hooksett (900 feet in elevation)
- Scenic overlooks
- HCC purchase; Bear-Paw easement holder
- 2012
Pinnacle Park

Preserving our history
Pinnacle Park Highlights

- 36.5 acres with trails and scenic overlooks
- HCC purchase
- Bear-Paw easement holder
- 2011
Pinnacle Park Contributors

- Dean Shankle
- Todd Lizzotte
- Mike Heidorn
  Parks & Rec Advisory Board
- John Turbyne
  Kiwanis, project management, communications and oversight

Boy Scouts to provide more signage / kiosks
Merrimack Riverfront Project

Largest track of undeveloped river frontage in southern NH
Merrimack Riverfront Project

- History, heritage, agriculture, wildlife
- 126 acres of pristine, undeveloped river frontage
- 2 grant applications in progress
- HCC property, SPNHF easement holder
Merrimack Riverfront Current and Proposed Trails
Merrimack Riverfront Contributors

- Land and Community Heritage Program
- NHDES Aquatic Resources Mitigation Fund
- McIninch Foundation
- Samuel P. Hunt Foundation
- Hooksett Heritage Commission
Clay Pond Conservation Area

Stewardship planning for wildlife and wetland protection
Clay Pond Conservation Area

- Partnership with Bear-Paw Regional Greenway
- Distributed an RFP for a Stewardship Plan 2013
- Engagement with Moosewood Ecological, LLC and Licensed Forester Swift Corwin in 2014
Clay Pond Funding

- Hooksett Conservation Fund
- Hooksett Conservation Easement
- NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)
- NH Department of Environmental Services (DES)
  - Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund Grant
  - Drinking Water Source Protection Grant (2)
  - Wetlands Mitigation Funding (2)
- Open Space Institute's Saving New England's Wildlife Program Grant - Funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation
Publicity – Conservation

- NH Fish and Game Quarterly, Winter 2011
- Several articles in the NH Union Leader and The Hooksett Banner
Publicity – Merrimack Riverfront

Forest Notes, Spring 2014

New Hampshire’s Conservation Magazine

Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests
2014 Community Involvement

Raising conservation awareness
Public Meeting
Shaping the Future
October 21, 2014
Clay Pond Stewardship Plan
Public Meeting

- About 40 interested stakeholders from Hooksett, Candia and Bear Paw
- Moosewood Ecological, LLC – Jeffry Littleton and Swift Corwin
Earth Day Clean-up April 26

Hooksett Transfer & Recycle
Community Development
Conservation Commission

Join us Saturday, April 26, 2014
9:00am to 11:00am at Lambert Park for a community litter clean-up.
Earth Day Clean-up April 26
Governor Hassan Earth Day Visit
In Memoriam

Dr. James D. Walter
1947 – 2014

Hooksett Conservation Commission
2005 – 2014
Land Acquisition Costs

2004-2015

Dave Hess
## Conservation Properties

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* Estimate
Hooksett Conservation
2004 – 2015
Public Cost
$318 per Acre