

Will I be required to give the public access to land in the WHIP program?

No. Landowners can prevent trespass and control access by the general public. The landowner must allow NRCS access to the area to implement and monitor the contract.

How do I apply?

Applications may be submitted any time to any USDA Service Center. Applications are ranked based upon ecological significance and likelihood of success. The highest ranked applications are funded first.

For more information on the New Hampshire WHIP program visit:

www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/Farm_Bill/WHIP/wildlife.html

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Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

in New Hampshire



Helping People Help the Land

What is the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program?

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary conservation program that provides technical and financial assistance to landowners for developing and improving fish and wildlife habitat.

Current priorities for WHIP include:

- Reducing the impacts of invasive species on fish and wildlife habitats.
- Protecting, restoring, developing or enhancing habitats of declining or important aquatic wildlife species, including threatened and endangered species and species at risk.

Who can participate?

Individuals and legal entities who own or control private land used for agriculture or forestry or having potential for agricultural or forestry use are eligible for WHIP.



Clearing to create early successional old field habitat.

Targeted habitats in New Hampshire

- Grasslands, shrublands, and early successional forests.
- Wetlands, including vernal pool floodplains, wet meadows, forested wetlands, salt marshes, brooks and streams through fields and forests, and estuarine habitats with potential for aquaculture.
- Mature forests, field borders, and areas adjacent to water.
- Agricultural and forested lands with non-native, or invasive species.



An anadromous fish passage.

Examples of WHIP conservation practices

- Early successional habitat development and management
- Fish passage
- Wetland restoration
- Establishing trees and shrubs
- Riparian forest buffer
- Invasive plant control

How does financial assistance work?

NRCS and the participant enter into a contract that lasts from one to 10 years. Under this agreement:

- A WHIP plan of operations is required, and becomes the basis for developing the agreement.
- NRCS provides part of the payment to eligible producers based on average costs to install practices.
- Participants are expected to maintain the conservation practices for their anticipated lifespans.

NRCS may provide greater financial assistance to landowners who enter into agreements of 15 years or more for practices on essential plant and animal habitat.

Increased financial assistance payments are available for eligible historically underserved farmers in addition to beginning and limited resource farmers.



Patch cuts over several years create early successional forest habitat.