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New Hampshire Estuaries Project Honored for Conservation Efforts by the New Hampshire Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

Durham, N.H. – At its annual meeting, the New Hampshire Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) presented the New Hampshire Estuaries Project (NHEP) with its annual “Conservation Partner Award.” This award was in recognition of the group’s collaborative approach to improving water quality, habitat and shellfish restoration, and land protection in New Hampshire’s coastal watersheds. The NHEP and TNC have worked closely together on many projects that achieve shared goals including the development of a Great Bay Restoration Compendium, a Coastal Watershed Land Conservation Plan, and the establishment of the Partnership to Restore New Hampshire’s Estuaries.

"The N.H. Estuaries Project’s priorities mirror those of The Nature Conservancy, including water quality improvements, restoring habitat and shellfish resources, and land protection," said Daryl Burnett, the Conservancy’s state director. "And in an area of the state that’s rich with strong partnerships, the N.H. Estuaries Project is one of our most effective partners."

The Nature Conservancy is a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. Since 1961 The Nature Conservancy in New Hampshire has helped protect more than 265,000 acres of ecologically significant land and currently owns and manages 28 preserves across the state. For more information, visit www.nature.org/newhampshire.

The NHEP is a collaborative program involving governmental agencies, universities, nonprofit organizations, businesses and the public to protect, enhance and monitor the environmental quality of the region’s coastal bays and rivers. The NHEP is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, through an agreement with the University of New Hampshire. Learn more at www.nhep.unh.edu.
