

The NHDES **Aquatic Resources Mitigation (ARM) Fund**, in partnership with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, is hosting three informational sessions relative to improving stream resources.

Topics covered include:

- Available ARM funding in the 2018 grant cycle;
- Updated tools to submit applications, and
- The State Stream Crossing Initiative.

Workshops are designed to provide stakeholders with information to move projects from conceptual ideas to candidate projects for mitigation funding.

We hope your participation enables your community to discover meaningful restoration projects that will be competitive for ARM funds and meet your town's needs in terms of flood resiliency and infrastructure updates!

Please attend one of our regional workshops in your community!

Central Merrimack January 18th 2018

Department of Environmental Services
Conference Room 208C
29 Hazen Drive, Concord

Lower Merrimack January 24th 2018

Londonderry Town Hall
Moose Hill Council Chambers
268B Mammoth Rd, Londonderry

Salmon Falls February 6th 2018

Rochester Community Center
150 Wakefield Street, Rochester

Potential ARM Fund grant applicants from all service areas including: municipalities (conservation commissions, road agents, and town engineers), regional planning commissions, non-profit groups, land trusts, and consultants are encouraged to attend!

4:00-4:15 **Registration:** participants sign in, collect information packets, and grab a snack.

4:15-4:30 **Welcome and Introductions**
Lori Sommer, NHDES, Wetlands Bureau

4:30-5:00 **Aquatic Resource Mitigation Program**
Melinda Bubier, NHDES, Wetlands Bureau will give an overview of the ARM program including available funds, project eligibility, and updated application materials to provide guidance for potential applicants.

5:00-5:30 **State Stream Crossing Initiative and Interactive Web Mapper**
Cheryl Bondi, NHDES, Geological Survey will introduce a multiagency program tasked with assessing stream crossings across the state. Topics covered will include infrastructure vulnerability, geomorphic compatibility, and aquatic organism passage, and how this information can be used to prioritize culvert replacement projects.

5:30-5:45 **Stream Passage Improvement Program (SPIP)**
Kevin Nyhan, NHDOT, will introduce a developing program that will help towns update outdated culverts to fulfill mitigation obligations.

5:45-6:00 **Questions & Answers**
Participants will have the opportunity to engage with presenters and other attendees to develop ideas on potential projects in their community that may be eligible for ARM or SPIP.

Refreshments
will be
served!

For more information and to RSVP please visit the workshop web page at

www.arm-workshop-concord.eventbrite.com

or email Lori Sommer, Mitigation Program Coordinator at lori.sommer@des.nh.gov