



YEAR IN REVIEW 2022 | Cheshire County

Program Spotlight: The county forester consulted with a landowner whose forest had been heavily impacted by the hemlock looper, a native moth that can severely damage hemlock forests when its population spikes. The county forester provided a list of licensed foresters to the landowner and submitted a referral to NRCS for cost-share to have a management plan developed for the property. The landowner received EQIP cost-share funds, developed a forest management plan and completed a salvage logging operation. Shortly thereafter, Extension assisted a neighboring landowner whose property was also impacted by hemlock looper.



Andy Bohannon

Parks, Recreation and Facilities
Director, City of Keene

“Our community benefited from Extension professionals’ expertise through an outdoor recreation program called Downtown and Trails, which resulted in a study of the economic impact of our rail trails. This information was vital to pushing forward a wayfinding program to help trail users navigate our community and moving residents and visitors to our downtown to boost tourism.”



Anita Moeller

Landowner, Richmond

“We have 40 acres of woods that had been defoliated – it was shocking and devastating. We called Extension to ask what was going on and they informed us there had been an outbreak of a pest called the Eastern Hemlock Looper. Extension staff helped us get a federal grant to develop a forest management plan that will last us the next 10 years. It’s reassuring to know that we have that level of expertise available to us as we go forward with the preservation and management of this beautiful piece of woods.”



Beth & Bill Franzen

Landowners, Westmoreland

“Our goal has been to improve forest diversity and wildlife habitat, supporting the overall forest health of two woodlots — our homestead in Westmoreland and our land in Richmond. The more we educate ourselves on this subject, the more we realize how multifaceted woodlot management really is. That’s why we value and depend upon the advice and research materials provided by the county foresters and UNH Extension resources.”



CHESHIRE COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS | 2022

FUNDING

\$176,835

CHESHIRE CONTRIBUTIONS

\$358,224*

UNH CONTRIBUTIONS

Education and 4-H Youth Development

60

4-H'ers participated as exhibitors at the Cheshire County Fair

Extension collaborated with Monadnock Regional School District on a grant to expand 4-H programming to after school programs at four schools in Cheshire County

Food and Agriculture

After several years of poor yields, technical assistance in no-till crop seeding led to a dairy operation substantially increasing forage and milk production, while decreasing animal feed expenses

Health and Well-Being

5

mobile food pantry sites established

To help people adopt healthy eating habits and access healthy food, Extension provided education to **290** Cheshire youth and adults through healthy eating and active living programs, a close partnership with Keene Housing

Natural Resources

135

people were educated in wildlife conservation, biodiversity, forest ecology and how to mitigate the effects of climate change on natural resources at the Monadnock Region Natural History Conference in Keene

VOLUNTEERS

142

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8,454

HOURS

\$260K**

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME

*In 2022, for every \$1 Cheshire County contributed, UNH provided \$2.03 of statewide resources

** State Value of Volunteer Time (NH): \$30.75; independentsector.org