

New Hampshire NRCS Leads Tour of 10 EWP Sites & Seeks Input on the Program



Above: Bartlett, NH. *Left to Right,* NH State Conservationist Rick Ellsmore; District Conservationist, Nels Liljedahl, and Chuck Henderson, the North Country Aid to Senator Jeanne Sha-

May 29, 2012— New Hampshire NRCS State Conservationist, Rick Ellsmore, and field staff, Deb Eddison, Mike Harrington, Nels Liljedahl, and Jeff Tenley, met with landowners and town officials from Bartlett and North Woodstock, NH to tour Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) sites. Chuck Henderson from Senator Shaheen’s Office, Michael Scala from Senator Ayotte’s Office, Harold Parker from Congressman Bass’s Office joined the tour, which highlighted 10 EWP sites in Bartlett, North Woodstock, and Gorham.

The goal of the meeting was to obtain feedback from communities, landowners, and congressional representatives on the program’s response time and the overall efficiency of the EWP process. NRCS reported positive feedback from the tour, and staff will incorporate all comments into future EWP program delivery.

About the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program:

EWP was set up by Congress to respond to emergencies created by natural disasters. It is designed to relieve imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, windstorms, fires, and other natural occurrences.

The purpose of EWP is to help groups of people with a common problem. It is generally not an individual assistance program. All projects must be sponsored by a political subdivision of the state, such as a city, town, county, or conservation district.

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to eligible public and private land owners.

For more information, visit: http://www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/Farm_Bill/EWP.html or contact your local NRCS office.

Right: Gorham, NH. Tour attendees look at photos of the site prior to EWP implementation.

