



## New Hampshire Sierra Club

### The Engaged Sierran

#### Ready for 100: Upper Valley Group takes the Lead in NH

"Ready for 100 is a movement of people working to inspire our leaders to embrace a vision of healthier communities powered by 100% clean energy. We are asking mayors, CEOs, pastors, principals, civic and community leaders, parents and students to commit to solutions that help us achieve 100% clean, renewable energy across the United States by 2050." -- Sierra Club



Thanks to the hard work of members of the [Upper Valley Group](#) of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Sierra Club (NHSC), the group was awarded a grant from Sierra Club National, in part funded by [NextGen](#), to develop a plan for the town of Hanover to move toward the goal of 100% clean energy efficiency. Only a select handful of sites, including big cities and whole states, have been chosen to participate.

The Hanover project was conceived from a desire to stop further development of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) in the region, but, as Judi Colla, vice chair of the Upper Valley Group, says, "We need to be for something, not just against things." An educational forum was conducted with major players in the Hanover region, including Dartmouth College, other clean energy organizations and representatives from the energy industry.

The group's original grant proposal to the Ready for 100 program was not accepted last year, but members felt strongly that the project should continue, funding notwithstanding. They wanted to answer the question "What does a 100% clean energy future look like?" and joined with other local sustainable energy groups.

Then earlier this year, they caught a break and were invited to join the program with representatives from six other successful sites for a formal training in San Francisco.

On April 29, the Hanover Core Team drafted a plan designed to help Hanover citizens commit to a 100% sustainable energy in the electric sector by 2025 and all energy uses, including the transportation and heat sectors as well, by 2050. This is the first step in the process. There are many different interested community and governmental groups that are interested to help along the way - and others that have not been approached yet. The excitement was tangible and the goal is to involve the whole community of Hanover and beyond.

A clean energy future is possible, and it can and should start with grassroots efforts like these. Hanover is proving that you don't need a major metropolitan city or state behind you to get started in the right direction. We hope that other municipalities in New Hampshire will follow and learn from this fledgling project, and decide that their communities can also move in this direction. More details about the [Ready for 100](#) program are on the Sierra Club website. If you are in the Upper Valley area, [let us know](#) if you would like to be involved - more hands make a lighter load.

## Free Political Training this June

The Sierra Club Political Committee invites you to gear up for the upcoming election by attending a political training. The training is FREE and lunch is provided.

Invite a friend to come with you and get ready to learn about the Sierra Club's political tools, build skills to effectively utilize the Sierra Club's strength to win elections for environmental champions, and find others who care about the future of our democracy!

FREE political training for NHSC members and supporters

Date: Saturday, June 11

Time: 9am-5pm

Location: NEA New Hampshire, 9 South Spring St, Concord, NH 03301

Lunch is provided!

**RSVP**

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## Exploring the Earth: Upcoming Outings

A number of outings are coming up throughout the state. [Check our website](#) for the latest listings!

### Monday, May 30 - Burnt Rock Mountain

North Fayston, VT

For Memorial Day we climb Burnt Rock Mountain (3168') via Hedgehog Brook and Long Trails. Good views. 5.2 miles, with 1950' elevation gain. Moderate.

### Tuesday, June 14 - Lebanon Riverfront Walk

Lebanon, NH

River front walk, West Lebanon, mainly in Two Rivers and Riverside Parks. 1-2 level miles. Easy.

### Sunday, June 26 - North Pack Monadnock

Greenfield, NH

As part of our NPS-100 program, we will climb North Pack Monadnock (2276') on loop from the east, via Ted's and Carolyn's Trails and the Cliff Trail. Much of the route is in the Wapack National Wildlife Refuge. Many outstanding views. 5.9 miles, with 1350' elevation gain. Moderate.

Contact Outings Leader Peter Hope at 603-863-6456 or [phope@worldpath.net](mailto:phope@worldpath.net) if you are interested in joining us!

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## Is NED Really Dead?

There's still some debate and unease over whether or not Kinder Morgan's Northeast Energy Direct (NED) pipeline project is really dead. Officially, Kinder Morgan has only "suspended" their pipeline application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Congresswoman Annie Kuster and Senator Kelly Ayotte both wrote letters to FERC asking that the NED project application be dismissed and denied with prejudice. FERC responded by telling our congressional delegates that FERC would be awaiting a status report from Kinder Morgan on May 26 before taking any additional action.



Although it seems unlikely that the NED is a zombie project that could be resurrected, we should remember that the project was deemed uneconomic because there wasn't sufficient commitment for capacity. If the public utility commissions of the New England states were to approve a pipeline tariff to boost the number of subscribers by including electric ratepayers, would Kinder Morgan reconsider the project?

A pipeline tariff is the subject of a petition before the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission. In PUC Docket DE 16-241, Eversource proposes to impose just such a tariff for building the Access Northeast (ANE) pipeline project. This tariff would serve two purposes: It would guarantee ANE has sufficient subscribed capacity required for FERC approval, and it secures the construction financing by committing all Eversource electric customers to paying for a 20-year capacity contract.

Several parties including Conservation Law Foundation, Pipeline Awareness Network of the Northeast, and the NH Office of Consumer Advocate have filed as interveners and submitted briefs opposing the tariff. Please visit <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2016/16-241.html> to read the briefs and comments.

**Help us stop the pipeline tax** by sending comments voicing your opposition to DE 16-241 to the PUC and your legislators. Send your letter with a reference to Docket DE 16-241 in the subject line, and in the letter, to the PUC Executive Director Debora Howland: [debra.howland@puc.nh.gov](mailto:debra.howland@puc.nh.gov).

*Article submitted by Patricia Martin, a Sierra Club member from Rindge, NH, and a key player in the fight to defeat NED. For additional reading see concurrent actions in Massachusetts, as described in an article in the [Berkshire \(MA\) Eagle](#), and this ad, [Stop the Pipeline Tax](#).*

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### Volunteer With Us This Summer

**Volunteer for Concord Market Days** - For three days in June, we're helping to celebrate Concord Market Days. Volunteer to staff our table on June 23, 24, or 25! It'll be three days of great weather and great people who stop by to learn more about what we're about. Join us at the table for one or more 2-hour shifts, and bring a friend to make your time even more fun.

I'll Sign Up!

To be a lead volunteer for Concord Market Days, contact us at [NHSC603@gmail.com](mailto:NHSC603@gmail.com) or (603) 224--8222.

**Amherst, NH 4th of July Celebration** - We'll have a table here too, to help celebrate Independence Day! We'd love to have your help for this popular event. Contact us at [NHSC603@gmail.com](mailto:NHSC603@gmail.com) or (603) 224-8222.



**Volunteers Needed to Stop Northern Pass** - Join our team to Stop Northern Pass! The New Hampshire Chapter of the Sierra Club has intervened with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee to oppose Northern Pass. We need volunteers to attend hearings, work with our partners and help organize our effort to Stop Northern Pass.

Please contact Chapter Chair Jerry Curran at [Jerryqlc44@gmail.com](mailto:Jerryqlc44@gmail.com) if you can help.

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### Take Action: Tell the Governor to Support RGGI

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) -- a successful partnership between New Hampshire and other Northeast states to fight climate change and increase clean energy investments -- is up for review this year.

RGGI has reduced climate pollution and strengthened our clean energy economy in New Hampshire by requiring owners of fossil fuel power plants to pay for their climate pollution. **Because of RGGI, New Hampshire has saved millions of dollars in energy costs.**

But polluters don't always want to pay for their pollution and they have influenced the current proposals for RGGI's new goals. We are calling for stronger goals to ensure New Hampshire meets our climate and clean energy goals.

[Send a message to your governor](#) to let her know you want your state to advocate for a strong RGGI plan to protect our climate and invest in clean energy today!

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[Become a member today](#), and support our efforts to explore, enjoy, and protect our Earth!

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