

WELCOME!

It is great to have you working with us, while working for the environment! We are happy to help you plan your project and help you through any permitting requirements.

This brochure summarizes Eagle Scout projects on Conservation Land or near wetlands. Please refer to the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook for a complete description of the Eagle Scout process.



WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR AN EAGLE SCOUT AWARD?

As you probably already know, in order to attain the rank of Eagle Scout you must plan and carry out a service project that will be helpful to an organization of your choosing, give leadership to others in carrying out your project, and complete all requirements before your 18th birthday.

This requires **pre-planning** with your Scout Leader, your parents, and the organization you wish to help (such as the Foxborough Conservation Commission).

It also requires detailed **record keeping** and **organized implementation**.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS COULD I DO?

Scouts can do a variety of projects:

- Building a **footbridge** across a stream to help hikers;
- Constructing a **map kiosk**;
- **Restoring a conservation area** (adding trail markers, trash pick-up, etc.); and
- Creating educational **signs, trail maps or science based projects**.

The Commission keeps a project list for their conservation properties, most of which would make great Eagle Scout projects.

Please Note: Projects may not be (1) of a commercial nature or for a business or (2) a fundraiser, not even for an environmental cause.

WHAT APPROVALS OR PERMITS WILL I NEED?

- You will need approval from the **Conservation Commission**, if your proposed project will be on Town Conservation Land.
- If your proposed project is within 100 feet of a wetland or 200 feet of a stream, you will need a **wetlands permit** from the Conservation Commission.
- You will need the approval of your **Scoutmaster, Unit Committee Member, and Council or District Advancement Committee Member**, who will want to know who will benefit from the project, how they will benefit, how you will recruit assistance, etc.

HOW DO I WORK WITH THE COMMISSION?

Here's a simple checklist to follow, if your Eagle Scout project will be near wetlands or on Foxborough Conservation Land.

- Talk to the Conservation Agent** early on in your planning process – *around 3 months before* you plan to start working on your project.
- Meet on site with the Conservation Agent** to discuss your project's details.
- Submit a plan to the Conservation Commission** *at least one month before* you plan to start. The plan must include:
 1. *The goals of your proposed project;*
 2. *A hand-drawn sketch and/or map;*
 3. *The method(s), tools and materials you will use for your project;*
 4. *Who your helpers will be; and*
 5. *The timeframe for your project.*
- Submit a wetlands permit application** if work is near wetlands (*we can help*).
- Attend a Conservation Commission meeting** to present your project (*we meet in the Town Hall every other Monday at 7 PM*). After your presentation, the Commission will review your plan, ask questions and may ask for revisions before approving your project.
- Call to notify the Conservation Office at least 48 hours before work** on your approved project **is scheduled to start**.
- Notify the Conservation office before undertaking any proposed changes**.

DO I NEED TO KEEP RECORDS?

Yes, you must record your project's progress.

- Keep track of your **time** spent planning;
- List the type and **cost** of any materials;
- Include **before and after photos** to clearly illustrate your contribution;
- List the **people** and **hours** spent carrying out work on the project; and
- **If your original plan changes**, document the reason for the change and be sure to obtain the Commission's approval before starting to work on any change(s).

WHAT SHOULD I DO AFTER I FINISH MY PROJECT?

Even though the Commission approved your project before it was started, you will still need to submit two follow-up reports.

One for the **Conservation Commission**, who would like a short, summary report about how the project went and what was accomplished; a copy of your Eagle Scout Board of Review report should be attached.

The second is for the **Eagle Scout Board of Review**, who will approve the way that the project was carried out and will ask:

- *How did you demonstrate leadership?*
- *How did you direct the project, rather than doing the work yourself?*
- *How did the community benefit from the project?*
- *Did the project follow the plan, or if it did not, why?*



THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND AGENT ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!

We are here to help you in any way that we can. We will be happy to answer your questions, provide detailed guidance and give you copies of our boilerplate structure plans (*bridges, kiosks, map boxes, etc.*) to use in your project (*also downloadable from our website*).

We *always* appreciate the support of Scouts and other volunteers; we rely upon your help with the care and maintenance of our many beautiful Town Conservation Areas.

***THANK YOU IN ADVANCE
FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!***



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EAGLE SCOUT LEADERSHIP SERVICE PROJECTS

PROPOSED ON

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AND / OR

NEAR WETLANDS



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