PSU UPDATE

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PSU awarded student-focused National Science Foundation Grant

Need STEM majors? Plymouth State University has a pathway. Faculty at PSU recently received a $306,000 grant from the NSF GEOPATHS program. Building on PSU’s Integrated Cluster Model and the University's extensive experience in hands-on education, the grant provides funds to recruit and train STEM students to assess NH watershed systems through field research. Students will be paired with faculty and alumni mentors and, at the end of their first year, use their new skills in paid internships. The ultimate goal is to recruit, retain, and graduate students who will meet NH’s geoscience-related career needs.

Photo: courtesy of Prof. Amy Villanueva

Beneficial Conversations

PSU is a gathering spot for conversations with local, regional, and national implications. On August 23, the conversation centered on renewal of the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), a bill with bipartisan support and economic implications at both the federal and grassroots levels. The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) organized the panel, which met in PSU’s Museum of the White Mountains. Panel members included representatives from the LCV, Appalachian Mountain Club, and NH Forest Society, as well as a Weeks Act historian and PSU's own Lisa Doner, a professor of Environmental Science & Policy.

Photo: courtesy of Lindsey Perry, LCV. From left to right: Lindsey Perry, Rebecca Weeks, Sherill Morse, Rob Wiener, Amy Lindholm, Rep. Anne McLane Kuster, Alex Taurel, Lisa Doner, Matt Laney