



William Cass, P.E.  
Commissioner

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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David Rodrigue, P.E.  
Assistant Commissioner

Bureau of Environment  
July 18, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

The Department of Transportation (DOT) requests placing this item on the Consent Calendar.

In accordance with the requirements approved by Governor and Executive Council on May 31, 2023 (Item #43), DOT is submitting an annual accounting of payments made during fiscal year 2025 pursuant to RSA 217-A, to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) for reviews of rare plants and exemplary natural communities, as well as rare wildlife associated with DOT construction projects and maintenance activities. Attached please find a detailed report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

**EXPLANATION**

Pursuant to RSA 217-A:7, "All state agencies, consistent with their authority and responsibilities, shall assist and cooperate with the [DNCR] commissioner to carry out the purpose of this chapter. To the extent possible actions funded or carried out by state agencies shall not jeopardize the continued existence of any protected plant species or exemplary natural community." In addition, RSA 217-A:7-a establishes that the DNCR commissioner may charge a fee for screening NHB records for instances of protected species or environmental reviews.

Below is a summary of payments made by DOT for RSA 217-A reviews for FY 2025.

**RSA 217-A Payments Made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

State FY	# of Review Payments	Payment Amount	Data Sharing Agreement Payment	Total
2025	23	\$640.00	\$1,523.75	\$2,163.75

It is respectfully requested that this item be accepted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William J. Cass".

William J. Cass, P.E.  
Commissioner

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Attachment

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**RSA 217-A Payments Summary**

<b>FY</b>	<b>217-A Project \$</b>	<b>DSA \$</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025	\$640.00	\$1,523.75	\$2,163.75
2024	\$900.00	\$1,473.00	\$2,373.00
2023	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
2022	\$850.00	\$1,544.75	\$2,394.75
2021	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
2020	\$1,370.00	\$730.00	\$2,100.00
2019	\$1,400.00	\$532.00	\$1,932.00
2018	\$1,725.00	\$532.00	\$2,257.00
2017	\$1,350.00	\$1,060.00	\$2,410.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,535.00</b>	<b>\$7,395.50</b>	<b>\$16,930.50</b>

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**RSA 217-A Payments to DNCR - SFY 2025**

Project Name	Project Number	Amount Paid	Date Paid	SFY
Bath	44094	\$25.00	7/10/2024	2025
Errol	42751	\$25.00	7/12/2024	2025
Sunapee	44438A	\$25.00	8/1/2024	2025
Concord	44599	\$25.00	9/12/2024	2025
District 3	M303	\$25.00	10/10/2024	2025
Pelham	16145	\$25.00	10/18/2024	2025
District 1	M107	\$25.00	12/12/2024	2025
Manchester	44780	\$25.00	2/11/2025	2025
Durham	42523	\$25.00	2/19/2025	2025
Loudon	40632	\$25.00	2/26/2025	2025
Troy-Jaffrey	43443	\$25.00	2/26/2025	2025
Manchester-Hooksett	43071A	\$25.00	3/3/2025	2025
Amherst/Bedford-Pelham	43928	\$90.00	3/5/2025	2025
Stratham	41711	\$25.00	3/10/2025	2025
District 1	M112	\$25.00	3/21/2025	2025
District 3	1832H	\$25.00	4/18/2025	2025
Seabrook-Hampton	15904	\$25.00	4/18/2025	2025
Londonderry	41593	\$25.00	5/30/2025	2025
Bow	29641	\$25.00	6/6/2025	2025
Lyme	43079	\$25.00	6/9/2025	2025
Rumney	40569	\$25.00	6/13/2025	2025
Bridge Maintenance	40825	\$25.00	6/13/2025	2025
District 4	M409	\$25.00	6/24/2025	2025

Data Sharing Agreement	10883	\$1,523.75	3/7/2025	2025
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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*David Rodrigue, P.E.*  
*Assistant Commissioner*

*Andre Briere, Colonel, USAF (RET)*  
*Deputy Commissioner*

Bureau of Environment  
May 1, 2023

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

In accordance with the requirements approved by Governor and Executive Council on April 17, 2019 (Item #39), authorize the Department of Transportation (DOT) to continue to make payments to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) (Vendor #177887) Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) for reviews of rare plants and exemplary natural communities, as well as rare wildlife associated with DOT construction projects and maintenance activities for FY 2024 and FY 2025, in compliance with RSA 217-A, and NH Code of Administrative Rules Res 1105.02 Projects by State Agencies, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2025.

Funding for this request is contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in FY 2024 and FY 2025.

**EXPLANATION**

Pursuant to RSA 217-A:7, "All state agencies, consistent with their authority and responsibilities, shall assist and cooperate with the [DNCR] commissioner to carry out the purpose of this chapter. To the extent possible actions funded or carried out by state agencies shall not jeopardize the continued existence of any protected plant species or exemplary natural community." In addition, RSA 217-A:7-a establishes that the DNCR commissioner may charge a fee for screening NHB records for instances of protected species or environmental reviews. The NHB has established a fee of \$25.00 for access to these records.

Having the flexibility for these payments is crucial to the nature of the work performed and completed by DOT. This reporting system further assists the Governor and Executive Council in understanding this component of the DOT's work.

In addition, and as approved by the Governor and Executive Council on April 17, 2019 (Item #39), at the conclusion of FY 2023 an informational item will be provided identifying the NHB payments made during FY 2023, and the future years approved under this memorandum.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Cass".

William J. Cass  
Commissioner

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Attachments