



YEAR IN REVIEW 2022 | Coös County

Program Spotlight: In the summer of 2022, Barry Conservation Camp reopened after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. Camp is a partnership between UNH Extension and NH Fish and Game. This collaboration instills principles of positive youth development to create a safe and rewarding experience. Located in the scenic White Mountain National Forest on the grounds of the Berlin Fish Hatchery, Barry Conservation Camp provides a memorable experience for kids who love the outdoors, enjoy hands-on learning and can benefit from participating in a small camp.



Sue Greene

Slopeside Farm, Lancaster

“I see UNH Extension as a network of community resources, connecting farmers to education, food access and nutrition programs. This enhances collaboration, support and community between farmers and consumers. I have greatly benefited from the educational webinars and agent visits to the farm to diagnose crop issues and improve my knowledge. I’m also grateful for the food safety education I received to ensure that I’m providing the safest produce to the public. I was very excited to have the opportunity to host the New Farmer School at our farm and pass on my knowledge.”



Stephanie Chase

4-H Club Leader, Berlin

“UNH Extension offers such great programs in the North Country. I started with Extension by taking Cooking Matters classes. I was able to learn so much about healthy eating and how to use the foods I have on hand. I then went on to become a 4-H leader. Through this position, I get to see kids make a difference.”



Scott Stepanian

Bungy Breeze Farm, Columbia

“UNH Extension provides services to the county that enrich residents, whether it be agricultural services, food and health topics or 4-H. I have been attending fruit and vegetable workshops for two decades and have applied the training I received to my gardens. My commercial vegetable operation has improved from the business assistance I have received from Extension personnel. They have resources that locals might not otherwise obtain.”



COÖS COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS | 2022

FUNDING

\$235,960

COÖS CONTRIBUTIONS

\$462,693*

UNH CONTRIBUTIONS

Education and 4-H Youth Development

242

campers attended Barry Conservation Camp for shooting sports, fishing, hunter education, wilderness skills and junior conservation officer training

Food and Agriculture

Provided technical assistance in soil health and nutrient management to farms, resulting in reduced labor costs and improved crop yields

Supported farms through succession planning to transition farm management to the next generation and ensure the elder generation will have retirement income

Health and Well-Being

Extension is striving to improve food security for Coös County residents. Educators provided education and support to local food pantries and farmers' markets, led farm to school programs, and initiated development of a regional food council

Natural Resources

Based on an increase in land sales and inquiries from realtors, developed Timber Valuation for Realtors program to represent value of forested land more accurately during real estate transactions

VOLUNTEERS

120

VOLUNTEERS

12,684

HOURS

\$390K**

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME

*In 2022, for every \$1 Coös County contributed, UNH provided \$1.96 of statewide resources

** State Value of Volunteer Time (NH): \$30.75; independentsector.org