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The New Hampshire Rivers Council welcomes two new Officers to its board of directors. Transitioning into the role of interim Vice President is Matt Monahan. A recent addition to the Rivers Council Board of Directors, Matt has been with Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission since September 2006. At CNHRPC, he specializes in land use, planning board assistance and economic development. He has also been involved with ordinance/regulation development and, recently, recovery planning. He has a BA in Political Science from Boston College, and MPA from the University of New Hampshire, and an MA in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University. Matt also served in the Army and Army reserves from 1995 to 2003 obtaining the rank of Staff Sergeant and is currently an officer in the Coast Guard Reserves.

“The New Hampshire Rivers Council does vital work to ensure one of the state’s most important assets remains strong and healthy,” said Matt , “I’m looking forward to doing my part to help.”

Danna Truslow will be the interim Treasurer, overseeing financial activities. Danna joined the New Hampshire Rivers Council Board of Directors in 2011 and is looking forward to expanding on fundraising opportunities for the organization. Both interim Officer positions will be renewed upon the acceptance of nominations at the Rivers Council’s Annual Meeting on March 29, 2013 during the *Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival* hosted by the organization.

“Matt and Danna are ideally suited to these important board positions,” said Michele L. Tremblay, President of the New Hampshire Rivers Council Board of Directors, “Their considerable skills and leadership have been invaluable to the Council.”

After many years of volunteer service with the New Hampshire Rivers Council, two long term Directors and Officers to the Board retire from the organization. Vice President and former President, David Borden will continue serving the watershed community and advocating for environmental stewardship as the newly reelected Representative to the State House Rockingham District 24, Rye and New Castle. "The Council congratulates David and looks forward to working with him in the legislature," Tremblay said.

Treasurer, Stephen Robinson, is also bidding the New Hampshire Rivers Council board of directors farewell, although his support and fondness for the Council remains steadfast. "I plan on continuing to provide support for the important work that the Rivers Council does," Stephen recently reflected, "It has been my pleasure to serve on the board of this very vital organization."

The Council thanks Steve, for the generosity, time, and effort he has shown the organization over the years. "Steve's staff at Checkmate Payroll Services has also been a great aid to operations and a pleasure to work with," said Beth Flagler, Rivers Council Program Administrator.

The New Hampshire Rivers Council is committed to the conservation and ecologically sound management of New Hampshire's rivers, watersheds, and related natural resources. The New Hampshire Rivers Council is the only statewide conservation organization dedicated to the protection and conservation of New Hampshire rivers. Over twenty years ago, the organization was established as the New Hampshire Rivers Campaign to create and pass into law the Rivers Management and Protection Act. Since then the Council has worked to educate the public about the value of the state's rivers, designate rivers in the state's protection program, and advocate for strong public policies and wise management of New Hampshire river resources. For further information, please visit [www.NHRivers.org](http://www.NHRivers.org).

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