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GOVERNOR VETOS BILL EXPANDING PROTECTIONS FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE WETLANDS

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE –Yesterday, Governor Sununu vetoed [HB 326](#), legislation expanding the definition of a prime wetland to strengthen protections for wildlife, ground water, and flood control. **Representative Suzanne Smith, (D-Hebron), Chair of the House Resources, Recreation, and Development Committee** released the following statement:

“Expanding the definition of a prime wetland and allowing municipalities more control in determining a wetland’s environmental value is critical in protecting fragile wildlife, managing invasive species, maintaining proper flood controls, and controlling ground water recharge. Due to harsh legislation passed in 2012 that removed critical statutory language around defining prime wetlands, none have been designated in New Hampshire since. These rigid restrictions and limitations have delayed and prevented communities from seeking adequate environmental protections and the Governor’s veto of HB 326 only further hinders important action to safeguard our environmental resources.”

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