

# Culvert Cornhole



**Artist Name:** Polly Crocker (She/Her)

**What prompted you to create this piece?** NHDES was invited to stage a booth at the Exeter Alewife Festival and I wanted a creative way to engage folks of all ages around the issue of culverts that can cause flooding, restrict the movement of wildlife, and fragment the habitat as well as ecosystem functions provided by floodplains and wetlands. I'm a sucker for alliteration and yard games, and so Culvert Cornhole was born thanks to our creative team at the NHDES Coastal Program that helped make this dream a reality.

**Biography:** Polly is a Watershed Management Specialist with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services with over 15 years of experience in stormwater management. From agricultural best management practices with the farmers of Vermont, to green stormwater infrastructure in the dense urban environments of California, to municipal vulnerability assessments in Massachusetts, Polly likes to focus on multi-benefit solutions to stormwater challenges. In her current role she manages the Critical Flood Risk Infrastructure Grant and the Culvert Flood Risk Assistance Grant programs, helping NH become more resilient to flooding from intense storm events and sea level rise due to climate change.

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