Building Resilience in Coastal New Hampshire: A Field Trip and Primer on Restoring Natural Dunes and Protecting People

Join us for an evening to learn how dune systems protect coastal communities from natural disasters. Enjoy a guided tour of a dune restoration project at Hampton Beach State Park and receive hands on training in beachgrass planting. Participants will need to transport themselves between Hampton Beach State Park and the indoor portion at the Seabrook Beach Village District office building (approximately 1 mile away). A light dinner will be served.

What to Expect
- Learn from local experts how dunes protect coastal communities from flooding and other coastal hazards
- Visit a dune restoration site and beach grass community garden and gain hands on experience planting beach grass and maintaining healthy dune systems – all while enjoying the sunset!

Register Here
This workshop is free, but space is limited. A light dinner will be provided. Please pre-register by September 20, 4:00pm Questions? Contact steve.miller@wildlife.nh.gov

Who Should Attend?
This workshop is designed for municipal board and commission members, coastal property owners, beach users, consultants and engineers interested in protecting coastal communities, habitat restoration, and shoreline management. Members of the NH Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission are especially welcome.

AGENDA
4:15 Meet at Seabrook Beach Village District office
4:30 Overview of how dunes work
5:00 - Travel to field site
5:15 - Dune tour with beach-grass planting
6:45 - Return to Seabrook Beach Village District office
7:00 - Dinner and discussion
7:30 - Adjourn

Presenters:
Alyson Eberhardt, Coastal Ecosystems Specialist, NH Sea Grant/UNH Cooperative Extension
David Burdick, Research Associate Professor and Interim Director, UNH Jackson Estuarine Lab
Steve Miller, Coastal Training Program Coordinator, Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

A follow-up on the NH Shoreline Management Conference held in December 2014, this shoreline management workshop is coordinated by the N.H. Coastal Adaptation Workgroup which convened in 2010 to help New Hampshire’s coastal watershed communities learn about and utilize existing resources and locate additional assistance to better prepare for climate effects in order to protect their social, economic, human and environmental health.
The Village District office is a gray building, located on the west side of 1A, 1.3 miles south of Hampton Beach State Park.