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Beavers As Partners-New Focus of the Valley Green Journal

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I am excited to announce that we are launching a campaign this year called Beavers As Partners, to raise awareness of the critical role that beavers play in restoring healthy landscapes, through their construction of rich wetlands. These unique ecosystems are vital for flood and drought reduction, habitat for numerous wildlife species, and regulation of climate by replenishing atmospheric water cycles. Unfortunately beavers sometimes cause flooding of roads, but nonlethal management has been shown to be more cost-effective and ecologically beneficial. Our Beavers As Partners focus will help landowners and public



Photo courtesy of Linda Dionne

The Rotch Town Forest in Milford NH serves as an example of active citizen involvement in preservation of vital beaver habitat. It was the Rotch family woodlot for many years before being donated to the Conservation Commission in 2002. This 40 acre wildlife preserve, a vibrant habitat for many species, is most noteworthy for its large beaver pond. This pond supports a variety of wildlife, both resident and migratory. Visit <http://voicesofwildlifeinnh.org/> for more information.



Lisa Tennyson photo

Beavers, nature's ecosystem experts, need our help to protect them and their habitat.

road and land managers make informed decisions about problem beavers. This information is also important for all citizens who want to make a positive difference in their communities. Stay tuned for more in future issues, and also check out the new section on our website at www.valleygreenjournal.com. For more information on nonlethal management of beavers we recommend contacting Skip Lisle, inventor of the Beaver Deceiver flow device system. Find out more at www.beaverdeceivers.com.

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