



Conservation Partnerships benefit the Community and Environment

Mink Brook Community Forest created in Hanover

A 2020 LCHIP grant has helped create the new 254-acre Mink Brook Community Forest in Hanover which will provide miles of year-round recreational trails for the 34,000+ people who live and work within three miles of the property. **Community forests** provide multiple benefits such as outdoor recreation, habitat protection, clean drinking water and periodic timber revenue. The project is the culmination of a decade-long effort led by **The Trust for Public Land** in partnership with the **Hanover Conservancy** and the town of Hanover. The **Hanover Conservation Commission** is developing a management plan for the property with support from the **Northern Forest Center** and community stakeholders.

Separate from the LCHIP grant but of great community importance, five adjacent acres will host a small cluster

of cottage-style homes targeted for entry level homeowners to help address a critical housing shortage in the region.



LCHIP staff and review panelists on a site visit to Mink Brook Community Forest