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Southern New Hampshire RC&D Council Awards \$2000 to the Town of Newport

CONCORD, January 22, 2004—The New Hampshire Rural Fire Protection Initiative (NH RFPI), a project directed by the Southern New Hampshire Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, has awarded the town of Newport \$2000.00 for the installation of a dry hydrant at Richard's Pond on Rowell Road. Funding for the project has come from the U.S. Forest Service through the New Hampshire State Forester's Office. The check was presented today at the Newport Town Office building.

This initiative is designed to provide rural communities with technical and financial assistance to improve their water supply capability for firefighting. Technical assistance is provided with water supply planning, GPS mapping of water supply sites, water supply site evaluation, dry hydrant and fire pond design and assistance with state wetlands permit processing.

The NH RFPI offers limited financial assistance to repair, remove or relocate an existing dry hydrant or cistern, it may install a new dry hydrant or cistern and improve access to existing dry hydrants and cisterns.

For more information regarding this program visit the Southern NH RC&D office at 10 Ferry Street, Room 422, Concord or call 603-223-0083.

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