



## PREFACE

This is the second volume of *Northeastern Geoscience*. The journal is published as an open access, on-line, peer-reviewed, professional journal covering the entire range of topics within the geosciences as they pertain to northeastern North America. The journal is intended to fill the void left by the cessation of publication of *Northeastern Geology and Environmental Science* at the end of 2008. For that reason, **Northeastern Geoscience** began publication with volume 31 in recognition of the 30 volumes of *Northeastern Geology and Environmental Science* and its predecessor *Northeastern Geology*.

At the end of 2008, the regional, peer-reviewed journal *Northeastern Geology and Environmental Science* ceased publication. *Northeastern Geology*, as it was originally named, was the creation of Gerald M. Friedman, one of the pillars of geological investigation and education in this part of the world. *Northeastern Geology* began publication in 1979. Gerry launched *Northeastern Environmental Science* three years later, but found that publishing two separate journals covering the region was unsustainable. Therefore, the journals were combined into *Northeastern Geology and Environmental Science* in 1995. Due to his advancing years, Gerry became unable to continue publishing the journal; it ceased publication with the end of volume 30 in 2008. Gerry passed away in November 2010.

The loss of this journal created a publishing vacuum for research that is important to northeastern North America but may not be publishable in national and international journals owing to the local focus of the work. For the past four years, we (the editors of *Northeastern Geoscience*) have been investigating various avenues by which research in northeastern North America could be disseminated. After exhausting several options for resurrecting *Northeastern Geology and Environmental Science*, we decided to start afresh with a new journal called *Northeastern Geoscience* published through the website [www.northeasterngeoscience.org](http://www.northeasterngeoscience.org). *Northeastern Geoscience* is peer reviewed, published primarily on-line (we hope to offer bound paper versions for archiving in the future), and available on-line at no cost.

The journal welcomes submissions that deal with geology and related topics and issues in northeastern North America. For the purposes of this journal, northeastern North America is considered approximately to include those areas that are served by the Northeastern Section of the Geological Society of America. The target areas are: the northeastern United States, including Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont; eastern Canada, including New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, eastern Ontario, and eastern Nunavut; the French islands of St. Pierre et Miquelon; and adjacent portions of the Atlantic Ocean and its bays.

The language of the journal will be English, but authors publishing on areas with an historical French-language scientific literature are encouraged to include a French version of the abstract. Manuscripts should be submitted electronically to [negeoscience@cobleskill.edu](mailto:negeoscience@cobleskill.edu).

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