



Conservation Commission Responsibilities

Proper Utilization & Protection of Natural Resources

Protection of Watershed Resources

Land Protection and Management

Conservation Commission Land Fund Warrant Article

Request \$20,000 in accordance with RSA 36-A:5

Uses of Land Funds include:

- Purchase of land or conservation easements
- Wetland Evaluations
- Natural Resource Inventories

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Bring account balance to \$61,721

There are currently 2 properties in discussion

Both have significant water protection values



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Preserve the integrity of irreplaceable lands

Air Quality = tree canopy and vegetation

Drinking Water = protected wetlands

Protected public lands attract people, wealth, and jobs

Conservation Commission Voter Support

Conservation Land Fund History

Year	Opening Balance	Spent	W. A. Request	W. A. Approved	Ending Balance	% Support
2013	21,721	-	20,000	20,000	41,721	62.1%
2012	1,721	-	20,000	20,000	21,721	63.0%
2011	20,300	28,579	15,000	10,000	1,721	65.6%
2010	75,300	70,000		15,000	20,300	58.3%
2009	75,300		Didn't request funds because of Mile Slip Purchase		75,300	
2008	75,300				75,300	
2007	75,300				75,300	
2006	75,300				75,300	
2005	100,300	25,000	2.3M Bond for MileSli		75,300	75.0%
2004	50,300		50,000	50,000	100,300	63.1%
2003	300		50,000	50,000	50,300	65.5%

★ Mile Slip becomes town forest, 89% support



Conservation Commission Mile Slip Easement Warrant Article

In accordance with RSA 36-A the Conservation Commission is requesting that a Conservation Easement be placed on MileSlip Town Forest to further the protection of the town's natural resource.

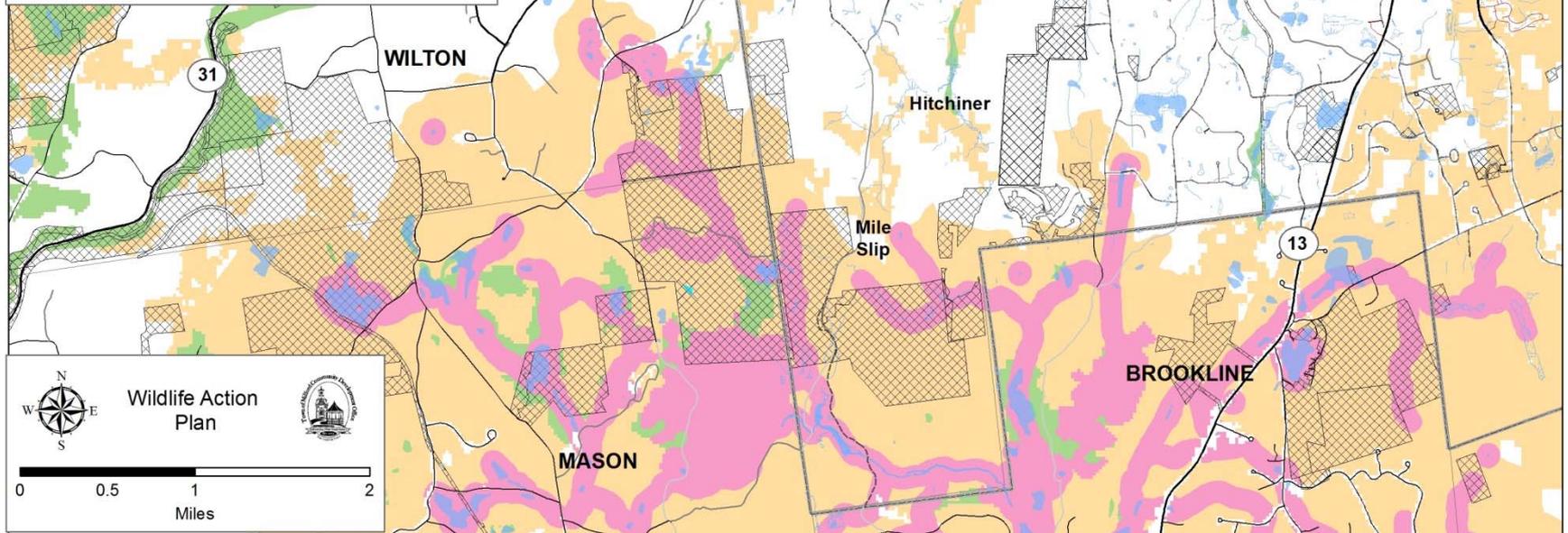
Legend

-  Highest Ranked Habitat in NH
-  Highest Ranked Habitat in Biological Region
-  Supporting Landscapes
-  Conservation Land

Information about habitat condition was analyzed to develop a statewide and regional ranking and identify the highest quality habitat relative to all polygons of a given habitat type in the state.

The goal is to provide regional planners and conservation professionals a tool in identifying the most critical wildlife habitat locations.

Results will be re-evaluated to monitor the effectiveness of conservation actions and respond appropriately to new information or changing conditions.



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- Highest Ranked Wildlife Habitat by *NH Fish and Game*
- High Quality Groundwater by *Nashua River Watershed Association*
- Designated as Outstanding Resource Water by *State of Massachusetts* standards

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- Conservation easement is a voluntary agreement to preserve land and its resources in perpetuity.
- Easements are managed by a non-profit qualified organization to ensure that the landowner complies with the terms of the easement.

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- Retain Town Ownership and Public Access
- Retain Agricultural, Timber Harvest and Water Rights
- Retain Educational, Recreational and Research Rights

- Prevent Development and Subdivisions

- Easements ride with the land, not with the owner



Conservation Commission

“Conservation is a gift to my children
and to theirs.”

-Wild Oceans Chair Tim Choate