

Policies and Procedures
North Hampton Conservation Commission
June, 2010

Below are Policies and Procedures as approved and reaffirmed by the Conservation Commission. These are included herein for reference.

- 1. The Commission shall not accept landlocked wetlands parcels unless there is a strategic reason for acquiring them and there is approval by the Commission by majority vote.**
- 2. The Commission shall not accept parcels less than 2 acres unless there is a strategic reason for acquiring them and there is approval by the Commission by majority vote.**
- 3. The Commission shall not accept “stub parcels” of land which are back, front or side yards of single or contiguous sub-division parcels unless there is a strategic reason for acquiring them and there is approval by the majority vote of the Commission.**
- 4. The Commission may consider the acquisition of conservation land that is part of a subdivision plan, provided that the developer agrees to provide baseline documentation and in-perpetuity monitoring activities by a qualified steward at the developer’s expense for such conservation parcel(s). For purposes of this policy, the Commission will generally require that such conservation land be placed in the stewardship of a third party land trust, subject to Commission approval, as a condition of acceptance. Exceptions will be considered but only after the Commission has agreed by majority vote that such exception is in the public interest. The Commission has the right to approve or reject such Conservation land acquisition solely at its discretion.**
- 5. The Commission shall not take existing Conservation land out of the inventory of Conservation. Such actions are deemed to be unfavorable precedent, the legal requirements and costs are considered too complex to undertake, and not deemed to be in the public interest.**
- 6. The Commission may acquire parcels such as by purchase, gift, grant, tax forfeiture, Conservation Sub-division or other means at its discretion and pursuant to RSA 36A:4. The Commission reserves the right to reject any parcels for Conservation which it deems is not in the public interest.**