

At a Glance Conservation and Water Resource Protection Initiatives

- 1965: The North Hampton Conservation Commission was established pursuant to RSA 36-A for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources.
- 1974: Minimum lot size increased to 87,000 square feet.
- 1978: Establishment of Wetlands Conservation District Zoning Ordinance Section 501 (Updated from 1979-2020).
- 1981: Critical and Unique Regulations Established to protect areas identified on the Natural Resource Map having severe limitations to development or that are unique to the Town of North Hampton or the State of New Hampshire; Zoning Ordinance Section 601.1.
- 1993: Natural Resource Inventory prepared by the Rockingham Planning Commission.
- 1999: *Little River Salt Marsh Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment*, prepared by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- 2000: Little River Salt Marsh Restoration Project: The first culvert to restore tidal flow to the marsh was installed in 1999 under Appledore Road, and the second culvert at the north end of the marsh was installed under Route 1A in 2000.
- 2001: North Hampton *forever* Subcommittee established with a \$4 million dollar bond initiative conserved 656 within the headwaters of the Winnicut River and Little River Water sheds.
- 2002: Creation of “*Saving Special Places*” *Community Funding for Land Conservation* by Brian Hart, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and Dorothy Tripp Taylor, Center for Land Conservation Assistance - features the North Hampton *forever* “grassroots organizing” land conservation chapter.
- 2003: Buffer Zone Requirements Adjacent to Wetlands Zoning Ordinance Section 501.6 (Updated in 2005, 2017).
- 2005: Floodplain Development Ordinance Zoning Ordinance Section 504.3.
- 2006: Aquifer Protection District Ordinance Zoning Ordinance Section 503.1.
- 2006: Chapel Brook Special Study conducted by NH DES Beach Program.

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- 2007: Conservation Audit and Stewardship Plan prepared by Christopher Kane.
- 2008: New Hampshire Estuaries Project: *A Citizen's Guide to Protecting North Hampton's Wetlands and Water Resources*.
- 2008: Conservation Subdivision Design
Zoning Ordinance Section 603.
- 2009: Little River Salt Marsh Restoration Project Phase II: Improve drainage and tidal connectivity in western section of the marsh and Garland Brook.
- 2009: Conservation Land District
Zoning Ordinance Section 201.1 (Updated in 2020).
- 2010: NH DES 319 Grant awards to improve culverts for streams located on North Road, Route 1A, and Little River on Woodland Road.
- 2011: Agriculture: Purpose of this section is to promote agricultural activities while ensuring they are sustainable for the connection in which they occur.
Zoning Ordinance Section 602.1 (Updated 2019).
- 2011: Little River Watershed Based Plan, prepared by F.B. Environmental Associates.
- 2011: Water Quality Testing through 2019: This testing has resulted in work to replace culverts and failing septic systems.
- 2013: Governor Dale Farm Conservation Easement: Conserved 53 acres; funding sources include Farm and Ranch Land Protection Grant, North Hampton Conservation Commission, Southeast Land Trust, and Private donations from North Hampton residents and other donors.
- 2013: Conservation Land Trail Map Brochure posted on town website.
- 2015: Prohibited Uses in the Wetlands Conservation District
Zoning Ordinance Section 501.
- 2015: Little River stormwater infiltration pad and restored stream buffer with native plantings with funding from a NH DES 319 Water Quality Grant.
- 2016: New Hampshire Coastal Risk and Hazards Commission: *Preparing New Hampshire for Projected Storm Surge, Sea-Level Rise, and Extreme Precipitation*.
- 2017: Little River Watershed Based Management Plan (Updated).
- 2017: Management Plan for Forest Hills Farm.

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- 2017: Winnicut River Watershed Restoration and Management Plan.
- 2017: North Hampton Conservation Land Database: This database is available for the public on the town website which provides information for approximately 1793 acres of North Hampton conservation land (Updated in 2018, 2019, 2020).
- 2018: Philbrick Pond Saltmarsh Drainage Evaluation.
- 2018: Winnicut River Project proposed plans by the North Hampton Capital Improvements Plan Committee. Two culverts must be replaced and enlarged and riverbed work to improve water flow and prevent flooding.
- 2019: *Septic System Inventory and Database*, work has begun to provide the location and age of septic systems, will be taken into consideration when making recommendations and finalizing the *Coastal Hazards Adaptation Chapter of the Master Plan*.
- 2020: Phase I: Philbrick Pond Cobble Weir Replacement: This work will improve the health of the marsh by increasing the tidal range approximately 12-inches.
- 2020: *Coastal Hazards Adaptation Chapter of the Master Plan* (To be complete in 2022).
- 2021: Phase II: Proposal and plans to further restore Philbrick Pond Salt Marsh Winnicut River, New Hampshire Rivers Council 2016.

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