

## North Hampton Conservation Land Overview

North Hampton has approximately 1,779 acres of conservation land, approximately 19.5% of the Town's total land area. *The Database of Conservation Land* in North Hampton is posted on the *Town Website* and is updated periodically. North Hampton is very fortunate to have hundreds of acres of beautiful conservation land, acreage that is open to the public for passive, outdoor, year-round recreation. Much of land that is open to the public for recreation was acquired with the **North Hampton forever Program (NHF)**, which was established in 2000 when the voters appropriated up to \$4.0 million dollars for the acquisition of rights to land and related expenses. The NHF Subcommittee also secured an additional approximately \$1.8 million in bargain sale value and outright donations as well as approximately \$1.7 million in federal grants to leverage the Town's investments. In the course of the **North Hampton forever Program**, over 656 acres have been permanently protected from development to protect permanently the Town's vast natural resources.

### North Hampton forever Land Acquisition Projects: 2001-2010

*NHF Subcommittee Members:*  
*Tim Harned and Phil Wilson, Co-Chairs*  
*Shep Kroner, Secretary*  
*Chris Ganotis, Treasurer*

Property Owner	Acres	Closing Date	Property Conveyed	Acquisition Price	Donation or Bargain Sale Value	Federal Funds	NHF Funds	Appraised (or Assessed) Value
Metalious	18	5/2002	Easement	\$105,000			\$105,000	\$105,000
Wollmar	14	12/2002	Easement		\$270,000			\$270,000
D'Urso	15	12/2003	Fee	\$200,000	\$155,000		\$200,000	\$355,000
Cahill	51	12/2003	Easement		\$1,025,000			\$1,025,000
Treat	103	2/2004	Fee	\$300,000	\$70,000		\$300,000	\$370,000
Ebert	19	8/2006	Easement	\$250,000	\$1,666		\$250,000	\$251,666
Demogenes	51	12/2006	Fee	\$385,000			\$385,000	\$385,000
Woods	2	12/2006	Fee	\$60,000	\$114,200		\$60,000	\$174,200
Luff/Tagupa	84	1/2007	Fee	\$1,400,000		\$1,400,000		\$1,400,000
Robie	161	8/2007	Easement/Fee	\$1,438,000	\$27,000		\$1,438,000	\$1,465,000
Dalton	16	9/2007	Fee	\$215,000	\$45,000		\$215,000	\$260,000
Donais	23	10/2007	Fee	\$23,000			\$23,000	\$23,000
Jenkins	25	5/2009	Easement	\$450,000	\$75,000	\$249,600	\$200,400	\$525,000
Corbett	74	12/2010	Fee	\$545,000			\$545,000	\$545,000
<b>Totals</b>	656			\$5,371,000	\$1,782,866	\$1,649,600	<b>\$3,721,400</b>	<b>\$7,153,866</b>

To learn more about the Town's conservation parcels, ten miles of trail networks, and the hundreds of acres of conservation land that are open to the public for year-round recreational enjoyment, please refer to **Conservation Trail Guides and Maps**.

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**Scientists recommend that at least 30% of the earth's resources should be conserved to protect critical habitat and to safeguard biodiversity and ecosystem services.** In North Hampton more work needs to be done to protect at least 25% of the town's sensitive resources by 2030 to foster long-term land and resource stewardship. (Conservation protection recommendations: *The Rockingham Planning Commission. 2021 Natural Resource Inventory; The National Geographic Society; The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and the Wildlife Society.*)

During the past two decades the Conservation Commission has helped conserve over 800 acres, including the 656 acres conserved through the NHF program. This program conserved strategic uplands and wetlands to better protect the town's uplands, wetlands systems and water resources. This land is largely open to the public for recreational use.

In 2013, the town acquired the 51-acres Governor Dale Farm, and within the past decade or so conserved an additional 100 acres of uplands and wetlands through donations.

**Each individual can help ensure longterm protection of our vital resources and aquifers.** We encourage individuals to conserve or donate land. Everyone can also take the following steps to make a difference and help protect the natural environment:

- **Maintain your septic system:** inspect and pump at least every 3 years.
- Protect wetland buffers.
- Preserve existing trees, and plant more trees.
- Reduce non-point source pollution that runs into our streams and rivers from pet waste, fertilizers, pesticides, gasoline, automotive oil, antifreeze, household chemicals.
- Dispose of hazardous waste responsibly.
- Identify and plan for the removal of invasive plants.
- **Enjoy North Hampton's conservation land, trails, open space, and get involved to promote good stewardship of our precious natural resources.**