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# CORD Meeting Thursday, November 14, 2019 Johnson Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room 107 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH <u>Time: 9:30 A.M.</u>

# FINAL AGENDA

# I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

# II. MINUTES

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# III. LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)

A. LCIP Annual Report ......Page 12 Steve Walker, Conservation Land Stewardship Program Director

# **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

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# B. Proposed 2020 meeting dates (second Thursday of every other month; commencing at 9:30 AM)

- January 9, 2020
- March 12, 2020
- May 14, 2020
- July 9, 2020
- September 10, 2020
- November 12, 2020

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# DRAFT Minutes - July 11, 2019

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Jared Chicoine, Chair, Director, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives Glen Normandeau, Executive Director, NH Fish and Game Department Christopher Way, Designee, NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs Tracy Boisvert, Designee, NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Amy Clark, Designee, NH Department of Education Stephen McLocklin, Designee, NH Department of Administrative Services Shawn Jasper, Commissioner, NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food Adam Smith, Designee, Department of Transportation Melissa St. Cyr, Designee, Department of Health and Human Services Tim Drew, Designee, NH Department of Safety David Trubey, Designee, Division of Historic and Cultural Resources – non-voting member

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Michael Klass, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives Noah Hodgetts, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives Betsey McNaughten, Land Agent, NH Fish and Game Department Jeff Donald, Chair, Brentwood Conversation Commission Michael Wimsatt, Waste Management Division Director, NH DES Michael Unger, Water Engineer, NH Department of Environmental Services

# I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was opened at 9:36 AM by Chairman Chicoine. CORD members and guests introduced themselves

### II. MINUTES - APPROVAL OF MAY 9, 2019 DRAFT MINUTES

**MOTION:** On a motion by Commissioner Jasper, seconded by Director Normandeau, the May 9, 2019 minutes were approved unanimously by the Council with Ms. St. Cyr and Mr. Smith abstaining.

### III. SURPLUS LAND REVIEW

A. 2019 SLR 004 (Brentwood) - Request from the NH Fish and Game Department to surplus property known as the Brentwood Game Farm off South Road.

Director Normandeau gave an overview of 2019 SLR 004 including a brief history of the property. Fish and Game acquired the property in Brentwood many years ago. The property was used as a pheasant farm until the late 1960's/early 1970's. After closure of the pheasant farm, UNH used the property to do research on white tail deer. For the last twelve plus years, Fish and Game has used the property solely as housing for conservation officers in training. Fish and Game also has a property in Greenland which is part of the Research Reserve on Great Bay, called Emery Farm now known as Great Bay Farm, which comprises 110 acres, with 3,000 feet of frontage on Great Bay. The property has a farm house, rebuilt in 1916, a barn, and several other buildings. The Great Bay property had a life estate on it when it was given to Fish Game. A year and a half ago the person in charge of the life estate passed away, leaving Fish and Game in charge of the buildings on the property. Fish and Game's intent is to sell the Brentwood property and use the proceeds of the sale as match for federal grants to refurbish and tear down buildings at Emery/Great Bay Farm.

Director Normandeau concluded his remarks stating that the Brentwood property is isolated and has limited use to the agency. He also noted that the plan is for the refurbished buildings at Great Bay Farm to accommodate the future housing needs for training conservation officers.

Commissioner Jasper noted that because there is already a property named the Great Bay Farm in Greenland, it may be a problem to have the same name of a farm for another property. Director Normandeau said that the name is an informal issue. Regarding structures, Ms. McNaughten stated there were several chicken houses from when the property was used as chicken farm prior to being used for pheasants. Director Normandeau said that a hazardous materials assessment was completed on the property 11 years ago, which also resulted in some buildings being taken down. Ms. McNaughten also stated there is over 1,000 feet of road frontage in response to a question from Commissioner Jasper.

Ms. McNaughten noted that DHR commented about the need for the completion of an historic inventory of the structures on the property, and that Fish and Game is in the process of contracting for such an assessment by an architectural historian. Mr. Trubey offered to help Ms. McNaughten go through the process of completing the Historic Inventory Form and that the form is being requested by DHR because the structures are older than 50 years and the property as a whole has historic significance for wildlife management and recreational hunting.

Jeff Donald, Chair of the Brentwood Conservation Commission discussed the details of what entity would be most likely to purchase the property for conservation purposes and the timeline for doing so. Director Normandeau in response to a question from Ms. Boisvert about whether the property would be sold in fee-simple ownership responded in the affirmative and said Fish and Game would prefer to have a deal up front with the Town of Brentwood. Director Normandeau said he planned to take this item to the Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee for approval at their September 4, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Klass noted that the item on the table for discussion concerns the general disposition of the Brentwood property as a means to raise revenue for the renovations to the Great Bay property, with details that can be worked out later.

Ms. Modigliani raised the option of delaying voting on the matter in light of the Great Bay Farm name issue and the need for the Historic Inventory Form to be completed. Chairman Chicoine suggested moving forward given that the Council is only the first step in the surplus land disposal process and not knowing Long Ranges' future meeting schedule.

Mr. Jasper stated that he hoped the land could be preserved for farm use. Ms. Modigliani asked whether DHR will have any concerns about the sale of the property after the Inventory Form is completed and received by DHR. Mr. Trubey stated his understanding of the inventory form is that the architectural historian completing the form will trace property ownership back as far as they can, assess the buildings architectural style and the buildings condition, but that completion of the form is solely about creating a record of the buildings today as relates to their historic significance related to wildlife management and recreational hunting in case the buildings seize to exist in the future. Mr. Trubey also stated that DHR is only concerned with the completeness of the form, not the substance of it and that there are no restrictions which would be placed on the property if the form found the structures to be historically significant.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jasper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Way to recommend Approval of 2019 SLR 004 (Brentwood). The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

**B.** 2019 SLR 005 (Salem) - Request from the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to dispose a portion of a 0.10 acre parcel of land, and to convey an access right-of-way, to the Town of Salem.

Ms. Boisvert gave an overview of 2019 SLR 005. She stated that two parcels located between Route 28 and the Rockingham Recreation Trail on the Windham-Salem town line that total less than half an acre, were transferred to DNCR from DOT. Currently most of the parcels are used for parking for rail trail users, which is under a 25-year lease with the Town of Windham. The Town of Salem and Department of Environmental Services is in need of a space in this vicinity for a structure for DES to locate a pressure reducing valve and metering facility. DNCR identified a grassy portion of the property currently not being used for parking. DOT is currently appraising the property and conducting a survey for the proposed structures. DNCR could potentially also grant an easement to access this structure through the existing parking lot to remove the need for a second curb cut.

Michael Wimsatt, Director of the DES Waste Management Division stated he has been working for two years on the Southern New Hampshire Interconnection Project, which will provide water from Manchester's new supply well to several communities in Southern New Hampshire, to ensure that these communities which currently have water supply and quality problems have access to safe, clean drinking water. The project involves extending mains and upsizing water mains to make sure that once water reaches Plaistow at the end of the line, there is sufficient water pressure and capacity. When determining where pressure reducing valves and disinfecting facilities should be located for this water line, this parcel stood out.

Mr. Way stated that the State Drinking Water-Ground Water Trust Fund has made this a high priority project. Mr. Wimsatt further noted that there are grants and loans being made from the Drinking Water Trust Fund for communities within the project area to build more robust potable water supply distribution systems in each of their communities in addition to hosting the main water line. There is some money budgeted in these grants for the Town of Salem to acquire this property after the appraisal is completed, with the condition that the Town of Salem would be responsible for maintaining the property over time.

Ms. Modigliani asked if the project is going to Danville. Mr. Unger said not as part of Phase 1, but possibility in the future.

**MOTION:** Mr. Way made a motion, seconded by Ms. Modigliani to recommend Approval of 2019 SLR 005 (Salem). The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Chicoine stated that on two recent occasions agencies have submitted an SLR to CORD without having received required Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC)/Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) approval. Chairman Chicoine stated that statute prohibits CORD from acting on an SLR until RMAC or LMAC has commented/made a recommendation. Mr. Chicoine asked Council members to bring this message back to their respective agencies to make sure the RMAC and LMAC process is followed.

A brief discussion ensued concerning the issue.

In response to a question by Mr. Way, Mr. Klass said that CORD conditional approvals have been granted in the past but they are disfavored. Some applications, such as the pending Hampton SLR have been continued to accommodate LMAC/RMAC review timeframe.

Ms. Boisvert asked if agencies going forward need to contact RMAC and LMAC before submitting an SLR application to CORD. Mr. Chicoine said that it depends if the property is within RMAC/LMAC jurisdiction. Mr. Chicoine stated that an August meeting may be scheduled in place of the September meeting to hear the Hampton SLR application.

Ms. Boisvert suggested adding a requirement to the SLR application about contacting LMAC/RMAC similar to the historic resources question on the application. Mr. Chicoine said additional research is needed before such a requirement could be placed on the SLR application.

Mr. Chicoine also suggested possibly having Tracy Sales at DES explain the LMAC/RMAC process to the Council at a future meeting.

**MOTION:** With business completed, Director Normandeau moved to adjourn the meeting, which Commissioner Jasper seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 AM

Reminder - 2019 Meeting Dates January 10 May 9 September 12

March 28 (rescheduled from March 14) July 11 November 14

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### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Michael Klass, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives Noah Hodgetts, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives Mark Doperalski, non-voting member, NH DNCR, Division of Historical Resources Jared Nylund, Real Property Asset Manager, Department of Administrative Services Stephen Walker, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives Paul Godfrey, HNTB Consulting Dijit Taylor, Executive Director, Land & Community Heritage Investment Program Jim O'Brien, Chair, Hopkinton Select Board James Vara, NH Liquor Commission Andrew Davis, Real Estate and Leasing Administrator, NH Liquor Commission Tracie Sales, Rivers and Lakes Program Manager, NH Department of Environmental Services

# I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was opened at 9:32 AM by Chairman Chicoine. Chairman Chicoine began by noting the sad passing of CORD member Bill Ray, designee of the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority.

CORD members and guests then introduced themselves.

# **II. MINUTES -** Approval of July 11, 2019 draft minutes

Michael Klass explained that he received communications from Robert Stephens after the last meeting including a request for a copy of the July 11, 2019 meeting audio, which audio was subsequently provided to Mr. Stephens. Mr. Roberts subsequently provided a written request to insert more details in the draft minutes about what the Brentwood Conservation Commission agent, Mr. Donald, had said with respect to their plans for the Brentwood property.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Director Normandeau, seconded by Mr. Freise, which was approved unanimously by the Council, the Council continued discussion of the July 11, 2019 draft minutes to the next meeting after Mr. Klass has had a chance to review the audio of the meeting.

# III. LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCHIP)

Request authorization to pay summer stewardship interns with funds from the Community Conservation Endowment, as approved by LCHIP Board of Directors.

Dijit Taylor, LCHIP Executive Director stated that this is a new request to pay the summer interns who are doing the monitoring from the LCHIP monitoring endowment. Director Taylor noted that the budget submitted to the LCHIP Board of Directors included money to pay for the summer interns and the money to pay the summer interns will come from the income portion of the endowment.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Mr. Way, seconded by Mr. Freise, the Council approved unanimously the disbursement of to \$11,900 of income from the Community Conservation Endowment to the LCHIP administrative budget to pay for interns carrying out monitoring of interests acquired by LCHIP.

# IV. LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)

Request for CORD approval and authority to execute easement consent concerning certain property located in Danbury, New Hampshire.

Mr. Walker explained that on a routine monitoring visit of a 695-acre property mostly in Wilmot, partly in Danbury, the Conservation Land Stewardship (CLS) program discovered a turnout on the town line that the Town of Danbury uses to turn plows around and has become a dumping spot, which pre-exists the easement. As a result the land owner and CLS have developed a long term solution, which has been reviewed by DOJ and DNCR to execute a road turnout easement agreement for the small area. As part of the easement the Town will erect a barrier around the 40' x 20' area and will patrol it to prevent further dumping down the steep embankment. The conservation easement will exist in perpetuity and be held by the state through DNCR.

**MOTION**: On a motion by Director Normandeau, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Council unanimously approved, and authorized Director Chicoine to execute, the easement consent for certain property located in Danbury, New Hampshire.

# V. SURPLUS LAND REVIEW

A. **2019 SLR 06 (Hampton) -** Request from the Department of Administrative Services to dispose of excess land surrounding future new Interstate 95 Northbound and Southbound NH Liquor and Wine Outlet Stores in Hampton.

Jared Nylund, Real Property Asset Manager at the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), gave an overview of 2019 SLR 006. Mr. Nylund stated that the NH Liquor Commission is seeking to dispose by sale all of the land comprising the NH Liquor Commission holdings surrounding and including the I-95 rest-stop stores in Hampton. As part of the sale, the Liquor Commission would retain ownership of the footprint of the future to be built liquor stores on either side of the highway. There is approximately 64 acres adjacent to the northbound side and 23.7 acres on the southbound side. He also noted that the developable uplands on the northbound side are largely limited to the already developed area, with the rest of the northbound area covered by undevelopable wetlands. However, there are several more acres of developable land surrounding the existing rest stop on the southbound side.

Andy Davis, Real Estate and Leasing Administrator for the Liquor Commission, noted that the goal is to end up with two new liquor stores in Hampton and that House Bill 517 from 2017 authorized the Liquor Commission and DOT to conduct feasibility studies of redeveloping the Hampton rest areas into multi-service rest areas similar to the redeveloped Hookset Welcome Centers. DOT was authorized to acquire the properties if they chose. That section of the bill goes on to note that the intent is for the Liquor Commission to develop full-service rest areas which may include a fueling station, food and beverage services, a convenience store, and a new liquor and wine outlet. Statute authorizes the Liquor Commission to sell any surplus land and Chairman Mollica has declared this residual land as surplus. Finally, proceeds of the sale of real property will be used to retire existing Liquor Commission debt. Mr. Davis further noted that the Hampton liquor stores on 95 have been the #1 and #2 stores for sales for a number of years, but have outlived their useful life. The Liquor Commission has completed 36 liquor and wine outlet redevelopments in the last 10 years and has developed a successful model for creating new state of the art stores.

Paul Godfrey of HNTB, a consultant retained by the Liquor Commission, reiterated that the goal is to sell the usable property outside of the footprint that the Liquor Commission will identify and redevelop this land to provide multiple services to motorists including food and fuel. Mr. Godfrey noted that if the process were to move forward and the properties were deemed surplus, the Liquor Commission would retain a commercial property broker. Then it is anticipated that there would be a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) followed by a Request for Proposals (RFP) similar to the Hookset Welcome Center redevelopment process except for the that fact unlike in Hookset, the excess property outside of the future Liquor store footprint would be sold off. The RFQ would seek interested parties to develop the properties and would contain goals for the sale

as well as a process to seek interested parties. From the RFQ process, the Liquor Commission would then develop a short list of potential developers/operators that are qualified based on prior experience. For those that are short-listed, a RFP process would be put in place with the goal of naming a single developer/operator. Mr. Godfrey noted that the DOT and Federal Highway Administration would only need to be involved if modification of highway access was required.

Mr. Godfrey further noted that the northbound and southbound properties are adjacent to the Taylor River and that full survey plans have been completed for both the northbound and southbound areas that identify areas of wetland and upland. A real estate appraisers report was also prepared which shows the approximate value should the sale go through. HNTB has also secured the services of a historic consultant to conduct a historic resources inventory. Mr. Godfrey noted that there is no guarantee that the RFQ/RFP process will identify a willing developer/operator and that the Hookset redevelopment took three times before it was successful.

Mr. Way questioned whether the applicant had communicated with Bureau of Visitor Services and whether there were any concerns generated from their end. Mr. Nylund responded that they had not spoken with Visitor Services to date, but that DOT raised the possibility of including a welcome center into the redeveloped Hampton sites in conjunction with possibility closing an existing welcome center. Mr. Davis added that the Liquor Commission and DOT had communicated with one another and noted the properties were initially offered to DOT, but that DOT has declined purchase of the properties. Once DOT declined acquisition of the Hampton properties, the Liquor Commission went to a third-party developer-operator model. Mr. Davis further explained that Liquor Commission and DOT have discussed reallocating resources from the Seabrook Welcome Center up to the redeveloped Hampton service areas. Mr. Way hoped that this project would not impede expansion plans in other areas.

Mr. Doperalski asked for an update on DHR's request for a Phase 1A survey report. Mr. Godfrey acknowledged receiving the request and answered that it was in process of having that obtained.

Chairman Chicoine then asked if any agencies had any comments that would like to elaborate on or discuss.

Mr. Freise noted that the site is surrounded by important habitat including wetlands which are particular valuable and asked that any motion includes requirements for the RFQ/RFP criteria to include significant emphasis on environmental protection and education.

Ms. Boisvert added that if the Phase 1A survey identified any areas which required a Phase 1B study, that such study would need to happen prior to any development of the area so that archaeological resources could be identified ahead of time. Mr. Davis stated that the Liquor Commission is in the process of amending its contract to retain an archaeologist to complete the Phase 1A survey. Mr. Davis agreed that if archeological resources are identified, there is a commitment by the Liquor Commission to work with DHR staff to make sure those resources are not impacted.

Mr. Klass referenced the existence of other public comments that were received in connection with this application. The Hampton Conservation Commission expressed an interest in purchasing the property if DOT declines. Sizable letters from LMAC and RMAC were submitted and were in the record. Hampton School District also submitted a letter references potential school site.

Mr. Nylund stated that he reached out to the Hampton Conservation Commission and they are particularly interested in protecting the wetlands, which the Liquor Commission is also interested in doing, and they tentatively offered to be a conservation partner – acquire and hold conservation easements on wetlands if neccessary.

Mr. Nylund also spoke with the school district superintendent and understands that the parcel that the school district is interested in is not actually part of this SLR. Rather, it is to the north of the northbound rest area. Mr. Freise noted that he wasn't sure a school was appropriate next to a liquor store and the highway, but that other sites to the north could be appropriate for a school.

**MOTION:** Mr. Freise made a motion, seconded by Director Normandeau, to recommend Approval of 2019 SLR 006 (Hampton) with the requirement that (1) environmental protection and education be given significant emphasis in the RFQ/RFP evaluation criteria, and (2) that if the Phase 1A archaeological survey identifies any archaeological resources, a Phase 1B investigation must be completed. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council

B. **2019 SLR 007 (Hopkinton) -** Request from the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to exchange 30.3 acres of state-owned land known as Contoocook State Forest for a 97-acre parcel of forest land known as the Hopkinton Town Forest in Hopkinton.

Ms. Boisvert gave an overview of 2019 SLR 007. The Town of Hopkinton requested a land swap with DNCR over a year ago for three separate state-owned tracts bisected by Route 9, which abut three of the four corners of the intersection by Dunkin Donuts (in Henniker). The land was acquired in the 1920's as part of a reforestation initiative by the state and has no encumbrances on it. Total size for the three lots is 30 acres. Some timber harvesting has taken place over the years, but the land is not ideal for state forest management purposes. The property that the Town of Hopkinton is proposing to trade is a 97-acre parcel located in the Hopkinton Town Forest between Mast Yard State Forest and the Contoocook River. From a long-term forest management perspective, the land swap makes a lot of sense from DNCR's perspective.

Jim O'Brien, Chair of the Hopkinton Select Board said for years the Hopkinton Economic Development Committee has been looking for areas to expand its commercial property base and that the Dunkin Donuts on Route 9 (in Henniker) was identified as a suitable location for expanded commercial activity. As a result, at March town meeting a few years the Town created a TIF district to help market this area for commercial development. Ms. Boisvert noted that the appraisals showed that the Contoocook State Forest properties are worth \$68,000, while the Hopkinton Town Forest property is worth \$105,000 so financially it is a good deal for the state. She also noted that the Phase 1A survey which DHR requested identified three potential hot spot areas that will require a Phase 1B study prior to any development occurring. Mr. O'Brien said the Town of Hopkinton is fine with that.

In response to a question from Mr. Way, Mr. O'Brien noted that any potential project would need a to have a traffic study completed while also noting that the intersection is on the Ten Year Transportation Plan and that there has been discussion of traffic calming measures including a traffic light, which could be problematic, or a roundabout.

Mr. Doperalski in response to question from Mr. Way said that the parcel to the west is pretty flat, but that the two parcels adjacent to the river slope down quickly.

Mr. O'Brien noted that there has been talk of several different uses for the area including everything from a senior living facility to a small box retail store which would create differing levels of traffic.

Mr. O'Brien noted that while the TIF district passed overwhelmingly at town meeting, there is some concern about putting commercial development at a gateway to Hopkinton. However, the majority of townspeople believe it makes sense to expand commercial development in an area that already has a Dunkin Donuts.

Mr. Freise suggested that the Town of the Hopkinton talk to the Water-Sewer Infrastructure Trust Fund about funding for drinking water extensions as the project progresses.

**MOTION:** Mr. Way made a motion, seconded by Ms. Modigliani to recommend Approval of 2019 SLR 007 (Hopkinton). The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

# VI. OTHER BUSINESS

**MOTION:** With business completed, Mr. Freise moved to adjourn the meeting, which Director Normandeau seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Reminder – Remaining 2019 Meeting Dates: November 14

# Monitoring & Status Updates of Land Interests Acquired through the NH Land Conservation Investment Program

Fiscal Year 2019 - 7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019



May 2017 - Swanzey Lake Encroachment

Submitted to The Council on Resources and Development by the Conservation Land Stewardship Program NH Office of Strategic Initiatives November 14, 2019







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**Cover Photo:** The Swanzey Lake encroachment issue was first noted in 2016. It was not until late summer of 2019 that the issue was resolved, requiring the assistance of the Department of Justice. A municipally owned property with a NH Fish and Game conservation easement was encroached upon by an abutter. The item of most interest to note is that the scope, scale, and / or frequency of issues is often inversely proportional to the size of a property.

# I. INTRODUCTION

This annual report is required by statute under RSA 162-C:8, IV. It provides background information on the Land Conservation Investment Program,<sup>1</sup> a listing of all lands and interests in lands subject to the monitoring provisions of the statute, summaries of monitoring activities for the protected lands, and a financial accounting of the funds in the Land Conservation Endowment for the most recent fiscal year. By statute, this report is to be presented no later than December 1 of each year to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Governor, the House Clerk, the Senate Clerk, and the State Library.

# II. BACKGROUND

The Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) was established by the Legislature in 1987. The LCIP resulted from a broadly supported land protection bill signed into law at a time of unprecedented development and growth in New Hampshire. Between 1987 and 1993 the Land Conservation Investment Program, in cooperation with the Trust for New Hampshire Lands (a private partner), permanently protected approximately 100,000 acres of land. By the end of the acquisition phase of the program, the state's contribution to this effort was over \$48 million. These public funds, in addition to \$3.2 million in private donations, resulted in acquisition of lands valued at over \$83 million, permanently protecting some of New Hampshire's finest and most pristine lands. This significant land protection effort is considered to be one of the most successful and wide reaching public-private conservation partnerships in the State's history.

On July 1, 1993, authority for the Land Conservation Investment Program was transferred from the LCIP Board of Directors to the Council on Resources and Development (CORD) in accordance with the former RSA 221-A (now RSA 162-C). Under RSA 162-C, CORD is responsible for maintaining and protecting the benefits derived from land interests acquired through the LCIP, and for ensuring that the lands remain in their intended conservation use in perpetuity. CORD is made up of representatives of a dozen state agencies and was established under RSA 162-C to consult upon common issues related to environmental protection, natural resources, and growth management. Among other duties, CORD has the statutory responsibility of managing and administering LCIP lands so as to preserve the natural beauty, landscape, rural character, natural resources, and high quality of life in New Hampshire as well as maintaining and protecting benefits derived from such lands and maintaining public access to such lands, where appropriate. CORD is chaired by the Director of the Office of Strategic Initiatives.

In transferring authority to CORD under RSA 162-C:6, the Legislature reaffirmed the conservation purposes of the LCIP, and the need to respect the State of New Hampshire investments in the conservation of natural resource lands for the perpetual use of the people of New Hampshire. The Legislature also recognized that the LCIP was undertaken in part with significant donations of cash and land value by citizens of the state who intended that the conservation values of these lands be protected in perpetuity. Land and easements acquired through the Program are held in public trust, and any proposed uses or impacts must be consistent with the statute and the purposes for which the land was conserved. In addition, the sale, transfer, conveyance, or release of any such land from the public trust is prohibited, except in very limited circumstances as specifically outlined in the statute.

<sup>1</sup> Although in many ways the Land Conservation Investment Program was a predecessor to the current Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, known as "LCHIP," the former Land Conservation Investment Program should not be confused with this later land and historic property protection program.

CORD also has fiduciary responsibility for oversight and administration of the monitoring endowment. The Land Conservation Endowment (LCE) was established in 1993 to provide a perpetual source of income for monitoring and enforcement of state-held easements acquired through the program, and to provide oversight and assistance to the 78 municipalities that acquired land interests through the program. Income from the endowment ensures that the State is able to meet its legal obligation to protect the conserved values of these properties in perpetuity. The principal of the stewardship endowment at the time it was set up in 1992 was approximately \$1.2 million.

LCIP lands are protected either through fee-ownership (where the state or municipality owns the land) or through a conservation easement (where the land remains in private ownership and the state or municipality holds a legally binding conservation easement deed restricting the activities on and uses of the property). In both fee and easement acquisitions, conservation restrictions placed on the property remain in place in perpetuity. In addition, almost every property protected through the program is open to public pedestrian access for passive, transitory activities such as walking, fishing, and hunting, and most properties allow for uses such as forestry, agricultural and other forms of non-commercial recreation.

Each state-held property, either fee-owned or easement, was assigned by the original LCIP Board of Directors to the NH Fish and Game Department (Fish and Game), the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR, fka - Department of Resources and Economic Development), or the Department of Agriculture, Markets, & Food (Department of Agriculture), based on the predominant resource values and uses of the land.<sup>2</sup> The state fee-owned properties are integrated into those agencies' land management systems, although they still remain subject to the statutory requirements established for the program under RSA 162-C, including being under CORD's jurisdiction.

The Conservation Land Stewardship (CLS) Program, which is housed in the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI), (fka - NH Office of Energy and Planning and Office of State Planning), monitors and stewards the state-held Land Conservation Investment Program conservation easements, in consultation with the original assigned agencies, and oversees the municipal-held interests acquired through the program. <sup>3</sup> Housing the monitoring of all conservation properties under one roof minimizes duplication of effort, gives CORD and the public a single point of contact regarding LCIP issues, enables cost-saving efficiencies, allows the same stewardship standards for all lands, and helps to provide a consistent interpretation of easement language for the landowners and communities. The name of the program was changed to CLS from the Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) in 2004 to reflect the growth and added responsibilities of the program through the addition of agreements with agencies to monitor and steward non-Land Conservation Investment Program conservation easements, and to distinguish it from the current Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP).

RSA 162-C:8, IV requires that an annual report be prepared summarizing monitoring activities and findings for each LCIP property during the most recent fiscal year and a financial accounting of the funds in the monitoring endowment. OSI oversees expenditures of income (as approved by CORD) and execution of endowment responsibilities, with the exception of financial management, which is provided through the NH Department of Treasury currently working with Fidelity Investments.

<sup>2</sup> There are also two preservation restriction easements that were acquired through the program that were assigned to the Division of Historical Resources, the Canterbury Shaker Village Core and the Enfield Shaker Village properties.

<sup>3</sup> A limited number of conservation easements allow subdivisions. The conservation easements remain in full effect in perpetuity. However, the subdivisions increase the ownership base, effectively increasing the number of conservation easements to track.

# **III. PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES / PROPERTY STATUS**

*State-held Conservation Easements* - The goal of the CLS Program is to ensure that the conserved values of state-held easements and locally-held interests are not diminished over time. To accomplish this, CLS staff monitors all LCIP state-held easement properties on average once every 12 to 16 months. *Appendix A* provides a list of the town, easement name, property acreage, the date of the last monitoring visit, and status update notes for each state-held easement.

Easement monitoring involves contacting landowners to discuss activities conducted and plans for the property, documenting any changes to the property's condition (either as a result of natural causes or by land management activities), ensuring that activities are in keeping with the terms of the easements, and at times inspecting active property boundaries to monitor and report encroachments or violations caused by others. Additional property visits or meetings are conducted as necessary to provide resource assistance to landowners, or to resolve issues. Detailed reports are prepared for each property, including photo documentation and GIS/GPS maps as necessary. These reports become part of the permanent record for each property. Monitoring and documentation practices are designed to align with nationally recognized standards of practice for conservation easement monitoring and stewardship.

Early in the CLS Program aerial monitoring was conducted in addition to on-the-ground monitoring of many of the state held easements. Today the Program supplements on-the-ground monitoring with review of the most up-to-date digital aerial imagery available through Google Earth Pro and GRANIT. Aerial imagery is incorporated into monitoring report as appropriate. The program will continue to migrate toward newer technologies as they become available and can increase efficiencies and quality. In 2018 the program acquired sell phones and is currently using Gaia Pro software for GPS / GIS capabilities. The phones and a few simple applications have garnered many program benefits.

*Municipal-held, Fee-owned and Conservation Easements* - In addition to annual monitoring of stateheld easements, the CLS program provides oversight of the municipally held fee-owned and conservation easement properties, which total 23,471 acres of conserved land. These properties are monitored annually by the municipalities themselves (typically conservation commission volunteers) and once every four to six years a Field Visit is conducted by CLS staff, or more frequently if needed. Emphasis is placed on contacting and/or visiting those municipalities where annual reporting is absent for one or more years or other concerns may be identified.

The 78 municipalities involved in the program are contacted annually by CLS staff to request updated contact information and provide completed monitoring reports, to remind them of their responsibility to monitor, and to offer technical assistance if necessary. Additional contact through periodic email notifications is made throughout the year to offer resource support information and reminders. All municipal monitoring reports are reviewed and tracked in the program's database and additional follow up contact is made with communities if reports have not been received. When issues are reported, with no apparent action to resolve them, CLS staff will contact the municipality for further information. *Appendix B* provides a list of the town, property name (Fee or Conservation Easement), property acreage, date of the last monitoring report received by CLS, and status update notes. Municipal properties that were also visited by CLS staff during the last fiscal year are highlighted. CLS works to notify municipalities in advance of a Field Visit and encourage them to meet with CLS staff.

*For both state-held and municipally-held easements*, there is a general trend toward an increasing number of questions and possible challenges of conservation easements as properties change hands from the original grantor to others with potentially different goals for the property. CLS staff meets with new landowners of state-held easements as soon as possible after they become aware an easement property has transferred ownership. This is to introduce them to the program, discuss their easement, and to foster a strong sense of conservation stewardship ethic and responsibility for the long-term protection of their newly acquired property. This early contact is an increasingly essential component of ensuring long-term protection of conservation easements. In 2018 CLS created its own document to orient new landowners to the world of conservation easements, the *Conservation Easement Stewardship: A Guide for Landowners*. For municipal-held easements CLS will typically provide an introductory letter to the new landowner, through the municipality, so they understand the State's relationship to their property and the conservation context. In 2019 CLS drafted a guide to assist municipalities in understanding their role and responsibility for LCIP properties.

Maintaining excellent landowner communications are as important as the on-the-ground monitoring itself. If minor issues are discovered during monitoring, in most cases CLS staff is able to work with the landowner (or municipality) to resolve the situation. Where this is not possible with state-held easements, CLS through the reporting process notifies the assigned agency of any non-compliance concerns. When resolution cannot be achieved for municipal-held properties, CLS staff, or an agency, refers the matter to the Department of Justice - Environmental Protection Bureau, and the Department of Justice - Charitable Trusts Unit. In some cases CORD may also become involved.

*State fee-owned lands* acquired through the LCIP, which total 50,572 acres, are not monitored by CLS but are instead managed directly by the assigned agencies (DNCR or Fish and Game) through their existing land management systems, with assistance from CLS when appropriate. Many of these fee-owned acquisitions resulted in significant additions to previously existing protected state lands, such as the Heath Pond Bog Natural Area and the Jones Brook Wildlife Management Area, or access to public waters. Others resulted in creation of new state forests, state parks, or wildlife management areas. Examples include Nash Stream Forest (39,987 acres), Umbagog State Park (1,089 acres), and the Enfield Wildlife Management Area (1,096 acres). Even though these fee-owned properties are incorporated into the agencies' individual land management systems, they still remain subject to the statutory requirements established for the program under RSA 162-C and oversight by CORD. *Appendices C and D* are updates from Fish and Game and DNCR detailing the current status of each fee-owned property that has been assigned to their respective agencies for management.

### IV. STAFFING AND PROGRAM GROWTH

The first Program Director was hired in 1993. At that time the program consisted solely of the Land Conservation Investment Program properties. In 1998 a part-time staff member was added to focus more specifically on the growing needs of the municipal side of the LCIP. In 2000 the part-time position became full-time as other non-LCIP properties, held by the Division of Forests & Lands, were added to the program. In 2004 the program assumed the monitoring responsibilities of all NH Fish and Game conservation easements. In 2016 the program added its first part-time summer position of 12 weeks. This has been a very cost effective way to add needed capacity for the growing responsibilities and number of properties. New conservation properties that require monitoring are added to the program periodically, and existing LCIP properties are subdivided on occasion which effectively increases the number. Jocelyn Duffy returned for a second season as the summer 2019 intern.

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# V. LAND CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT 4

The Land Conservation Endowment continues to be managed by Fidelity Portfolio Advisory Services under the supervision of the State Treasury Department, using a "growth with income" strategy with a mix of 60% equities, 35% bonds, and 5% money-market funds. This investment strategy was approved by CORD at its September 2, 2010 meeting and the custodial agreement with the Treasury Department. The terms of the custodial account agency agreement were last renewed May 2018. The parties update the terms of this agreement biennially in accordance with RSA 11:5. The update shall be initiated by the State Treasurer. CLS/OSI staff meets or communicates periodically with staff from the Treasury Department to review the endowment's investment performance.

Land Conservation Endowment income is disbursed annually, incorporated into the approved CLS Program budget, and used to support costs associated with monitoring and stewardship of state-held easements and providing oversight and technical assistance to the 78 municipalities that acquired land interests through the LCIP. Generally, 4% - 5% of the endowment's 12-quarter rolling average market value is disbursed in any given year, as recommended by the Treasury Department, to ensure that the fund can continue to produce growth oriented income in perpetuity for its intended purpose as required by the statute. Each spring CLS comes before CORD seeking approval of such recommendation. A summary report for the last fiscal year is provided in *Appendix E*.

#### $\sim$ For fiscal year 2019 the amount disbursed from the endowment for expenses was \$143,588.37. $\sim$

Since 2008, CORD and OSI have entered into Memoranda of Agreements (MOAs) with the Department of Agriculture (pending renewal), NH Fish and Game, and DNCR to allow acceptance of additional contributions into the Land Conservation Endowment for monitoring selected new non-LCIP state-held easements. These easements include an up-front contribution or donation to help cover the costs of long-term monitoring and enforcement. In most cases, these MOAs stipulate that the CLS Program will be responsible for long-term monitoring of these easements. These contributions into the LCE are incorporated into the investment as a whole, and they are tracked individually. Monthly reports from Fidelity detail each account, including the original contribution value, and current value. They are available for review upon request. In addition there were two contributions totaling \$157,000 for two large properties in the north-country that will directly support DNCR for their monitoring work.

OSI staff will meet on November 12, 2019 with the Fidelity Investment advisors who manage the Land Conservation Endowment account. An update from that meeting will be included in the final report.

<sup>4</sup> The "monitoring endowment" referenced in RSA 162-C, and overseen by CORD, is managed as two separate accounts at the Treasury Department. The "Land Conservation Endowment" account is used for the purposes of monitoring state-held conservation easements, and stewardship support of municipal-held properties acquired through the former Land Conservation Investment Program. The second, the "Community Conservation Endowment" account, is used for the purposes of RSA 227-M:12 – for monitoring costs associated with the current Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. Additional information pertaining to the "Community Conservation Endowment will be contained in the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program's annual report.

### **VI. CONCLUSION**

Lands and interest in lands acquired through the Land Conservation Investment Program are held in public trust per RSA 162-C:10 and provide significant public benefit to the people of New Hampshire. Stewardship and monitoring responsibilities are becoming increasingly important as easements age and land ownership transfers to new landowners who may not understand the legal significance of the restrictions, or the unique protected conservation values of the property. The first conservation easements acquired through the program were in 1988. The majority of all state-held easement properties have transferred from the original grantor to a new owner, and some have transferred multiple times. In 2018 CLS created a new publication, Conservation Easement Stewardship: A Guide for Landowners. The main target audience for this publication is new landowners acquiring existing conservations with landowners and provide greater consistency in responses. A similar resource guide, directed at the municipal side of the program, was drafted this summer and is currently under review.

In addition, the trend in conservation easement stewardship is toward increasing numbers of questions and possible challenges. Unlike some modern easements, Land Conservation Investment Program easements often don't directly address certain issues that may not have been contemplated when these easements were written. Some examples include activities such as agritourism or the use of modern alternative energy systems (such as small-scale wind turbines or solar panels) to power farming or other operations. In addition, public perceptions and expectations related to the use of conservation easement lands continue to change over time. This sometimes results in conflicts among public users, or between public users of the property and the private landowner of the conservation easement land. This often requires the involvement of the easement holder (state or municipality), which is charged with interpreting the public access provisions of the easement.

In addition, items such as changing demographics, recreational trends, changing weather patterns, invasive flora and fauna, among other items will likely have a profound influence on the stewardship tasks. Technological advances will also offer both new challenges and opportunities.

All of these issues make long-term stewardship of Land Conservation Investment Program easements and fee-ownership interests, increasingly more challenging and dynamic as time goes by. Ensuring good communication through direct landowner contact, regular monitoring, and timely informal resolution of issues when possible continue to be the most cost-effective and efficient methods for long-term protection of conservation land interests. This approach also helps to ensure that the State is meeting its legal obligations to permanently protect resources acquired through the Land Conservation Investment Program in the spirit of the original acquisition.

# APPENDIX A

# State-Held Conservation Easement Properties

Key	
NIN = No Issues Noted No concerns were identified on the Property	- 21
LO = Landowner	
Blue Italics = CLS tracking an item	-
$\sim$ 95 Monitoring Inspections in FY 19 $\sim$	
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· · ·		14.2	Ossipee Aggregates	NUN
7/10/18	-		Ossibee Aggregates	NIN
· ·	Tamworth	17.5	A.B. Thompson Trust	NIN
	Whitefield	218.7	Bean	NIN - LO given copy of deed and BDR
7/13/18	Hollis	194.44	Brookdale Fruit Farm, Inc	NIN - Highly productive agriculure
7/20/18	Orford	17.25	Wilson	NIN - updated dock, S. neighbor bound. maint
7/20/18	Lyme	49.1	Tullar, Sr. (49.1)	NIN - LO, 1/2 of parcel in hay
7/20/18	Lyme	45.7	Tullar, Sr. (45.7)	NIN -
7/20/18	Lyme	18.3	Tullar (18.3)	NIN - pasture for cow - all grass fed
7/20/18	Orford	72.37	Wilson	NIN
7/20/18	Orford	183.5	Bunten	Outlot not marked with tall posts yet
7/20/18	Orford	13.69	Wilson	NIN
7/23/18	Kingston	184	Bakie (184)	NIN - LO interested in expanding agriculture
7/26/18	Gilmanton	2977.5	Boy Scouts Of America	NIN - met mangers, toured activity areas
7/31/18	Haverhill	68.47	Chamberlin (68.47)	NIN
7/31/18	Benton	315.22	Cadreact	NIN
7/31/18	Haverhill	183	Chamberlin (183)	NIN - met LO
7/31/18	Haverhill	81	Thorburn	NIN - sold 5/13/19, new LO Gladstone
7/31/18	Haverhill	181.45	McDanolds	NIN
8/7/18	Dorchester	2162.26	The Lyme Timber Co.	Logging operation in progress - Addressed management fund issue w/ NHCF and DOJ
8/7/18	Dorchester	664.8	Laffer Woodlands, Inc.	NIN - LO re-siding cabins, plan new bike trail
	Piermont	93.49	Putnam	Recreation area & pit toilet requires review
	Piermont	33.93	Putnam Farm Of Piermont	Satellite dishes on CE, debris in NE corner
	Piermont	91	Batchelder	NIN
	Piermont	104.78	Underhill - North	NIN - may sell property
	Piermont	9.9	Batchelder	NIN
	Piermont	15.9	Putnam Farm Of Piermont	NIN
8/9/18	Alton	251	Fry	Log landing area requires review
8/13/18		695.4	SPNHF	NIN - Met new LO and forester
	Madison	341.01	The Nature Conservancy	NIN - New "accessible trail" under construction
	Shelburne	279	Millbrook Trust	NIN
	Lancaster	102.17	Nadeau	NIN - Paintball area cleaned up - new agr. shed
	Lancaster	237.67	Nadeau (Forbes)	NIN -Video documentation of gravel area - Completed transfer of gravel area to LO w/ DOJ
9/21/18	Frrol	2258.85	James River Timber Corp.	NIN - Met managers - wildlife harvests ongoing
10/15/18		74.55	Underhill	NIN - subdivided 10/15/2018 - New LO Knox
10/15/18		30.14	Underhill	NIN - subdivided 5/17/2019 - New LO Knox
10/19/18		1246.7	Amey	NIN - CORD review - sudivision request denied
10/19/18	-	61.06	Amey	NIN
	Stewartstown	313.1	TNC - Hurlbert Swamp	NIN
	Stratham	313.1	Wiggin	NIN
1/25/19		117.85	Dalphond Brothers, Inc.	NIN - for sale - NHF&G signed P&S
	Loudon	81	Bergeron	NIN
	Pittsfield	19.09	Osborne	NIN - no LO contact

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	Loudon/	718.91	Osborne	NIN
2/11/19		18.6	NH Farm Museum, Inc.	NIN - Met Trustee - Hired new Ex. Dir.
	Kingston	184	Bakie (184)	NIN - Met LO, add. greenhouses farming planned
	Canterbury	451.8	McCullough	NIN
	Canterbury	95.6	Meeh	NIN - EAB rampant, cutting ash
2/19/19	Claremont	18	Shugah Vale, Inc.	NIN - culvert repaired
2/19/19	Claremont	214.6	Shugah Vale, Inc.	NIN
2/26/19	Dover	19	City of Dover	NIN - Town contacted abutter re: encroachment
2/27/19	Concord	8.4	Rust, III	NIN - snowmobile use
4/8/19	Swanzey	13	West Swanzey Muster Team	Vehicles driving around gate - new shoreline hiking trail
4/8/19	Swanzey	1.6	Bennett	No encroachment remediation / E side still encroachment, working with DOJ
4/8/19	Winchester	234.73	Kelly, Jr.	Met Bill III / milking 40, dairy is tough / E bound E side flagged for satellite dish encroachment
4/16/19	Gilford	308.33	Mooney	NIN - excellent signage re: parking problem
4/17/19	Gilmanton/	2977.5	Boy Scouts Of America	NIN - met mngrs., 2 project proposals / possible harvest
4/18/19	Newmarket	35.41	Smas	NIN - culvert bridge replacement, non-LCIP part
4/23/19	Canterbury	13	Shaker Village, Inc.	DNCR/DHR - Met mngr., mapped leases, 2nd trip - Annual meeting 3/21
4/23/19	Canterbury	657	Shaker Village, Inc.	Met mngr., mapped leases, 2nd trip - Annual meeting 3/21
4/23/19	Canterbury	24	Shaker Village, Inc.	Met mngr. on 3/27 & 4/23, mapped leases, significant EAB.
5/1/19	Stoddard	126.85	SPNHF	NIN
5/17/19	Piermont	91	Batchelder	NIN
5/17/19	Piermont	93.49	Putnam	Recreation area flooded, plan to meet w/ DAMF
5/17/19	Piermont	74.55	Underhill	NIN - subdivided 10/15/18, new LO Knox
5/17/19	Piermont	9.9	Batchelder	NIN - met LO daughter
5/17/19	Piermont	30.14	Underhill	NIN - subvided 5/8/19, new LO Knox
5/17/19	Piermont	15.9	Putnam Farm Of Piermont	NIN - no LO contact
5/17/19	Piermont	33.93	Putnam Farm Of Piermont	Encroachment, plan to meet w/ DAMF
5/17/19	Piermont	104.78	Underhill	NIN - remaining subdivision parcel, may sell
5/21/19	New Boston	6.64	<b>Continuity Family Trust</b>	NIN
5/21/19	New Boston	9.76	<b>Continuity Family Trust</b>	NIN - met LO, camping debris gone
5/22/19	Hopkinton/	177.5	Kimball	NIN - maple syrup production going well
5/22/19	Hopkinton	61.8	Kimball	NIN
	Goshen/	25.2	O'Connell Mgt. Co.(25.2)	NIN
	Goshen/	2341.8	O'Connell Mgt. Co.(2341.8.)	NIN
	Goshen/	207.7	O'Connell Mgt. Co.(207.7)	NIN - spoke w/ new property manager
5/28/19		25.1	O'Connell Mgt. Co.(25.1)	NIN
	Cornish/	173.05	Yatsevitch	NIN
· · · ·	Cornish/	800.14	Yatsevitch	NIN - sugaring expanded; removing old barn

6/4/19	Westmoreland	216.92	Windyhurst Farm Partnrshp	Signs advertising cruise night - to review winter 2019 w/ DAMF and DOJ
6/4/19	Westmoreland	41.38	Wingersky et al.	NIN - Agriculture crop
6/13/19	Hanover	42.8	Doyle	NIN - Met LO, walked property together
6/13/19	Hanover	396.3	Doyle	NIN - Met LO, new bridge in place, walked trails
6/18/19	Hollis	194.44	Brookdale Fruit Farm, Inc	NIN
6/19/19	Acworth	113.4	Bascom Sugar House, Inc.	NIN
6/19/19	Acworth/	238	Bascom	NIN - Reviewed request for septic replacement
6/19/19	Acworth/	398.9	Bascom	NIN - earthen dam growing in/stabilizing
6/20/19	Durham	2.21	Cheney-England Ltd. Prtsp	NIN - new M/L bounds, GPS all 5 properties
6/20/19	Durham	0.05	Cheney	NIN - new M/L bounds, met new LO
6/20/19	Durham	0.28	Cheney-England Ltd. Prtsp	NIN - new M/L bounds, LO deceased
6/20/19	Durham	3.37	Cheney England Ltd. Prtsp	NIN - new M/L bounds
6/20/19	Durham	3.38	Cheney-England Ltd. Prtsp	NIN - new M/L bounds, LO keeps invasives out
6/21/19	Rindge	158.1	Cambridge Boy Scout Camp,	NIN - cleanup around trash / recycling area
6/26/19	Whitefield	218.7	Bean	NIN - asked about commercial solar installation
6/28/19	Enfield	17.83	Hilco Property Serv. Inc.	NIN - DHR annual report received

# APPENDIX B

# Land Conservation Investment Program Municipal-Held Conservation Easement and Fee-owned Properties

# <u>Key</u>

NIN = No Issues Noted No concerns were identified on the Property

LO = Landowner

Blue Italics = CLS tracking an item

**Bold = Field Visit conducted** 

 $\sim$  60 Field Visits in 24 Municipalities in FY 19  $\sim$ 

Date	Town	Acres	Grantor Last Name	Status
11/13/18	Acworth	814.5	Roy	"Landowner has retained an Attorney to help deal with coninued damage to property". 45 ac to be cut. "No trespassing" signs have been taken down.
11/19/18	Acworth	35	Clark `	NIN
11/19/18	Acworth	179.06	Clark	NIN
11/19/18	Acworth	102.68	Moody	NIN
11/19/18	Acworth	163	Roy	NIN
9/25/18	Alstead	273.7	Gardner	High water in a stream that drains Wellman Pond.
12/15/18	Alton	18.03	Eley	NIN
12/15/18		22.44	Seavey	NIN
12/27/18		8.5	Seavey	NIN
12/27/18		208	Seavey	NIN
12/27/18		18.03	Eley	NIN
12/27/18		159.2	Eley	NIN
12/27/18		14.1	Hoopes	NIN
5/29/19		85.92	Barbarossa	Some erosion along bnd of gravel pit/ CE, blasting debris on property, met with CC.
5/31/19	Alton	159.2	Eley	NIN, met w/ CC
5/31/19		8.5	Seavey	NIN, met w/ CC
5/31/19		208	Seavey	NIN, met w/ CC
5/31/19		22.44	Seavey	NIN, met w/ CC
5/31/19		14.1	Hoopes	NIN, met w/ CC
5/31/19		18.03	Eley	NIN, met w/ CC
9/13/18		88.9	Arnold	NIN, met w/ CC
9/13/18		41.69	Scott	Minor river bank erosion noted, met w/ CC
9/13/18		30.1	Arnold	NIN, met w/ CC
9/7/18	Andover	696.62	Newman	Some ATV use noted, but not worse than last year
7/23/18	Atkinson	59.19	SPNHF	NIN, met w/ CC
	Barnstead	179	Harrison	NIN
	Barnstead	6.32	Stevens	NIN
	Barnstead	5	Guenther	NIN
	Barnstead	116	Goodrich	NIN
10/17/18	Barrington	47.57	Schulz	NIN
10/26/18	Barrington	149.5	Boodey	NIN
12/10/18	*	43.44	Burton	NIN
10/18/18		7	MacEwen	NIN
	Boscawen	32.8	Emery	NIN
11/12/18	Boscawen	140.7	Sahlin	NIN
10/28/18		231.9	МсКее	NIN
	Canterbury	12.42	Booth	NIN, met w/ CC
	Canterbury	3	Booth	NIN, met w/ CC

9/20/18	Canterbury	3	Booth	Noted some river bank erosion, met w/ CC
9/20/18	Canterbury	1.5	Booth	NIN, met w/ CC
9/20/18	Canterbury	68.7	Booth	NIN, met w/ CC
9/20/18	Canterbury	1.75	Booth	NIN, met w/ CC
11/15/18	Canterbury	3	Booth	LO interested in clearing branches and trees.
11/15/18	Canterbury	1.5	Booth	LO interested in clearing branches and trees.
11/15/18	Canterbury	12.42	Booth	LO spent \$ removing autumn olive and bittersweet.
	Canterbury	3	Booth	NIN
12/29/18		66.2	Livingstone	NIN
10/28/18	Charlestown	291.3	Francis	NIN
10/28/18	Charlestown	41.6	Sussman	Noted some small amounts of Japanese Berberry
10/28/18	Charlestown	291.3	Francis	NIN
10/28/18	Charlestown	5.1	Francis	NIN
10/25/18	Chichester	7.9	Cray	NIN, met w/ CC
10/25/18	Chichester	8.16	Sanborn	NIN, met w/ CC
10/25/18	Chichester	21.9	Sanborn	NIN, met w/ CC
10/25/18	Chichester	144.9	Drinon	NIN, met w/ CC
10/25/18		72.7	Blackman	Noted "No hunting without permission" signs up.(The CE Deed allows for hunting by the general public)
10/25/18	Chichester	17.8	Blackman	See above
10/25/18		25.7	Blackman	See above
7/16/18		25.2	Merullo, Jr.	NIN
//10/10	concord	23.2	Wier and, str	
7/11/18	Cornish	16.6	Barker	NIN
7/11/18	Cornish	39.4	Barker	NIN
11/14/18		92	Colby	NIN
	Deering	12.65	Lindquist	NIN
9/6/18		126.9	Martin	"No trespassing" sign posted. (The CE Deed allows for
				<i>hunting by the general public)</i> No progress on swale issue, LO has contacted neighbor
12/14/18	Dover	105.41	Gabriel	about dog fence.
10/26/18	Dublin	15.75	Dupree	NIN
10/26/18	Dublin	12	Rajaniemi	NIN
10/26/18	Dublin	12.2	Hayes	NIN
10/26/18	Dublin	45.6	Weis	NIN
10/26/18	Dublin	25	Begley	NIN
10/26/18	Dublin	3.5	Begley	NIN
10/26/18	Dublin	95.75	Wenigmann	Dam is in poor shape; "low hazard".
				Illegal OHRV activity continues along snowmobile trail,
10/20/18	Epsom	107.1	Smith	gate remains open.
11/26/18	Exeter	5	Stockbridge	NIN
11/26/18		8.7	Jensen	NIN
11/26/18		141.5	Deene	NIN
				NIN
10/26/18 10/26/18 10/20/18 11/26/18 11/26/18	Dublin Dublin Epsom Exeter Exeter Exeter	3.5 95.75 107.1 5 8.7	Begley Wenigmann Smith Stockbridge Jensen	NIN Dam is in poor shape; "low hazard". Illegal OHRV activity continues along snowmobile tro gate remains open. NIN NIN NIN

11/26/18	Exeter	61.5	Chamberlin	NIN
11/26/18		28.8	Jensen	NIN
11/29/18		16.65	Irvine Heirs	NIN
11/29/18	Exeter	55.35	Country Club	NIN
11/24/18	Francestown	25	Schultz	NIN
11/24/18	Francestown	155.2	Merrill	NIN
11/24/18	Francestown	388	SPNHF	NIN
10/19/18		16.46	Carson	NIN
9/28/18	Grantham	19	Flewelling (19)	Met w/ town and LOs about public access as required by the CE
9/28/18	Grantham	825.9	Flewelling	See above
8/30/18	Greenland	30.55	Weeks	Excess lumber from trail work still present, met w/CC
4/16/19	Hancock	260	Merrill	Noted several fire pits near southern side of pond.
4/16/19	Hancock	81.83	Brown	NIN
	Hanover	19.4	Hanover Imp. Soc.	NIN
	Hanover	7	Wilson Fullington	NIN
	Hanover	16.74	Dartmouth Coll.	Many projects under way
10/23/18		16.74	Dartmouth Coll.	Asked office for update of experiments taking place.
10/23/18	Hanover	7	Wilson Fullington	Working on updating public trail.
10/30/18		19.4	Hanover Imp. Soc.	Trillium monitoring station installed.
	Holderness	105.1	Pilote	NIN
10/4/18	Holderness	2.77	Morrell	Some erosion along river
10/4/18	Holderness	37.22	Crawford	NIN
10/18/18	Hollis	51.6	Rideout	Some motor bike use, invasives, met w/CC
12/3/18	Hopkinton	95.52	Comm. Dev. Grp	NIN
12/3/18	Hopkinton	92.54	Johnson	NIN
12/2/18	Hudson	189	Hamblett	Hamblett and Nash done as one report from the town, encroachment of installed gate and no trespassing signs
12/2/18	Hudson	203.5	Nash	See above
3/3/19	Jefferson	39.97	Hartley	NIN
12/26/18	Keene	25.1	Roberts	Expressed need for gate to prevent vehiclar traffic.
12/26/18	Keene	17	Shaw, III	NIN
12/26/18		9.8	Bauer	NIN
4/22/19		9.8	Bauer	NIN
11/15/18		82.8	Mayhew	<i>Issues with hunters driving trucks too far onto LO property from the class 6 road. LO plans to put up more "No Wheeled Vehicles" signs</i>
11/15/18	Kingston	5.47	Bake	NIN
11/16/18	-	10.79	Russman	Trash noted near Route 125, high water levels.
11/18/18	-	12.86	Bakie (12.86)	NIN
11/21/18	Kingston	67.99	Manuel	Met w/ CC, noted brush dumping sites & encroachments

9/9/18 Lebanon	16	Cole Rev. Trust	NIN
9/3/18 Lee	75.78	Claridge	NIN
5/22/19 Lee	48.74	Keniston	NIN
7/11/18 Lee/Durham	60.14	Foster Properties	NIN
6/26/19 Lee/Durham	60.14	Foster Properties	NIN
12/4/18 Londonderry	87.6	Plummer	NIN
11/12/18 Loudon	129.3	Yeaton	NIN
11/12/18 Loudon	34	Bachelder (34 E)	NIN
12/6/18 Loudon	152	Bachelder (152 F)	NIN
12/6/18 Loudon	332.4	Sanborn Fam Trst	NIN
	272.6		NIN
12/27/18 Loudon		Merrill, R.	
12/28/18 Loudon	98	Green	NIN
12/28/18 Loudon	35	Bachelder (35 E)	NIN
12/31/18 Loudon	189.4	Merrill, J.	NIN
10/3/18 Lyme	12.6	Hewitt (orig 17.7)	NIN
10/3/18 Lyme	5.1	Hewitt (orig 17.7)	NIN
10/9/18 Lyme	30.4	McIntyre (30.4)	NIN
10/17/18 Lyme	55.8	Record (55.8)	NIN
11/6/18 Lyme	25.1	Schmitt	NIN
11/8/18 Lyme	65	Smith (65)	NIN
11/8/18 Lyme	47	Smith (47)	NIN
11/9/18 Lyme	11.91	Beal (11.9)	NIN
11/9/18 Lyme	62	Beal (62)	NIN
11/9/18 Lyme	14.8	Record (14.8)	NIN
11/9/18 Lyme	8.1	McIntyre (8.1)	NIN
11/16/18 Lyme	32.2	Cooke	NIN
11/16/18 Lyme	154.4	Menge	NIN
12/8/18 Lyme	26.5	Stockmayer	NIN
12/8/18 Lyme	17.37	Hewitt (orig 33.3)	NIN
12/8/18 Lyme	16.4	Hewitt (orig 33.3)	NIN
12/8/18 Lyme	73	Crary	Some trail erosion.
9/6/18 Manchester	1.08	Connare	Met w/ city, NIN
9/13/18 Marlborough	6	Harding	NIN, met w/ CC
9/13/18 Marlborough	5.5	SPNHF	NIN, met w/ CC
12/8/18 Mason	71.8	Stewart, Jr.	NIN
12/8/18 Mason	12.5	Doonan	NIN
12/16/18 Mason	163.3	HE Fletcher Co	NIN
10/3/18 Meredith	22	Bushnell	NIN
10/10/18 Meredith	88.4	Moulton	NIN
11/10/18 Merrimack	87.72	Naticook Camps	NIN
12/24/18 Milford	9.65	Rotch	NIN
12/24/18 Milford	45.12	Burns, Jr.	NIN
9/27/18 New Boston	20.9	Townes	NIN
5/2//10 NEW D03(011	20.3	TOWINGS	

10/18/18	New Boston	21.08	Townes	Abutters in lots 10-35 and 10-54 have minor encroachments; some brush dumped & a dumpster near bound.
10/30/18	New London	16.2	Cleveland/Kidder	Noted high water, beaver deceiver not working.
11/26/18	New London	20.6	Sargent	NIN
11/14/18	Newport	76	Barton	NIN
12/9/18	Newport	94	Johnson	NIN
12/9/18	Newport	47.65	Wells	NIN
3/27/19	Pembroke	26.62	Anderson	New house near southern corner, some mulch over bnd.
11/1/18	Plainfield	515	Goslovich	NIN
	Plainfield	114	Walker	NIN
	Plainfield	102	Walker	NIN
11/1/18	Plainfield	304	Goodwin	Noted various equipment in house area on CE
11/1/18	Plainfield	113.64	Benson	NIN
11/15/18	Plymouth	87	Walter	NIN, met w/ CC
11/15/18	Plymouth	76	Newton	NIN, met w/ CC
11/15/18	Plymouth	104.6	Fauver	NIN, met w/ CC
12/9/18	Plymouth	1099.8	Green Acres	NIN
4/22/19	Portsmouth	17.7	Hett	NIN
4/22/19	Portsmouth	37.7	Hett	NIN
12/5/18	Rye	58.7	1st Essex Sav Bank	Noted the deer stand has been on property for several years
10/16/18	Sanbornton	86.33	Meader	NIN
9/21/18	Sandwich	13	Emerson -R12-78C	NIN
10/10/18	Sandwich	21.8	Emerson - Peni.	NIN
10/10/18	Sandwich	1.85	Emerson - Store	NIN
10/15/18	Sandwich	11.3	Emerson	NIN
10/26/18	Sandwich	21.25	Emerson-Barn Lot	NIN
11/8/18	Sandwich	430	Mutter, et al.	NIN
11/11/18	Sandwich	273.52	Cook	NIN
11/11/18	Sandwich	9.67	Cook	NIN
11/17/18	Sandwich	12	Coolidge	NIN
11/17/18	Sandwich	62.5	Coolidge	NIN
11/24/18	Sandwich	15	Emerson - Dam	NIN
11/30/18	Sandwich	455	Emerson R10-1	NIN
12/1/18	Sandwich	12	Emerson - R9-4	NIN
12/1/18	Sandwich	198	Henry	Signs posted by LO asking public to remove boats
12/1/18	Sandwich	264.2	Bates	NIN
12/16/18	Sandwich	10.8	Emerson - Ayotte	NIN
3/6/19	Swanzey	122	Stabler	NIN
3/6/19	Swanzey	142.8	Carpenter	NIN
9/27/18	Tamworth	297.01	Perkins	NIN
9/27/18	Tamworth	64.43	Aspinall	NIN
9/27/18	Tamworth	742	Cave	12+ boats stored near pond

11/4/18	Temple	140	Stone	Several piles of metal, wood debris, & other items. (Has since been cleaned up by LO)
2/27/19	Tuftonboro	54.1	Bentley	Neighbors using snowmobiles on property.
2/27/19	Tuftonboro	33	Parkhurst	NIN
11/30/18	Walpole	16.6	Galloway	NIN
11/30/18	Walpole	29.4	Galloway	NIN
4/2/19	Weare	106.6	<b>Kingsbury Timber</b>	NIN
4/2/19	Weare	96.1	Alex	NIN
12/20/18	Webster	19.08	Janeway	NIN
12/30/18	Webster	268.24	Rockefeller	NIN
12/30/18	Webster	8.39	Janeway	NIN
12/30/18	Webster	51.1	Gaskell	NIN
12/30/18	Webster	15.5	Riggs	NIN
12/31/18	Webster	58.9	Mock Irr. Trust	NIN
12/31/18	Webster	13	Phelps	NIN
9/6/18	Windham	54.15	Morgan	Noted some piles of pine needles near boundary, (unclear if on or off property) noted graffiti, previous fire.

# State Fee-Owned

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### Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) State Fee-Owned Properties Assigned to NH Fish and Game FY 2019 – Agency Update (as reported by F&G)

#### BROOKFIELD: Jones Brook Wildlife Management Area (additions to north, 3 parcels)

(Parcel #1: Acreage – 241 acres; Acquisition Date – 10/30/1992; Grantor – Gaver) (Parcel #2: Acreage – 176 acres; Acquisition Date – 5/22/1990; Grantor – Sarabia) (Parcel #3: Acreage – 57 acres; Acquisition Date – 8/31/1992; Grantor – Mountain Lake Corp.) Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): –

A timber harvest has begun on 180 acres of the Ellis Hatch WMA. The harvest will include generation of young forest habitat via clearcuts, thinning in hemlock stands to enhance deer wintering habitat and in mixed hardwood stands to improve mast production of retained oaks, and groups to regenerate oak and improve mast production. The Department will receive over \$35,000 in revenue from this harvest that is dominated by lower grade wood products. DNCR forester Tom Natale is administering this sale which will be completed next winter.

#### CAMPTON/THORNTON: Pemigewasset Wildlife Management Area

(Acreage – 81.8 acres; Acquisition Date – 12/29/1988; Grantor – Cersosimo Lumber Co.) **Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** This property is located between Interstate 93 and the Pemigewasset River. There is over a mile of river frontage plus an approximately 21-acre island. In 2000 a Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program grant from NRCS provided the funding to reclaim old fields and create some wildlife openings on the property. The fields and openings continue to be maintained via periodic brush hogging to ensure a diversity of habitats on site. The existing fields have been mowed. This is the second year that NHFG staff has continued to work with new owners of the golf course to relocate the access right-of-way as specifically permitted in the deed. Most visitors to the property arrive via the River.

#### CONCORD: Rust Parcel (aka Sewalls Falls Wildlife Management Area, addition to west)

(Acreage – 28.8 acres; Acquisition Date – 4/10/1991; Grantor – Rust) Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): This parcel has over 1300 feet of frontage on the Merrimack River just upstream from the Sewall's Falls Bridge. No management activity has taken place on this property in the past year.

#### DOVER: River Run Parcels (aka Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area, 2 parcels)

(Parcel #1: 272.49 acres; Acquisition Date – 11/30/1990; Grantor – Tamposi, Gottesman, Dube, Stellos, & Cabral)

(Parcel #2: 127.7 acres; Acquisition Date – 3/31/1992; Grantor – Tamposi, Gottesman, Dube, Stellos, & Cabral)

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** Planning is underway to revisit areas with a brontosaurus mower this winter that were originally mowed or harvested in 2009-10. Back then approximately 16 acres were clearcut, while additional areas were hand cut or mowed to stimulate stump sprouting and root suckering, particularly of aspen such as the area pictured to the right (Photo by J. Oehler). The vegetation responded accordingly and provided thick wildlife cover for several years. It's now time to revisit those areas to maintain that good cover before the trees get too

large for the brontosaurus to handle efficiently. Denyce will be coordinating this work in collaboration with the Nongame Program as the Bellamy WMA is in a New England cottontail restoration focus area. In addition to cottontails, this work will benefit American woodcock, ruffed grouse, and songbirds such as yellow warbler and blue-winged warbler among others.

#### DURHAM: Wilcox Point Parcels (aka Wilcox Point Wildlife Management Area, 2 parcels)

(Parcel #1: 21.17 acres; Acquisition Date – 8/15/1991; Grantor – Cheney-England Ltd. Partnership) (Parcel #2: 6.33 acres; Acquisition Date – 8/15/1991; Grantor – Cheney East Corp.) **Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** No management activity has taken place on this property in the past year.

#### ENFIELD: Lower Shaker Village (aka Enfield Wildlife Management Area)

(Acreage – 1,095.75 acres; Acquisition Date – 3/31/1993; Grantor – Hilco Property Services, Inc.) **Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** Grasslands provide important habitat for birds like bobolinks and savannah sparrow, wild turkeys, and other wildlife. Unfortunately some of the best grassland habitat on Fish and Game Wildlife Management Areas is being taken over by yellow rattle, a parasitic annual plant that attacks the roots of grasses. Habitat Biologist Denyce Gagne is working with a local farmer to control yellow rattle in fields at the Lower Shaker WMA in Enfield. Following recommendations by UNH Cooperative Extension, these fields were mowed in early June preventing the yellow rattle from producing seed. The 1st mowing appears to have been successful, but one or two more may be needed in successive years to knock it back sufficiently. Typically, we require mowing occur after the nesting season but if the rattle is not controlled it may render the fields useless to grassland birds altogether, and so we are making this concession for a few years so that doesn't happen. Thankfully, Denyce found some evidence of nests making it through this year's mowing. Denyce is also coordinating round 2 of invasive exotic plant control, which will take place this summer. Areas originally treated in 2017 will have a follow up application to hit any plants that were missed or that have since germinated.

Tom is in the middle of planning a timber harvest slated to start this winter that will include four clearcuts to create young forest habitat with an average size of 13 acres each, plus clearing a 100 foot buffer around existing fields to create a feathered edge, which will be maintained with a brontosaurus in the future.

Lastly, Denyce is coordinating the replacement of a footbridge over the historic Shaker aqueduct with a long-term, temporary skidder bridge. A stronger, safer bridge is needed to access the upper "potato field" and other wildlife openings for maintenance mowing and other habitat work. The existing bridge will be removed and the new bridge placed beyond the top of bank to avoid disturbance to the aqueduct. The possibility of a more permanent structure will be reviewed in the future if needed for a timber harvest.

**FRANKLIN: Webster Lake Parcel** (Acreage – 151.41 acres; Acquisition Date 7/28/1992; Grantor – Resolution Trust Corp.)

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** No management activity has taken place on this property in the past year.

# HAVERHILL: Rowley Parcel (aka Wood Pond Access)

(Acreage – 2.1 acres; Acquisition Date – 5-6-1993; Grantor – Rowley) Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): No management activity has taken place on this property in the past year.

### HOOKSETT: Public Service Co. of NH Parcel (Goonan Road WMA)

(Acreage – 6.7 acres; Acquisition Date – 12/20/1989; Grantor – Public Service Co. of NH) **Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** This parcel was purchased for the development of Merrimack River boat access site. Subsequent to the purchase, NH F&G cooperated with the Town of Hooksett to develop an access site at a much more developable site a short distance up-river. The tall pines along the shoreline are known winter eagle roosting sites. No management activity has occurred on the property in the past year.

### KINGSTON: Tucker Parcel (aka Powwow Pond Access)

(Acreage – 0.4 acres; Acquisition Date – 4/9/1993; Grantor – Tucker Estate) **Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** No new management activity has taken place on this property in the past year.

### LITCHFIELD: Leach Parcel (aka Merrimack River Boat Access)

(Acreage -6.9 acres; Acquisition Date -6/21/1990; Grantor - Leach) **Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** This parcel was purchased for the development of a boat access facility. However, no facility was developed due to the physical constraints of the site. This parcel is being actively managed to create and maintain New England cottontail habitat.

#### **NEWBURY: Wild Goose Parcel (lakefront)**

(Acreage – 3.3 acres\*; Acquisition Date – 11/19/1990; Grantor – Bank Five for Savings) (\*Note: an additional 130.34 acre parcel that was part of this land protection project is assigned to DRED)

Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):

No new management activity has taken place on this property in the past year.

### NORTHWOOD: Forest Peters Wildlife Management Area

(Acreage – 456 acres; Acquisition Date – 9/10/1991; Grantor – Peters) Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): No management activity has taken place on this property in the past year.

#### **OSSIPEE: Fleet Bank Pine River Parcel**

(Acreage – 106 acres\*; Acquisition Date – 4/30/1989; Grantor – Fleet Bank of NH) (\*Note – the portion of the property that contains a boat basin was re-assigned from DRED to F&G on April 1, 2010)

#### Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):

No new management activity has taken place on this property in the past year.

# **STRATHAM/GREENLAND:** Conway Parcels (aka Sandy Point, 2 parcels) (Parcel #1: Acreage – 39.0 acres; Acquisition Date – 11/21/1989, Grantor – Conway)

(Parcel #2: Acreage – 2.79 acres; Acquisition Date – 11/21/1989, Grantor – Conway)

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** This is the location of the Great Bay Discovery Center and the Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center. There are several outdoor exhibits and a carry down boat access site at this location. The Discovery Center has a new hands-on exhibit that allows elementary and middle school visitors to experience what it would be like to be a salt marsh biologist. In addition, there were upgrades to the natural outdoor play-area.

### TAMWORTH: A.B. Thompson Trust Parcels (aka Hackett Hill Wildlife Management Area)

(Acreage – 223 acres; Acquisition Date – 1/14/1991; Grantor – A.B. Thompson Trust) **Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** No management activity has taken place on this property in the past year.

### **THORNTON: Ballou Parcel**

(Acreage – 23.6 acres; Acquisition Date – 6/30/1992; Grantor – Ballou)

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** This parcel is located between Route 3 the Pemigewasset River. There is approximately 3100 feet of frontage on the River. A little more that one half of the property is an island separated from the shore by a small channel of the River. NHF&G entered into a memorandum of agreement with NHDOT to allow the public to access to this property through abutting NHDOT property. The carry down boat launch at this location is on NHDOT property.

No management activity has taken place on this property in the past year.

### WALPOLE: Hubbard Farms Wildlife Management Area (NO CHANGES TO THE BOAT ACCESS FACILITY WERE MADE DURING 2014-15)

(Acreage – 31 acres; Acquisition Date 5/10/1989; Grantor – Hubbard Farms, Inc.) Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): This parcel has over 2700 feet of frontage on the Connecticut River. About a third of the parcel is agricultural fields on which a wildlife habitat management agreement is in place with a local farmer. Corn is planted in these fields annually with some portion of the crop left in the fields for wildlife use.

No management activity has taken place on this property in the past year.

### APPENDIX D

### State Fee-Owned

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### DNCR - Div. of Forest and Lands

#### Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) State Fee-Owned Properties Assigned to DNCR <u>FY 2019 – Agency Update</u>

#### **BELMONT:** Gwenndolyn Ann Brennick Lochmere Archeaological Site

(Acreage -13.42 acres; Acquisition Date – 3/15/1990; Grantor - Yankee Pacific Corp.) Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): No management activity has occurred in the recent past.

# <u>CAMPTON/HOLDERNESS:</u> Livermore Falls Parcels (aka Livermore Falls State Forest, additions to west – 2 separate parcels)

(Parcel #1: Acreage – 2.54 acres; Acquisition Date – 8/14/1992; Grantor – Durgin)

(Parcel #2: Acreage – 41.8 acres; Acquisition Date – 8/14/1992; Grantor - Livermore Falls Corp.)
 Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): This property is now being managed as a State Park to better control and manage access and public use. Division of Historical Resources conducted their SCRAP program at the property again this past summer.

#### CHESTERFIELD: Friends of Pisgah Parcel (aka Pisgah State Park addition to east)

Acreage – 163.2 acres; Acquisition Date – 12/30/1988; Grantor – Friends of Pisgah, Inc.)
 Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): No management activity has occurred in the recent past.

#### CLAREMONT: Fletcher Parcel (aka part of Sugar River Recreational Trail)

(Acreage – 2.68 acres; Acquisition Date - 2/12/1993; Grantor – Fletcher

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** This area serves as a trailhead and parking lot for recreational users. No management activity has occurred in the recent past. Not aware of any recent changes.

# **EFFINGHAM/OSSIPEE:** Merrow Parcels (aka Heath Bog Natural Area, additions to east – 4 separate parcels

(Parcel #1: Acreage – 176.32 acres; Acquisition Date – 3/31/1992; Grantor - Merrow)

(Parcel #2: Acreage – 131.61 acres; Acquisition Date – 8/31/1992; Grantor - Merrow)

(Parcel #3: Acreage – 266.49 acres; Acquisition Date – 8/31/1992; Grantor - Merrow, et.al.)

(Parcel #4: Acreage – 354.1 acres; Acquisition Date – 3/31/1992; Grantor – Merrow)

Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): No management activity has occurred in the recent past.

# EFFINGHAM/OSSIPEE: Pine River Parcels (aka Heath Bog Natural Area, additions to south - 3 separate parcels)

(Parcel #1: Acreage – 17 acres; Acquisition Date – 12/6/1991; Grantor – Currier)

(Parcel #2: Acreage – 60 acres; Acquisition Date – 2/1/1991; Grantor – Marston Industries, Inc.)

(Parcel #3: Acreage – 106 acres\*; Acquisition Date – 4/30/1989; Grantor – Fleet Bank) (\*Note: a portion of parcel #3 that contains the public boat launching area was re-assigned to NH Dept. of Fish & Game with CORD approval in 2010).

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** No management activity has occurred in the recent past on land assigned to DNCR.

#### ERROL: Lake Umbagog Parcels (aka Umbagog State Park, 4 separate parcels)

(Parcel #1: 16 acres; Acquisition Date – 6/21/1993; Grantor – Pingree Associates, Inc.) (Parcel #2: 446.25 acres; Acquisition Date – 7/29/1992; Grantor – James River Timber Corp. & Irving Pulp & Paper)

(Parcel #3: 602.5 acres; Acquisition Date – 12/21/1992; Grantor – Oxford Paper Co./Boise Cascade) (Parcel #4: 23.9 acres; Acquisition Date – 12/21/1992; Grantor – Union Water Power Co.)

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** No management activity has occurred in the past year. DNCR continues to successfully rent the newly acquired (2 years ago) camps through the Park system as waster access only sites. DNCR continues to license 10 additional camps, which existed at the time of the State's original acquisition.

# FARMINGTON: Blue Job Mountain (aka Blue Job Mountain State Forest, addition to northwest)

(Acreage - 116.59 acres, Acquisition Date - 11/18/1991; Grantor - Blue Job Mountain, Inc.)
 Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): Trail signs have been installed and a new trail easement from the parking area is in place.

#### HINSDALE: Dort Parcel (aka Pisgah State Park addition to west)

(Acreage – 181.4 acres; Acquisition Date – 2/14/1992; Grantor – Dort 1967 Trust) Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): No management activity has occurred in the recent past.

# HINSDALE: Wantastiquet Mountain Parcel (aka Wantastiquet Mountain Natural Area addition to south)

(Acreage – 90.65 acres; Acquisition Date – 9/29/1992; Grantor – Smith) **Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** No management activity has occurred in the recent past.

# MANCHESTER: Moore's Falls Corporation Parcel (aka Smith's Ferry Heritage Park, 3 parcels?)

(Parcel #1: Acreage – 17.1 acres, Acquisition Date – 5/7/1992; Grantor – Moore's Falls Corp.)

(Parcel #2: Acreage – 0.17 acres, Acquisition Date - \_\_\_\_; Grantor – City of Manchester)

(Parcel #3: Acreage – 0.21 acres; Acquisition Date – \_\_\_\_; Grantor – City of Manchester)

Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): No management activity has occurred in the recent past.

#### NEW BOSTON: Piscataquog River Parcel (aka Lang Station State Forest, 2 parcels?)

(Parcel #1: Acreage – 226 acres; Acquisition Date – 6/25/1993; Grantor – Continuity Family Trust) (Parcel #2: Acreage – 0.01 acres; Acquisition Date?; Continuity Family Trust – ROW?)

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** A forest management project on 110 acres is scheduled for the winter of 19/20 weather dependent.

#### NEWBURY: Wild Goose Parcel (aka Sunapee State Park addition to the east)

(Acreage – 130.34 acres\*; Acquisition Date – 11/19/1990; Grantor – Bank Five for Savings)

(\*Note: an additional 3.3-acre parcel that was part of this land protection project is assigned to F&G) **Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** No management activity has occurred in the recent past on the DNCR assigned portion.

#### NORTHUMBERLAND: Cape Horn Parcels (aka Cape Horn State Forest, two separate parcels)

(Parcel #1: Acreage – 122.3 acres; acquisition date – 1/11/1993; Grantor - Sullivan) (Parcel #2: Acreage - 1,940 acres; acquisition date – 10/28/1988; Grantor – Diamond International Corp.)

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** No management activity has occurred in the recent past. The Northern Pass project was proposed to cross through a portion of this property utilizing an existing utility corridor now held by Eversource. During DNCR'r review of the deed that runs through the Reservation, it was discovered that the 1947 right-of-way easement description failed to include one of the original lots. DNCR's recommendation to Eversource was to pursue a petition to quiet title.

#### NORTHWOOD: Northwood Meadows (aka Northwood Meadows State Park

(Acreage – 662.07 acres; Acquisition Date – 8/30/1990; Grantor – Burtt

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** No management activity has occurred in the recent past.

#### **ODELL/COLUMBIA/STRATFORD/STARK:** Nash Stream State Forest

(Acreage – 39,601 acres; Acquisition Date – 10/28/1988; Grantor – Diamond International Corp.) (Acreage – 0.31 acres; Acquisition Date – 6/28/1993; Grantor - Dorr – in-holding?)

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** The new Nash Stream management plan was completed and signed in December of 2017. Over 2,000 acres of control area have been designated in the past year, which set aside areas for research within the managed portions of Nash Stream. The stream habitat improvement work which has been an ongoing collaboration between NH Fish and Game and Trout Unlimited is winding down and most of the restoration work has been completed. There will be two forest management projects going out to bid this fall, for harvest in 2020/2021. Both projects will focus on creating multiple age classes within the harvest areas, one with a small area of shelterwood to encourage softwood regeneration.

### OSSIPEE: Ossipee Aggregates Corporation Parcels (aka Pine River State Forest (addition to south)

(Acreage – 105.5 acres; Acquisition Date – 6/25/1993; Grantor – Rosenfeld Concrete Corp.)
 Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): No management activity has occurred in the recent past.

#### RYE: Brown Parcels (aka Odoirne State Park, addition to west)

(Acreage – 64 acres; Acquisition Date – 1/13/1989; Grantor – Brown)

Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): Ongoing cooperative efforts to eliminate invasive species continue at the property.

#### STARK: Diamond International Parcels (3 parcels)

(Parcel #1: Acreage – 290 acres; Acquisition Date – 10/28/1988; Grantor - Diamond International Corp.) – Devil's Slide State Forest

(Parcel #2: Acreage – 8 acres; Acquisition Date – 10/28/1988; Grantor – Diamond International Corp.) – Ammonoosuc River Tract

(Parcel #3: Acreage – 77.5 acres; Acquisition Date – 10/28/1988; Grantor – Diamond International Corp.) – Percy State Forest

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** Last winter (2019) there were two forest management projects successfully completed on Devil's Slide State Forest and Percy State Forest. The goal of the projects were to utilize uneven-aged management to create multiple age classes through several entries. Both projects were trying to encourage softwood regeneration.

#### TAMWORTH: Bowditch Parcels (aka Bowditch-Runnells State Forest addition to west)

(Acreage - 83.13 acres; Acquisition Date - 8/5/1991; Grantor - Bowditch Estate)
 Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): No management activity has occurred in the recent past.

#### TAMWORTH: Reed Parcel (aka White Lake State Park, addition to west)

(Acreage – 148.7 acres; Acquisition Date – 12/29/1988; Grantor – Reed)

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** No management activity has occurred in the recent past. Abutter was issued a special use permit to access his property for a timber harvest.

#### TROY: Kirschner Parcel (aka Rhododendron State Park addition to north)

(Acreage – 153.8 acres; Acquisition Date – 12/16/1988; Grantor – Little Monadnock Development Trust)

Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): No management activity has occurred in the recent past.

# WARNER: Lowell & Goodnow Parcels (aka Mt. Kearsarge State Park, additions to south - 2 separate parcels)

(Parcel #1: Acreage – 660 acres; Acquisition Date – 6/10/1991; Grantor – Goodnow)

(Parcel #2: Acreage – 316.1 acres; Acquisition Date – 3/15/1990; Grantor – Lowell)

**Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues):** DNCR is exploring potential acquisition of an abutting parcel. No other recent activity has occurred.

#### WENTWORTH'S LOCATION: Diamond International Parcels (aka Big Island State Forest)

(Acreage – 300 acres; Acquisition Date – 10/28/1988; Grantor – Diamond International Corp.)
Update (status of any management activities, violations, or other issues): There have been no management activities on this property. A conservation easement was conveyed to the USFWS in 2013 in exchange for Fee interest to a forested property in Cambridge. The USFWS now has management responsibilities for this property. The State still retains the right to manage a public hiking trail on the property and to manage, maintain, and enforce a public snowmobile corridor across the property.

### APPENDIX E

### Accounting of

### Land Conservation Endowment

- Fidelity Summary annotated \*\*
- Fidelity Individual Funds annotated
- State Treasury / Fidelity LCE Performance Update
  - CORD Authorization to Expend Biennial

\*\* The Full FY-19 year-end report is available upon request

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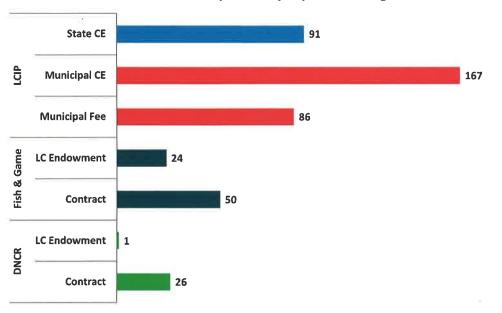
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Beginning Book Value 3,503,602.08	3,503,602.08	3,495,511.64	3,498,563.31	3,615,048.87	3,618,173.03	3,617,393.51	3,718,152.03	3,729,330.61	3,728,246.09	3,745,213.64	3,753,162.41	3,760,989.82	3,503,602.08
Dividends and Interest Additions to Fund		3,051.67	4,627.28 95,000.00	3,124.16	3,315.74	35,769.43	3,381.33	3,264.07	3,898.09	4,789.49	3,806.85	4,403.47 558.51	83,700.58 95,558.51
Realized Gains on Investments	84,750.08		20,989.52			67,191.11	8,721.21		13,373.77	9,005.32	8,367.25	2,315.89	214,714.15
Total Receipts	95,019.08	3,051.67	120,616.80	3,124,16	3,315.74	102,960.54	12,102.54	3,264.07	17,271.86	13,794.81	12,174.10	7,277.87	393,973.24
Payments to Beneficiaries (102,728.53) Other Payments	(102,728.53)												(102,728.53) 0.00
Investment Management Fees			(4,131.24)		(4,095.26)			(4,348.59)			(4,318.41)		(16,893.50)
Realized Losses on Investments	(380.99)			0:00		(2,202.02)	(923.96)		(304.31)	(5,846.04)	(28.28)		(9,685.60)
Total Disbursements (103,109,52)	(103.109.52)	0.00	(4,131.24)	0.00	(4,095.26)	(2,202.02)	(923.96)	(4,348.59)	(304.31)	(5,846.04)	(4,346.69)	0.00	(129,307.63)
Net Change in Book value	(8,090.44)	3,051.67	116,485,56	3,124,16	(779.52)	100,758.52	11,178.58	(1,084.52)	16,967.55	7,948.77	7,827.41	7.277.87	
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Beginning Market Value	3,882,920.11	3,852,043.71	3,896,078.09	3,987,494.60	3,773,706.44	3,806,230.66	3,622,586.67	3,829,371.91	3,899,702.97	3,949,149.58	4,041,349.76	3,895,858.47	
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Total Net Income	94,638.09	3,051.67	21,485.56	3,124,16	(779.52)	100,758.52	11,178.58	(1,084.52)	16,967.55	7,948.77	7,827.41	6,719.36	271,835.63
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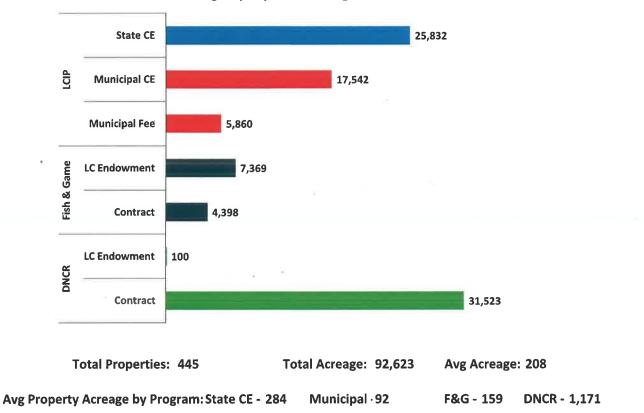
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### **Conservation Land Stewardship Program (CLS)**



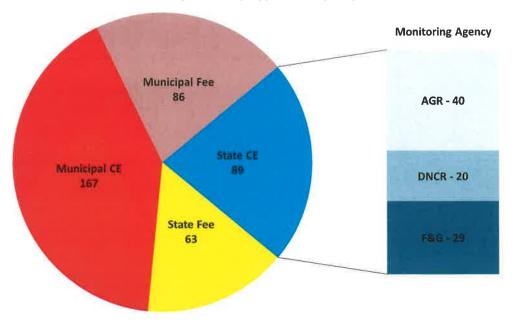
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#### Acreage by Aquisition Program



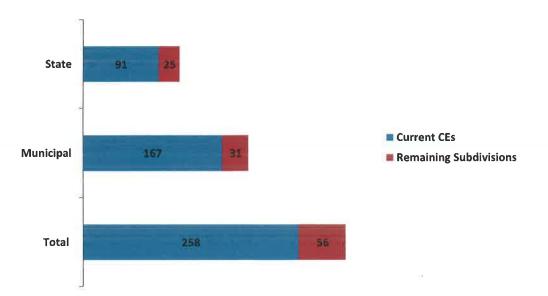
#### Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP)

LCIP is administered by CORD and is part of the Conservation Land Stewardship Program

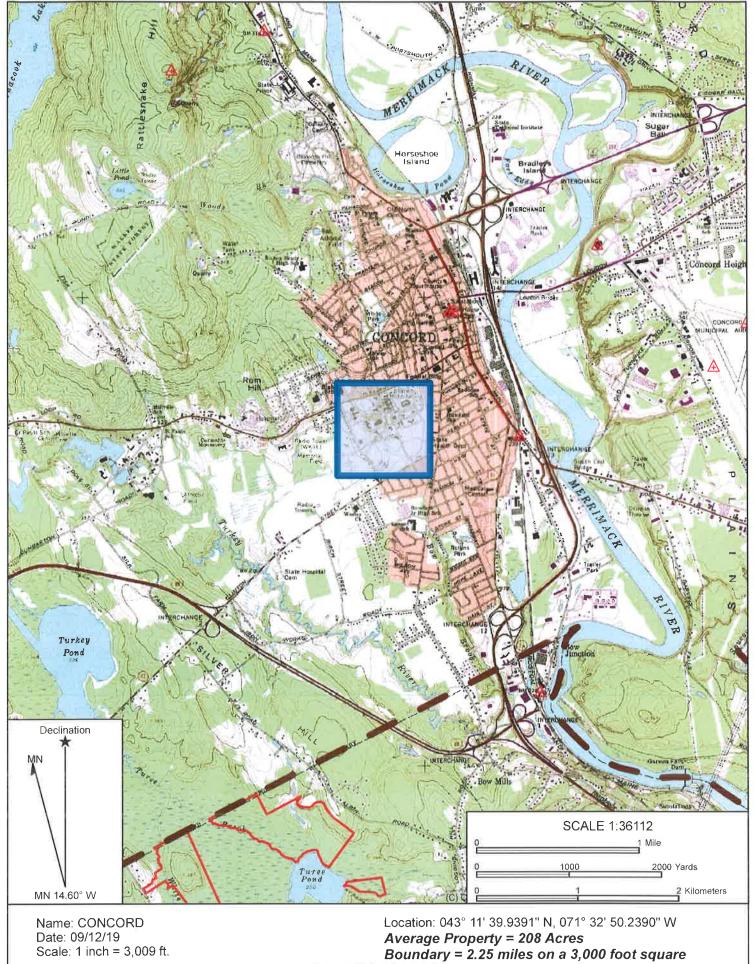


**#** of LCIP Properties by Type of Property Interest

State CE - DNCR includes 2 DHR Preservation Easement properties (13 and 18 acres)



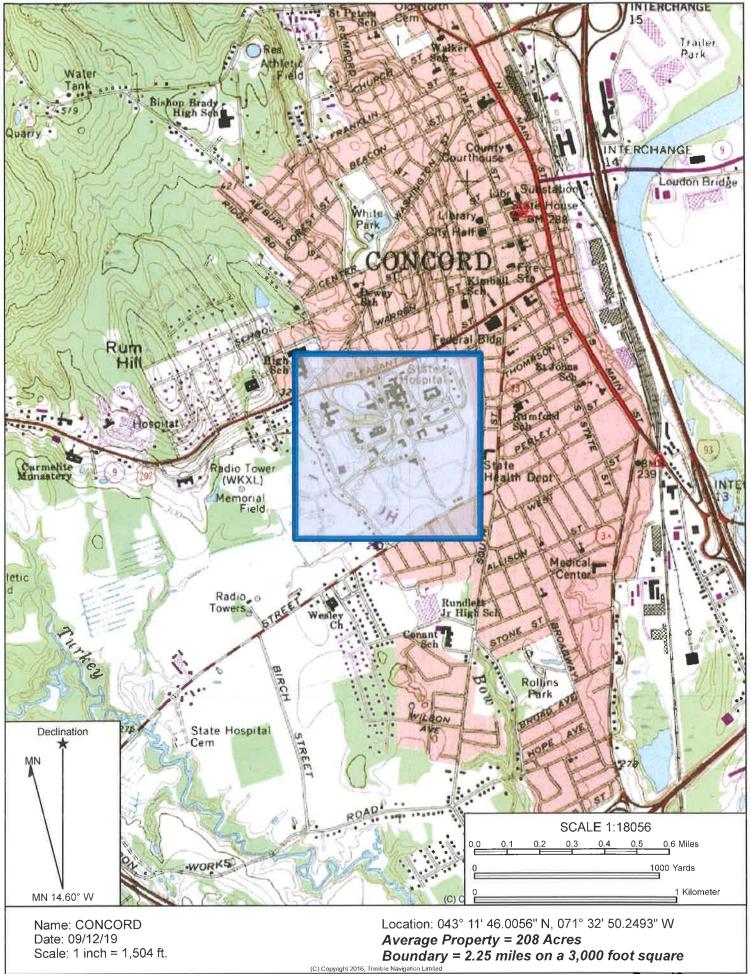
#### Potential # of LCIP CE Properties with Allowed Subdivisions



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Dear Chair Chicoine and members of the New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development:

The New Hampshire Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is submitting the attached letter relative to 2019 SLR 006 (Hampton), requesting that CORD reconsider its recommendation to approve the sale of the state-owned liquor store properties on Interstate 95 in Hampton without the wetland conservation easements requested by the RMAC. Please also find attached the RMAC's original letter to CORD dated August 2, 2019 as well as a letter to the Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee dated October 21, 2019 requesting that they take the RMAC's recommendation on 2019 SLR 006 into consideration in their decision.

Please contact RMAC Chair Michele L. Tremblay at 603.796.2615 or <u>MLT@naturesource.net</u> with any questions regarding these letters.

Thank you,

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### N.H. Rivers Management and Protection Program N.H. Rivers Management Advisory Committee

August 2, 2019

Michael A. Klass NH Office of Strategic Initiatives 107 Pleasant Street, Johnson Hall Concord, NH 03301

#### RE: CORD Surplus Land Application - 2019 SLR 006 (Hampton)

Dear Mr. Klass:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the New Hampshire Liquor Commission's proposed sale of approximately 87 acres, minus the area required for the footprints of new liquor store buildings, associated with the Interstate 95 northbound and southbound state liquor and wine outlet stores in Hampton, New Hampshire. According to the information provided in the Request for Surplus Land Review Action, land would be sold for development of additional traveler services, including fueling, with the redeveloped liquor stores remaining in state ownership. Of the lots proposed for sale, the parcel on the southbound (west) side of I-95 and two of the three parcels on the northbound (east) side of I-95 lie immediately adjacent to the Taylor River and therefore within the RMAC's area of interest for disposals of state owned land.

On August 2, 2019, the RMAC met to consider 2019 SLR 006 in Hampton, with representatives of the Liquor Commission and its consultants, New Hampshire Administrative Services, and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) senior leadership attending the meeting. After extensive discussion regarding the potential impact of development at these sites on the adjacent river, pond, prime wetlands, and other wetlands, as well as concerns about future sea level rise, salt marsh migration, and groundwater rise, the following two motions were made:

Larry Spencer moved that the RMAC recommend the sale of the property (lots 171-001-000, 172-009-000, 199-002-000, and 199-001-000) with a conservation easement placed on the wetlands. The motion was seconded by Ruth Ward. The RMAC voted 5-2 in favor of the disposal, with no abstentions.

Larry Spencer moved that the RMAC request participation in the development of the Request for Proposals of the sale and development of the subject property. The motion was seconded by Ruth Ward. The RMAC voted 6-0 in favor of this condition on the disposal, with no abstentions.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or <u>MLT@naturesource.net</u>.

Sincerely,

Michele L. Tremblay Chair

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# N.H. Rivers Management and Protection Program **N.H. Rivers Management Advisory Committee**

October 21, 2019

Jared Chicoine Chair, Council on Resources and Development New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives 107 Pleasant Street, Johnson Hall Concord, NH 03301

RE: CORD Surplus Land Application - 2019 SLR 006 (Hampton)

Dear Chair Chicoine and Members of the Council:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to request that the New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development (CORD) reconsider its recommendation to approve the sale of the state-owned liquor store properties on Interstate 95 in Hampton, 2019 SLR 006, without the wetland conservation easements requested by the RMAC.

RSA 483:8 VII states "No state-owned property adjacent to or providing access to a river or river segment shall be recommended for disposal by the council on resources and development or the long range capital planning and utilization committee, whichever is the first point of review, except upon the review and recommendation of the advisory committee established under this section."

The RMAC's recommendation to approve the sale, as stated in the attached letter from the RMAC to CORD dated August 2, 2019, was conditional on the addition of conservation easements placed on the wetland areas, both prime and other wetlands, of the land to be sold under 2019 SLR 006, and the RMAC feels that this counsel was not considered in CORD's decision. The conservation easement would ensure that the wetlands surrounding the existing developed areas are guaranteed protection, and would also support the findings outlined in RSA 9-B that clean water, wildlife habitat, and open space are among the state's most valuable assets.

This request to CORD for a reconsideration of its decision on 2019 SLR 006 in Hampton was approved unanimously, with one abstention, by the RMAC on October 21, 2019. In addition, the RMAC will be sending the attached letter to the Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee requesting that their decision consider the RMAC's recommendation for conservation easements to be placed on these wetlands.

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Jared Chicoine Chair, Council on Resources and Development 2019 SLR 006, October 21, 2019 Page 2

Development or the Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee, whichever is the first point of review, on the merits of such disposals.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Michele L. Tremblay Chair

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# N.H. Rivers Management and Protection Program **N.H. Rivers Management Advisory Committee**

October 21, 2019

The Honorable John Cloutier, Chair Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee Legislative Office Building, Room 201 Concord, NH 03301

RE: CORD 2019 Surplus Land Review 006 Hampton

Dear Chair Cloutier and Members of the Committee:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its concern with the recommendation made by the New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development (CORD) to approve the sale of the state-owned liquor store properties on Interstate 95 in Hampton without ensuring that the wetlands surrounding the existing developed areas are guaranteed protection.

The RMAC transmitted the attached letter to CORD based on thoughtful deliberation and subsequent vote at its August 2, 2019 meeting pursuant to RSA 483:8 VII and RSA 483:14 regarding the proposed sale. RMAC representatives were concerned about the impact of additional development on the adjacent Taylor River, prime wetlands, and other wetlands particularly in light of future sea level rise, salt marsh migration, and groundwater rise. *The RMAC therefore voted to approve the sale with a conservation easement placed on the wetlands*.

Having read the CORD meeting summary and having been provided with a synopsis of the meeting by RMAC staff who attended, the committee is not confident that its conditional recommendation was considered in CORD's recommendation to the Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee. The RMAC has sent a letter to CORD asking them to reconsider its decision based on the RMAC's original letter, and have attached it for your reference.

We respectfully request that the Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee consider the RMAC's recommendation. The subject property includes a large area of sensitive tidal wetlands which provide important flood storage and natural stormwater treatment. It is the RMAC's understanding that these wetlands provide vital habitat for wildlife. Given the state's response to climate change with a number of resiliency strategies which move development away from flood prone areas and protect wetlands that provide storage and treatment, as well as New Hampshire's finding outlined in RSA 9-B that clean water, wildlife habitat, and open space are among the state's most valuable assets, the RMAC believes strongly that its recommendation to require a conservation easement is in the best interests of these important natural areas, wildlife, and public safety.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to administer RSA 483, the Rivers

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Should you have any questions regarding our recommendation, please feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

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