



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, April 28, 2015
Minutes

1 Present: Marge Badois, Chair
2 Gene Harrington, Vice Chair
3 Deb Lievens, Member
4 Mike Considine, Member
5 Paul Nickerson, Member
6 Ben LaBrecque, Member
7 Mike Speltz, Alternate Member
8 Roger Fillio, Alternate Member
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10 Not Present: Kellie Walsh, Member; Margaret Harrington, Alternate Member
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12 M. Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
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14 M. Speltz was appointed by M. Badois to vote for K. Walsh.
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16 Roger Fillio was welcomed as the newest member of the Commission. R. Fillio said he has been a
17 Londonderry resident for over thirty nine (39) years. He also stated he is a member of Londonderry's
18 Heritage Committee, and Vice President of Londonderry's Historical Society.
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20 Endangered Species Education - M. Badois stated representatives from the New Hampshire Fish &
21 Game will do a presentation in Londonderry on the New England Cottontail rabbit, the Northern Black
22 Racer snake, the Eastern Hognose snake, the Blanding's turtle and the Spotted turtle to publicly
23 educate the community and Town Boards. M. Badois said she will follow up with Library, Town staff,
24 and NHF&G to coordinate place, date and time for presentation.
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26 Monitoring - M. Badois requested members give her any outstanding easement monitoring folders, so
27 that she can maintain them in one central place. The group discussed the possibility of budgeting the
28 contracting of a scanning company to make digital copies of files in order to preserve/protect them for
29 the future. M. Badois explained that monitoring is important to ensure that abutters/others are not
30 encroaching, or building, or dumping, etc., in protected areas. She stated that the Commission does
31 not have the resources to monitor areas on an annual basis. M. Speltz stated that Town Councilor
32 Farrell has expressed an interest in a park ranger. Besides monitoring, he stated that a ranger may
33 also be able to be trained as an easement/recreational steward, and be assigned other administrative
34 duties as needed. Per M. Speltz and D. Lievens, there is a draft job description that needs to be
35 updated for this proposed position. The Commission agreed that the expense of hiring a part-time
36 person would come out of the Town's budget, and not the Commission's. M. Badois will meet with
37 the Town Manager to discuss a direct hire versus a contract employee. Before this meeting, M. Speltz,
38 M. Badois and D. Lievens will meet to create a list of the tasks (with man hours) for this position.
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40 Carousel/Tyler Easement Letter - M. Speltz stated that approximately forty (40) properties from that list of
41 conservation easements may be dropped (from Carousel/Tyler) as they do not have recorded
42 easements. Commission members have drafted a letter to these homeowners and will assist administrative staff to
43 complete the mailing.

44 Miscellaneous - Per M. Badois, below are upcoming information/training sessions:

- 45- Preparing our Coastal Communities - April 30 (Attachment #1);
- 46- Birds & Bunnies Habitat Field Tour - May 2 (Attachment #2);
- 47- NH Wildlife Action Plan - May 5, 6 & 12 (Attachment #3);
- 48- Eversource Power Line Meeting - May 6 (Sunnycrest Easement Impact);
- 49- Easement Monitoring Workshop - May 16;
- 50 Outdoor Skills Workshop on June 6 (Attachment #4)

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52 Baseline List - D. Lievens will email members the baseline list. This list details the status/state of a
53 property at time of purchase so conditions can be monitored over time. She explained some of the
54 areas have baselines and are already monitored/reported on annually. She stated baselines have been
55 completed for sites purchased over the past ten (10) years. M. Badois to contact former
56 Commissioner Truda Bloom to obtain her hard copy files. M. Speltz stated a baseline form exists that
57 could be utilized to assist with tracking/monitoring.

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59 Musquash Signage & Maps - M. Considine worked with John Vogl and Bob Saur to update on-line
60 Musquash maps, and to get new signs on posts. Per M. Considine, another individual will be needed
61 to assist as B. Saur's schedule is full. He stated there are new trails with no signs. He will email D.
62 Lievens on the number of new signs needed, along with their size and cost. Per D. Lievens, the
63 purchase of these signs will come out of this fiscal budget. M. Considine stated new vertical sign posts
64 have already been installed. He will continue to work with J. Vogl and B. Saur to get new signs printed
65 that include GPS locations.

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67 Carry In/Out Signs - D. Lievens will order twelve (12) of these metal signs at \$13.00 dollars each (the
68 original approved request was not processed from last winter). She said the placement of signs will be
69 determined by Musquash trail volunteers.

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71 Line Item Budget - Per D. Lievens, there is approximately fourteen hundred (\$1,400.00) dollars
72 remaining in this this year's fiscal budget.

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74 Target Shooting in the Musquash - Per M. Considine, the work of the Task Force is complete. He
75 stated that the Chief of Police will present the following recommendations to Town Council at an
76 upcoming meeting: Ban all target shooting in the Musquash - recommendation passed 6-3. Propose a
77 single controlled/managed location open for a particular period of time (site still to be identified) -
78 recommendation passed 6-1. Expand the State required distance between the shooting and occupied



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79 dwellings to six hundred (600) feet, limit ammunition to smaller caliber rounds consistent with
80 hunting, and allow shooting only during deer/turkey season - recommendation passed 4-3. R. Fillio
81 proposed the idea of having a permit system for Londonderry residents only.
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83 NE Cottontail Rabbit Habitat – Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (see Attachment #5) - Per
84 M. Speltz, the proposed updates from the meeting on March 24th along with a few other new updates
85 have been made. One important update is that each would work cooperatively to implement any
86 specific actions. Another is that the Town agrees to allow NHF&G management oversight of the
87 project area shown on Table 1 (see Attachment #5), which was further updated to include Project
88 Acres for all smaller parcels. The Town would also not be obligated to provide funding from municipal
89 resources. M. Speltz said that the NHF&G attorney has reviewed the document. He also stated that
90 the School District (SAU), their attorney, and the Town’s attorney have to review it. **M. Speltz made a
91 motion to recommend the Town Manager approve this Memorandum of Understanding as
92 drafted. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**
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94 Trailways Letter - Members authorized M. Badois to sign the letter (see Attachment #6 and February
95 24, 2015). Staff will assist M. Badois with re-formatting and mailing.
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97 NHACC Handbook - **D. Lievens made a motion to purchase a New Hampshire Association of
98 Conservation Commissions Handbook for R. Fillio for an amount not to exceed twenty five (\$25.00)
99 dollars out of the Line Item Budget. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**
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101 Design Review Committee:

- 102 1. Mila Motors Minor Site Plan (Map 10 Lot 136) - No comments.
 - 103 2. Wallace Farm Site Plan Amendment (Map 16 Lot 3) - No comments.
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105 March 24, 2015 Minutes - Per G. Harrington, line 16 on the first page should be corrected to say
106 “vernal pools”. **D. Lievens made a motion to approve the March 24th, 2015 minutes as amended.
107 M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-2 with M. Considine and B. LaBrecque
108 abstaining as they had not attended the meeting.**
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110 **G. Harrington made a motion to accept the minutes of the Non-Public Session of March 24, 2015 as
111 amended. P. Nickerson seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**
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113 **M. Speltz made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of discussing
114 possible land acquisitions. G. Harrington seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**
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116 **Roll call vote: Aye, Gene Harrington; Aye, Mike Considine; Aye, Paul Nickerson; Aye, Ben LaBrecque;
117 Aye, Mike Speltz; Aye, Deb Lievens; Aye, Marge Badois.**



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119 **G. Harrington made a motion to go out of Non-Public Session. P. Nickerson seconded the motion.**
120 **The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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122 **G. Harrington made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session indefinitely. D. Lievens**
123 **seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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125 **G. Harrington made a motion to support the proposal made to the Commission during the Non-**
126 **Public Session. M. Speltz seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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128 **G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn. D. Lievens seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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130 The meeting adjourned by consensus at approximately 10:30 PM.

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132 Respectfully submitted by

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134 Nicole Doolan, Planning & Economic Development Department Secretary

You are Invited!

Water, Weather, Climate and Community Workshop IX:

Preparing our Coastal Communities:
Using Climate Science to Guide NH Decisions for Today and Tomorrow

April 30, 2015; 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center at the Great Bay Discovery Center
89 Depot Road, Greenland, N.H.

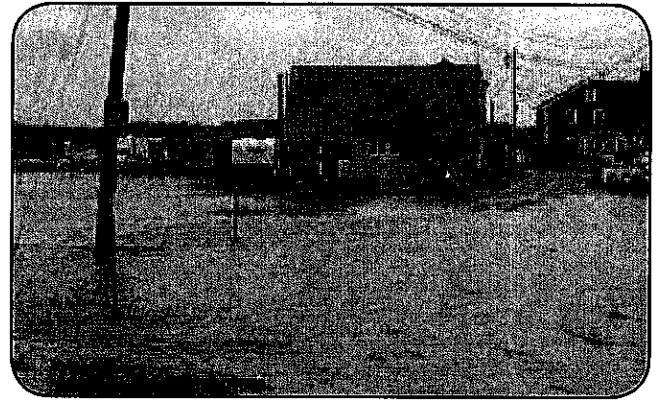
Directions: <http://www.greatbay.org/visit/index.htm>

What is included in the technical report prepared by the Science and Technical Advisory Panel of the New Hampshire Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission – "Sea-level Rise, Storm Surge, and Extreme Precipitation in Coastal New Hampshire: Analysis of Past and Projected Future Trends"?

Join us for a conversation with the scientists who authored this recent report. The report includes the latest projections of precipitation amounts, sea level rise, and surges from coastal storms and nor'easters. Learn how this information can help guide our decision making in the coast.

This workshop is designed for municipal board members, volunteers and staff responsible for land use, infrastructure, emergency preparedness and planning. Community organizations, business owners and residents are also welcome.

The workshop is FREE, but space is limited. A light dinner will be provided. [Click here to register](#). Please register by 4/28. Contact Sharon Hughes at Sharon.hughes@unh.edu or (603) 862-1029 with registration questions.



Sea level rise and storm surge impact homes and businesses in our seacoast region

What to Expect

- Learn the latest scientific findings and the planning scenarios being recommended to guide NH's preparations for a changing climate.
- Meet some of the scientists who authored the technical report and hear from them directly about projected changes to NH's climate.
- Learn how the information in the report can be used to help protect people, places and property in our seacoast region over the next century and beyond.

Draft Agenda

- 5:00 Dinner and Networking
- 5:30 Introduction & Welcome
- 5:40 Overview of the NH Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission
- 5:50 Scientific findings of the report (sea level rise, storm surge and precipitation)
- 6:20 Applying the science to planning recommendations
- 6:50 Discussion
- 7:30 Adjourn

This series is coordinated by the N.H. Coastal Adaptation Workgroup which convened in 2010 to help New Hampshire's coastal watershed communities learn about and utilize existing resources and locate additional assistance to better prepare for climate effects in order to protect their social, economic, human and environmental health.



BIRDS & BUNNIES

A FIELD TOUR OF YOUNG FOREST HABITAT


Join us on a field tour of young forest and shrubland habitat in Londonderry's Musquash Conservation Area. In 2013, roughly 25-acres were cleared to create habitat for the state-endangered New England Cottontail Rabbit, part of a statewide effort to help preserve the species.

Large forest openings may look messy at first, but with time provide the young forest and shrubland habitat used by more than 100 species of wildlife in New Hampshire! See how the managed area has grown into a suitable home for wildlife, and check out what species might be inhabiting the area two years after the cut.

Meet at the Faucher Rd. Trailhead.

Sign up at extension.unh.edu/NEC

Registration requested, but not required

 **University of
New Hampshire**
Cooperative Extension

**Londonderry
Conservation
Commission**



Led by
UNH Cooperative Extension
Emma Carcagno,
Conservation Field Specialist
& Haley Androcozzi,
Wildlife Outreach Coordinator

Saturday, May 2, 2015

9:00 – 11:00 am

Musquash Conservation Area

Londonderry, NH



The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. University of New Hampshire, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and N.H. counties cooperating.



University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension

Weigh In on the N.H. Wildlife Action Plan

Mar 25, 2015



The NH Wildlife Action Plan is being updated and we'd like your input!

Share what you think New Hampshire can do to safeguard natural lands for wildlife and people.

Natural lands are an important part of what makes New Hampshire a place where people want to live, work and play. The state's Wildlife Action Plan is a blueprint that guides state agencies, conservation organizations, towns, and others in their efforts to protect wildlife species and manage wildlife habitats.

New Hampshire Fish and Game, in collaboration with other agencies and organizations, is updating the N.H. Wildlife Action Plan. Biologists, land use experts, land protection advocates, hunters, fishermen, birders, paddlers, snowmobilers, and skiers, all who work in or enjoy the outdoors, have an opportunity to weigh in on the plan for protecting wildlife species and habitats for the next decade.

Five input sessions are being held around the state in April and May to gather ideas for actions from people who are closely connected with, and concerned about, protecting wildlife, and habitats. Coverts Cooperators are invited to share your concerns about wildlife and help make the revised NH Wildlife Action Plan an even more useful and informative guide for 2015-2025.

Input sessions will be held on the following dates around the state:

April 23, 2015	4:00 - 6:30pm	Plymouth Regional High School
April 28, 2015	6:00 - 8:30pm	Exeter High School
May 5, 2015	1:00 - 3:30pm	Keene Parks & Recreation Center
May 6, 2015	2:00 - 4:30pm	NH Fish and Game, Concord
May 12, 2015	2:00 - 4:30pm	AMC Highland Center, Crawford Notch

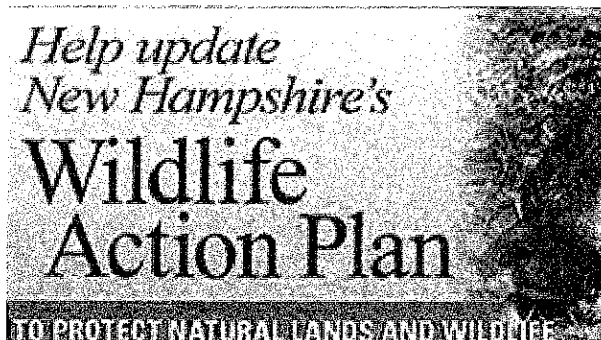
Pre-registration for these sessions is required.

Select the date and time that works best for you.

REGISTER ONLINE

You can visit the NH Fish and Game Wildlife Action Plan 2015 web page for more information and details.

Image:



Article type:

News
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Forest resources

Easement Monitoring and Outdoor Skills

Are you a volunteer or interested in becoming a volunteer responsible for monitoring conservation easements for your town or local land trust?

Looking to get more comfortable navigating off trail in the woods?

Join us for these workshops to learn more!

Easement Monitoring

Saturday, May 16, 2015 - 9am-2pm

Lee Public Safety Complex - 20 George Bennett Rd. Lee, NH

<http://tinyurl.com/easement-monitor>

Outdoor Skills

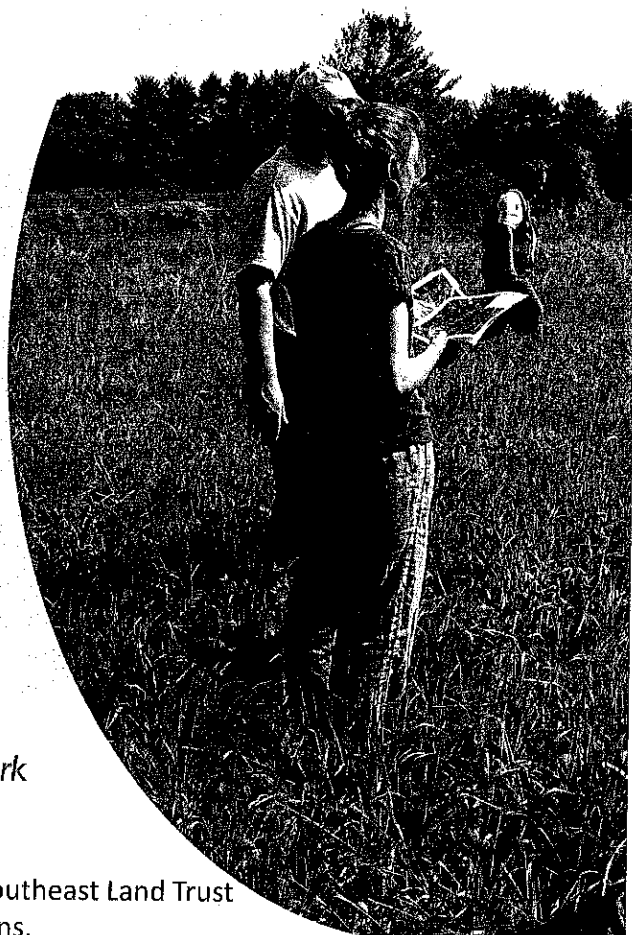
Saturday, June 6th, 2015 - 9am-2pm

Bear Paw Regional Greenways - 63 Nottingham Rd., Deerfield, NH

<http://tinyurl.com/outdoor-skill>



Co-sponsored by: Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, Southeast Land Trust and the NH Association of Conservation Commissions.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between the

NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

And the

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY

Concerning

Habitat management of town owned parcels for enhancement of rare and endangered species including but not limited to New England cottontail, Northern black racer, Eastern hognose snake, Blanding's turtle and spotted turtle.

This MOU is entered into by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the Town of Londonderry, herein referred to as NHFG and TOWN, respectively. The purpose is to allow for management of habitat and monitoring of populations of rare wildlife on town conservation lands.

WHEREAS, the TOWN owns and manages public lands set aside specifically for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the Town of Londonderry for the benefit of present and future generations of citizens.

WHEREAS, the NHFG has the authority to carry out conservation of wildlife species listed as threatened and endangered under the Endangered species act (RSA 212-A: Fis 1000); and

WHEREAS, the NHFG has received mitigation funding from development projects in the Town of Londonderry to support monitoring and management activities for New England cottontail, Eastern hognose snake and Northern black racer.

WHEREAS, NHFG and the TOWN have identified parcels within municipality to be managed for early successional shrubland to benefit wildlife species dependent on this habitat type such as the New England cottontail.

WHEREAS, NHFG is cooperating in a regional effort for the conservation of the New England cottontail that has identified portions of the town as a focal area for conservation of the species.

WHEREAS, NHFG is cooperating in a regional effort for the conservation of Blanding's turtle that has identified portions of the town as a focal area for conservation of the species.

NOW, THEREFORE, the above-referenced parties agree to the following:

NHFG agrees to:

1. Provide a point of contact (POC) to the TOWN.
2. Provide for management of habitat and request approval for any substantial improvements.
3. Provide outreach to the residents of town in regards to needs of endangered wildlife.
4. Cooperate to secure funding to implement the purposes of this MOU.
5. Coordinate the details of specific management actions with the TOWN.
6. Acknowledge the TOWN as a partner in the recovery of the New England cottontail and habitat management in any reports, publications and other documents and presentations.
7. Provide the Town with a copy of any reports, publications, and other documentation relevant to the NHFG habitat management and monitoring activities conducted within the municipality.

TOWN agrees to:

1. Allow NHFG management oversight of project area as shown in Exhibit A Table 1;
2. Coordinate the details of specific management actions with NHFG.
3. Allow NHFG unrestricted access to town owned parcels for purpose of monitoring endangered wildlife.
4. Provide POC to NHFG.
5. Assist NHFG with outreach efforts to residents of town in regards to needs of endangered wildlife.
6. Inform NHFG if activities on conservation parcels may impact NHFG activities which are authorized by the MOU.
7. Assist in securing funding to implement the purposes of this MOU. The TOWN is not obliged to provide funding from municipal resources.
8. Cite NHFG, Wildlife Division, Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program as the sources of data resulting from this project in any publications or other presentations of the data

NHFG and the TOWN mutually agree that the terms of this MOU may be modified subject to further written agreement of respective parties.

This agreement becomes effective upon the signature of all parties and shall remain in effect indefinitely or until modified by agreement of both parties.

Kevin Smith
Town Manager
Town of Londonderry

Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director
NH Fish and Game

EXHIBIT A: A Draft Proposal For Cooperative New England Cottontail Management On Londonderry Conservation Lands

Strategy Statement: As part of a comprehensive strategy to protect rare and endangered wildlife impacted during the development of the industrial landscape in Londonderry, businesses are contributing funds to NH Fish and Game to restore habitats and monitor wildlife population responses in the surrounding area. Successful implementation of these actions includes coordination with the Town of Londonderry Conservation Commission to manage vegetation and monitor multiple species on fee-owned town conservation parcels.

Background: As the industrial landscape surrounding the Manchester Airport is developed the amount of habitat available for the State Endangered New England Cottontail (NEC) and other state listed species will be reduced substantially. In order to maintain NECs on the landscape it is critical that new habitat be created. Managed parcels must be in close proximity to one another (1-2 km) to facilitate movement between habitat patches or be connected by landscape features such as utility Right of Way (ROW) that are managed for persistent shrub cover. A total of sixteen conservation lands owned by the Town of Londonderry have been identified as potential locations for creating or enhancing habitat for the New England cottontail (see Table 1). Habitat projects would include connecting suitable habitat patches together, and creating suitable habitat by manipulating existing vegetation.

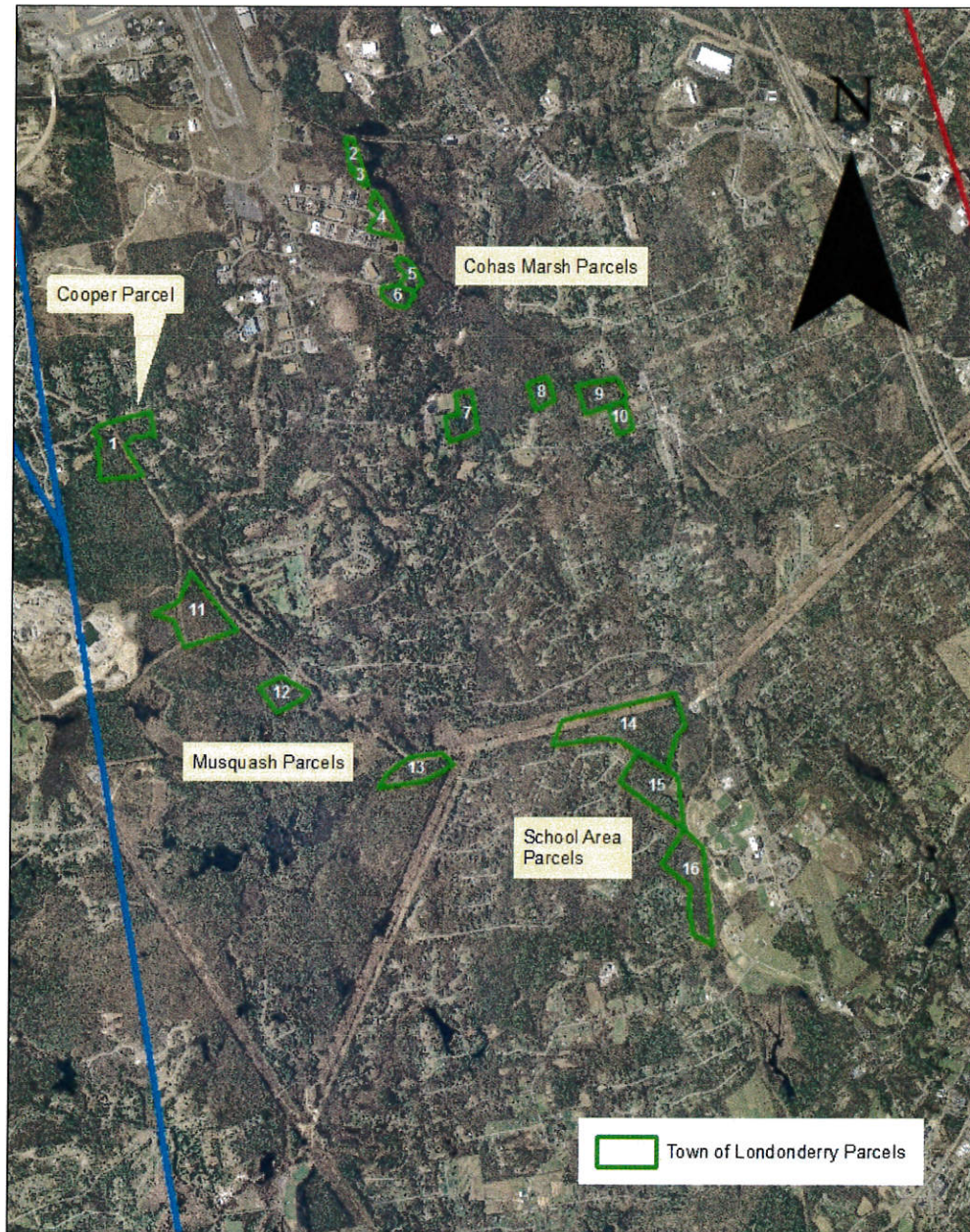
Objective 1: The first objective includes the creation and linkage of young forest and shrublands by removing forest canopy cover and establishing desired plant composition and structure. It is expected that the regenerating vegetation will provide suitable NEC habitat in 5-10 years. Once the habitat is deemed suitable, the local NEC population will be augmented (as necessary) with the release of rabbits from a captive breeding program. The creation of young forest and shrubland habitat will also benefit a wide variety of wildlife species that have been declining in New Hampshire including brown thrasher, Eastern towhee, black racer, and American woodcock.

Objective 2: The second objective is the monitoring of species at risk. Monitoring will be conducted using radio telemetry for New England cottontail, Eastern hognose snakes (state endangered) and black racer snakes (state threatened), all of which have been documented in Londonderry's industrial area. Monitoring will provide more detailed information on the status of these species as the landscape is modified. NHFG will require access to select town owned lands for the capture and monitoring of said species.

Id	Property	Parcel Acres	Project Acres
1	Cooper Parcel	34.19	20
2	Cohas	4.49	1
3	Cohas	2.12	1
4	Cohas	9.73	1-2
5	Cohas	6.63	1
6	Cohas	7.11	1
7	Cohas	14.98	5
8	Cohas	7.75	1
9	Cohas	16.24	10
10	Cohas	6.61	1
11	Musquash	36.99	20
12	Musquash	13.48	10
13	Musquash	19.45	10
14	School	69.82	20
15	School	33.65	10
16	School	36.81	10

Table 1. Summary of conservation lands that could be managed for young forest habitat to benefit New England cottontails and other associated species of greatest conservation need. Smaller parcels may be managed to provide connectivity between larger core patches.

New England Cottontail Habitat Management Opportunities Town of Londonderry Conservation Parcels



A Description of Proposed Management Actions By Land Unit (Table 1)

Musquash Conservation Area

New Hampshire Fish and Game, Londonderry Conservation Commission, Wildlife Management Institute and UNH Cooperative Extension have previously worked with the town's consulting forester to identify potential habitat management areas for New England cottontail within the Musquash Conservation Area. These potential habitat areas were identified as having the least impact on other natural resources and recreational uses, while still providing high quality opportunities for management. Staff from all agencies assisted with outreach about the habitat management projects including site walks and a televised information program. The Town of Londonderry approved the initial implementation of habitat work on the Musquash Conservation Area in Fall 2012. The timber harvest was conducted in March 2013, creating a ~20 acre habitat patch.

NH Fish and Game continues to work with the Conservation Commission to monitor the regenerating habitat and evaluate additional management actions that may be needed to facilitate habitat regeneration. Site walks were conducted in Spring 2014 to survey for the presence of invasive species. No invasive plants were found. It is estimated that the habitat will take 5-10 years to develop into suitable habitat for the New England cottontail, at that time NHFG intends to release rabbits from the captive breeding program at the site.

Two additional project areas were identified by the forester for creating habitat for New England cottontail on the property. One of the proposed project areas requires a substantial road improvement for the timber to be harvested. The successful implementation of this project would be dependent on the successful submission of a trails grant by the Londonderry Conservation Commission to offset this cost. In addition there is a high density and diversity of wetlands in the conservation area. Early (pre-permitting) and regular communication when planning for additional timber harvest or access development will be required.

Cohas Marsh Conservation Area

Parcels owned by the Town of Londonderry as part of the Cohas Marsh Conservation Area are currently occupied by New England Cottontails. These parcels are adjacent to the greater 1,000 acre landscape of industrial lots that provide the majority of habitat for the New England cottontail in the town. Enhancement of existing shrublands to maintain suitable habitat in addition to timber harvesting to create new habitat would be recommended. These parcels are small in size, but cumulatively they have the potential to provide a substantial amount of connecting habitat and a few core patches. These parcels were transferred to the Town of Londonderry following the expansion of road infrastructure in the area. It is anticipated that the proposed management of these lands would pose minimal conflict with current use of this area.

Cooper Parcel

This large parcel is connected to the greater landscape by a utility ROW that passes through. It is possible that there is existing habitat that is occupied on the parcel at this time although no formal surveys have been conducted. Creation of a large core habitat patch on this parcel would provide substantial benefits to the persistence of the species. It is unknown if there are any potential use conflicts for this property.

School Conservation Area

Three parcels were identified as being owned by the Town of Londonderry in the vicinity of the local schools. A utility ROW connects these parcels the Musquash Conservation Area. The largest parcel has no existing development and has the potential to provide a high quality core habitat patch of 20 acres. The remaining two parcels have infrastructure supporting the schools, but back lands that could provide smaller 10 acre habitat patches. It is unknown if there are any potential use conflicts for these parcels.

Integrated Conservation Planning

There are a number of additional priority wildlife species occurring in the Town of Londonderry, such as the Blanding's (state endangered) and spotted turtles (state threatened); and various other natural resource and recreation objectives identified by the Conservation Commission. It is anticipated that through discussion an integrated plan may be developed to provide maximum benefit for multiple wildlife species, prevent adverse impacts to other state regulated species, and facilitate the town objectives for these properties.

Implementation Timeline

Fall/Winter 2014 – Trap and collar New England cottontails for telemetry monitoring.

Winter 2014-2015 – Meet with the Conservation Commission to discuss potential habitat management projects. Draft plans and organize public information events.

Spring 2015 – Capture and implant radio tracking devices in black racer and hognose snakes. Monitor movement and habitat use.

Fall/Winter 2015 – Trap and collar New England cottontails for telemetry monitoring.

Winter 2015-2016 – Begin implement habitat management projects on town parcels.

*Contingent on funding.

[CC letterhead]

April 28, 2015

Mr. Bob Rimol
Londonderry Trailways
P.O. Box 389
Londonderry, NH 03053

Dear Bob,

This letter is to confirm that on February 24, 2015 the Londonderry Conservation Commission unanimously voted to commit \$100,000.00 towards construction of Phase III of the Londonderry Rail Trail project, contingent on Londonderry Trailways obtaining the balance of funding for Phase III and obligating it by August 1, 2016.

The Commission believes that, as the Rail Trail grows to connect an ever greater proportion of the town to its natural resources and recreational opportunities, it will advance our mission of monitoring, protecting, and managing those same natural resources to make them accessible to the residents of Londonderry.

We are deeply grateful to Londonderry Trailways for your vision, efforts, and tenacity in completing the first two phases of the rail trail. We are proud to support your efforts to construct phase III, which, with its long frontage on the Peat Bog, is likely to be the most scenic as well as the longest section of the trail.

Sincerely,

Marge Badois, Chair
Londonderry Conservation Commission