

The 2007 Wolfeboro Master Plan outlines many important features which make the Town a desirable place for residents and visitors. Many of the features need attention and vigilance for preservation, protection and enhancement.

These features include:

- Tracts contiguous to protected lands
- Tracts contiguous to wetland areas
- Scenic vistas
- Public access
- Shorefront
- Farm lands
- Wetland areas
- Tracts with historic significance
- Watershed protection
- Land which is affordable
- Endangered species
- Wildlife corridors
- Wildlife habitat
- Property on the market
- Large tracts of land
- Project feasibility
- Rare or special natural communities
- Special circumstances

Land Conservation Fund

Per RSA 36-A, the Conservation Commission is responsible for utilizing the Land Conservation Fund to:

- Purchase land
- Obtain conservation easements
- Enhance fee owned parcels
- Other permitted expenses consistent with the features, as noted above, for conservation projects

Some maintenance expenses are provided by the allocated Town budget line item. However, funding for enhancement of existing parcels has been provided through gifts, grants and the Commission's Land Conservation Fund.

Maintaining sufficient funds in this fund and the Commission's operating budget allows the Commission to protect valuable parcels as they become available and enhance existing parcels without negatively impacting our ability to acquire ecologically valuable properties which may become available.

It is important for the Conservation Commission to maintain a sufficient balance in the account to pay for:

- Land purchases
- Conservation easements
- First refusal expenses

- Surveys, deeds, closing costs, natural resource studies
- Other project fees

The fund receives income from:

- Timber Harvesting on parcels managed by the Conservation Commission
- Current Use Land Change Tax
- Fundraising
- Grants
- Gifts/Donations
- Budget Allocation (no longer received; was previously sole source of funding)

Ongoing projects requiring expense of Conservation funds include:

- Cotton Valley Lot; abuts the Cotton Valley Rail Trail, signage (2014)
- Whiteface Mountain; acquired property, trail construction & parking area improvements to occur in 2015
- Front Bay Park and Conservation Area; continued treatment of invasive species, signage (2014)
- Bill Rae Conservation Area; trail construction and waterfront picnic area
- Ryefield Marsh/Ellie's Woodland Walk
- Town's Garden
- Goodwins Basin; maintain scenic view on annual basis
- Bean Park; landscape plantings (2015)
- Morse Lot; possible delineation of boundaries/survey
- Rust Pond parcels (in negotiation)

Major Projects Completed

- Fernald Station/Willey Brook
- Goodwins Basin
- Bill Rae Conservation Area
- Front Bay Park
- Morse Lot
- Deutsch Easement (Haines Hill Road)
- Whiteface Mountain

The Conservation Commission maintains a working relationship with other Town boards and nonprofit organizations with similar purpose and include, but are not limited to:

- Board of Selectmen
- Planning Board & Planning Department
- Budget Committee
- Pathways Committee
- Land Bank of Wolfboro and Tuftonboro
- Moose Mountain Regional Greenways
- Lakes Region Conservation Trust
- Lake Wentworth Foundation
- Agricultural Commission