

Dear Landowner,

The Wakefield Conservation Commission is a group of appointed volunteers with a passion for protecting and preserving the natural resources of our beautiful town. As a group, we work toward this endeavor knowing how important it is for the current and future residents.

As passionate advocates for conservation, we are reaching out to if see you would kindly consider the possibility of placing some, or all of your land, that is in current use into a conservation program.

Your dedication and care of your own land has undoubtedly contributed to the beauty of our surroundings. However, with the possibility of ever-increasing urbanization and pressures of development, it has become crucial to safeguard our remaining spaces.

By placing your land in conservation, you would be making a profound and lasting impact on the future of our community and wider ecosystem. Conservation programs offer a multitude of both immediate and long term benefits, including financial. Some environmental benefits include preserving natural habitats, helping maintain wildlife corridors, fostering biodiversity and helping to maintain the delicate balance of our ecosystems. Financial benefits may include tax deductions, estate tax savings, property tax benefits, capital gain tax avoidance, and reduced land management costs.

Moreover, conservation land can be a living classroom providing invaluable opportunities for outdoor recreation and education.

We understand that the decision to place your land in conservation is not one to be taken lightly. It is a personal choice that requires careful consideration of various factors, including financial implications and future plans for your property. However, we would like to assure you that there are numerous organization and programs available to guide you through this process, offering support and expertise every step of the way. Some publications include: *Conserving your land: Options for NH land Owners* from the NH Land Trust Coalition. Also, from Land Trust Alliance: *Conservation Option: A Landowners Guide*

Also, a website from the University of New Hampshire has more information:
<https://extension.unh.edu/resource/protecting-your-legacy-new-hampshire-landowners-guide-conservation-based-estate-planning>

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Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and for considering the importance of land conservation. Your decision has the potential to make an indelible mark on the community. Together we can ensure your land remains a testament to your environmental stewardship for generations to come.

Please feel free to reach out to the Conservation Commission should you have any questions or require future information.

Sincerely,

Wakefield Conservation Commission