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### Public Invited to the Presentation of Candia Natural Resources Inventory

**Candia, NH (July 20, 2010)** – The town of Candia is asking residents to join in for a discussion on the natural resources of their community and to offer input on future town-wide planning. A public presentation will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Candia Town Hall on 74 High Street to review the draft results of the town-wide natural resources inventory (NRI). The purpose of this project, which began in October 2009, was to map significant natural resources and to identify conservation focus areas. Another significant part of this project included community outreach and education to solicit participation from residents during this community planning process.

In November 2009, the Candia Conservation Commission held the first in a series of two community forums that sought to engage residents in the Candia NRI and Conservation Priorities project. This first community forum provided a snapshot of the project to the residents of Candia and began to identify some of the strengths and challenges of growth and natural resources protection. It also began to identify some of Candia's most significant natural areas. In June 2010, the second community forum continued to build upon this public input through the identification of priorities for natural resource protection. The results of which were incorporated into a computer model that helped to identify conservation focus areas.

Moosewood Ecological, working with the Candia Conservation Commission, will provide the town with the draft results of the NRI. This presentation will include a discussion of the various natural resource maps and the important roles that these resources play in our society. Conservation focus areas will then be discussed, followed by the many uses of the NRI report. Please join us in sharing your thoughts and concerns during this community planning process.

For more information on the public presentation or other aspects of the NRI please contact Susan Wilderman at 603-483-5053.

The Candia Conservation Commission's mission is to advocate for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of Candia. Its primary goal is to promote and protect Candia's water, forest, agricultural, and wildlife resources.

Moosewood Ecological is committed to providing services that promote conservation, restoration and sustainable land use planning of our natural resources. As such, its mission is to provide sound, scientific research and education to facilitate the understanding and conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity throughout the New England landscape through sustainable land use practices.

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