



Candia Criteria for Evaluating Land Conservation Projects

Project:

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Date:

Note:

All potential land conservation projects are reviewed by the Candia Conservation Commission according to the following list of criteria. In general, the more favorable criteria met and the fewer unfavorable criteria met, the more likely the Commission is to approve a project.

To make best use of limited resources, our priorities for project selection are those properties that involve donated conservation easements or donated lands. Preference will be given to projects that provide the greatest degree of land protection for the cost. When available, Candia Conservation Commission will seek funding from external sources for accepted projects.

FAVORABLE CRITERIA:

The property:

1. Is located within recognized greenways or large unfragmented landscapes
 Yes No
Describe:
2. Contains significant habitat for native plants and animals
 Yes No
Describe:
3. Protects surface water resources, including streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, and/or wetlands
 Yes No
Describe:
4. Protects farmland
 Yes No
Describe:
5. Protects well-managed forestlands
 Yes No
Describe:
6. Overlies groundwater resources, especially stratified drift aquifers and zones of contribution for public water supply wells
 Yes No
Describe:
7. Protects a scenic view enjoyed by the public
 Yes No
Describe:
8. Offers recreational opportunities, such as trail corridors
 Yes No

Describe:

9. Contributes to linking existing conservation lands such as state parks and/or town-owned conservation lands

Yes No

Describe:

10. Adds to existing permanently protected private lands

Yes No

Describe:

11. Has high potential for protecting wildlife corridors

Yes No

Describe:

12. The property falls within an area of high co-occurrence on the Candia Natural Resource Inventory, the NH Wildlife Action Plan or other documented conservation focus areas.

Yes No

Describe:

CRITERIA THAT WOULD POSE A CHALLENGE TO CONSERVATION:

The project:

12. Would present a stewardship or monitoring problem

Yes No

Describe:

13. Poses actual or potential hazards from man-made substances or structures

Yes No

Describe:

14. Has title problems or encumbered ownership that cannot easily be resolved

Yes No

Describe:

15. Would be expensive and use up significant financial assets of the Candia Conservation Commission

Yes No

Describe:

16. Landowner wishes to retain rights in the land that are unacceptable.

Yes No

Describe: