

Conservation Priority Areas Map New Castle

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Land Conservation Plan for NH's Coastal Watershed (2006)

-  Core (Highest Value)
-  Landscape (High Value)

Land Conservation Plan for the Merrimack Watershed (2014)

-  Tier 1 - Highest
-  Tier 2 - Very High
-  Tier 3 - High

RPC Standard Legend			
	RPC Towns 2013		State Road
	Water Feature		Local Road
	Tidal Feature		Unmaintained Road
	Other Surface Water Feature		Private Road
	Shoreline; Stream		
	Apparent Wetland Limit		
	Intermittent Stream		

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This dataset is the precursor to the Land Conservation Plan for the Merrimack Watershed. This dataset integrates best-available natural resource data with expert judgment to prioritize land protection to protect water quality, habitat, farms and forests, and recreational open space. The resultant data is broken down into 2 levels, a Core Area that is the highest ranked areas and Supporting Natural Landscape, which is the second tier of habitat. The Core habitat contains the essential natural resources for which the focus area was identified, with the boundary fitted to the real world of roads, forest edges, rivers and wetlands. The supporting natural landscape is comprised of natural lands that buffer and sometimes link core areas and help to maintain habitat and ecological processes.

Land Conservation Plan for the Merrimack Watershed
This dataset is a new science-driven, consensus land conservation plan for the Merrimack watershed aimed to be complementary to the Land Conservation Plan for NH's Coastal Watershed. This dataset integrates best-available natural resource data (over 43 datasets) with expert judgment to prioritize land protection to protect water quality, habitat, farms and forests, and recreational open space. The resultant data is broken down into 3 levels, Tier 1 Highest scoring areas, Tier 2 Very High scoring areas, Tier 3 High scoring areas.

RPC extends every effort to ensure map data is current and complete, however, errors do happen. Please let us know if you spot errors or omissions.

Base Features (transportation, political and hydrographic) were automated from the USGS Digital Line Graph data, 1:24,000, as archived in the GRANIT database at Complex Systems Research Center, Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH; 1992-2012. The roads within the Rockingham Planning Region have been updated by NH Department of Transportation through local input by the RPC where available.

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