

# Conservation Priority Areas Map

## South Hampton

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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**

 Town Boundaries	 Shoreline; Stream	 Interstate
 Water Feature	 Apparent Wetland Limit	 US Route
 Tidal Feature	 Intermittent Stream	 State Route
	 Other Surface Water Feature	 Local

**Land Conservation Plan for NH's Coastal Watershed**  
 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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