



UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

BASIC STEPS IN LAND CONSERVATION

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1. Recruit and train a group to do the work.
2. Decide on the group's purpose (mission) - what do you want to protect? (and why).
3. Identify preliminary conservation priorities to be used in evaluating and/or deciding to pursue conservation projects.
4. Identify resources available to the group - money, people, public support. Support from local officials, sources of help, etc.
5. Develop a budget and funding sources for the group's planning phase.
6. Inventory natural resources in the area of interest.
7. Interpret from the natural resources inventory the extent and location of features and resources of interest.
8. Identify land ownership of priority conservation areas (mapping).
9. Estimate the scope of the land conservation effort (how many acres per year, how much will it cost per year & in total?).
10. Prepare a conservation plan.
11. Develop a budget and funding sources for conservation projects and stewardship.
12. Engage in education and outreach to landowners, voters and municipal officials.
13. Communicate with landowners of priority parcels (and others).
14. Implement conservation easements or land acquisition.