



# CONSERVATION ALMANAC

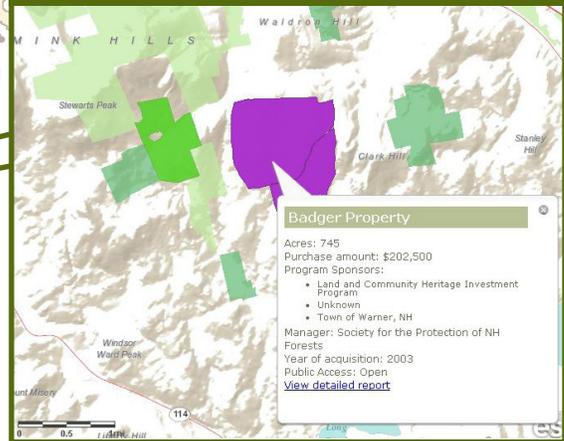
Tracking Investments in Protected Lands

## State Dollars Spent and Acres Conserved (1998-2011)

| State         | Dollars       | Acres   |
|---------------|---------------|---------|
| Massachusetts | \$446,176,564 | 121,661 |
| Connecticut*  |               |         |
| Maine**       | \$99,058,551  | 156,852 |
| New Hampshire | \$36,952,122  | 12,463  |

\*Update in progress \*\*Data through 2008

## Example Almanac Parcel Map



# STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *New Hampshire*

## Conservation in New Hampshire

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) makes matching grants for natural, cultural and historic preservation: 240 grants since 2000. Statewide, a total of 329,660 acres were conserved from 1998-2011, and over \$246 million was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

## Spending for acquisition by level of government, 1998-2011\*



## State Investment in Land Conservation

New Hampshire funds conservation mainly with revenue from a document recording fee, and from the sale of conservation license plates. State appropriations have also been used.

- Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) – makes matching grants to conserve natural, cultural, historic resources. Created in 2000 following the Land Conservation Investment Program.
  - Revenue derived from \$25 county registry document recording fee
  - Receives \$6 from each conservation license plate sold
- Water Supply Land Protection Grant Program – provides matching grants (max. 25%) for land acquisition to protect water supplies.
- Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund (ARM) – funds wetland protection and restoration using mitigation fees collected from developments unable to mitigate impacts on-site. Administered by the Department of Environmental Services.

## Local Investment

New Hampshire communities are authorized to use property taxes and general obligation bonds to fund land conservation. Many municipalities exercise this authority through approval at Town Meeting.

## Federal Investment

The following federal programs and federal agencies have contributed funds and conserved land in New Hampshire:

- NOAA- Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)
  - Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program
  - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
  - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - LWCF Federal
  - Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF)
  - National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program
  - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
  - Section 6 Grant
- U.S. Forest Service - Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
- U.S. National Park Service
  - LWCF Federal and LWCF Stateside

Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all records included in the Conservation Almanac. In New Hampshire we have mapped 86 percent of acres and 74 percent of dollars, shown as points on this map.

Statistics are generated using data collected for and included in the Conservation Almanac. Almanac data collection efforts focus on land conserved using public dollars: contributions funded by private and non-governmental organizations may not be comprehensive. Data current as of September 2014.

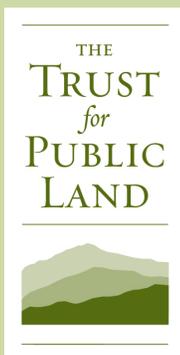
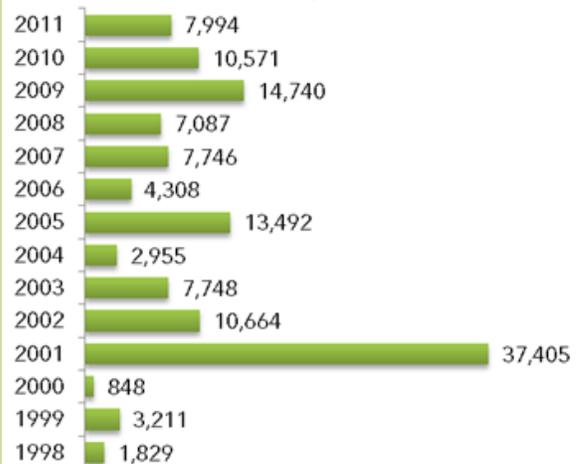
## Conservation Snapshot

The tables below provide a snapshot look at land conservation activity through the most common available metrics: public dollars spent and acres conserved. These charts omit parcels not classified as fee simple purchases or conservation easements.

Public Dollars Spent Annually for Conservation, 1998-2011\*



Total Acres Conserved Annually, 1998-2011\*



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## THE CONSERVATION ALMANAC

A comprehensive database of land conservation and conservation funding in America, the Conservation Almanac provides a context for assessing impacts of conservation and the growing conservation finance movement. The Almanac offers information on public dollars spent and acres conserved, details on local, state, and federal conservation programs, and provides geospatial mapping of conserved land.