

Conservation Priorities – Supporting Values (Table 2)

Supporting Values: These values tend to be more subjective and are best discussed and defined at the town level. These values, which will rarely be the sole or primary purpose for protecting a piece of land, are important considerations when combined with the primary values. The presence of a secondary value can also be a great opportunity to pull in additional partners, such as the local historic commission or recreation clubs.

| Supporting Land Value | High Priority | Medium Priority | Low Priority | Conservation Partners | Programs | Page Number |
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| Recreation | Land has recreational value of regional significance because of its location, proximity, size, or physical features. | Land is primarily of value as a local recreational resource. | Land holds no public access potential, little recreational value, or is very common. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA Dept. of Con. & Rec. • Appalachian Mtn. Club • The Trustees of Reservations • Fish and Game | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Help Conservation Land Acquisition Program | Page 11 |
| Scenic Landscapes | Contains extraordinary scenic features of regional or statewide renown. | Contains scenic features of primary value to the town and the town's ability to maintain its local rural character. | Land has no outstanding scenic features. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA Dept. of Con. & Rec. • The Trustees of Reservations • Franklin Land Trust • Self-Help Conservation Land Acquisition Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Help Conservation Land Acquisition Program | Page 12 |
| Cultural and Historic Resources | Identified as a priority by the national historic registry, Mass Historic, or eligible for one of these designations, determined by local historic commission. | Land has a resource of local significance. | Land has no outstanding historic or cultural resources. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA Historical Commission • The Trustees of Reservations | | Page 13 |
| Community Character | Land is critical to character and way of life in the community | Land is important to segments of the community | Land is most important to the immediate neighbors. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community • Individuals • Local clubs or organizations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Help Conservation Land Acquisition Program | Page 14 |

Conservation Priorities – Primary Values (Table 1)

Primary Values: These values can be determined in an objective way and by themselves can be enough to attract project funding.

| Primary Land Value | High Priority | Medium Priority | Low Priority | Conservation Partners | Programs | Page Number |
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| Public Water Supply | Parcel is entirely within a public water supply | Parcel is partially within a public water supply | Parcel is not in a public water supply | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your town or other town with PWS in your town Trust for Public Land | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Bond Drinking Water Supply Protection Program Land and Water Conservation Fund | Page 7 |
| Wildlife and Biodiversity | Top 10% CAPS priority sites - Land in dark green (Forest), dark brown (non-forested upland), or dark blue (water) | Top Third CAPS priority sites - Land in medium green(forest), medium brown (non-forest upland), medium blue (water) | Top Half CAPS priority sites - Land in Light Green (forest), light brown (non-forest upland), light blue (water) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MA Fish and Game Mass Audubon The Nature Conservancy U.S. Fish and Wildlife MA Dept. of Con. & Rec. The Trustees of Reservations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Partnership Grant Program Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Self-Help Conservation Land Acquisition Program Massachusetts Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Program | Page 8 |
| Endangered Species Protection | Land falls into a BioMap or Living Waters Core area or has a certified vernal pool | Land falls into a BioMap or Living Waters Supporting Landscape | Land does not fall into a BioMap core or Supporting Landscape | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MA Fish and Game The Nature Conservancy Mass Audubon MA Dept. of Con. & Rec. U.S. Fish and Wildlife The Trustees of Reservations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Partnership Grant Program Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Self-Help Conservation Land Acquisition Program Massachusetts Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Program | Page 9 |
| Working Farms and Forests | <p>Farms: Soils are prime for agriculture and/or have active agricultural operations</p> <p>Forests: Prime forest soils or property greater than 150 acres</p> | <p>Farms: Soils of statewide importance, local importance or unique soils, agricultural operation within the last 25 years</p> <p>Forests: Greater than 100 acres</p> | Land contains mostly soils not suitable for traditional agriculture or too small for forestry management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Franklin Land Trust Hilltown Land Trust American Farmland Trust MA Dept. of Ag. Resources New England Forestry Foundation The Nature Conservancy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agricultural Preservation Restriction Forest Legacy | Page 10 |