

## **SECTION V: INVENTORY OF LANDS OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION INTEREST**

For the purposes of this plan, open space is defined as land that is valued for natural processes and wildlife, agricultural and forest production, aesthetic beauty, active and passive recreation, and other public benefits. Such lands include working and natural forests, meadows and grasslands, farms, public parks, stream and river corridors, and other natural lands. Historic and cultural sites are often associated with significant open spaces and are a part of our common heritage. The ecological importance of open spaces and its ability to sustain our spirit have long been appreciated and it provides residents with a range of essential and fundamentally irreplaceable services, such as pure water, abundant wildlife, and a moderating influence on our changing climate.

This section provides information about Townsend's current open space. The inventory matrix and maps include parks, forests, wildlife management areas, conservation lands, and significant other open space parcels drawn from data provided by the Townsend Assessor's office. This inventory can provide guidance to Townsend by identifying particular lands of recreational and open space interest for future needs. Lands that are owned by the Conservation Commission are protected in perpetuity under Article 97 and can only be taken out of protection by a vote of the Massachusetts legislature. Parcels owned by the Town of Townsend have no permanent protection and can be used for purposes other than open space. However, most of the town-owned properties have wetlands on them and were only gifted to the town in the 1970s and 80s because they were unbuildable. Some of these properties need to be transferred to the care and custody of the Conservation Commission in order to protect them from development. Properties owned by the Water Department are protected under the Drinking Water Rules and Regulations.

During the economic slowdown, the State has been purchasing land that is strategically linked to various conservation programs associated with the Fisheries and Wildlife Department and the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Those initiatives combined with land already under state control will result in approximately 31% of Townsend land under State ownership. Other local initiatives including Chapter 61, 61A and 61B (Chapter Land) and other programs put approximately 14% of land into semi-protection. The Chapter Land program was created by the State to give preferential tax treatment to those landowners who maintain their property as open space for the purposes of timber production, agriculture or recreation. The town has an option to purchase any Chapter Land whenever the owner plans to sell or convert it to a residential, commercial or industrial use. The town shall have a period of 120 days, in the case of intended sale, as a first refusal option to meet a bona fide offer to purchase the land. Despite all these measures to conserve open land for various purposes, residential building is still occurring, albeit at a slower pace due to the current economy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a significant landholder in Townsend. Land owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife totals 6,572 acres, or 31.1% of the total area in town. If other public open space in town is included, 7,160 acres in town are permanently protected open space, or 33.8% of the town. In addition, there are 3,017 acres of land protected through Chapter 61, 61A, or 61B, making a total of 10,177 acres under some degree of protection, or 48.1% of the land in town. This is up from 41.1% in 1988 and 45.6% in 1997.

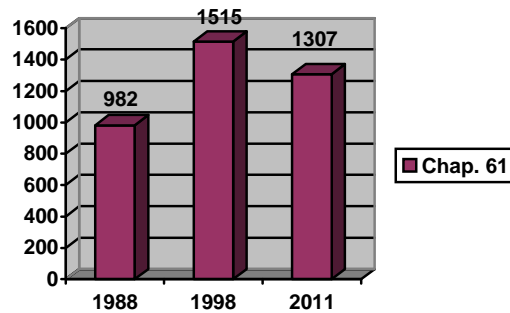
## 5.1 PRIVATE PARCELS

The private parcels discussed in this section include Chapter 61 (forest lands), Chapter 61A (agriculture) and Chapter 61B (recreation land) and other lands privately owned and protected. (See Table 5.2 and Map 12: Open Space & Chapter 61 Lands)

### 5.1.1 Chapter 61 – Forest lands

Chapter 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws applies to parcels with 10 or more contiguous acres of forest land that have been certified by the state forester as being under an approved forest management plan. Properties under Chapter 61 get preferential tax treatment as compared to similar properties taxed at full market value. To insure that land under Chapter 61 is actually managed in a long-term sustainable fashion, there is a penalty for withdrawal from the program and changing it to residential, industrial or commercial use. This penalty consists of payment for the difference between taxes paid and taxes deferred plus interest. The penalty is computed for the previous five years under certification. Townsend has the right of first refusal should these properties be put on the market for another use.

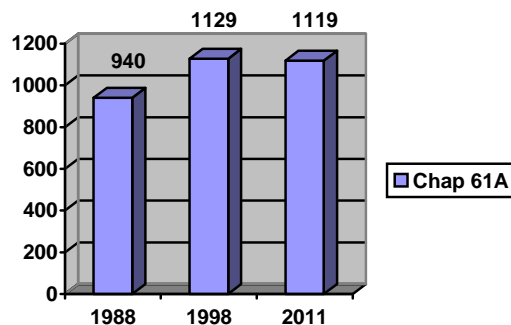
**Acres in Townsend in Chapter 61:**



### 5.1.2 Chapter 61A – Agricultural lands

The agricultural and horticultural land classification program under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 61A is designed to encourage the preservation of the Commonwealth's valuable farmland and promote active agricultural and horticultural land use. It offers significant local tax benefits to property owners willing to make a long term commitment to farming. In exchange for these benefits, the city or town in which the land is located is given the right to recover some of the tax benefits afforded the owner when the land is removed from classification and an option to purchase the property should the land be sold or used for any other purpose than to continue raising farm products.

**Acres in Townsend in Chapter 61A:**

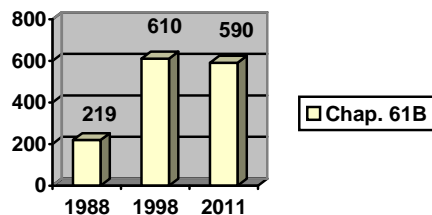


### 5.1.3 Chapter 61B – Recreation lands

Chapter 61B of the Massachusetts General Laws applies to parcels of five acres or more that has been classified for recreational use. It offers significant local tax benefits to property owners willing to make a long term commitment to preserving land in an undeveloped condition or for use for outdoor activities. In exchange for these benefits, the city or town in which the land is located is given the right to recover some of the tax benefits afforded the owner when the land is removed from classification and an option to purchase the property should the land be sold or used for any purpose other than to maintain it as open space or recreational use. There are two ways a parcel can qualify:

1. It must be maintained in a substantially natural, wild or open condition or must be maintained in a landscaped condition permitting the preservation of wildlife and natural resources. It does not have to be open to the public, but can be held as private, undeveloped, open space land.
2. It must be used for certain recreational purposes and must be open to the public or members of a non-profit organization.

#### Acres in Townsend in Chapter 61B:



The overall acreage in Townsend covered by this reduced tax program has fallen from 3254 acres in 1998 to 3016 acres in 2011, a drop of 7%.

### 5.1.4 Private Parcels with Restrictions

One property owner has a conservation restriction held by the New England Forestry Foundation. It is a 29.8 acre parcel granted in perpetuity. There are no parcels being currently held in an Agricultural Preservation Restriction.

### 5.2 PUBLIC AND NON-PROFIT PARCELS

During the economic slowdown, the State has been purchasing land that is strategically linked to various conservation programs associated with the Fisheries and Wildlife Department and the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Those initiatives combined with land already under state control will result in approximately 31% of Townsend land under State ownership. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a significant landholder in Townsend, and they are continuing to purchase land in town. In 1998, land owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Department of Fish and Game totaled 5,660 acres, but in 2011 it now totals 6,572 acres. This is an increase of 14%.

The Town of Townsend has also increased its land holdings since 1998. Town and Conservation Commission land has increased from 641 to 944 acres.

The Townsend Conservation Land Trust, founded in 1988, had 41 acres of land in 1998, and now owns 184 acres.

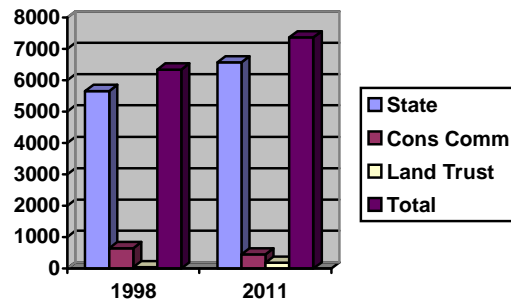


Table 5.2 lists all public parcels in Townsend. In this table F/W refers to the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Wildlife, DCR refers to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, TCLT refers to the Townsend Conservation Land Trust, TCC refers to the Townsend Conservation Commission, TWD refers to the Townsend Water Department, TOT refers to the Town of Townsend, and NMRSD refers to the North Middlesex Regional School District comprising Townsend, Ashby and Pepperell. (See Map 12: Open Space & Chapter 61 Lands)

**Table 5.1 Privately Owned Parcels**

<b>PARCEL ID</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>USE</b>	<b>ZONING</b>	<b>PROTECTION</b>
02-25-0	Sauna Row Rd	48.83	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
04-16-0	West Meadow Rd	9.8	Field crops	RA3	Chapter 61A
04-22-0	West Meadow Rd	120	Field crops, Non-productive land	RA3	Chapter 61A
04-6-0	Wheeler Rd	13	Pasture, Non-productive land	RB2	Chapter 61A
04-7-0	Wheeler Rd	17	Field crops, Productive woodland	RB2	Chapter 61A
06-2-0	Greenville Rd	53	Hiking, Nature study, Hunting, Fishing, Nordic skiing, Target shooting	RB2	Chapter 61B
07-24-0	Old City Rd	13.6	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
07-4-0	Lunenburg Rd	33.6	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
07-8-0	Lunenburg Rd	25.5	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
08-10-1	Off Lunenburg Rd	10	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
08-23-0	Main St	2.46	Pasture	RB2	Chapter 61A
08-24-0	Lunenburg Rd	16	Field crops, Pasture, Non-productive land	RB2	Chapter 61A
08-33-0	Bailey Rd	19.5	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
08-33-1	Off Lunenburg Rd	12	Nature study	RB2	Chapter 61B
08-48-0	Bailey Rd	20	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
08-49-0	Bailey Rd	3.5	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
08-7-1	Lunenburg Rd	5	Nature study	RB2	Chapter 61B
09-10-0	Ryan Rd	22.46	Passive recreation	RA3/RB2	Cnservation Restriction
09-14-0	Lunenburg Rd	33.7	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
09-14-12	Blood Rd	3.64	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
09-14-13	West Elm St	2	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
09-21-0	Bayberry Hill Rd	17	Nature study	RB2	Chapter 61B
09-21-2	Off Bayberry Hill Rd	21.22	Nature study	RB2	Chapter 61B
09-32-0	Bayberry Hill Rd	12.9	Nature study	RB2	Chapter 61B
09-33-0	Bayberry Hill Rd	5.15	Nature study	RA3	Chapter 61B
09-39-0	Blood Rd	11.04	Pasture, Non-productive land	RB2	Chapter 61A
10-46-1	West Elm St	30.57	Truck crops -veggies	RB2	Chapter 61A
10-46-2	West Elm St	72	Non-productive land	RB2	Chapter 61A
10-46-3	West Elm St	5.43	Pasture	RB2	Chapter 61A
10-47-0	West Elm St	4.54	Pasture	RB2	Chapter 61A
10-53-0	Saunders Rd	13	Nature study	ID	Chapter 61B
10-71-0	West Elm St	5.12	Non-productive land	RB2	Chapter 61A
12-3-0	Off Old Turnpike Rd	8	Hiking, nature study	RA3	Chapter 61B
13-16-0	Turnpike Rd	23	Hiking	RA3	Chapter 61B
13-17-0	Off Turnpike Rd	75	Nature study	RA3	Chapter 61B
13-8-26	Kristopher Lane	24.15	Passive recreation	RB2	Conservation restriction
13-9-0	Mason Rd	40	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
14-2-11	Tyler Rd	37.22	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
14-2-12	Tyler Rd	23.12	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61

RB2=Residential B-2acres, RA3=Residential A-3acres

**Table 5.1 continued**

<b>PARCEL ID</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>USE</b>	<b>ZONING</b>	<b>PROTECTION</b>
14-2-13	Tyler Rd	32.75	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
15-12-0	Dogwood Rd	80	Nature study	RA3	Chapter 61B
15-15-0	Tyler Rd	25	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
16-10-0	Clement Rd	21	Field crops, Productive woodland	RB2	Chapter 61A
16-11-0	Clement Rd	9.36	Field crops, Productive woodland	RB2	Chapter 61A
16-4-0	Clement Rd	12.05	Field crops, Non-productive land	RB2	Chapter 61A
16-5-0	Clement Rd	21.5	Field crops, Non-productive land	RB2	Chapter 61A
16-59-0	Clement Rd	4.002	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
16-6-0	Off Clement Rd	33	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
17-10-0	Bayberry Hill Rd	8	Nature study	RB2	Chapter 61B
17-2-0	Bayberry Hill Rd	6	Nature study	RB2	Chapter 61B
18-25-0	Turnpike Rd	41.5	Field crops, Non-productive land	RA3	Chapter 61A
18-64-0	Blood Rd	28	Non-productive land	RB2	Chapter 61A
18-65-0	Scales Lane	115	Golf course	RA3	Chapter 61B
19-43-3	Turnpike Rd	5	Passive recreation	RA3	100ft wide easement to the Town along bank of the Squannacook River in deed
19-71-0	Dudley Rd	39.77	Field crops, Non-productive land	RA3	Chapter 61A
19-72-0	Burgess Rd	15.5	Field crops, Pasture	RA3	Chapter 61A
19-82-0	Turnpike Rd	26.5	Field crops, Pasture	RA3	Chapter 61A
20-5-0	Burgess Rd	15.43	Nurseries	RB2	Chapter 61A
21-1-2	Barker Hill Rd	19.17	Hiking, Nordic skiing	RB2	Chapter 61B
21-5-0	Barker Hill Rd	62	Pasture, Wetland, Non-productive land	RB2	Chapter 61A
21-8-0	Barker Hill Rd	18.51	Field crops, Pasture	RB2	Chapter 61A
23-18-0	Pierce Rd	9	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
23-2-0	Seaver Rd	5.5	Nature study	RB2	Chapter 61B
23-23-0	Warren Rd	25	Hiking	RB2	Chapter 61B
23-26-0	Gilchrist Rd	89	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
24-1-1	Tyler Rd	57.42	Picnicking areas	RB2	Chapter 61B
24-33-0	South Row Rd	25.5	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
24-34-0	South Row Rd	18	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
24-5-1	South Row Rd	42	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
25-1-0	Emery Rd	10.5	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
25-10-0	Old Meetinghouse Rd	13	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
25-2-0	Emery Rd	226	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
26-20-0	Fitchburg Rd	33.02	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
26-37-1	Meadow Rd	12.6	Field crops	RB2	Chapter 61A
26-42-0	Old Meetinghouse Rd	2.3	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
26-43-0	Old Meetinghse Rd	9	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
27-45-0	Old Meetinghouse Rd	11.76	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
28-37-0	Meadow Rd	12.6	Field crops, Wetland	RA3	Chapter 61A

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**Table 5.1 continued**

<b>PARCEL ID</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>USE</b>	<b>ZONING</b>	<b>PROTECTION</b>
28-44-0	Boutelle Rd	25.3	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
28-44-2	Off Meadow Rd	3.12	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
28-45-0	Adams Rd	20	Field crops	RA3	Chapter 61A
28-54-0	Meadow Rd	17.9	Field crops	RA3	Chapter 61A
31-24-0	Warren Rd	44	Productive woodlands	RA3	Chapter 61A
31-25-0	Warren Rd	21	Nature study	RB2	Chapter 61B
32-18-0	Warren Rd	8	Forest land, Target shooting	RA3	Chapter 61B
32-19-0	Off Warren Rd	40.2	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
32-33-0	Warren Rd	13.7	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
35-13-3	Highland St	34.9	Field crops, Pasture, Productive woodland	RB2	Chapter 61A
35-14-1	Adams Rd	42.34	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
35-21-0	Highland St	10	Field crops, Pasture Non-productive land	RB2	Chapter 61A
35-27-0	Townsend Hill Rd	78.96	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
35-30-0	Wallace Hill Rd	54.32	Field crops	RB2	Chapter 61A
35-30-1	Wallace Hill Rd	9.7	Productive woodlands	RB2	Chapter 61A
35-8-0	Wallace Hill Rd	19	Field crops, Non-productive land	RB2	Chapter 61A
36-18-2	Boutelle Rd	2.23	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
36-19-0	Meadow Rd	18	Productive woodlands	RB2	Chapter 61A
36-19-4	Meadow Rd	11.14	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
36-20-0	Meadow Rd	4.8	Field crops, Non-productive land	RB2	Chapter 61A
36-30-0	Brown Rd	8.4	Truck crops -veggies	RB2	Chapter 61A
36-4-0	Meadow Rd	29	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
37-21-0	North End Rd	2.7	Forest land, Field crops	RB2	Chapter 61A
37-24-0	North End Rd	3.7	Forest land, Field crops	RB2	Chapter 61A
37-8-2	Ball Rd	64	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
38-10-0	North End Rd	21.34	Pasture	RA3	Chapter 61A
38-4-0	Brookline St	1.38	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
38-5-0	Brookline Rd	7.5	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
38-6-0	Brookline Rd	14.5	Forest land	RA3	Chapter 61
44-15-1	Ball Rd	12	Pasture, Non-productive land	RA3	Chapter 61A
45-1-0	Ball Rd	26.42	Productive woodland	RB2	Chapter 61A
45-1A-0	Ball Rd	13.59	Productive woodland	RB2	Chapter 61A
46-1-0	North End Rd	58	Field crops, Productive woodland	RB2	Chapter 61A
46-3-1	North End Rd	50.005	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61
48-8-0	Off Main St	25.5	Forest land	RB2	Chapter 61

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**Table 5.2 Public and Nonprofit Parcels**

MANAGEMENT AGENCY	ACRES	LOCATION	ASSESSOR'S MAP	AREA NAME	CURRENT USE/ POTENTIAL RECREATION USE	CONDITION	FUNDING	PUBLIC ACCESS	TRAILS	ADA COMPLIANT	ZONING	PROTECTION STATUS
TWD	13.11	Maplewood St	53B-194A-0	Witches Brook Water Supply	Water Supply Protection/NONE	wooded	Muni	Yes	No	No	RA3	Water Supply
TWD	14.53	Redwood St	53A-310A-0	TOT undeveloped	Ball Field, Wetlands	grassy, shrubby		Yes	No	No	RA3	Water Supply
TWD	2.21	Ash Street	53A-992-0	Witches Brook Water Supply	Water Supply Protection Access to ball field/NONE	dirt driveway	Muni	Yes	No	No	RA3	Water Supply
TWD	5.3	Off Harbor Trace Rd	33-79-0	Harbor Trace Well	Water Supply Protection/Passive recreation	location of pump station with solar panels	OSPD	No	No	No	RA3	Deed restriction
TWD	0.464	Spruce St	53B-42-0	Witches Brook Water Supply	Water Supply Protection/NONE	wooded	Muni	Yes	No	No	RA3	Water Supply
TWD	1.5	Off Hickory Dr	53C-994-0	Witches Brook Water Supply	Access thru 25-5-1/NONE	wooded	Muni	No	No	No	RA3	Water Supply
TWD	12.23	14 Ash St	53B-999-0	Witches Brook Pumping Stations	Water Supply/NONE	wooded with water dept bldgs	Muni	No	No	No	RA3	Water Supply
TWD	28.66	25 Harbor Trace Rd	33-79-18	Harbor Trace Well	Water Supply Protection, Squannacook River Public Access/passive trails	gravelly, sandy area with some shrubs and trees	OSPD	Yes	No	No	RA3	Deed restriction
TOT	24.7	Main St	27-48-0	Highway Garage	Highway Garage/ possible active recreation	highway bldgs on portion of parcel with the remainder wooded	Gift	Yes	No	Yes	RB2/ RA3	None
TOT	9.14	Off Fordway Rd	34-54-40	Townsend Conservation Land	Passive Recreation/possible trail location	wooded possible trail location		Yes	No	No	RA3	Deed restriction
TOT	2.8	Off Dudley Road	19-81-0	Howard Park	Passive Recreation-trails Squannacook River Public Access	wooded trails maintained		Yes	Yes	No	RA3	Deed restriction
TOT	38	Off Dudley Road	27-5-0	Howard Park	Passive Recreation-trails Squannacook River Public Access	wooded trails maintained		Yes	Yes	No	RA3	Deed restriction
TOT	5.3	Off Worcester Rd	17-66-0		Squannacook River Public Access-trails, Habitat Protection	trails not maintained but used frequently		Yes	Yes	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.402	Elm St	17-105-0		Squannacook River Public Access/NONE	shrubby		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.758	Riverbank Terrace	51-39-0	Public Parking Area	Squannacook River Public Access/NONE	gravel parking area		Yes	No	No	DCD	None
TOT	5.5	Dudley Rd	11-65-0	Riverside Cemetery	Cemetery/NONE	cemetery		Yes	No	No	RA3	None



**Table 5.2 Public and Nonprofit Parcels**

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TOT	1	254 Dudley Rd	11-67-0	West Townsend Reading Room	Squannacook River Public Access, Meeting Place/NONE	grassy with bldg		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	2	Riverbank Terrace	18-27-0	Adams Dam	Squannacook River Public Access with trails	wooded with trails		Yes	Yes	No	RA3	None
TOT	1.3	Main St	3-6-0	TOT undeveloped	Habitat Protection/NONE	wooded, steep slope		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	2.3	South Harbor Rd	53A-1-0	TOT undeveloped	Habitat Protection, Flood Control/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	2.5	New Fitchburg Rd	10-20-0	TOT undeveloped	Possible trails	wooded			No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.464	Spruce St	53B-41A-0	Witches Brook Water Supply	Water Supply Protection/NONE	wooded	Muni	Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.23	Old Meetinghouse Rd	27-68-0	Site of First Meetinghouse	Historic Marker, Entrance to OMP/parking	end of cul-de-sac		Yes	Yes	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.464	Cherry Drive	16-49-115	TOT undeveloped	Wetlands/NONE	wooded		No	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	6.85	Off Elm St	49-28-0	TOT undeveloped	Squannacook River Public Access with trails	wooded with trails		Yes	Yes	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.459	Spruce St	53B-44A-0	Witches Brook Water Supply	Water Supply Protection/NONE	wooded	Muni	Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.459	Sumac Dr	16-50-55	TOT undeveloped	Wetlands/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.46	Tamarack Lane	16-49-140	TOT undeveloped	Wetlands/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	7.5	Off Cherry Dr	16-44-0	TOT undeveloped	Wetlands/possible playground	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.46	Cherry Drive	16-49-114	TOT undeveloped	Wetlands/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	1.001	Worcester Rd	49-20-0	TOT undeveloped	possible affordable house lot	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.189	Ponderosa Dr	53D-997-0	TOT undeveloped	Wetlands/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	5	Off Main St	19-44-0	TOT undeveloped	landlocked/NONE	wooded		No	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	2.5	Main St	51-90-0	Town Common	Town Common	grassy, mowed		Yes	No	Yes	RA3	None
TOT	0.466	Todd Dr	42-1-37	TOT undeveloped	vacant/possible playground	vacant lot		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	14.6	Off Highland St	27-56-0	TOT undeveloped	Forestland/possible active recreation area	wooded, some trails	Gift	Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.459	Spruce St	53B-43A-0	Witches Brook Water Supply	Water Supply Protection/NONE	wooded	Muni	Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	19.3	South Row Rd	25-5-1	TOT undeveloped	Designated for affordable housing	wooded		yes	No	No	RA3	Voted at Town Meeting
TOT	1.5	Meadow Rd	28-38-0	TOT undeveloped	Wetlands, Habitat Protection/NONE	swampy area		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.46	Laurel Lane	16-49-131	TOT undeveloped	Wetlands/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	5	Warner Rd	44-9-0	TOT undeveloped	landlocked/NONE	wooded		No	No	No	RB2	None
TOT	0.459	Sumac Dr	16-50-54	TOT undeveloped	Wetlands/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	1.2	Adams Rd	27-33-0	TOT undeveloped	Stormwater treatment/NONE	swale area		Yes	No	No	RA3	None

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TOT	0.948	Willow Dr	16-50-103	TOT undeveloped	Vernal Pool/NONE	water/shrubby		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.459	Sumac Dr	16-50-53	TOT undeveloped	Wetlands/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.473	Laurel Lane	16-49-130	TOT undeveloped	Wetlands/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.499	Edward Rd	42-1-54	TOT undeveloped	vacant/Potential playground	vacant lot		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	32	South Row Rd	25-3-0	TOT undeveloped	Forest, Landlocked/NONE	wooded		No	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	2	Main St	50-56-0	TOT undeveloped	Parkland-Fire Dept/NONE	grassy, mowed		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	31.4	Wallace Hill Rd/ Haynes Rd	34-74-0	TOT undeveloped	Forestland/possible passive recreation with trails	wooded		Yes	No	No	RB2	None
TOT	0.205	Hickory Dr	53C-995-0	TOT undeveloped	Access to 25-5-1/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.459	Sumac Dr	16-50-52	TOT undeveloped	Wetlands/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	3	Haynes Rd	34-80-0	TOT undeveloped	Vacant/possible trails	wooded		Yes	No	No	RB2	None
TOT	5.9	Old Turnpike Rd	12-17-0	TOT undeveloped	Forest, Habitat Protection Abuts State land/possible trails	wooded		yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.918	Meadow Rd	28-49-6	TOT undeveloped	Stormwater treatment/NONE	swampy area		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	4	Off Horseshoe Dr	11-32-0	Squannacook Meadows	Squannacook River Public Access, Soccer Fields, Rare Species Habitat	partially developed into soccer fields	OSPD	Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	5	Dudley Rd	11-64-0	Riverside Cemetery	Squannacook River Public Access, Cemetery Expansion	cleared for cemetery		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	4.65	Off Horseshoe Dr	11-35-21	Squannacook Meadows	Squannacook River Public Access, Soccer Fields, Rare Species Habitat	partially developed into soccer fields	OSPD	Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	7.67	Off Horseshoe Dr	11-35-22	Squannacook Meadows	Squannacook River Public Access, Soccer Fields, Rare Species Habitat	partially developed into soccer fields	OSPD	Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	23.58	Off Horseshoe Dr	11-35-0	Squannacook Meadows	Squannacook River Public Access, Soccer Fields, Rare Species Habitat	partially developed into soccer fields	OSPD	Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	0.478	Laurel Lane	16-49-132		Wetlands/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	2.87	New Fitchburg Rd	47-23-3	Craven Field	Ball Field	groomed baseball	Gift	Yes	No	No	RA3	None

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TOT	0.459	Sumac Dr	16-50-56		Wetlands/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	11.85	Dudley Rd	28-57-0	Atwood Property	Designated for affordable housing	wooded	Gift	Yes	No		RA3	Deed/Will
TOT	8.01	12 Dudley Rd	28-56-0	Townsend Public Library/Senior Center/Meeting Hall	Library, Senior Center, Meeting space/potential recreation location	grassy area, mowed	Gift	Yes	No	Yes	RA3	None
TOT	18.6	Old Battery Rd	10-3-0	TOT undeveloped	Water Supply Protection/NONE	wooded	Muni	Yes	No	No	RA3	Water Supply
TOT	1.7	Highland St	27-21-0	Cemetery	Cemetery	cemetery	Muni	Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	3	Off Shirley Rd	40-3-0		Riverline corridor, Habitat protection/potential for trails	wooded		No	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	15.74	Cross St	27-14-0	Cross Street Well	Water Supply/NONE	pumping station/wooded	Muni	No	No	No	RA3	Water Supply
TOT	8.8	Main St	50-50-0	Spaulding Memorial School	School, ball fields, playground	grassy area, mowed, playground maintained with donations	Muni	Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	4.18	Highland St	35-22-1	Highland Street Water Tank	Water Supply/NONE	wooded/water tank	Muni	No	No	No	RB2	Water Supply
TOT	21	Highland St	51-107-0	Hillside Cemetery	Cemetery	cemetery	Muni	Yes	No	No	RA3	None
TOT	39.9	512 Main St	11-13-0	Main Street Pumping Station	Water Supply/NONE	pumping station/wooded	Muni	No	No		RA3	Water Supply
TOT	69.5	Greenville Rd	6-8-0	Landfill, Recycling Center	Capped landfill, Recycling center/Potential recreation area	covered landfill, wooded	Muni	Partial	No	No	RA3	None
TCLT	14.48	Off Clement Rd	15-11-4	Miko, Gavin & John Aho Nature Walk	Habitat Protection, Access via 15-11-3/trails	wooded	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	RB2	Deed restriction
TCLT	0.145	Pheasant Ridge Rd	17-109-0	TCLT land	Natural resource preservation, habitat protection/NONE	wooded	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	RB2	Deed restriction
TCLT	0.557	Pheasant Ridge Rd	17-24B-0	TCLT land	Natural resource preservation, habitat protection/NONE	wooded	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	RB2	Deed restriction
TCLT	1.2	Fitchburg Rd	16-14-0	Veno & Arvo Aho Memorial Park	Natural resource preservation, habitat protection/NONE	wooded	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	RB2	Deed restriction
TCLT	12.65	Greenville Rd	6-5-2	TCLT land	Natural resource preservation, Habitat protection, landlocked	wooded	N/A	No	No	N/A	RB2	Deed restriction

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TCLT	20	Old Meetinghouse Rd	26-33-0	Howard Stein Memorial Park	Natural resource preservation, habitat protection/possible trails	wooded	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	RB2	Deed restriction
TCLT	40.37	Pheasant Ridge Rd	17-24-21	TCLT land	Natural resource preservation, habitat protection/possible trails	wooded	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	RA3	Deed restriction
TCLT	0.15	Brookline Rd	37-33-0	TCLT land	Natural resource preservation, habitat protection/NONE	wooded	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	RA3	Deed restriction
TCLT	0.309	Barker Hill Rd	19-49-0	TCLT land	Natural resource preservation, habitat protection/NONE	wooded	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	RA3	Deed restriction
TCLT	50	Off West Meadow Rd	4-5-0	TCLT land	Natural resource preservation, habitat protection/trails	wooded	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	RB2	Deed restriction
TCLT	1.17	Clement Rd	15-11-3	TCLT land	Natural resource preservation, habitat protection/NONE	wooded	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	RB2	Deed restriction
TCLT	43	Off Greenville Rd	6-7-1	TCLT land	Natural resource preservation, Habitat protection, landlocked/NONE	wooded	N/A	No	No	N/A	RB2	Deed restriction
TCC	2.6	Lunenburg Rd	9-3-3	Basbanes Trails	Passive Recreation-trails	wooded, trails maintained	Gift	Yes	Yes	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	2.5	Lunenburg Rd	9-3-2	Basbanes Trails	Passive Recreation-trails	wooded, trails maintained	Gift	Yes	Yes	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	2.7	Lunenburg Rd	9-3-1	Basbanes Trails	Passive Recreation-trails	wooded, trails maintained	Gift	Yes	Yes	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	3.7	Lunenburg Rd	9-3-4	Basbanes Trails	Passive Recreation-trails	wooded, trails maintained	Gift	Yes	Yes	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	1.6	Main St	26-38-0	Old Meetinghouse Park	Passive Recreation-trails	wooded, trails maintained	Self-Help Grant	Yes	Yes	No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	28.02	Old Meetinghouse Rd	27-47-0	Old Meetinghouse Park	Passive Recreation-trails	wooded, trails maintained	Self-Help Grant	Yes	Yes	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	55	Main St	26-37-0	Old Meetinghouse Park	Passive Recreation-trails	wooded, trails maintained	Self-Help Grant	Yes	Yes	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c



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TCC	32	Off Wallace Hill Rd	34-72-0	Old Meetinghouse Park	Passive Recreation-trails	wooded, trails maintained	Self-Help Grant	Yes	Yes	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	7.73	Highland St	35-11-0	Old Meetinghouse Park	Passive Recreation-trails	wooded, trails maintained	Self-Help Grant	Yes	Yes	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	30	Off Wallace Hill Rd	35-6-0	Old Meetinghouse Park	Passive Recreation-trails	wooded, trails maintained	Self-Help Grant	Yes	Yes	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	36.5	Wallace Hill Rd	35-4-0	Old Meetinghouse Park	Passive Recreation-trails	wooded, trails maintained	Self-Help Grant	Yes	Yes	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	30	Old Meetinghouse Rd	35-7-0	Old Meetinghouse Park	Passive Recreation-trails	wooded, trails maintained	Self-Help Grant	Yes	Yes	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	27	Off Wallace Hill Rd	34-73-0	Old Meetinghouse Park	Passive Recreation-trails	wooded, trails maintained	Self-Help Grant	Yes	Yes	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	15.8	130 Haynes Rd	44-4-0	Townsend Conservation Land	Passive Recreation/ potential for trails	wooded	OSPD	Yes		No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	2.5	Off South Harbor Rd	33-36-0	Access to Harbor Pond	Passive Recreation/potential for picnic area	wooded	Gift	Yes	No	No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	0.503	Proctor Rd	42-1-34	Wetlands/Bog	Habitat Protection/NONE	bog area-natural		Yes	No	No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	0.494	Proctor Rd	42-1-32	Wetlands/Bog	Habitat Protection/NONE	bog area-natural		Yes	No	No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	6.12	Off Locke Brooke Rd	4-19-7	Townsend Conservation Land	Passive Recreation/potential for trails to state land	wooded	OSPD	No	No	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	0.485	Proctor Rd	42-1-29	Wetlands/Bog	Habitat Protection/NONE	bog area-natural		Yes	No	No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	0.494	Proctor Rd	42-1-33	Wetlands/Bog	Habitat Protection/NONE	bog area-natural		Yes	No	No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	57.27	Off Ponderosa Dr	53D-990-0	Townsend Conservation Land	Habitat Protection Water Supply Protection/ possible trail location	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	17.28	Alyssa Dr	32-6-0	Townsend Conservation Land	Passive Recreation/possible trail location	wooded, one stormwater structure	OSPD	Yes	No	No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c

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TCC	20.58	Off Haynes Rd	44-4-11	Townsend Conservation Land	Passive Recreation/possible trail location	wooded	OSPD	Yes	No	No	RB2	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	5.18	Off Ash Street	53E-991-0	Townsend Conservation Land	Habitat Protection Water Supply Protection/NONE	wooded		Yes	No	No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	0.494	Proctor Rd	42-1-31	Wetlands/Bog	Habitat Protection/NONE	bog area-natural		Yes	No	No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	34.67	West Meadow Rd	4-20-1	Townsend Conservation Land	Passive Recreation/possible trail location	wooded	OSPD	Yes	No	No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	0.494	Proctor Rd	42-1-30	Wetlands/Bog	Habitat Protection/NONE	bog area-natural		Yes	No	No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c
TCC	25.6	Dudley Road	19-80-0		Passive Recreation-trails Squannacook River Public Access	wooded, trails maintained	OSPD	Yes	Yes	No	RA3	Ch. 40 §8c
NMRSD	49.42	Main St	41-10-0	Hawthorne Brook Middle School Squannacook Elementary School	School, ball fields, playground	grassy, mowed						
NMRSD	40.75	Brookline St	27-4-0	North Middlesex Regional High School	School, Ball fields	grassy, mowed						
MADPW	1.8	26 New Fitchburg Rd	47-17-0	State Highway Garage								
F/W	0.918	Dudley Road	19-79-1	Access thru 19-79-0								
F/W	0.42	Main St	51-135-0	Bertoizzi/Squannacook WMA								
F/W	17.6	Shirley Rd	32-27-0	Bertoizzi/Squannacook WMA								
F/W	96.75	Main St	41-9-0	Bertoizzi/Squannacook WMA								
F/W	125	Shirley Rd	32-28-0	Bertoizzi/Squannacook WMA								
F/W	41	Shirley Rd	31-2-0	Bertoizzi/Squannacook WMA								
F/W	83.94	Haynes Rd	44-13-2	Townsend Hill State WMA								
F/W	5	Pierce Rd	31-19-0	Hunting Hills State WMA								
F/W	23	Warren Rd	30-13-0	Hunting Hills State WMA								
F/W	177.03	Turner Rd	30-5-0	Hunting Hills State WMA								
F/W	35	Warren Rd	31-34-0	Hunting Hills State WMA								
F/W	26.12	Pierce Rd	31-19-1	Hunting Hills State WMA								
F/W	4.8	Scott Rd	19-7-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	29	South Harbor Rd	33-33-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	56.8	West Meadow Rd	4-21-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	4.3	Tumple Rd	19-87-1	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	4.1	Tumple Rd	50-39-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	11	Tumple Rd	50-40-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	57	Old Meetinghouse Rd	33-31-1	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	5.7	Tumple Rd	19-87-0	Squannacook River State WMA								

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F/W	12.3	Tumple Rd	19-40-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	25	Off Old Meetinghouse Rd	34-25-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	53.5	Elm St	26-19-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	9.94	Main St	11-24-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	22.11	Shirley Rd	39-1-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	18	Off Main St	34-22-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	49	Dudley Road	19-79-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	16.13	Tumple Rd	19-43-1	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	28.96	237 Wallace Hill Rd	36-31-3	Townsend Hill State WMA								
F/W	28.97	241 Wallace Hill Rd	36-31-2	Townsend Hill State WMA								
F/W	113.13	Townsend Hill Rd	36-31-0	Townsend Hill State WMA								
F/W	28	Mason/Greenville Road	5-9-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	50	Greenville Rd	6-1-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
F/W	2.1	Ball Rd	37-31-0	Townsend Hill State WMA								
F/W	38	Ball Rd	45-3-0	Townsend Hill State WMA								
F/W	40	Ball Rd	44-15-2	Townsend Hill State WMA								
DCR	229	Vinton Pond Rd	2-49-0	Pearl Hill State Park	Campground, passive recreation, Habitat protection							
DCR	11	Old Meetinghouse Rd	33-30-0	Squannacook River State Park								
DCR	21	Off Pierce Rd	23-19-0	Squannacook River State Park								
DCR	160	Old Meetinghouse Rd	25-12-0	Squannacook River State Park								
DCR	9	Main St	11-19-0	Squannacook River State Park								
DCR	120	Old Meetinghouse Rd	26-45-0	Squannacook River State Park								
DCR	0.23	Shirley Rd	40-1-0	Squannacook River State Park								
DCR	42.6	Dudley Road	28-2-0	Squannacook River State Park								
DCR	12	Off Canal St	11-76-0	Squannacook River State Park								
DCR	2.3	Mason Rd	5-8-0	Squannacook River State WMA								
DCR	125	Mason Rd/ Old Tumple Rd	12-2-0	Townsend State Forest								
DCR	4.9	Dudley Rd	28-6-0	Townsend State Forest								
DCR	21	Off Tumple Rd	18-26-0	Townsend State Forest								
DCR	52	Dudley Road	19-70-0	Townsend State Forest								
DCR	14.4	Brookline St	29-1-0	Townsend State Forest								
DCR	0.689	Tumple Rd	19-45-0	Townsend State Forest								
DCR	1900	Barker Hill Rd	21-7-0	Townsend State Forest								
DCR	52	Brookline Rd	28-20-0	Townsend State Forest								

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DCR	11.5	Brookline Rd	37-4-0	Townsend State Forest								
DCR	51	Brookline Rd	38-8-0	Townsend State Forest								
DCR	50	Dudley Rd	11-57-0	Townsend State Forest								
DCR	1.68	Vinton Pond Rd	2-53-0	Willard Brook State Forest								
DCR	600	Vinton Pond Rd	1-10-0	Willard Brook State Forest								
DCR	2.3	New Fitchburg Rd	10-11-0	Willard Brook State Forest								
DCR	14	Lunenburg Rd	7-5-0	Willard Brook State Forest								
DCR	21.18	Off Vinton Pond Rd	1-3-0	Willard Brook State Forest								
DCR	37	Off Vinton Pond Rd	2-55-0	Willard Brook State Forest								
DCR	75.76	45 Vinton Pond Rd	2-1-0	Willard Brook State Forest								
DCR	4.75	West Elm St	47-17-1	Willard Brook State Forest								
DCR	18	New Fitchburg Rd	9-12-0	Willard Brook State Forest								
DCR	0.501	Off Old Battery Rd	10-2-0	Willard Brook State Forest								
DCR	660	Hamilton Hill Rd	3-4-0	Willard Brook State Forest								
DCR	29.65	Hamilton Hill Rd	3-1-1	Willard Brook State Forest								
DCR	46	Vinton Pond Rd	1-6-0	Willard Brook State Forest								
DCR	22	585 Main St	3-7-0	Willard Brook State Forest (Ranger Station)								