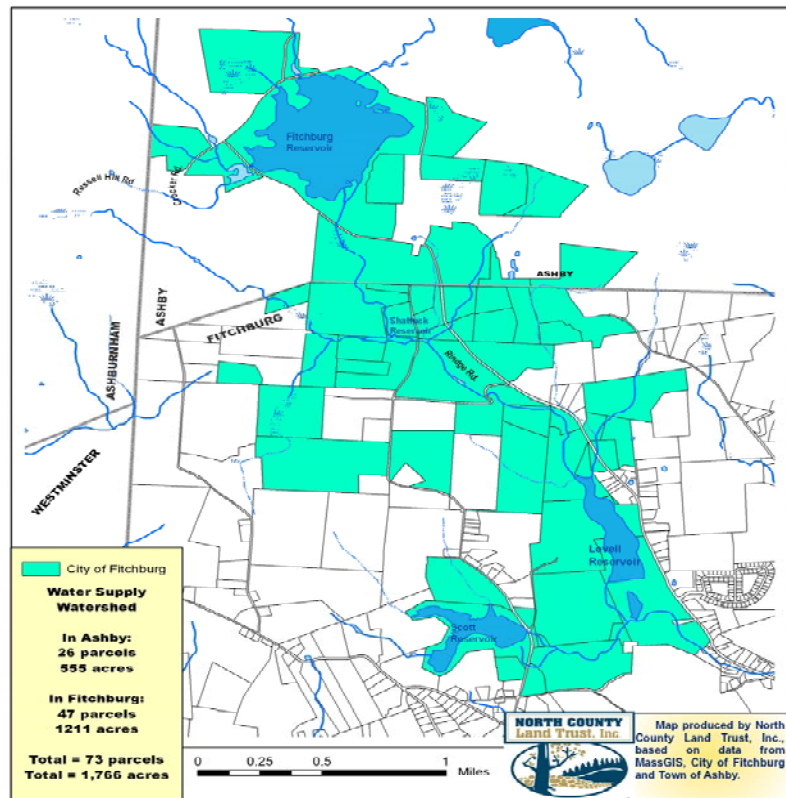


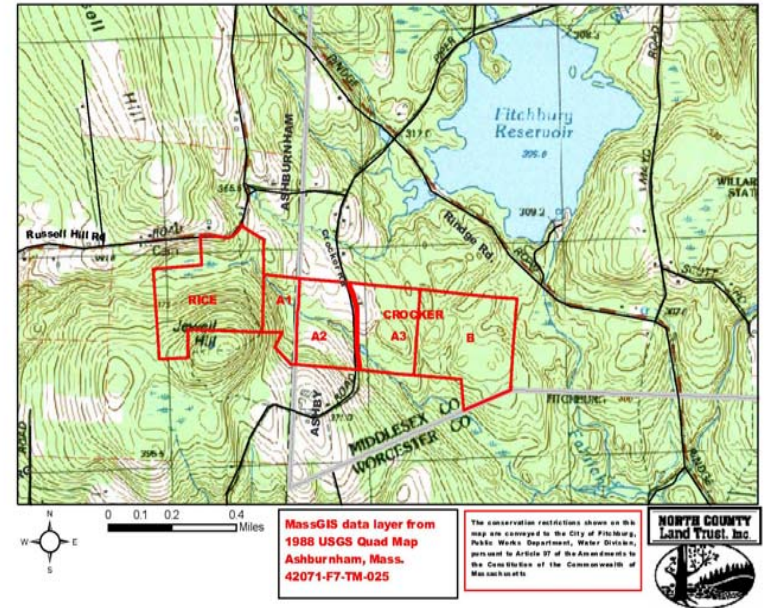
NCLT Spearheads Successful Conservation Projects for Fitchburg

Conservation Restriction will Protect Fitchburg's Northern Water Supply

Fitchburg Protects Private Land in the Northern Watershed



Fitchburg Reservoir Project



NCLT has facilitated the City's first purchase of conservation restrictions on private land in the northern water supply watershed, using revenues from the sale of a conservation restriction on its northern watershed land, state water supply protection grants and private funding from the Open Space Institute.

These conservation restrictions protect 175 contiguous acres of land in Ashby and Ashburnham, including Rice Pond, the north face of Jewell Hill in Ashburnham and the central part of the 575-acre Crocker Farm in Ashby. This land is within water supply protection Zone A.

NCLT worked on this project for almost three years, negotiating with landowners, mapping water supply protection Zone A, completing state grant applications and coordinating due diligence required for closing. Private funding from the Open Space Institute was added to the project through the efforts of our project partner, The Trustees of Reservations.

Through NCLT's efforts and those of its partners, the City of Fitchburg was able to protect land valued at more than \$1.5 million at a cost to the City of approximately \$100,000.

A conservation project, which NCLT initiated almost two years ago, has been completed. Approximately 1800 acres of the City of Fitchburg's northern water supply watershed is now permanently protected. The land is protected by means of a conservation restriction which was conveyed to the Mass. Department of Fish and Game. The City will continue to own and manage the land, and it will be open to the public for hunting, fishing and passive recreation.

In addition to permanent protection, the City received almost \$1 million dollars for the conservation restriction, one-half of which must be used to conserve private land in the watershed.

Now that its land is protected, the City's northern watershed will have priority for conservation funding, as part of the state's Ashburnham Habitat Reserve.

NCLT, TTOR and Fitchburg Greenway Committee Facilitate Purchase of Land for Riverfront "Gateway Park"



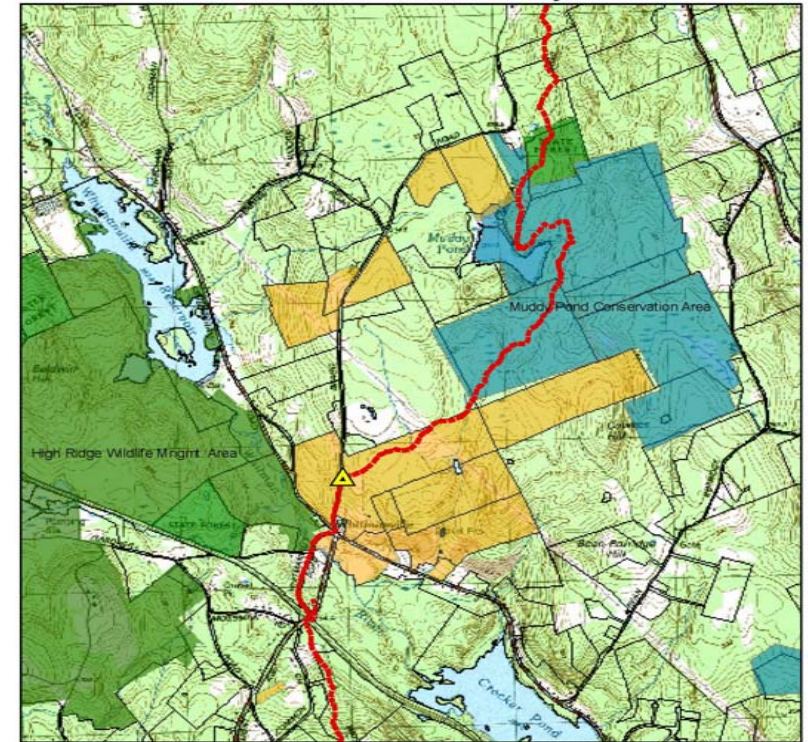
NCLT has facilitated the purchase of a 5.5 acre parcel of open land on the Nashua River that will become one of the state's first urban "Gateway Parks". Working with the Fitchburg Greenway Committee and The Trustees of Reservations, NCLT helped to secure state funding for purchase of the site.

This former industrial site adjoins a particularly wild and beautiful section of the river in the heart of the City. A vision for the Park includes green space, benches and a riverfront walking trail. The park will be managed and maintained through a public/private partnership, with the continued involvement of NCLT, TTOR and other members of the Greenway Committee.

The seller of the park land, Wachusett Development and Construction Co., Inc. is generously donating an endowment for the Park.



Southern Monadnock Plateau Forest Legacy Project Westminster Land in Project



Legend

- Land in Project
- Midstate Trail entrance
- Midstate Trail
- DCR-State Parks & Recreation
- Municipal



NCLT has completed the conservation of two tracts of land within the Southern Monadnock Plateau Forest Legacy Project, a regional land conservation project which will protect over 2000 acres of land in Westminster and Ashburnham. Facilitating the project for the Town of Westminster, NCLT navigated the requirements of state and federal grant programs to complete the conveyance of conservation restrictions on the land to the Town of Westminster by the June 30, 2009 deadline.

At the completion of this project later this summer, the Town of Westminster will have conserved 425 acres of private land worth more than \$2.5 million, for a cost to the Town of approximately \$300,000. This will include a permanent easement for the Midstate Trail which runs through the property.

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