

What is The Wilmot Conservation Commission?

In March of 2004, in acknowledgement of Wilmot's rapid growth and the town's desire to maintain its rural character, the Town of Wilmot voted to establish the Conservation Commission under the provisions of the State's RSA 36-A "for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources" of Wilmot. The volunteers on the Conservation Commission are committed to giving thoughtful attention to both short-term and long-term conservations goals as the town grows and develops.



A furry resident of Wilmot enjoys the woodlands



Kimpton Brook after heavy rain. Wilmot Center

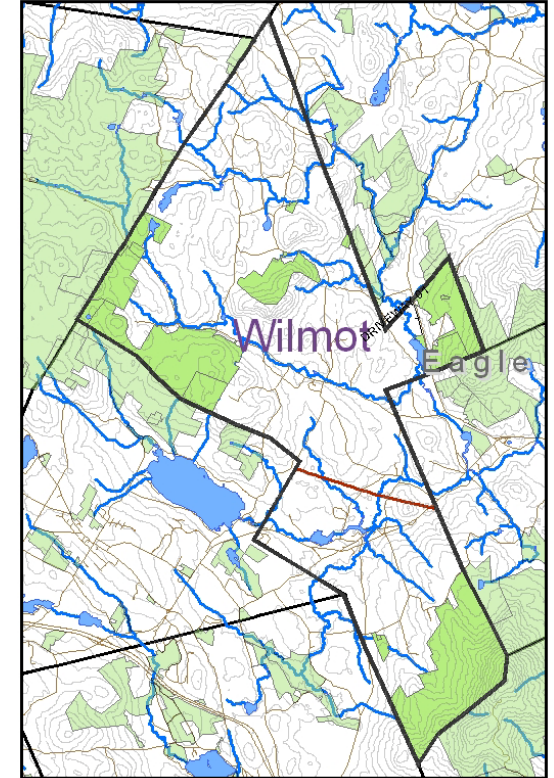
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Responsibilities of the Wilmot Conservation Commission

Required Mission

RSA 36-A **requires** that a Conservation Commission

- conduct researches into its local land and water areas
- seek to coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes (Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, Forest Society, etc.)
- keep a Natural Resources Index of all open space and natural areas, including marshlands, swamps, and all other wet lands, within the town
- keep an accurate record of meetings and actions and file an annual report.



View from Mt. Kearsarge, Wilmot

What the WCC *May* Do

Additional duties the Conservation Commission **may** perform are

- prepare and distribute the results of research and conduct public workshops for the education of the citizens
- recommend a Conservation Plan for the protection, development, or better utilization of areas in the Natural Resources Index
- cooperate with other Town boards and residents on conservation-related matters
- facilitate the completion of large-impact dredge and fill applications (RSA 482-A)
- prepare a report and maps for designation of local prime wetlands (RSA 482-A: 15)

What the WCC *May Not* Do

- condemn property for conservation purposes
- exceed its advisory-only capacity as outlined in NH's RSAs
- act in a regulatory manner or create any regulations/rules

WCC *Accomplishments*

- created a Natural Resources Inventory
- created maps for use by the Planning Board and other town agencies as needed
- held a walk-about led by the Forest Society on a conservation parcel in Wilmot
- sponsored an informational meeting on conservation easements with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests
- conducted a town-wide survey to create a Conservation Plan that will reflect the residents' wishes related to conservation issues
- established a Conservation Fund to help protect open spaces in Wilmot
- arranged for UNH students to conduct a partial wetlands study (Cassey Brook from Wilmot Center Road to the Blackwater River). The results of the study were presented at a public meeting.

Join Us!

Wilmot's Conservation Commission is made up of five members and two alternate members. Meetings are held on the **second Thursday of each month** and are open to the public. Notice of meetings and minutes are posted in the Town Office and the Post Office and on the town website: www.wilmotnh.org

