CONSERVATION/PUBLIC LANDS

Data Availability:

☐ State complete

Data Layer: CONSERVATION LANDS
Primary Layer Name: CONSNH
Layer Content: CONSERVATION/PUBLIC LANDS
Data Structure: VECTOR
Layer Type: POLYGON
Source: SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NH FORESTS and other land trusts
Source Scale: 1:24,000/1:25,000
Source Media: MYLAR
Automated By: ESRC, UNH and Cartographic Associates, Littleton, NH
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Horizontal Datum: 1983
Tile: STATE

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The conservation lands data layer describes parcels of land of two or more acres that are mostly undeveloped and are protected from future development. Unique or adjoining smaller parcels, as well as selected state-owned parcels, may also be included.

The data development has relied on several sources, including the USGS Digital Line Graphs (1:24,000 scale), Society for the Protection of NH Forests records, records from various state agencies, digital records maintained by Cartographic Associates (Littleton, NH) and original deeds and tax maps. Parcel boundaries were compiled on 1:24,000-scale, mylar quad overlays in preparation for automation.

Polygons are coded with a tract id (TID), as well as a number of descriptive attributes. Some or all of the following information is reported for each parcel: protection type, both primary and secondary, (i.e. ownership, easement, deed restriction); agency or organization responsible for managing the parcel; reported parcel acreage; program or agency under whose auspices the protection took place; data source; general indicator for spatial accuracy; Registry of Deeds volume reference; acquisition date; protection level; indicator of public accessibility; types of access allowed (i.e. camping, swimming, etc.).

Modifications for later releases will include addition of any Great Ponds (public waters larger than 10 acres) not currently in the data, and delineation of the Defined Purchase Boundary outside of the current White Mountain National Forest parcel boundary.

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