

OSRP RESOURCE CRITERIA AND PARCEL RANKINGS

Address:

Map/Parcel:

Property Owner:

Resource Criteria - The criteria to be used for determining whether or not the town may wish to pursue a land acquisition should consider the following:

- The property is abutting other permanently protected or Town-owned land;
- The land is within the water protection district (Zone I or II);
- The land is greater than 10 acres;
- It contains rare species habitat;
- It contains wetland or floodplain;
- It contains one or more vernal pools;
- The land is located within the Canoe River Area of Critical Environmental Concern;
- The land could provide access for hiking, boating, canoeing, fishing or access to a major water body or river;
- It contains historical, cultural or archaeological significance;
- It contains significant scenic landscapes or vistas;
- The land is listed specifically within the current Open Space and Recreation Plan; or
- The land is actively used for agricultural purposes.

Parcel Ranking System - When the Town is interested in purchasing a parcel of land, or if it is offered the right of first refusal for a Ch. 61 property (see Section 7.C.4), the property should be evaluated and receive one point for each of the 12 criteria listed above.

- If the property meets greater than six of the criteria, it will be ranked Highest Priority.
- If the property meets a minimum of six of the criteria, it will be ranked as a Priority.
- If the property meets a minimum of three of the criteria, it will be ranked as a Consideration.

A parcel might be ranked as only a Consideration, but could contain other attributes that would warrant a purchase despite a relatively low ranking.

The parcel ranking system is simply a tool for determining acquisition which is used to provide a qualitative value to the property and to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest. It is a method of looking objectively at the benefits of adding a parcel of land to the open space inventory