

NHWAP Habitat Condition



Town of Bristol, NH
Land Use Office
Natural Resources Mapping

Legend

- Municipal Boundaries
- Tax Parcels - 2017
- Newfound Lake Watershed
- Conservation & Public Lands

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Tiers

- 1 Highest Ranked Habitat in New Hampshire
- 2 Highest Ranked Habitat in Biological Region
- 3 Supporting Landscapes

NHWAP Habitat Value

The NH Fish and Game Department's Wildlife Action Plan (NHWAP) has made an extensive and science-based analysis of the condition of wildlife habitat for the entire state. Based on a number of parameters and GIS modeling of physical habitat characteristics, three important tiers of information have been developed, as follows:

- Tier 1: Highest Ranked Habitat in New Hampshire
- Tier 2: Highest Ranked Habitat in the Biological Region
- Tier 2: Supporting Landscapes (buffers to protect the integrity of Tiers 1 and 2)

Bristol falls within the Sunapee Uplands biological region, which dominates west-central New Hampshire.

Conservation priority should be given to all three NHWAP tiers, but Tiers 1 and 2 are the most important to recognize in community planning. Bristol has large areas of both tiers which are currently both undeveloped and unprotected, especially in the northern half of the town. Smaller watercourses are also ranked highly due to water quality and habitat condition. The circular area of Tier 1 between Catterall Forest and Crodem Drive indicates an important data point recorded by the NH Natural Heritage Bureau.

More information on the NHWAP and habitat condition analysis can be found here:

<https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/wap.html>

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