

Temple NH Land Facts

Temple Land Size: 15,168 acres

Temple Land Under Conservation Easement (CE): 3357.4 acres (43 parcels)

26 Private Temple Landowners currently have CE

8 CE shared with adjoining towns

51% of CE are municipal, state, or federal ownership

NH Forest Society objective: 25% of acreage in every community be under CE

Temple currently has 22% of acreage under CE

Temple Conservation Commission Objectives

1. Increase CE coverage
2. Protect water resources
3. Protect agricultural properties
4. Support Community Vision

Source:

GranitView NHDES, NH Forest Society

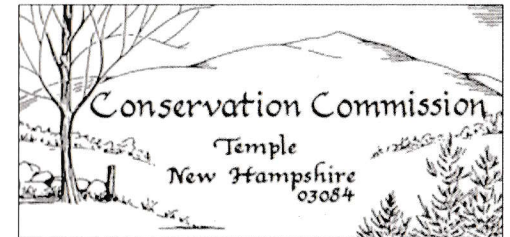
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Land Conservation Fundamentals

- Means to protect natural features of your land
- Provides permanent protection from land uses that may damage or destroy natural resources, ecology, recreation, agriculture, or scenic value
- Each easement is unique and tailored to the values and personal needs of the landowner and the agency that holds the easement

Land Conservation Questions

What is a Conservation Easement (CE)?

A CE deed is a permanent, legally binding agreement between a landowner and a qualified conservation organization. An easement restricts the future development of the property.

Who owns the land when a CE is placed on the property? Privately owned land that has been protected with a CE remains in private ownership. The landowner continues to own and manage the land while giving up the development rights to the property.

Who accepts and enforces CE? The Conservation Commission or agency that holds the easement has the authority and obligation to ensure that the property's conservation values are protected.

What uses are permitted on Conservation Land? Each CE is tailored to the specific natural features, conservation values, and the landowner's goals for the property.

What uses are prohibited on Conservation Easement Land? CE prohibit further development, subdivision, commercial and industrial activities. Easements may also include other restrictions that reflect special resource values or landowner interests.

Can Landowners request specific uses of the property? Reserved rights are specific uses or activities retained by the landowner. For example, landowners may reserve the right to build and maintain certain roads and buildings, create a pond for wildlife, establish solar panels, or subdivide a future house lot.

Does the Easement grant any rights to the Easement holder? Easement holders are responsible for documenting the condition of the property at the time the easement is signed and regularly inspecting the site to make sure the property is maintained in compliance with the easement. If activities taking place on the land violate the easement agreement, the easement holder will work with the landowner to curtail the damaging activity.

Does the CE give the public the right to enter my property? No. Conservation easements do not automatically give the public any rights to enter or use protected property. Some easements do convey public access rights such as when the land has historically been used for public recreation. In addition, certain funding sources require public access allowance.

Does the CE restrict my ability to sell, gift or donate my land in the future? NO, current and future owners of easement properties may sell, gift, or transfer the land to a new owner at any time.

Are there financial benefits to donating a CE? There may be significant tax benefits that can be gained by placing a conservation easement on your property, depending on your financial situation.

What expenses are involved with donating a CE? Most conservation easements involve expenses for items such as legal fees, survey and appraisal costs or other professional service. Temple Conservation Commission can provide limited financial assistance if required by landowner or assist the landowner in securing resource.

Land Conservation Resources

Town of Temple Conservation Commission

Piscataquog Land Conservancy
<https://plcnh.org>

Monadnock Conservancy
<https://www.monadnockconservancy.org>

Society for the Protection of NH Forests
<https://forestsociety.org>

NH Land Trust Coalition
<https://nhltc.org>

NH Association of Conservation Commissions
<http://www.nhacc.org/>

Nature Conservancy
<https://www.nature.org>

Land & Community Heritage and Investment Program (LCHIP)
<https://lchip.org>

