State Lands Mapping Joint RMAC/LMAC Subcommittee

12/8/23 8:30 – 9:30 AM Online Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

RMAC: John Magee, Cory Ritz, Michele L. Tremblay

LMAC: Lisa Morin

RMAC/LMAC: Mark Hemmerlein

NHDES: Tracie Sales GUESTS: Shane Bradt

Michele opened the meeting with a welcome to Lisa Morin representing the LMAC and a brief overview of the group's process and the <u>tool's</u> scoring system. The group has evaluated all of the mapped state lands in Sullivan County for the RMAC's interest, but not for the LMAC's interest in lake-front parcels. Today the subcommittee is starting to evaluate state-owned parcels in Rockingham County for both RMAC and LMAC interest.

Michele asked about criteria on which each parcel's score is based. Mark read off the list and provided the detailed information after the meeting. The parcel gets a score of '1' if it has:

- HABITAT Parcel contains Highest Ranking habitat according to the NHFG Wildlife Action Plan.
- ACCESS ROAD Parcel is adjacent to or within 100 feet of a public road (not including interstates).
- WETLANDS Parcel contains wetlands based on NWI data.
- WATER ACCESS Parcel abuts, contains, or is within 100 feet of a river, stream, lake or pond.
- FLOODPLAIN A portion of the parcel lies within the flood hazard zone according to FEMA maps.
- SHORELAND Parcel is located within 250' of a river or lake (subject to Shoreland Act, i.e., rivers 4th order and higher, designated rivers, and lakes over 10 acres).
- IMPAIRED Adjacent waterbody has a water quality impairment on the New Hampshire 303(d) list other than atmospheric deposition of mercury.
- RMPP Parcel is located within the corridor of a river designated into the Rivers Management and Protection Program.
- CONSERVATION Parcel abuts permanently conserved federal, state, municipal or private lands.
- > 0.5 ACRES Parcel size is greater than half an acre.

Michele began a discussion about state lands not contained in the mapper. Shane noted that not all state lands are included, particularly because the tool includes only parcels within 250' feet of river or lake. LACs would need parcels within the designated river corridor (¼ mile from river or within the 100-year floodplain). Tracie stated that some of the gaps in the map are due to gaps or naming issues in the base data. Michele said the group should come up with a strategy to deal with these, and find way to get towns to provide better data. Shane recommends getting examples of the gaps (Exeter – Michele/Souhegan – Cory examples).

Map ownership: Mark has data, Shane has tool. Should go to NHDES. Tracie suggested a meeting with Shane, Mark, Tracie, and Kristen (NHDES), and Michele asked to be included as well.

Next Meeting: December 15, 2023 8:30 – 9:30 AM via Zoom