

May 17, 2024, 8:30 – 9:30 by Zoom

### **RMAC/LMAC Joint State Lands Mapping Subcommittee meeting**

#### *Attending –*

RMAC: Pete Bowman, Brooke Kenline-Nyman, Cory Ritz, Michele L. Tremblay (Chair)

LMAC: none

RMAC/LMAC: Mark Hemmerlein

NHDES: Tracie Sales

GUEST: Shane Bradt (briefly)

(Garret Graaskamp, Janet Kidder, John Magee, Larry Spencer, and Steve Wingate not in attendance.)

Lisa Morin has stepped down from the subcommittee due to concerns about conflicts of interest as a representative of the State Conservation Committee.

Michele opened with a note that this meeting would focus on the RMAC process as the LMAC has put their participation in the subcommittee on hold until the LMAC meeting on May 30, 2024.

Cory described the weighted scoring model that he developed to predict parcels that the RMAC would want to retain without requiring an in-depth review. The model also serves to clearly define the parameters that the RMAC prioritizes in the evaluation of parcels which will be helpful when describing to the full RMAC as well as other parties. The model helps create a full documentation trail. Cory focused on high scoring properties as the RMAC had more variability in middle and lower scoring properties. Michele noted that adding comments is important, especially for parcels with a high score but a No Recommendation or Release outcome.

Cory's model as initially proposed would result in 16% of parcels with a weighted score of 80% or higher to be listed as Retain without further RMAC review. Tracie noted that 5 parcels of those previously reviewed with a > 80% score were listed as RMAC No Recommendation. In all cases these parcels were on the coast or adjacent to lakes and had RMPP scores of 0. No parcels scoring 80% or higher were in the Release category.

Michele proposed the following which the group discussed and agreed on:

- In Cory's model, RMPP will be moved to the Ecological Preservation evaluation category and its weight increased from 2 to 5.
- Flood Zone will be moved to the Environmental Risk evaluation category.
- Parcels with a weighted score of 80% or higher will be proposed for retention by the RMAC. All other parcels will be reviewed individually.
- The next county to be assessed will be Strafford County.
- Mark will run Cory's model on parcels in Strafford County in preparation for the June 7, 2024 subcommittee meeting. Parcels recommended by the model to be retained will be

identified by a different color in the mapping tool than the other parcels in the county which have not yet been assessed.

- On June 7<sup>th</sup> the subcommittee will ground truth/verify that the model is working as expected. Members should review these parcels in the mapper before the meeting.

The group will consider if parcels in designated river corridors (RMPP=1) should be evaluated separately in some fashion. In addition, Mark notes that mapper may require a different color for the parcels identified by the model as Retain. The mapper will probably not show the weighted scores, but “map-heads” will work out how to display the required data.

The meetings scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> are cancelled. The next meeting is June 7, 2024.

Figure 1. RMAC State Lands Retention Assessment – Cory Ritz’ post-meeting, updated model.

Evaluation Category	Sub-Category (original)	Weighted Points	Percent Score	
<b>Ecological Preservation</b>	Wildlife Habitat	2	6%	
	Rivers Management Protectio	5	16%	
	Wetlands	2	6%	29%
<b>Accessibility</b>	Access Road	2	6%	
	Water Access	3	10%	16%
<b>Shoreland</b>	Shoreland Protection	5	16%	16%
<b>Environmental Risk</b>	Impaired Waters	3	10%	
	Flood Zone	4	13%	23%
<b>Conservation Importance</b>	Conservation Land	3	10%	
	> 0.5 acres	2	6%	16%
		31	100%	

80% Retention Minimum Score  
25 Points needed for retain

**Recommendations Per Scored Waterbody**

≥ 80%	RMAC "Retain" without further detailed review
< 80%	Subject to "Subcommittee Review" for further assessment