

# LAND PROTECTION POLICIES AND ACQUISITION CRITERIA

## TUFTONBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### **POLICY**

The Tuftonboro Conservation Commission protects land in the Town of Tuftonboro that has significant value for conservation, education, scenic pleasure and recreation for present and future generations.

The Tuftonboro Conservation Commission will protect land either by direct ownership or by easement. In both instances, the Commission will develop a stewardship management plan for the property.

### **ACQUISITION GUIDELINES**

The parcel shall include one or all of the following;

- Significant or sizeable wildlife habitat and corridors
- A connecting corridor between existing protected areas to preserve and facilitate wildlife movement and recreational trails
- Shorefront and watershed protection
- Water resource of high quality or size
- Forest resources valuable for marketable timber, education/scientific research, old growth preservation
- Access for public recreation
- Preservation of rural and/or historic character of an area
- Land contiguous to an existing conservation parcel
- Preservation of a significant scenic vista

Additional factors for consideration include;

- Accessibility for public use
- Substantial tracts of land
- Threat of development
- Availability of local volunteers to serve as stewards
- High probability for future monitoring/enforcement issues (a deterrent)
- Project feasibility