

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

Wildlife and Wildlife habitats are fundamental to the makeup of Moultonborough. The animals, birds, reptiles and the environments that support them are essential to the character of our town.

The diversity of the landscape and the adjacent marsh area provide a quality habitat for wildlife. Over 20 varieties of birds and water fowl and 10 species of animals have been identified in this area. In the 2013 Wildlife Action Plan, the Conservation Commission identified Lee’s Pond as one of eight high priority habitats. In the 2007 Natural Resource Inventory conducted by the Town of Moultonborough, a 76.9 acre area on Lee’s Pond was identified as a high priority area for conservation. This 37 acre parcel is part of the identified area.



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For more information visit the following links:

Lee’s Pond Preserve Facebook page: www.facebook.com/leespondpreserve

Project page on the Moultonborough Town web site, moultonboroughnh.gov/Pages/MoultonboroughNHBComm/Concom/leespond

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Wildlife viewed within 300 yards of Lee’s Pond Preserve

BIRDS

Bald Eagles (immature and mature)
Loon
Osprey
Great Blue Heron
Green Heron
Turkey Vulture
Turkey
Marsh Hawk (Northern Harrier)
Coopers Hawk
Sharp Shinned Hawk
Broad Wing Hawk
Barred Owl
Great Horned Owl
Red Shoulder Hawk

DUCKS

Mallard
Wood Duck
Green-Winged Teal
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Ring Necked Duck
Goldeneye Duck
Black Duck
Canada Geese

MAMMALS

Moose
Deer
Bear
Otter
Fisher Cat
Ermine
Red Fox
Gray Fox
Porcupine
Raccoon

REPTILES

Snapping Turtle
Painted Turtle



MOULTONBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN LEE’S POND PRESERVE Part of the Red Hill River Watershed

Location: Moultonborough, New Hampshire & Description:

- 37 Acres
- Commercial Frontage on Route 25
- 3800 feet of Shoreline on Lees Pond & Red Hill River

Public Benefits

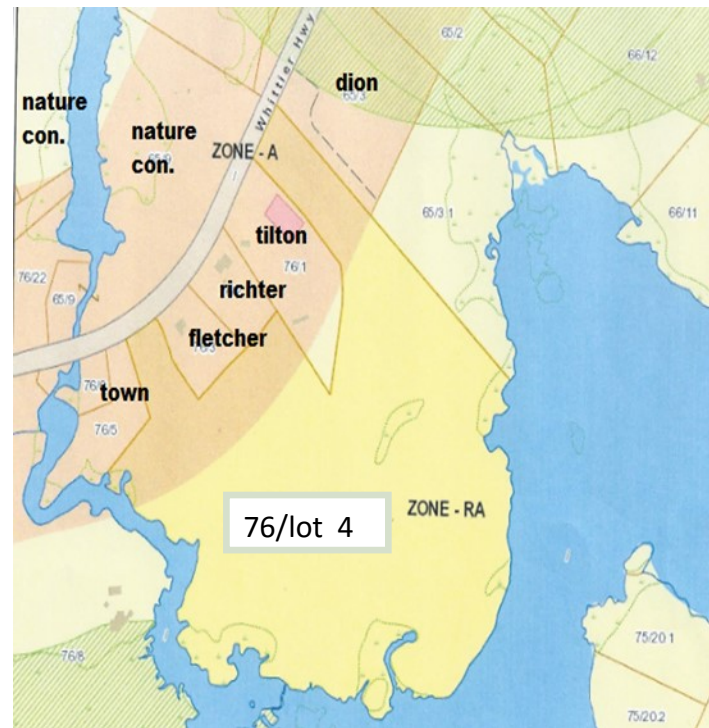
- Protection of Wildlife corridor and Habitats
- Water Quality
- Maintain a pristine area and provide opportunities for Low impact Recreation and Environmental Education
- Historical Value

Goal: Raise \$335,000 to Acquire Lee’s Pond Preserve and Extend the Red Hill River Watershed Conservation Area



The Property

- Identified in the 2007 Natural Resource Inventory as a high priority area for conservation, and identified by the Conservation Commission as a high priority Wildlife Corridor supporting a large variety of birds, waterfowl and animals.
- Has a diverse upland cover with steep slopes and unfragmented land, providing excellent wildlife habitat. The adjacent area is a large marsh complex providing potential habitat to rare marsh birds and other aquatic animals.
- Has frontage on Route 25 and is adjacent to an historic site with stone foundations from various mills built over time beginning in 1765.



Water Quality Protection

Maintaining this undeveloped land continues the protection of the Red Hill River flowing through the Sandwich area and Garland and Lee's Ponds into the Moultonborough Bay Inlet of Lake Winnepesaukee. The riparian buffer and the heavily wooded area facilitate the mitigation of storm water and support infiltration helping to sustain a quality aquifer.



Historical Story



The 37 acres of Lee's Pond Preserve area was part of the thriving village of Moultonborough Falls in the 1800's. Located near the Red Hill River and the intersections of what is now Sheridan Road and Route 25, it extends back to the marshlands of Lee's Pond. Historical photographs from the time show houses of the area that are still occupied, although most have undergone extensive renovations. Numerous foundations can still be found on some properties and the cemetery from that era is still maintained. The efforts to purchase this property has an historical value, in addition to the conservation value for wildlife habitats and water quality. Commercial and residential development would forever shift the look and feel of the area away from what remains of the Moultonborough Fall's history.

