

**Rivers Management Advisory Committee**  
and  
**Lakes Management Advisory Committee**  
**Joint State Lands Mapping Project**  
**Parcel Scoring and Status Criteria**

The [LMAC/RMAC State Lands Mapper](#) is a tool designed to

1. Provide a data-driven basis for the RMAC and LMAC to proactively evaluate state lands based on the criteria listed in this document, and make recommendations to the Governor and Executive Council on retention of these parcels for the public trust;
2. Help the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) and Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) proactively evaluate the impact that selling or leasing state-owned land near lakes and rivers could have on those same lakes and rivers or the public's ability to access them; and
3. Provide the local river management advisory committees with the tools they need to evaluate state-owned lands when requested by the RMAC to do so.

### Parcel Scoring Criteria

The criteria below were developed by the Joint RMAC/LMAC State Lands Mapping Subcommittee, and subsequently approved by the full RMAC and LMAC, as being among the criteria most important when deciding whether a property should be retained or could be disposed. A few other criteria, for example cultural and archeological value, were also determined to be important but data was not readily available to evaluate these.

In the mapping tool, a score of 1 is given to a parcel that meets the criteria defined below. The scores are added such that parcels will have a score ranging from 0 (meets none of the criteria) to 10 (meets all of the criteria).

- **Habitat** – Parcel contains Highest Ranking habitat according to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Wildlife Action Plan.
- **Access Road** – Parcel is adjacent to or within 100 feet of a public road that is not an interstate highway.
- **Wetlands** – Parcel contains wetlands based on National Wetlands Inventory (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 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps.
- **Shoreland** – Parcel is located within 250 feet of a river or lake that is subject to Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act, i.e. rivers 4<sup>th</sup> order and higher, most 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.

## Parcel Status Definitions

Each parcel in the mapper contains a field for the LMAC's recommendation for the parcel and a second field for the RMAC's recommendation. The default value for all parcels is Not Evaluated. Once the subcommittee evaluates a parcel, it is given a value of Subcommittee Retain, Subcommittee Release, or No Recommendation for the RMAC and a second one for the LMAC. Later, at full meetings of the RMAC and LMAC, the committees vote to accept the recommendations of the subcommittee relative to rivers or lakes. Definitions for each status are below. Note that "Release" does not indicate that the parcel should be disposed, only that it has little value to the protection of the river or lake.

- **Not Evaluated** – The default value given to every parcel when the map was created. This value is retained until the subcommittee reviews the parcel. Note that some parcels may have another value for the RMAC field and a Not Evaluated value for the LMAC field if no LMAC members were at the meeting where the parcel was reviewed (or vice versa).
- **Subcommittee Retain** – The subcommittee feels that this parcel is important to river (RMAC) or lake (LMAC) management, health and/or access and recommends that the full committee vote that the parcel be retained in state ownership.
- **Subcommittee Release** – The subcommittee agrees that the parcel has no significant value to river (RMAC) or lake (LMAC) management, health and/or access and recommends that the full committee vote to take a position of "no objection" should the parcel be proposed for disposal.
- **Committee Retain** – The full RMAC or LMAC has voted to confirm that the parcel is important to river (RMAC) or lake (LMAC) management, health and/or access and that the parcel should be retained in state ownership.
- **Committee Release** – The full RMAC or LMAC has voted to confirm that the parcel has no significant value to river (RMAC) or lake (LMAC) management, health and/or access and has no objection should the parcel be proposed for disposal.
- **No Recommendation** – The parcel lies outside of the committee's jurisdiction because it is more than 250 feet from a lake (LMAC) or river (RMAC), nor does it provide access to a lake or river.