

## DATA SOURCES:

Roads from the NH Department of Transportation, 2005, distributed by Complex Research Systems Center (CSRC), University of New Hampshire. Other Base map features from standard 7.5-minute USGS quadrangles, 1: 24,000 scale, mapped and distributed by CSRC.

Wetlands were derived from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 1:24,000 scale National Wetlands Inventory maps, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) hydric soils (see soil disclaimer below), and 1998 aerial photography. All primary sources were distributed by CSRC. A windshield survey field verified less than 15% of final mapping; boundaries were estimated to within 50ft (20 m). Accurate delineation requires further field review.

Prime agricultural soils mapped by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service and distributed by CSRS. Grafton County soils were released in 1992. The soil information for the Merrimack and Beknap Counties Soil Survey Update is preliminary and subject to change. The spatial, tabular, and narrative data of the Merrimack and Belknap Counties Soil Survey Update was produced by the USDA, NRCS. They are draft products and are being made available as a conditional interim release. The information is subject to change until the survey has undergone final correlation and is SSURGO certified. Data users are responsible for obtaining the most current copy of the data. For further information, contact the NRCS State Soil Scientist, Steve Hundley at (603)868-7581.

The best agricultural lands were estimated from existing soils maps, and an update of active agricultural land as derived from aerial photos and windshield surveys. Prime farmland soils were estimated from a preliminary version of NRCS mapping (see disclaimer above), and reflects current estimates of where prime farmland soils and soils of statewide or local importance exist. The best agricultural lands in New Hampton are shown as the intersection of active agricultural areas and prime agricultural soils.







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