

Snake River Natural Resources

The New Hampton Conservation Commission contracted for a Natural Resources Inventory of the Spear Property that it purchased in 2010, which protected an 8.57 acre strip of land with about 2800 feet of frontage on the Snake River. This conservation land includes diverse wetlands and an upland buffer. These provide fish and wildlife habitat, and protect the water quality of Lake Waukewan, as well as the town's tax base.

Abenaki Environmental Services of Bristol, in conjunction with Ilex Wetlands Consultants of Wolfeboro, assessed the significant natural resources of the property. The commission plans to use the inventory to educate the public about these resources, note any changes from the baseline that it establishes, and plan for future use and management of the property and adjacent areas.

Among the functions and values for the property noted are the following:

- Groundwater Discharge
- Floodflow Detention
- Fish, Shellfish, and Wildlife Habitat, including Endangered Species
- Sediment and Toxicant Retention
- Nutrient Removal
- Shoreline Stabilization
- Recreation
- Visual Quality and Aesthetics
- Educational and Scientific Value

The commission is continuing its efforts to protect the Snake River and other wetlands in town.