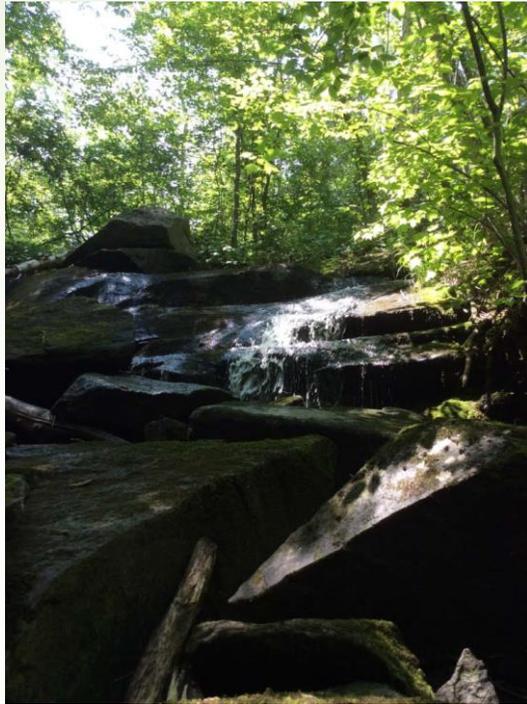
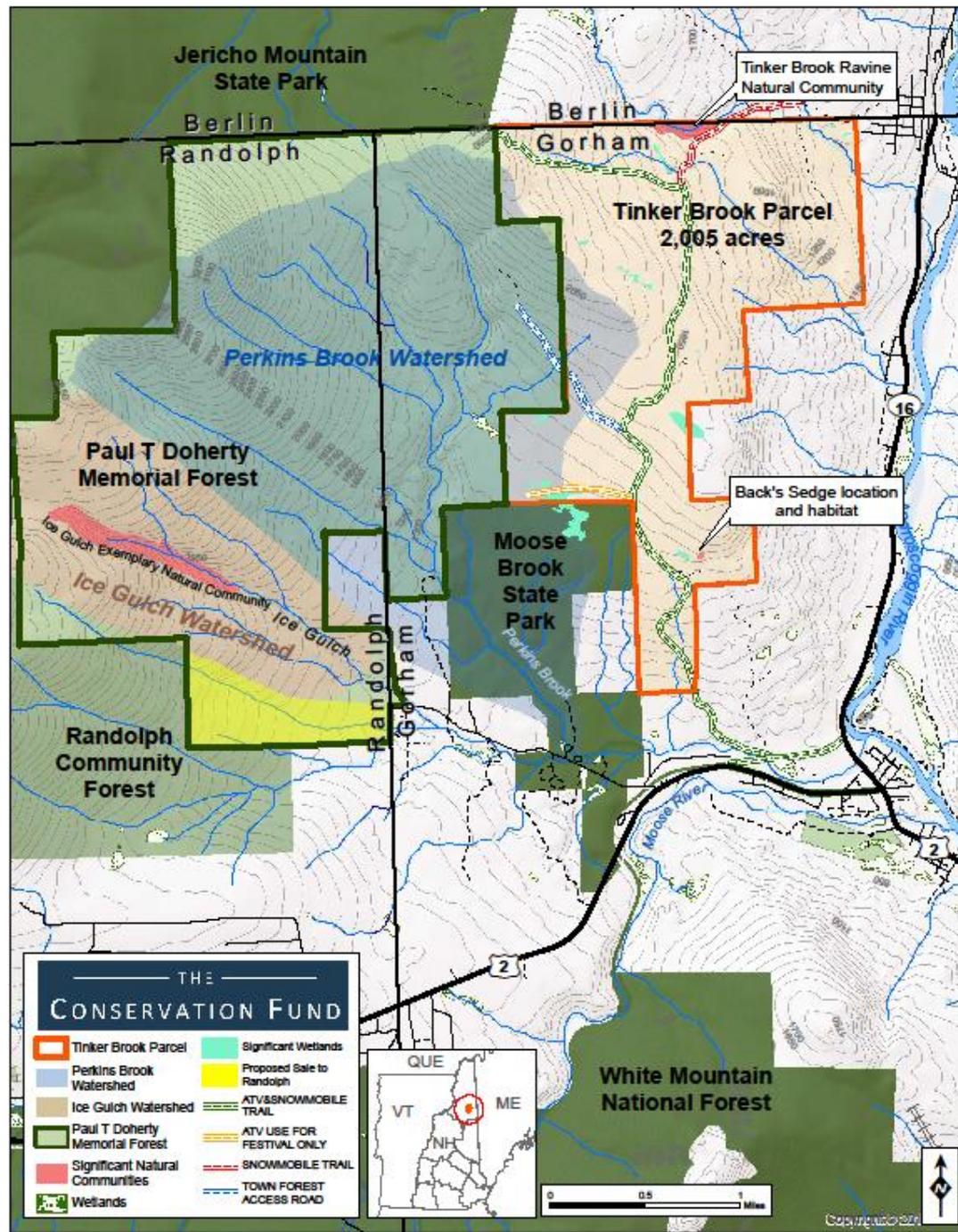
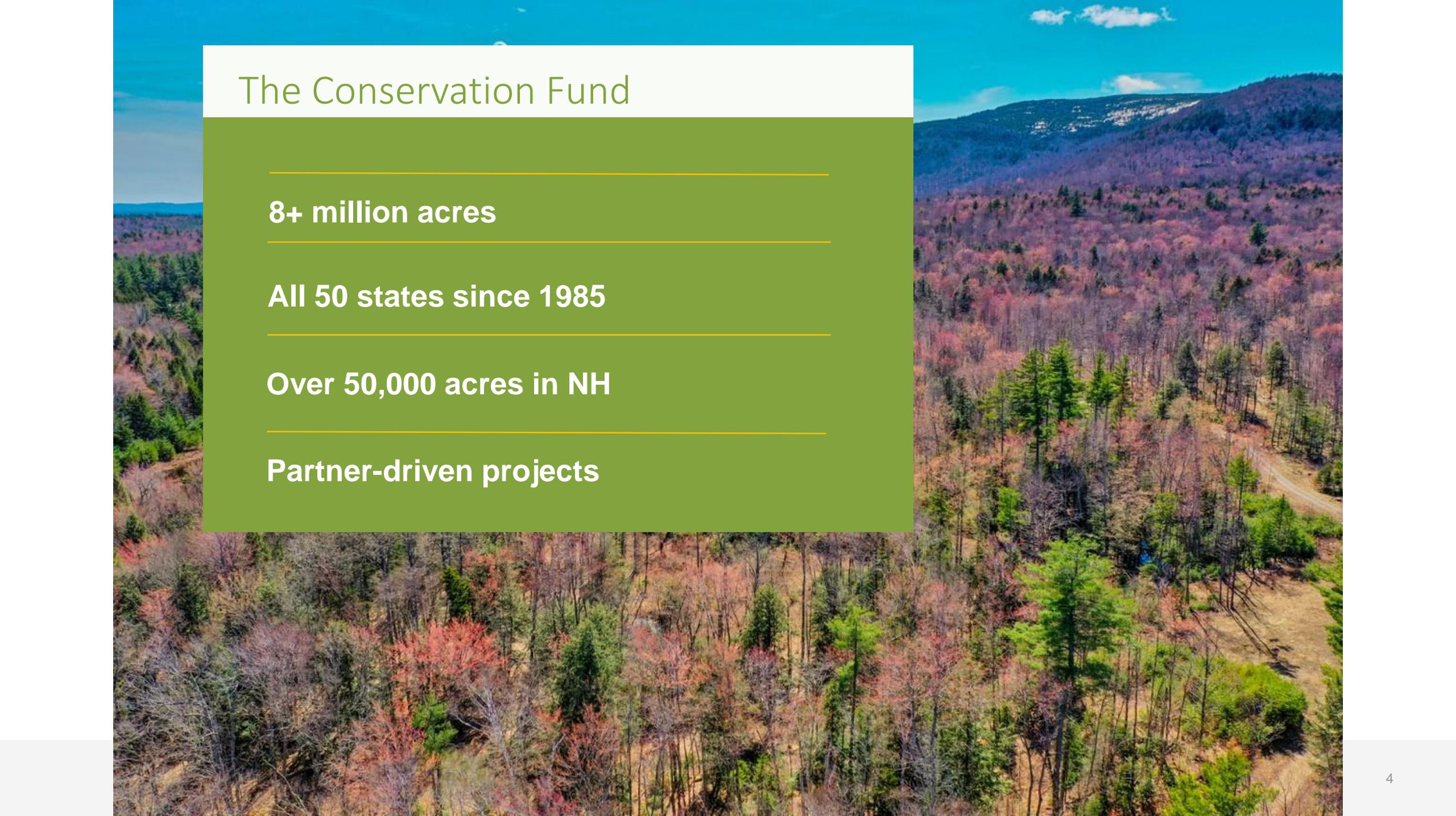


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Tinker Brook Acquisition





An aerial photograph of a forest landscape. The foreground and middle ground are filled with trees showing vibrant autumn colors, including shades of red, orange, and yellow. Interspersed among these are several tall, dark green evergreen trees. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a clear blue sky with a few wispy white clouds. The overall scene is bright and scenic.

The Conservation Fund

8+ million acres

All 50 states since 1985

Over 50,000 acres in NH

Partner-driven projects

THE CONSERVATION FUND

Forests filter the water we drink.



53%
of the
**drinking
supply**

flows through
our forests.

Forests clean the air we breathe.



12-17%
of global
**greenhouse gas
emissions**

are attributed to deforestation.
Protecting and restoring forests
can reverse that trend.

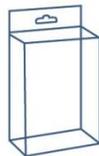
Forests strengthen our economy.



2.8
MILLION
American
JOBS

are supported
by U.S. forests,
contributing
\$119 billion to
the economy.

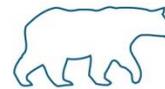
Forests provide wood for packaging.



25%
of the
world's
pulpwood for paper,

and 18 percent
of its industrial
timber comes from
the forests in the
southeastern U.S.

Forests protect wildlife habitat.



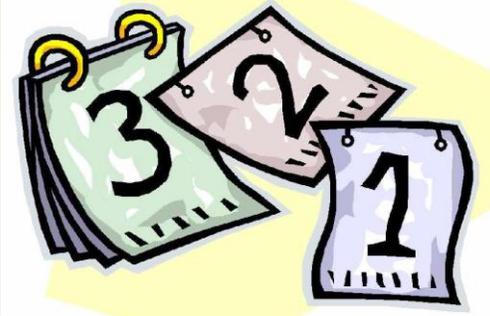
60%
of at risk
species

in the U.S. like the
Louisiana black
bear, northern
spotted owl and
coho salmon live
in our private
forests.

Income			
	USFS Community Forest Program	\$ 450,000	Competitive Federal Grant
	Town of Gorham: Capital	\$ 225,000	Funds from land sale
	OSI Community Forest Fund: Capital	\$ 75,000	OSI Funds for Acquisition capital
	NH LCHIP	\$ 300,000	Land acquisition capital/ project costs
	Drinking Water and Groundwater Fund	\$ 300,000	Grant to the Town for land acquisition capital
	NH State Conservation Committee	\$ 18,000	Grant to the Town for partial cost of survey
	NHCF Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund	\$ 30,000	Grant to TCF for closing costs, Environmental assessment, Title search and insurance, management plan
	<i>Total</i>	\$ 1,398,000	

Funder	Land	Appraisal	Phase 1 EHA	Survey	Title	Title Insurance	Stewardship plan	TCF Cost/Staff
USFS Community Forest Program Grant	X							
NH LCHIP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NH Drinking Water & Ground Water Trust Fund	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Moose Plate				X				
Randolph Fund	X							
Open Space Institute	X							

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Jan-Feb

- Preparation of Warrant Article
- RFP for Due Diligence (e.g. Survey)

March

- Town Meeting
- Selection of Contractors for Due Diligence activities

Apr-May

- Town Select-board/Forest Committee Develop Draft of Conservation Restrictions

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June

- Public Hearing on Conservation Restrictions

July

- Select-board & Town Forest Committee Approves Conservation Restrictions

August

- All Due Diligence Items Completed and reviewed by Town

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October

- Closing: Acquisition of Tinker Brook, sale of land, Conservation Restriction on Town Forest & Tinker Brook parcel. LCHIP to provide oversight.

Annual Town Meeting - Warrant Article

ARTICLE #8 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate for the sale of, and sell 200 acres, more or less, of the 4,000-acre Gorham Town Forest, located in the Town of Randolph and outside of the public watershed and to use the proceeds for the purpose of purchasing the 2,005-acre, more or less, parcel known as the “Tinker Brook Parcel” currently owned by the Conservation Fund to be added to the Paul T. Doherty Memorial Town Forest;

And to accept funds from various donors, grantors and others for this same purpose;

And to negotiate deed restrictions on the land of the Tinker Brook Parcel and the Paul T. Doherty Memorial Town Forest, such restrictions to be presented in a public hearing prior to acceptance;

This authorization includes, as to the sale of the 200 acres, the authority to expend funds for the surveying and obtaining of any and all required subdivision or lot consolidation approvals from any applicable land use board; the authority to negotiate restrictions and/or easements in the conveyance documents, and the authority to execute purchase and sale agreements and conveyance documents.

This authorization includes, as to the purchase of the 2,005-acre parcel known as the “Tinker Brook Parcel,” the authority to expend funds for the surveying and obtaining of any and all required subdivision or lot consolidation approvals from any applicable land use board; the authority to negotiate restrictions and/or easements in the conveyance documents, and the authority to execute purchase and sale agreements and conveyance documents.



Annual Town Meeting - Warrant Article

- **ARTICLE #9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **\$40,000.00** to be used for a grant match for the purpose of purchasing a 2,005-acre piece of land, which is adjacent to the Gorham Town Forest and known as “Tinker Brook Parcel”, said funds to come from the December 31, 2018 unassigned fund balance. *No amount to be raised from taxation.* Should other grant funds become available to the Town to cover said grant match, then the funds requested in this warrant article would not be expended and would remain in unrestricted fund balance.



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Benefits

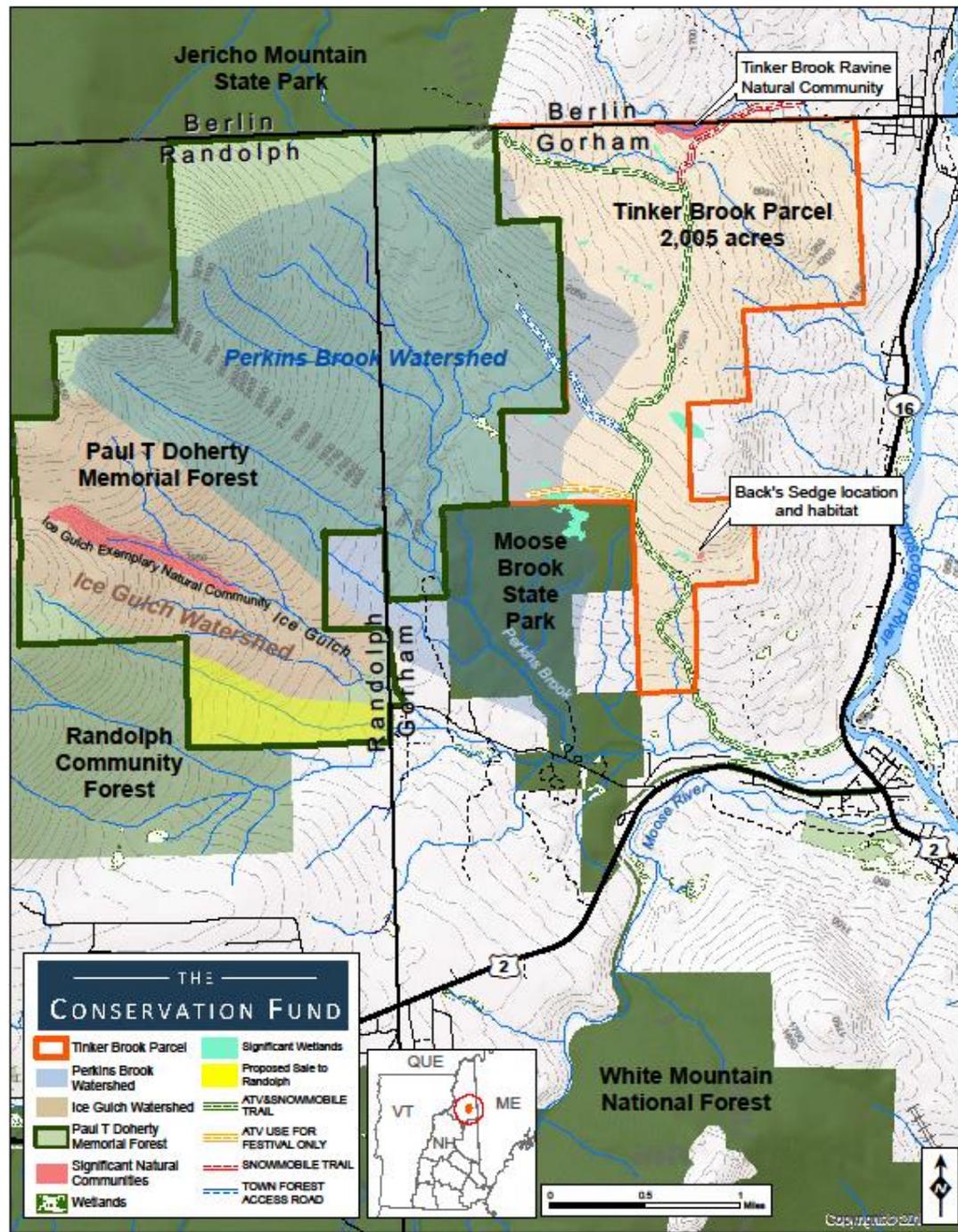
- Landscape protection
 - Access to Timber that we already own
 - Corridor 19 (State multi-use trail)
 - Timber income harvesting forever
 - Protect the Town watershed and public drinking water
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What the Town agrees to do

- Deed restrictions that prohibit commercial and residential development
 - This is already the practice per the Town's Management Plan.
 - Agricultural and non-profit recreational improvements are allowed.
- LCHIP Oversight
 - This is the third party who the Town will send an annual report to and whom will guarantee the deed restrictions.





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➤ USFS Community Forest Program Grant	\$450,000
➤ NH LCIHP	\$300,000
➤ NH Drinking Water & Ground Water Trust Fund	\$300,000
➤ Moose Plate	\$ 18,000
➤ Open Space Institute	\$ 75,000
➤ Randolph Fund (sale of 200 acres)	\$225,000
➤ Tillotson Fund (pending)	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
	\$1,398,000