

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Between the
COUNCIL ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT
and the
NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT
for the
Funding of Conservation Easement Monitoring under Endowment

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is entered into by the Council on Resources and Development (CORD) and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG).

Whereas, NHFG is mandated by RSA 206:4-a to conserve, protect and manage fish, wildlife, and marine resources and to acquire, develop and manage lands and waters for recreational purposes; and

Whereas, NHFG acquires conservation easements in perpetuity to protect fish and wildlife habitat and to provide public access to said lands; and

Whereas, NHFG periodically receives gifts, donations and grants as endowment to ensure that stewardship monitoring and enforcement will occur in perpetuity on said lands; and

Whereas, CORD is responsible for managing and administering the lands acquired and funds established under the land conservation investment program (LCIP) under RSA 162-C:6;

Whereas, CORD is authorized under RSA 162-C:8 to accept gifts, donations, and grants to the Land Conservation Endowment to be utilized for monitoring and enforcing other land conservation interests that may be acquired by the state; and

Whereas, CORD has the authority under RSA 162-C:8 to provide funds from the monitoring endowment to NHFG to cover the costs of monitoring other land conservation interests held by the state of New Hampshire;

Now Therefore, all parties agree as follows:

- 1) This Agreement applies to all gifts, donations and grants deposited into the Land Conservation Endowment by NHFG pursuant to RSA 162-C:8, and to stewardship of the associated non-LCIP conservation easements held by NHFG for which the funds were received.
- 2) This Agreement covers a ten (10) year time period commencing on the date of Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2035. However, it is the intention of the parties to continue the long-term stewardship of conservation lands through timely renewal of this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended in writing if necessary, with the consent of both parties.
- 3) CORD and NHFG agree to cooperate as follows:

NHFG agrees to:

- 1) at NHFG's discretion, deposit funds into the Land Conservation Endowment in accordance with RSA 162-C:8 for the purpose of providing conservation easement stewardship support for the

specific easement lands for which the funds were received. The donated amount shall be deemed to be sufficient to generate interest in the long-term to support stewardship efforts for the easement land in perpetuity; and

CORD agrees to:

1) at CORD’s discretion, accept endowment contributions from NHFG into the Land Conservation Endowment and allow expenditures from the endowment in accordance with RSA 162-C:8 for the purpose of providing conservation easement stewardship support for NHFG-managed conservation easements not already covered by the Land Conservation Endowment (i.e., NHFG-managed easements not associated with the former Land Conservation Incentives Program).

In witness whereof, the respective parties hereunto set their hands on the dates indicated.

Approved By:

Stephanie L. Simek, Ph.D.
Executive Director
NH Fish and Game Department

Date

Heather Shank, Director
Division of Planning and Community Development
Department of Business and Economic Affairs
and CORD Chair

Date

Approved by the ATTORNEY GENERAL this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Assistant Attorney General _____

Approved by GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL

Deputy Secretary of State _____