THE TOWN OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

FIGURE 1: LAND USE SUITABILITY ANALYSIS Figure Legend

Not Developable

Constrained Developable

Unconstrained Developable

Unconstrained Developable: Land suitable for development

Constrained Developable: Land that may be developed with restrictions due to such factors as lot size, steep slopes, proximity to wetlands, aquifers or water bodies, or other factors that may limit the suitability of the land for development.

Not Developable: Land that should not be developed due to such factors as lot size, steep slopes, proximity to wetlands, aquifers or water bodies, or other factors that may limit the suitability of the land for development.

Basemap Legend

Village Center / Commercial District

🖈 Town Hall

Elementary School

Lakes and Ponds

Municipalities

Lot Lines

Roads

—State

—Local



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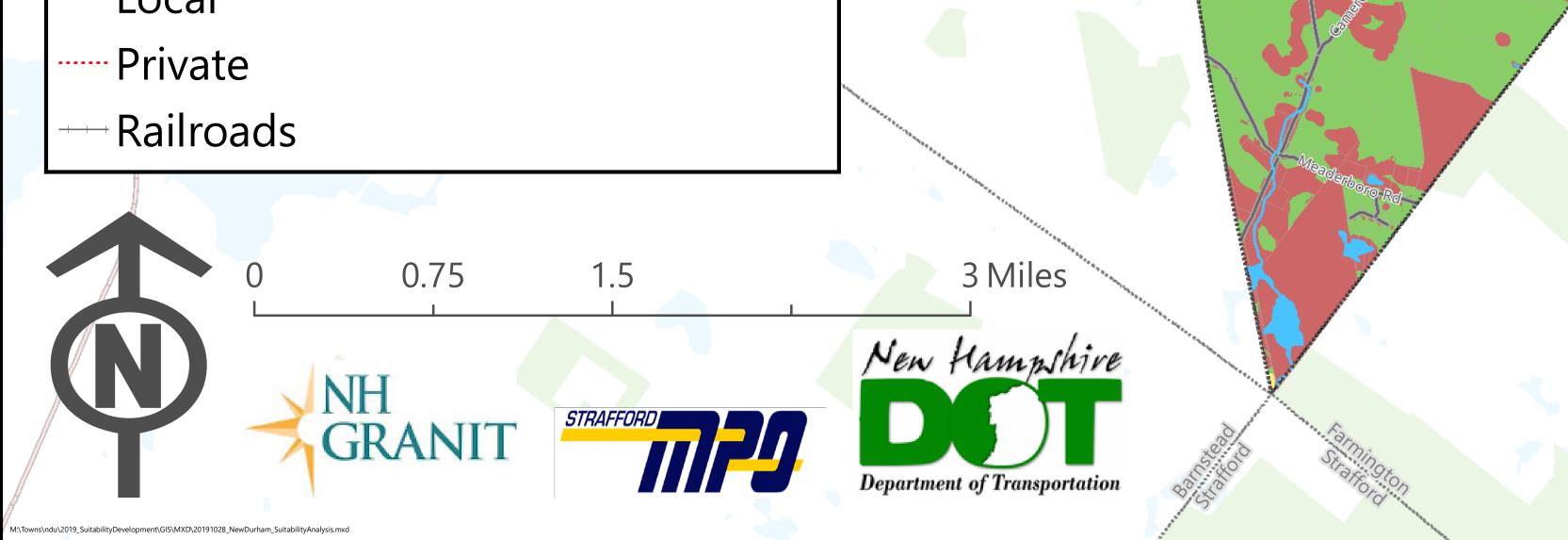
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Methodology

New Hampshire cities and towns are regularly challenged with balancing economic development opportunities with land protection efforts and sustainability goals. Our region in Southeastern NH is a great example, where many municipalities take great pride in their sense of place and rely heavily on natural resources for recreation, tourism, and quality of life. Natural Resource Inventories, which identify existing natural resources and their geographic distribution, are one of the tools that provide the basis for local land conservation planning. However, they do not always adequately inform investment decisions made by governing bodies. To help overcome these limitations, we integrated a special participatory planning process to value natural resources and conservation priorities into this Build-Out Analysis for the Town of New Durham. This analysis created hotspots which represent the richest and most important ecosystems based on local values. These ecosystem and conservation hotspots can help prioritize conservation investment and development opportunities, and informal the local land use planning efforts to protect environmental services, support economic development, and support conservation efforts.



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