

CITY OF CONCORD

In the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AQUATIC RESOURCE MITIGATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN THE PURCHASE OF 234 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED OFF OF DISTRICT 5 ROAD.

The City of Concord resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2004 the City adopted the provisions of RSA 36-A re-establishing the power of the Concord Conservation Commission to acquire, in the name of the City, subject to the approval of the local governing body, by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise, lease, or otherwise, the fee in such land or water rights, or any lesser interest, development right, easement, covenant, or other contractual right including conveyances with conditions, limitations or reversions, as may be necessary to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, or limit the future use of or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Commission has a goal of continuing to identify, evaluate, and utilize, as practicable, innovative financing techniques to leverage acquisition of open space and conservation easements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant application will be used to leverage the acquisition of the land, which includes intermittent and perennial streams as well as palustrine wetlands and vernal pools; and

WHEREAS, the protection of this property is a recommendation found in the Conservation Commission's 2017 Conservation Open Space Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the current property owners have a desire to protect this land for conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the land will provide permanent protection for the property, adding to a block of conservation land totaling nearly 1700 acres; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 round of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund grant application is now open, the project has been determined by DES to be eligible for funding; therefore, a final application must be submitted by August 31, 2018.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Concord,
that:

- 1) The City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for funds from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Aquatic Resources Mitigation Grant Program to assist in the purchase of 234 acres of land located off of District 5 Road.