

# CITY OF CONCORD

*In the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen*

**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 A 118-ACRE PARCEL LOCATED OFF OF LAKEVIEW ROAD AND WEST PARISH 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 a conservation easement on a property located within the Penacook Lake watershed and adjacent to other protected City lands; and

**WHEREAS,** the protection of the land within the Penacook Lake Watershed is a recommendation found in both the City of Concord Open Space Plan and the Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** a proposed open space connection was identified on this property in the Open Space Plan to connect the Great Bog and Penacook Lake; and

**WHEREAS,** acquisition of the Haller land will provide permanent protection for the property, adding to a block of conservation land totaling nearly 900 acres; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2015 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, 2015 or the City will have to wait until the 2016 round to seek such funding;

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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 a 118-acre property located off of Lakeview Drive and West Parish Road.