

THE TOWN OF NEW DURHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

**FIGURE 5:
STEEP SLOPES
AND AQUIFERS**

Figure Legend

- Slopes > 30%
- Aquifers

Basemap Legend

- Village Center / Commercial District
- ★ Town Hall
- Elementary School
- Streams and Rivers
- Lakes and Ponds
- Municipalities
- Lot Lines
- Roads
- State
- Local
- Private
- Railroads



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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 inform the local land use planning efforts to protect environmental services, support economic development, and support conservation efforts.

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