

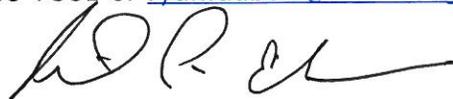
**Purpose.** To provide guidance on Blanket Impervious Waivers for the State of New Hampshire.

**Expiration Date.** September 30, 2011.

**Background.** Based on the Guidance in the FRPP Manual released in September of 2010, Section 519.32 Land Eligibility, the State Conservationist has the ability to waive the total allowable impervious surface up to a total of 10 percent on a parcel-by-parcel basis. The draft FRPP Manual released in April of 2010 stated that “the total impervious surface allowed was 2% of the parcel or 1 acre if the total protected property is less than 50 acres”. This guidance changed in the final version of the manual which states that “the total impervious surface allowed was 2% of the parcel or 1 acre if the total protected property is less than 20 acres”. This change creates an uneven distribution of allowable impervious surface for those parcels between 49 acres to 20 acres with 2% allowable as compared to those parcels between  $\leq 19$  acres with 1 acre allowable. The difference is most clearly seen when comparing a 20 acre parcel that is allowed 2% impervious surface at 0.04 acres to a 19 acre parcel which is allowed 1.0 acre of impervious surface.

**Explanation.** The purpose of this memo is to grant 1 acre of total impervious surface to all parcels that are less than 50 acres and greater than 20 acres. The reason for this waiver is to allow for consistency in the guidance for the impervious surface allowance for the duration of the Farm Bill. The entity will need to request that a waiver be granted to allow for the increase in total allowable impervious surface. Upon receipt of the waiver request, the programs staff will assess the parcel application and complete the Exhibit 519.105 “Sample Worksheet for 2% Impervious Surface Waiver Determination”. A copy of this memo, the waiver request letter and the completed Exhibit 519.105 should be placed in the file.

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