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Moose Mountains Regional Greenways helps conserve 212.8 acres at undisclosed Wakefield location

WAKEFIELD — Moose Mountains Regional Greenways has announced that 212.8 acres in Wakefield are now protected forever by a conservation easement, thanks to its efforts and those of its partners and landowners. The land includes mature forests and part of a high quality wetland complex. Because MMRG honors its close and confidential relationship with landowners, who in this case asked that publicity be kept to a minimum, the organization will not be disclosing the exact location of the property.

Says MMRG Director of Land Conservation Keith Fletcher, "Protection of this parcel adds substantially to the conservation lands in Wakefield. It protects and restores important water resources and functions. It also meets the landowners' goal of protecting their cherished land in perpetuity."

The land was protected through the federal Wetlands Reserve Program, a program of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), which provided funds to purchase the easement and for future wetlands restoration work on the property. MMRG matched up the landowners with the WRP program and then worked closely with NRCS and the landowners to facilitate the deal, delineate the wetlands, and survey the land. In addition, MMRG provided matching funds to help the project succeed via a generous grant from an anonymous private foundation. These funds, which will help fund the wetlands restoration work, were critical in securing a high score for the project, thereby gaining the federal funds needed to complete it.

MMRG is grateful to the landowners for their kind patience with the process, and for following through with their vision of preserving their beautiful land for future generations.

Moose Mountains Regional Greenways has worked to create conservation land in the Moose Mountains Region for over 10 years, serving the towns of Wolfeboro, Brookfield, Wakefield, Middleton, Milton, New Durham and Farmington. This grassroots, membership-driven organization represents a dynamic collaboration between community leaders, private landowners, concerned citizens, and public and private conservation organizations. For more information on Moose Mountains Regional Greenways, see www.mmrinfo.com. To learn more about conservation options for your property, contact Keith Fletcher at (603) 817-8260 or e-mail infommrinfo.com.
