

Casco Open Space Commission

Chronology

- 2002 Open Space Committee established by Select Board
- 2003 Comprehensive Plan, originally adopted on June 11, 2003
- 2006 **Open Space Plan** adopted by the municipal legislative body established Focus Areas and Land Acquisition Fund
[Casco Open Space Plan](#), [Casco Open Space Map](#)
- 2009 **Open Space Conservation Ordinance** adopted by municipal legislative body: [Casco Open Space Ordinance](#)
COSC members appointed by Select Board
Commission begins work
- 2010 **Maps of Casco**
prepared with Town planning consultant
inventory showing Casco characteristic features: [Public Properties and Preserves](#),
[Natural Features](#), [Large Parcels and Tree Growth](#), [Aerial with 100' contours](#)
- Conservation leases
employed intern to research and report analysis and findings
- 2011 **Hacker's Hill**
cooperated with Loon Echo Land Trust (LELT) and Lands for Maine's Future
held public hearing and provided funding support for LELT purchase
- Town-owned properties**
inventoried and reviewed each site's conservation values
recommended to Select Board: preservation of beaches, Parks and Recreation sites, dam site,
Lily Brook, 75 acres on Route 302, and 51 acres on State Park Road
<https://vimeo.com/lrtv/town-of-casco/video/34141658> (12/13/11)
- 2012 **"The Lake Region Greenprint: A Community Partnership"**
participated with LELT, Trust for Public Lands, and seven area towns
identified values and priorities and prepared maps for regional conservation
https://www.loonecholandtrust.org/Lake_Region_Greenprint_Brochure_web.pdf
- Focus Areas** properties in Rolfe Brook and Owl Pond/Pine Hill areas
contacted, talked with landowners
- Project Canopy**
applied for and received Project Canopy grant from Maine Forest Service
hired Wadsworth Woodlands as consultant

- 2013 **Forest Stewardship Plans for Town 70 Acre and 51.5 Acre Parcels**
consultant prepared forest management plans
presented summary to Select Board: [Management of 50 and 70 acre lots.pdf](#)
- 2014 **“The Role of Land Conservation in Watershed Protection”** presentation
Paul Hunt, Portland Water District; Carrie Walia, Loon Echo Land Trust
<https://vimeo.com/lrtv/town-of-casco-2014/video/87033787> (2/17/14)
- 2016 **“Open Space Protection Concepts”** paper
mailed to all property owners ([Letter to Landowners](#))
reviewed seven responses, walked sites, responded to each
- 2017 **Jackson property**
supported Select Board and purchase by the municipal legislative body
worked with Berry Park design committee to protect open space

Timber harvest on 51.5 Acre Parcel
hired forester to cut community forest and improve stand
- 2017 **State Park Road property and Bass Lane property**
worked with Manager and Select Board
negotiated purchase-and-sale agreements with the Grants and Austins
conducted boundary survey of Grant property
- 2018 worked with Manager and Select Board to propose articles for Town Meeting warrant
purchase of the two properties not approved

Additional outreach:

Website

Site walks (4)

News articles

Business Forum

Meetings with Conservation Committee

Meetings with Parks and Recreation Committee