

The Natural Resource Inventory and Assessment (NRIA) Committee

Mission Statement

Charge to the Natural Resource Inventory Committee from the Conservation Commission: July 2002

To create a comprehensive Natural Resource Inventory for the Town and to present such document in draft form to the Conservation Commission for approval, with amendments if needed, and subsequent dissemination to the Planning and Zoning Commission, other Town Commissions and other interested organizations and individuals.

The Natural Resource Inventory will be formatted to make it informative and practical for Town Commissions and land-use agencies, and other potential users.

Purpose of the Guilford Natural Resource Inventory

A primary purpose of the Natural Resource Inventory is to establish an information baseline that can enable Guilford's decision makers and land use agencies to make informed decisions regarding development, conservation, and natural resource management issues. This will be accomplished by producing a document that describes qualitatively, and to the extent possible, quantitatively, the diverse natural resources of the Town of Guilford. The Natural Resource Inventory will document the geographical location of these resources, the importance of these resources to the citizens of the Town, the threats to the health and integrity of these resources, and discuss the various strategies that can be used to protect these resources.

Plan of Action and Methodology

1. Assemble a work group (Conservation Commission's NRIA Committee and Advisory Group)
2. Determine the study area (NRIA Committee)
3. Form work teams (to research and assemble information on components of NRIA)
4. Assemble and review existing documents
5. Assemble existing maps related to NRIA components
6. Publicize the NRIA effort and solicit information and needs
7. Compile work team reports and maps and create draft NRIA document
8. Editing team formats and edits draft for approval by Committee
9. Print, publicize, and disseminate final NRIA document