

Considerations for Land Acquisition – July 1, 2019

The conservation, historic, cultural, aesthetic or recreational value of the potential project

- Conservation resources - vernal pools, rare and irreplaceable natural areas, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, wildlife habitat
- Historic or cultural value to Duxbury and surrounding communities – registry status as a historic or cultural resource by the federal, state or local government; association with an historical event, person or organization; or important educational, religious or cultural significance
- Aesthetic value - open space; scenic value, unique natural features such as ponds and waterfalls; or other unique or outstanding physiographic characteristic
- Recreation – accessibility to the public, connection to a larger network, building or construction required to ensure its recreational value, potential use conflicts and impact on other resources
 - Size and configuration of the parcel –big enough to conserve the resource
 - Location in relation to other conserved properties
 - Value in terms of conservation design and landscape connection
 - Wildlife, habitat, flood or riparian corridor
 - Accessibility to the public

Price, affordability and funding for acquisition of the parcel.

- Purchase price, funding sources, potential partners,
- Administrative costs such as title research, closing, survey and attorney's fees, taxes and insurance
- Stewardship and monitoring – time and costs
- Costs of historic preservation
- Costs of maintaining recreational access and infrastructure
- Potential liabilities associated with the parcel – waste, hazards etc.
- Feasibility of raising the necessary funds and covering ongoing costs

Local support for or opposition to the Project

- Neighbors, Nonprofit organization and Select Board perspectives and positions on the conservation of the property