

Help Update GRANIT Conservation Lands

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Please participate in the 2021 update of NH GRANIT's Conservation and Public Lands GIS data layer. This data layer is critically important for informing our individual and collective land protection efforts, from local to regional, and statewide to multi-state conservation initiatives. GRANIT needs your help to keep the data layer current and to maximize its effectiveness.

Similar to update efforts in the past, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is partnering with NH GRANIT to solicit new and updated conservation land information, process submissions, and submit them to NH GRANIT for incorporation into their database. We are especially pleased to be working with the UNH Sustainability Institute this year on the project. There are three main ways that TNC can help support your town through this update effort:

1. **Provide you with the self-service resources to submit your updates**
2. **Answer your questions throughout the process and provide additional information**
3. **Provide web-based support to a limited number of organizations and towns**

You will find all of the data submission resources at NH GRANIT's website [here](#), including the following documents:

- [Conservation and Public Lands Data Standard](#) document (this document explains the fields and codes used when submitting records)
- [Tract Data Sheet](#) for submitting conservation land records

- [Tract Data Sheet Instructions](#) ***Review *instructions first**** Also, please submit your updates to Anna at anna.ormiston@tnc.org for this update effort instead of directly to NH GRANIT.
- [Digital Submission Instructions](#) for towns with GIS capabilities. You can download and use GIS software to view the most recent Conservation and Public Lands data from the [NH GRANIT website](#) (last updated 6/16/2020), which you can also use as a data submission template
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Having trouble deciphering the instructions or attribute codes from the resources listed above? If you need a little support getting started, feel free to contact Anna at anna.ormiston@tnc.org.

If you don't use GIS, TNC can provide summary tables for the tracts of land that your organization is associated with in NH GRANIT. And you can use the [GRANITView](#) web mapping tool to review conserved property boundaries and their attributes—check out the [Getting Started with GRANITView](#) document if you are new to this tool.

Please submit your conservation updates ***no later than June 11*** to ensure we have time to process updates and submit them to NH GRANIT by the end of the summer. Please let Anna know if you intend to submit updates but can't do so by June 11 so that they can plan accordingly.

Here are two final requests.... **First**, three really important attributes in the GIS data layer could use your organization's review to make sure tracts of land are coded properly. These include the Level of Protection (LEVEL_), Management Status (MSTATUS), and GAP Status (GAP_STATUS). This [document](#) explains each of these attributes and the codes associated with them on pages 14 and 17. GRANIT has a lot of records attributed as code 9 (unknown) and it would be great to update as many of the unknowns as possible. **Second**, we'd like to explore differentiating legally protected agricultural lands from how they are currently tracked in the database (MSTATUS 4 and therefore GAP_STATUS 4). If your organization can send TNC an attributed shapefile of legally protected agricultural lands we'd be most appreciative. This will help us develop a better understanding of these lands in our conservation portfolio across the state.

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