



Town of Huntington Conservation Fund

Criteria for Use of Huntington's Conservation Fund

The following groups of criteria have been created to assist applicants for funds from the Conservation Fund in describing the extent to which their proposal meets the terms of the Conservation Fund article passed at the March, 2000 town meeting. The article seeks the "acquisition and perpetual protection of critical historical, agricultural, and natural resources" within the Town of Huntington. The application form refers to these criteria. No single criterion is intended to exclude a proposal from consideration.

1. General Criteria of the Conservation Fund

- a. Contributes toward the acquisition or perpetual protection of historical, agricultural, or natural resources in Huntington
- b. Is sustainable over the long-term, financially and human resource-wise
- c. Leverages additional funds (e.g., from grant and land trusts), bringing better value for the dollars spent towards conservation efforts
- d. Facilitates the vision for Huntington as articulated in the Town Plan
- e. Is the largest, best, most at-risk (e.g., threatened by less appropriate uses), or only example of an agricultural, historic, or natural resource in Huntington

2. Criteria for Historical Resources

- a. Defines and maintains special landscape or setting
- b. Preserves, enhances, and/or rehabilitates historical structures, features, and character
- c. Excellent example of period craftsmanship with extensive exterior detail
- d. Very early example of its type
- e. Rare type that has undergone little change
- f. Resource represented an important central function in the town's past
- g. Associated with an important person, movement, industry, or function

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3. Criteria for Agricultural Resources

- a. Preserves working farms that are ecologically and economically sustainable
- b. Located in proximity to other protected areas
- c. Situated on prime agricultural soils
- d. Potential for diversified agricultural uses
- e. Farm buildings and equipment are suitable for their purpose and in usable condition
- f. Uses local farm support services, including local businesses and human resources

4. Natural Resource Criteria

- a. Preserves or restores biodiversity, especially for rare species, and wildlife habitat
- b. Maintains open and green spaces (e.g., meadows, pastures, and wooded areas)
- c. Provides recreational opportunities
- d. Preserves outstanding scenic views or is scenic itself (e.g., preserves aesthetic functions of wetlands)
- e. Preserves wetlands and water resources, including vegetation along waterways
- f. Preserves forest resources by means of a sustainable management plan