



Conservation Subdivisions - Town of Windham

Example from Falmouth, Maine

Windham has developed a provision in its land use ordinance for developments that preserve more natural features than called Conservation Subdivisions. This kind of development sets aside more a of the development site as Open Space that is permanently protected while allowing homes to be grouped on smaller lots on the portions of the site that have the least natural, cultural, or historical resource value for conservation purposes.

The standards are intended to ensure that those areas of the site that are not developable or that have natural resource value are included in the OpenSpace. Development under this provision is intended to promote imaginative, well-designed subdivisions which preserve open space, forests and agricultural uses, and an overall rural character. Additionally, Conservation Subdivisions should provide public access to land for passive and active recreation, protect natural features, environmentally sensitive areas and wildlife cover, respect the physical qualities of the land, and, in some instances, reduce the overall development costs of a subdivision.

Conservation Subdivision Facts

Project Size	51 Acres
Year approved	2013
Number of Lots	19
Lot sizes	
Features	Partial apple orchard preserved Forest preserved

Open Space	33 acres
Trail connections	3 to adjacent sites
Other ...	

Notes or other narrative

- Sidewalk
- Wetland and vernal pool
- Common space
- Etc...

