



# Conservation of the DANE FOREST PARCEL

A partnership  
of the

Lakes Region Conservation Trust  
Squam Lakes Conservation Society  
Town of Center Harbor



## Project Facts

**Location:** Center Harbor, between Center Harbor Neck, Anthon, High Haith, and Bean Roads.

**Size:** 245 acres, contiguous to additional 121-acre Pine Hill Conservation Area and 47-acre Proctor Sanctuary.

**Land type:** Mixed second generation forest; wetlands; woods roads and trails.

**Partners:** Lakes Region Conservation Trust, Squam Lakes Conservation Society, Town of Center Harbor.

**Transaction:** Ownership by LRCT, conservation easement held by SLCS and Town of Center Harbor.

**Public Benefits:** Public access for hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, nature observation and education. Linkage with trails on contiguous conservation lands; public snowmobile access on existing trail; wildlife habitat; water quality protection; scenic views from nearby roads and lakes, and surrounding uplands.

**Seller:** Herbert P. Dane Trust.

**Project cost:** \$825,000 (purchase price-\$735,000; stewardship costs-\$35,000; parking-\$15,000, survey and other transaction costs-\$40,000)

## **Conservation of the DANE forest parcel A unique collaboration...**

The Dane forest parcel, located in the heart of the Lakes Region between Squam Lake and Lake Winnepesaukee, is a remarkable 245-acre forested tract providing extraordinary wildlife habitat, scenic vistas, and recreational opportunities, all within a mile of the Center Harbor village.

In a unique collaboration, the Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT), the Squam Lakes Conservation Society (SLCS), and the Town of Center Harbor are working together to purchase the land from the Herbert P. Dane Trust to ensure its permanent conservation. With the support of the community, this land would be conserved as a wildlife preserve while providing a recreational trail network for four-season use.

Lying between Center Harbor Neck Road, Anthon Road, High Haith Road, and Bean Road in Center Harbor, the proposed Dane forest parcel will:

- Permanently protect 245-acres of exquisite wildlife habitat.
- Provide for a network of hiking and cross-country ski trails with trailhead parking linking to the existing trail networks within the abutting 121-acre Pine Hill Conservation Area (LRCT) and the 47-acre Proctor Sanctuary (NH Audubon).
- Increase the amount of conserved land in Center Harbor by 30%.
- Serve as a model for wildlife habitat management best practices.
- Encourage the conservation of other lands in the vicinity.

The Dane forest parcel provides important woodland habitat for several terrestrial mammals, such as moose, bear, and deer, and other fauna and flora. The parcel's extensive wetlands contain spring salamanders and the first documentation in central New Hampshire of the four-toed salamander. Existing woods roads and trails would form the basis of scenic routes throughout the property. Trailhead parking areas will be developed at three locations to facilitate access to the Dane forest parcel and abutting conservation lands. A management plan is being drafted by the conservation partners. Neighbors and interested parties are needed to participate fully in this effort.

The overall campaign goal for the project is \$825,000, which includes the \$735,000 purchase price (the property's appraised value), \$35,000 for stewardship costs and endowment, \$15,000 for parking, and \$40,000 for surveying and other transaction costs. LRCT and SLCS have entered into an Option Agreement with the Dane Trust and have made an initial payment of \$10,000. The deadline to exercise the Option Agreement is December 18, 2009. Sources of more than \$500,000 have already been identified, and it is essential that sources for the remainder be confirmed by December 18, 2009.

**The campaign to conserve this unique and valuable property is now  
underway. Your support and participation is needed.  
Please contact Don Berry at LRCT (603-253-3301) or Roger Larochele at SLCS  
(603-968-7900).**