

DCR Division of Water Supply Protection – Land Protection Program

Fiscal Year 2025 Completed Projects

Project	Town	Watershed	Acres	Interest	MWRA Capital Funds	Description	Land Protection Priorities
Carter Pond WPR	Petersham	Quabbin Reservoir	70.3	WPR	\$245,000	Please note: Watershed Preservation Restrictions (WPRs) are privately owned. No public access. This fully forested property lies near Carter Pond and includes two intermittent streams that flow to Carter Pond/Silver Brook and the East Branch of the Swift River. The property connects with nearby protected lands, including a 70-acre DCR acquisition completed in 2023. It also contains important natural resources identified by BioMap, including Core Habitat, Critical Natural Landscape, and Regional Connectivity.	Preserve Water Resources; Address Climate Change; Protect Habitat Biodiversity
Rutland Woodlands	Rutland	Wachusett Reservoir; Ware River	43.9	Fee		These two parcels were donated by the Rutland Land Conservancy and were previously protected by a DCR-held Watershed Preservation Restriction (WPR). Together they include forests, fields, wetlands, intermittent streams, and perennial streams that drain to the East Branch of the Ware River (Ware River Watershed) and Pine Hill Reservoir (Wachusett Watershed). The donation continues the permanent protection of important water resources while expanding DCR ownership.	Preserve Water Resources; Address Climate Change
Total	-	-	114.2	-	\$245,000	-	-