

Goal I. To preserve and protect natural systems and their inhabitants in the Sheepscot watershed through land protection and stewardship.

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Action Plans	Priority	Responsibility	Comments	Target Timeline
Finalize the process to identify and prioritize parcels for acquisition including criteria for saying no.	High	Lands Committee		2nd quarter of 2003
Erect signs and property markers on all protected properties offering land owners signs to put on easement properties.	High	Stewardship Committee		4th quarter 2003 for all preserves
Complete the Sheepscot Sanctuary property acquisitions	High	Board and Staff		4th quarter of 2004
Identify long-term focus areas in entire watershed	Medium	Lands Committee		4th quarter of 2005
Complete past baseline documents.	Medium	Staff	Stacy	4th quarter of 2003
Establish stewardship worksheet	Medium	Lands Committee	Phil, MCHT has a copy	2nd quarter of 2003

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Update stewardship files (including baselines, maps, monitoring information, etc.) for all properties.	Medium	Americorps Volunteer	Stacy	4th quarter of 2003
Participate in SRWC's efforts to develop a watershed-wide conservation management plan that prioritizes the resource values to be protected.	Low	Salmon Habitat Coordinator	Phil & Mike	N/A
Create long-term stewardship management plans for each in-fee property.	Low	Board, Lands and Stewardship Committees and Board	Guptil and WSP underway.	4th quarter of 2005 unless grant directed.
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