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The Colebrook Land Conservancy is an all-volunteer organization fortunate to have both an active Board of Trustees and an active membership, which numbers more than 200 -- an impressive figure in a town with just over 1,300 residents. Today we're writing to urge the Department of Public Health to **enable the permanent conservation of MDC's Colebrook and Goodwin reservoir lands.**

If these lands are not protected, public health will be the loser. Not only do large forest blocks protect our water supply, but they help clean our air. Forests provide wildlife habitat, protect natural plant communities and offer passive recreation opportunities. For these reasons, the protection of open space is a key objective of the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Also it would seem vitally important to preserve this water source for future emergencies and to protect the important recreational resources of the Farmington River, a national Wild and Scenic River.

For the public's benefit on many levels, please act to protect this land and water.

Sincerely,

The Colebrook Land Conservancy, Inc.

By its President, Linda Raciborski