

Goal:

Natural Resources Goals, Policies and Strategies

Protect Newfield’s natural resources, open spaces, and publicize healthy uses and practice to maintain the town’s rural character and resources for residents to enjoy – both today and in the future

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Target Dates</u>
Protect Newfield’s water resources, including aquifers, watersheds and sub surface water sources	Incorporate performance standards into any development review for chemical use near drainage areas, erosion control, filling, grading, mineral extraction and waste disposal	Planning Board	
	Continue to work to update Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and Map such that these two documents match and protect Newfield’s resources to the best extent possible	Select Board, Planning Board	
Educate Newfield businesses and residents on best land use and stormwater management practices, as well as the dangers of chemical flow into water sources	Create handout defining impervious surfaces, showing how water can run off of houses, lawns, and elsewhere to collect chemicals before being naturally discharged into a waterbody	Select Board, Planning Board	
	Mandate boat inspections for boats using public boat launches in town to protect against fluid leaks and invasive aquatic plant species in the lakes, streams and ponds of Newfield	Select Board, Planning Board	
	Use Maine’s 2015 Wildlife Action Plan to educate private property owners of their rights, while developing relationships that encourage preservation and land connectivity (for wildlife and recreation)	Planning Board	