

Westford's Natural Areas – A Measure of Westford's Natural Assets  
(<http://www.westfordvt.us/conservation.php>, select Natural\_Areas.pdf)

In 2002-04, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission developed a measure of the suitability of places in Chittenden County to perform natural areas open space functions. This measure combines into a single score the consideration of many factors. The Natural Areas Measure is not a policy judgment about what areas should be designated, preserved, or used as open space. Planning for natural areas conservation should consider these factors.

<b>Total Points Available for Natural Areas (8 point maximum score)</b>	
Un-fragmented Landscape	up to 1 point
Exemplary Natural Communities	up to 2 points
Significant Habitat for Terrestrial Wildlife Habitat for Rare & Threatened Terrestrial Species	up to 2 points
Sub-Surface Water Systems	up to 1 point
Shorelines Surface Waters, Wetlands, & Associated Buffers	up to 1 point
Lands which could be Restored to a Natural State over Time	up to 1 point

(extracted from 2006 Chittenden County Regional Plan, Intermediate Draft / chapter 4,  
Natural Resources / 4.1)