



## Sweet Water Trust Project Guidelines and Threshold Criteria

Sweet Water Trust (SWT) supports land conservation projects with the following attributes:

- Have significant ecological values (including a range of elevations, rare natural communities and rare plant and animal habitat);
- Connect to significant areas of previously protected land;
- Is large enough, either alone or in conjunction with other protected lands, to enable wildlife movement and sustain ecological processes;
- Use SWT funds to leverage other substantial private and public funding;
- Offer good value because of relatively low per acre cost;
- Involve partners with a proven track record of responsible land stewardship and monitoring;
- Ensure that SWT involvement can make a significant difference, e.g. projects where other funding sources are difficult to come by; and,
- Ensure permanent, forever wild protection through a conservation easement that sustains native plants and animals and ecosystem processes and prohibits development, subdivision, motorized uses, timber harvesting, agriculture, and mineral and gas extraction.