

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The mission of the Greater Lovell Land Trust is to protect and enhance the quality of Kezar Lake and to provide alternative land development in the Kezar Lake watershed in the towns of Lovell, Stoneham, and Stow.

The Trust, a non-profit alternative to the powers of state and local governments, works exclusively to fulfill the public purposes expressed in Maine conservation laws, such as the Great Ponds Act, the Shoreline Zoning Act, and Town Zoning Regulations.

Through purchase, gift, acquisition of development rights, and the voluntary placing of conservation covenants on property, the Trust works to ensure planned land development in the watershed of Kezar Lake. The Trust cooperates with public, educational, and non-profit groups in educational efforts directed at preserving water quality, land management, and establishing realistic land development options and alternatives.

The Trust does not prevent appropriate land development within the watershed area, but works to ensure that all development efforts comply with existing state and local legislation.

The Trust has begun to acquire and reserve from development specific parcels and easements to protect land of special esthetic, habitat, or other considerations.

Acquisition of land by the Trust is accomplished through negotiation and voluntary cooperation with private landowners. All gifts to the Trust are tax deductible, fully recognized under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

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