

ARTICLE 7. Watershed Land Acquisition, Amherst This article authorizes the purchase of a 2.0-acre house lot near the Atkins Reservoir. The purchase price is \$58,000. The property abuts recently acquired Amherst-owned land on the southern border.

Key factors:

- The Atkins Reservoir provides approximately 1/3rd of Amherst’s drinking water supply and is therefore a critical water resource.
- Parcel is located approximately 700 feet from the Atkins Reservoir.
- A tributary stream to the Atkins reservoir runs directly through the property.
- As shown on the map, the parcel is located almost entirely within the Zone A surface water supply protection area. This is the most critical zone to protect because of its close proximity to the surface water supply source.

Purchase of these properties will contribute to long-term watershed protection goals:

- Amherst will own, and therefore protect, additional watershed land
- Ownership allows Amherst to control activities on land
- Prevent development that may negatively impact water supply

