

## Is Conservation the reason housing is scarce ?

**Myth #3:** Land for new development in Atkinson is scarce because Conservation has “taken” it all.

### True or False?

**False!** Land is scarce, and therefore expensive, because development over the past 3 decades has already built on most of the larger tracts in town.

- According to the Land Conservation Plan of 2022, Atkinson is between 90% and 95% “built out.”

### Consider these statistics first presented in Myth #2:

Summary of Town-Owned Conservation Land			
Acres	#	When Acquired	%
480.52	34	Prior to 1/1/1993	79.2%
125.82	20	After 1/1/1993	20.8%
606.33	54	Total	100.0%

Summary of Cluster Development in Atkinson			
#	When Developed	Land	%
		Consumed	
4	Prior to 1/1/1993	365.54	27.1%
17	After 1/1/1993	983.54	72.9%
21	Total	1349.08	