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**NS ENVIRONMENT AND LABOUR  
2006-07 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

**ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR PROTECTED AREAS - \$1,000,000**

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**What is the objective of this initiative?**

This initiative provides funding to acquire high priority conservation lands for Nova Scotia's protected areas system. The initiative helps meet the government's *BluePrint* and *Green Plan* commitment to acquire more land for protection.

**Why is this initiative important?**

More than 70% of the province is in private ownership and many existing wilderness areas have private inholdings with their boundaries. It is important for the province to protect its investment and the public interest in designated protected areas.

**Who benefits from this initiative?**

All Nova Scotians benefit from the acquisition of important conservation lands and the protection of nature. Where inholdings are acquired, protection is improved for that specific wilderness area.

**How will the funding be spent?**

Priority areas for land acquisition include private inholdings within existing Wilderness Areas and areas with high potential for designation under the *Special Places Act*.

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