

# Oyster River Forest & Environs

*Protecting Water Quality, Restoring Habitat, Enhancing Recreation*

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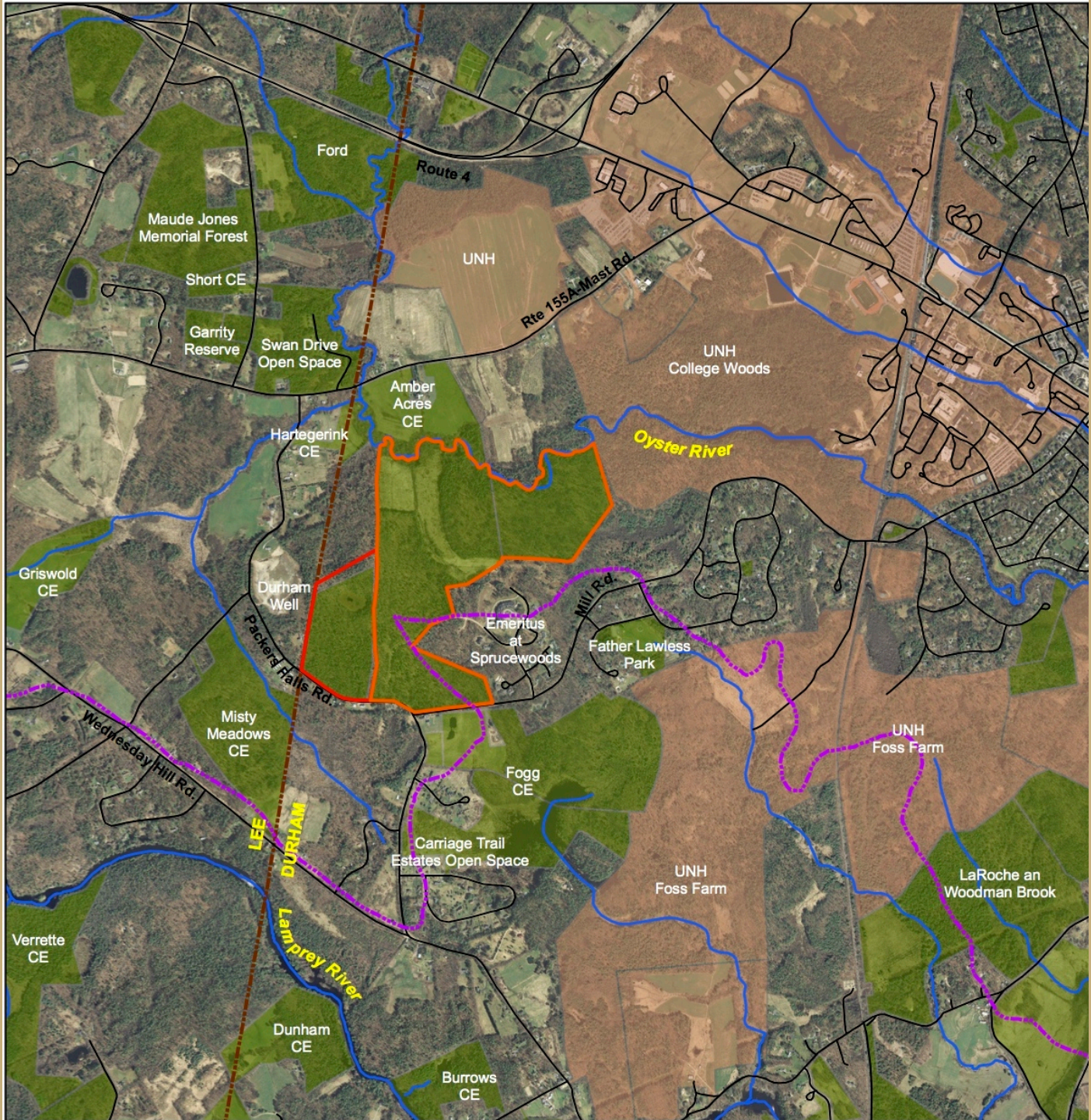
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Ford

Route 4

Maude Jones  
Memorial Forest

UNH

Short CE

Rte 155A Mast Rd

Garry Reserve

Swan Drive  
Open Space

UNH  
College Woods

Amber  
Acrès  
CE

Oyster River

Hartergerink  
CE

Griswold  
CE

Durham  
Well

Emeritus  
at  
Sprucewoods

Father Lawless  
Park

Packard Falls Rd.

Misty  
Meadows  
CE

Wednesday Hill Rd.

UNH  
Foss Farm

LEE  
DURHAM

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CE

Carriage Trail  
Estates Open Space

UNH  
Foss Farm

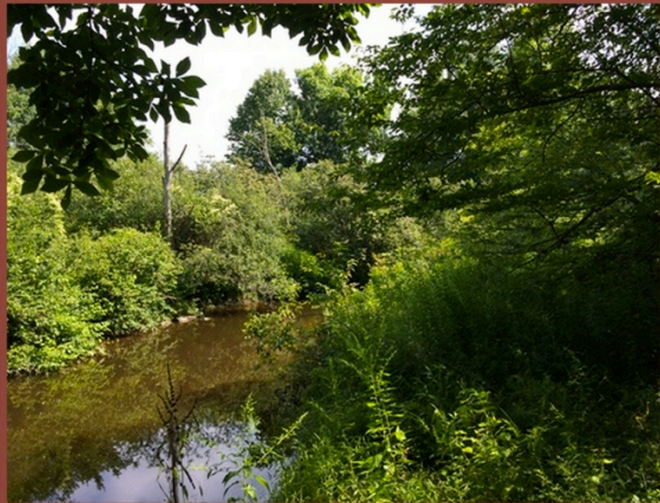
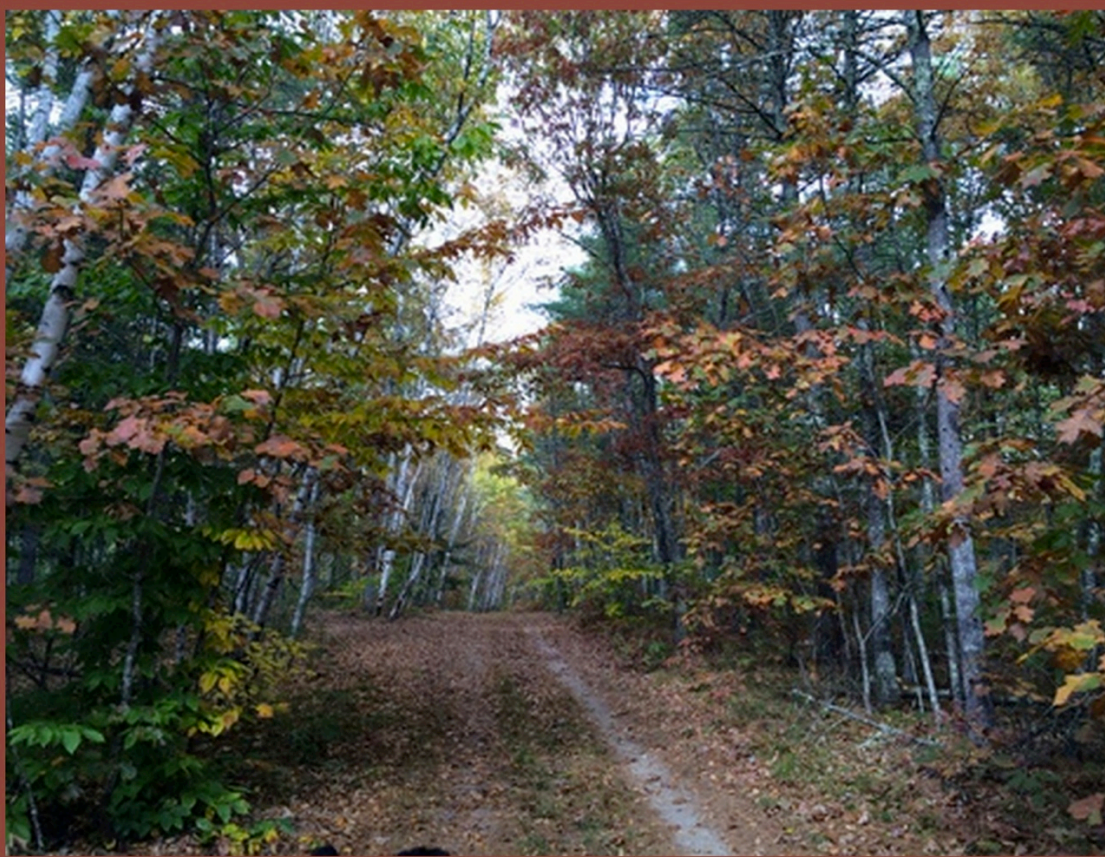
LaRoche an  
Woodman Brook

Verrette  
CE

Dunham  
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Lamprey River

Burrows  
CE



# **A Partnership**

**to protect and enhance:**

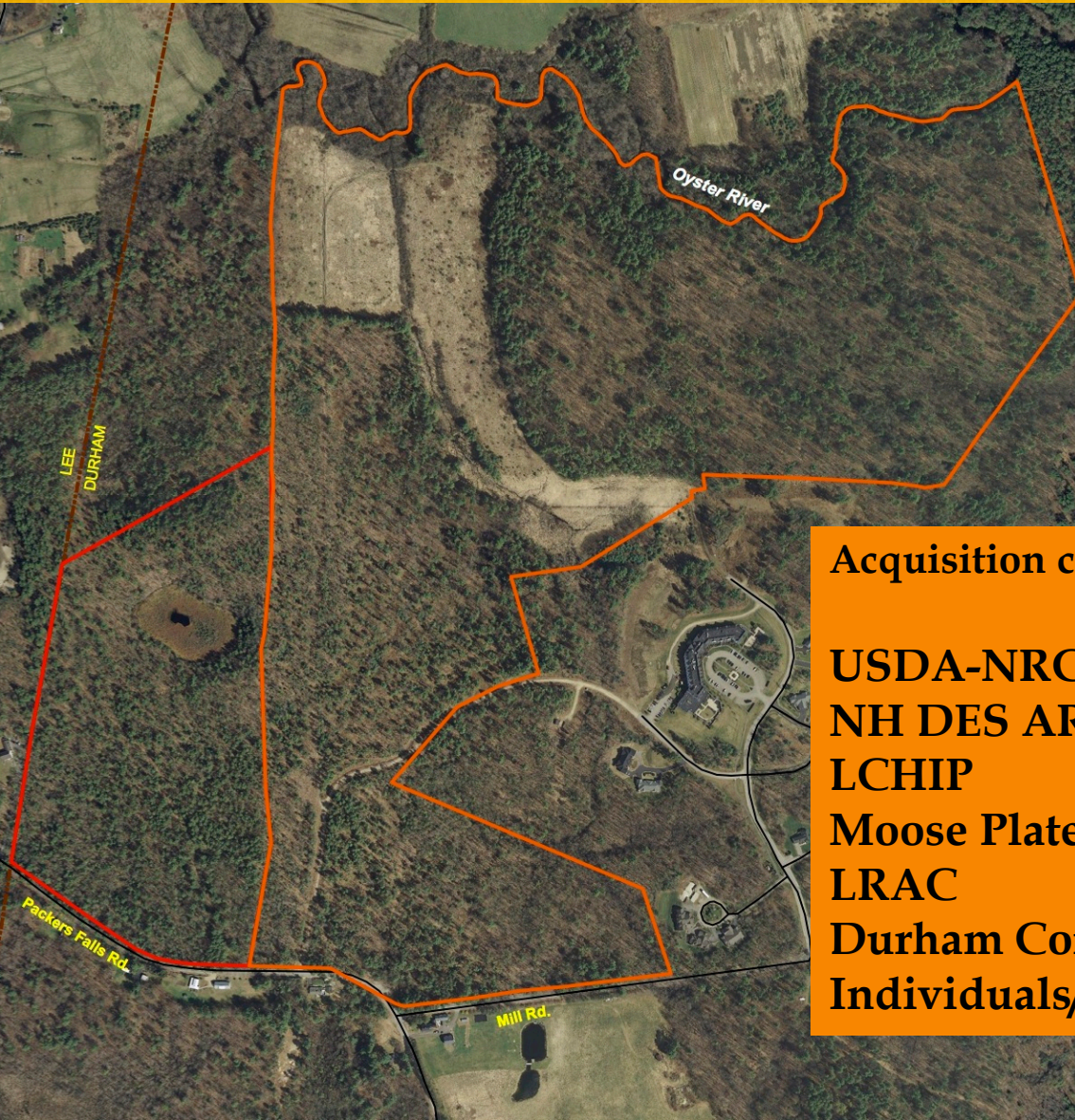
**The Land**

**Water Quality**

**Habitat**

**Trails**

# Oyster River Forest : 172 acres

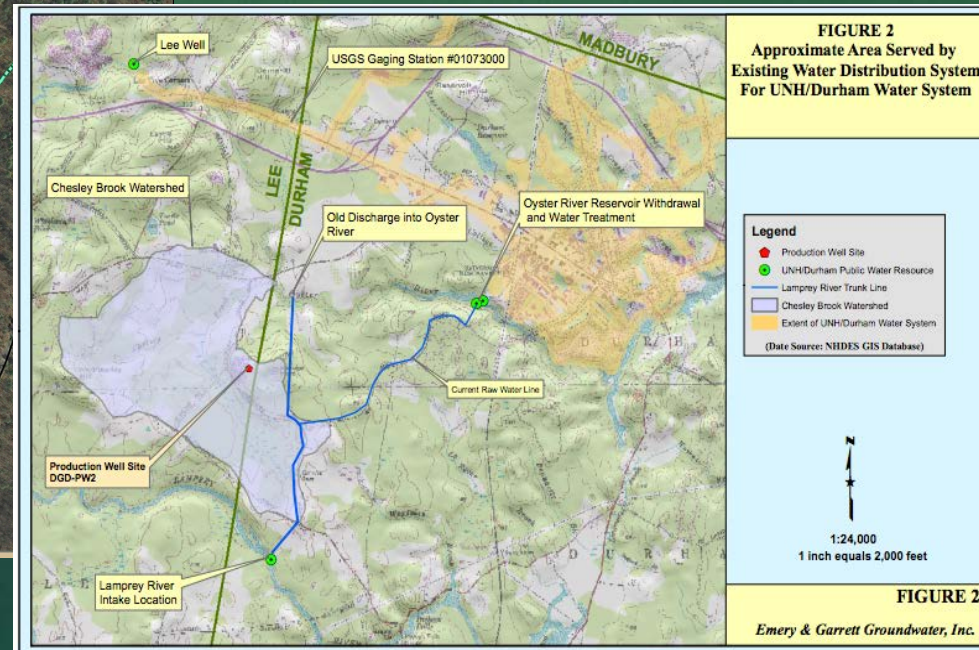
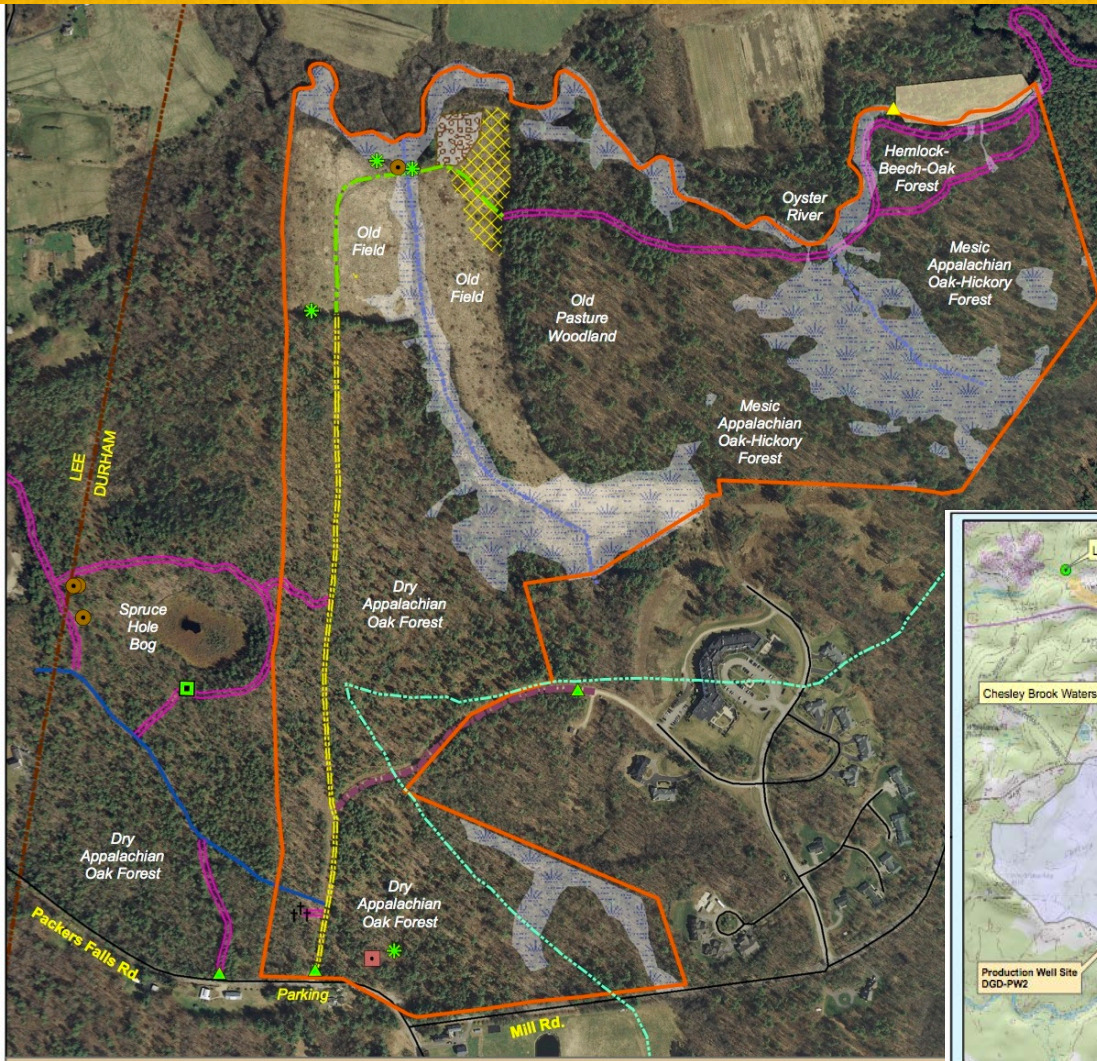


Acquisition coordinated by Trust for Public Land:

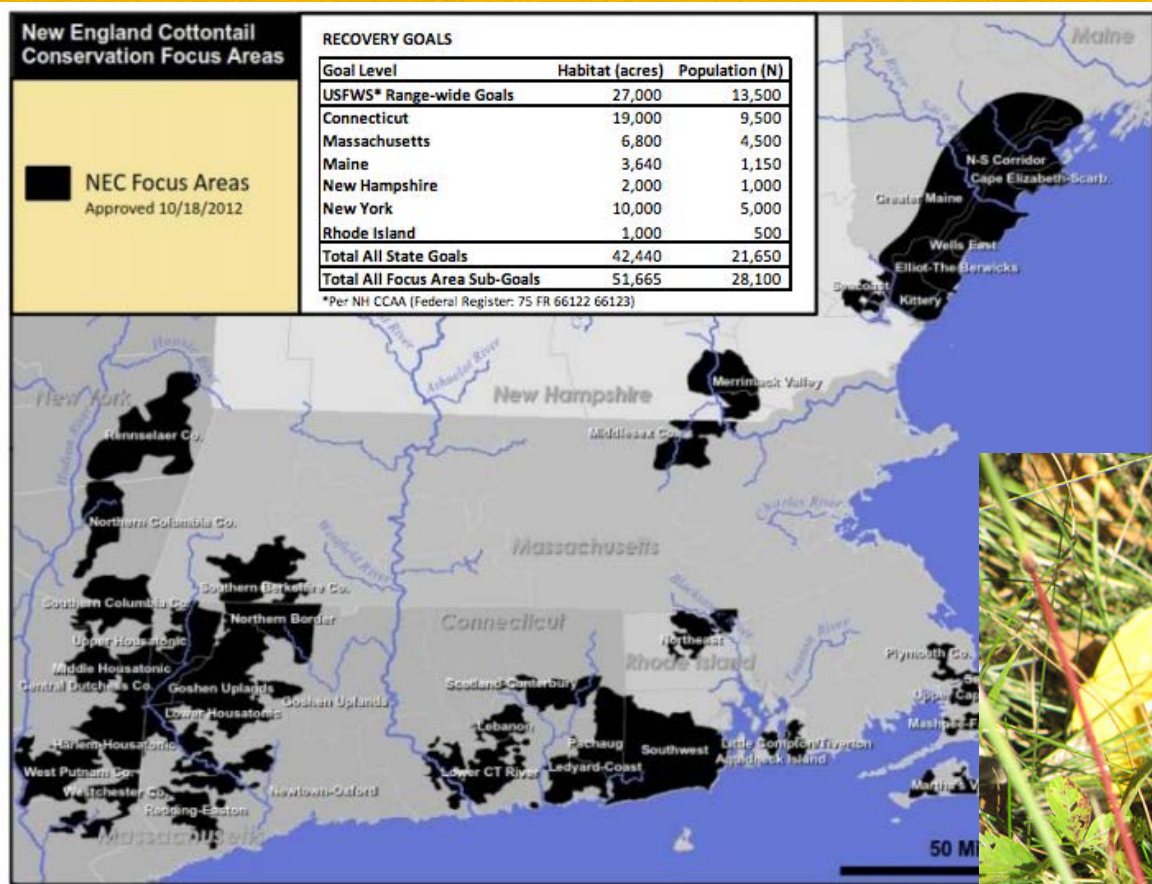
USDA-NRCS	= \$2.46 million
NH DES ARMF	= 500,000
LCHIP	= 76,700
Moose Plate Program	= 35,000
LRAC	= 20,000
Durham Conservation Fund	= 375,000
Individuals/Foundations	= 556,000

# Water Quality

- OR Frontage = 4,600+ feet
- Fisheries: brook lamprey, trout
- Wetlands/tributaries
- Spruce Hole Bog
- Waterline to new town well



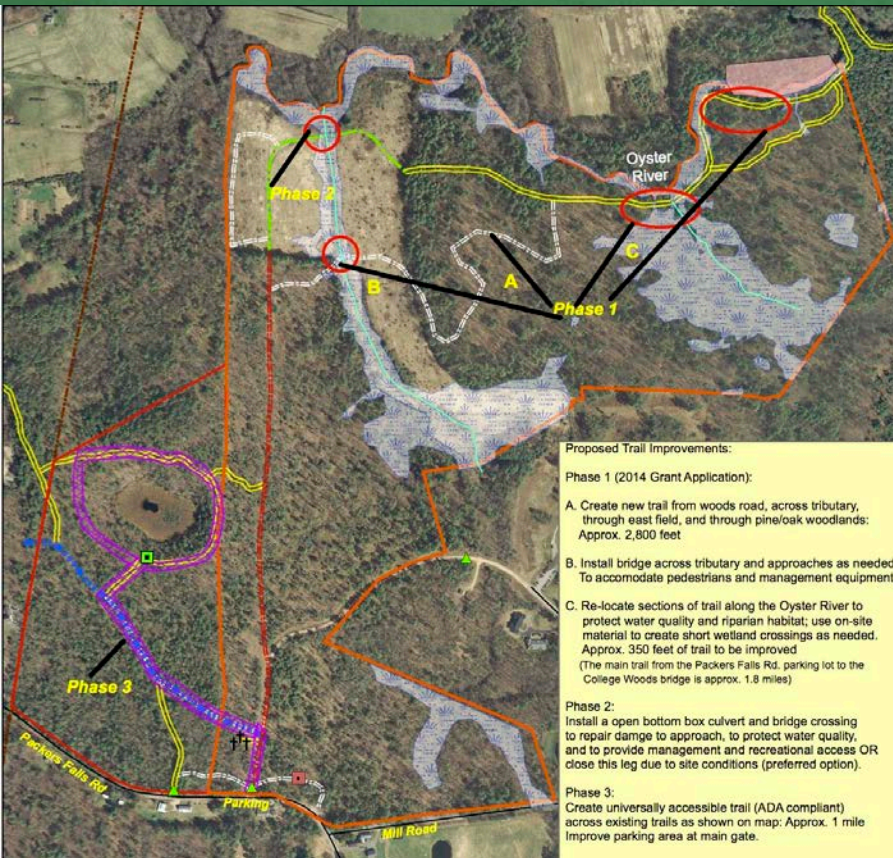
# Wildlife Habitat



- New England cottontail
- 20-30 acres old field
- Oyster River & Tribs
- Appalachian oak-pine forest
- Connectivity



# Trails





# Habitat Restoration

- NRCs Funding – Wetlands Reserve Program
- Stewardship Plan – Funded by Anonymous Donor
- Create/Restore New England cottontail habitat on 20-30 acres
- Remove Invasives/Plant Natives
- Protect Water Quality
- Engage Community



# 8.5 acres cleared of large invasive shrubs: uprooted, shredded, mulched



**Forest Savers**

**Gerry Hawkes**

**Woodstock, Vermont**



# 2,400 native shrubs/trees planted in 2014



# 3,741 2<sup>nd</sup> year wild parsnip plants pulled in 2014

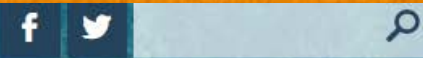


# Volunteers!





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We mobilize volunteers to  
care for and study our  
lands and waters.

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FEATURE STORY

**Volunteers Plant Beachgrass, Help  
Restore Dunes on Plum Island**

In late October more than 50 volunteers  
gathered on the Newbury sand dunes on Plum  
Island to plant... [READ MORE](#)

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## September 2014

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 8a Black River (VT) River Sweep Cleanup & Junk Jam
7	8 3:30p Workshop: Deer Management & Forest Health 7p Workshop: Deer Management & Forest Health	9	10	11	12 1p Learning to Live With Beavers (external signup)	13 8:30a Belknap Mountain Trail Maintenance Workday 9a Training: SCA/Monadnock Trail Skills 10a Moose Mountains Trail Workday
14 Training: SCA/Monadnock Trail Skills	15	16	17 7p Invasive Upland Plants of NH - Workshop	18 7p Invasive Upland Plants of NH - Workshop	19 9a Oyster River Forest Habitat Restoration	20 6a 2014 Bioblitz: Odiome State Park (external signup)
21	22 8:30a Southeast Hub Meeting 9a Stoddard Reservation Trail Workday	23	24	25	26	27 10a Moose Mountains Trail Workday
28	29	30 9a McCabe Forest Trail Workday	1	2	3	4 9a Sweet Trail Volunteer Workday & Training

Below you'll find environmental volunteer opportunities sponsored by many agencies, conservation groups, and communities in NH (and a few nearby states). Click on the calendar listing to find out how to register for an event or find out more!

Want to submit an event for the calendar? Stewardship volunteer opportunities and trainings welcome from NH and bordering states (subject to review).

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## Adams Point Shoreline Restoration

Volunteers are needed to help restore the shoreline zone of Adams Point, a special waterfront property managed by NH Fish & Game. Located in Durham at the mouth of Great Bay, Adams Point is one of the bay's best bird watching locations and is ideal for viewing bald eagles. We'll be adding soil and planting native shrubs to help prevent shoreline erosion. Just in time for Earth Day - help make this part of Great Bay strong enough to last for generations!

[Click here to view the online event listing for Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve](#)

This is a beautiful area that needs some love. We are looking for 60+ volunteers per session, and you can commit to on or both sessions or just one session. Large groups and kids are welcome, but if youth are under 16 they will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This is

There will be two sessions, and you can sign up for

- 9am-noon: creating plant beds in designated areas and providing information to pre-determined access points
- 1pm-4pm: finish planting, and water all of the plants

We will provide some snacks and water. **Please bring your own lunch in both sessions, bring your lunch-it's a beautiful day!**

Volunteers will get a thank you gift for helping us protect our natural resources. Here is the flyer if you would like to share it with others.

Please contact Melissa at [melissa.brogle@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:melissa.brogle@wildlife.nh.gov) if you have any questions or need more information. Her phone number is 603-271-3333.

[Click here](#) for Google map showing location of Adams Point.

[sign up](#) 4/19/2014 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

[sign up](#) 4/19/2014 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

### Volunteer Sign Up

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Email\*

Business Phone

Home Phone

Volunteer Organization

Mailing State/Province

Mailing Zip/Postal Code

Title

Number of Volunteers\*

Adams Point Shoreline Restoration  
4/19/2014 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

## Announcements

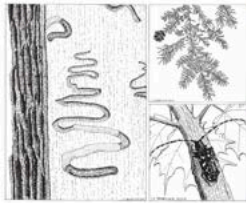


### New Online Edition of NH Wildlife Sightings

Portal for citizen scientists to record wildlife observations

New Hampshire Fish & Game has just released a new edition of the NH Wildlife Sightings Database, an online portal for citizen scientists to report sightings of rare and common wildlife and important nature features such as vernal pools.

[Learn More](#)



### Invasive Insects: Request a Presentation in Your Community

You can help spread the word about invasive insects by scheduling a talk in your community. Volunteers from the *Speaking for Wildlife* Program are available to present "NH Bugs: The Big Three" for free to community groups such as libraries, garden clubs, schools, and more. [Learn more](#)



### 2-Day Trail Skills Training for Volunteers

Sept. 13-14, Gilsum, NH

The Monadnock Conservancy and the Student Conservation Association are partnering for a second time this year with the Stewardship Network: New England to offer a special 2-day workshop on how to build and maintain trails: Sept 13-14, in Gilsum, NH. [Learn more](#)



### Training: Learning to Live with Beavers

Sept. 12, 1-4 p.m. Merrimack, NH

Roads flooded? Culverts blocked? Having problems with beavers in your town? Join us to learn about beaver biology and how the Town of Merrimack is working to create an innovative plan to map and coordinate beaver management across town Commissions and Departments. [Learn More](#)



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## Blueberries and Boundaries - New Summer Stories

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Dear Friends, Partners, and Volunteers,

The Stewardship Network: New England [online calendar](#) is packed with new volunteer workdays this fall! If everyone getting this bulletin volunteered once this fall we could make a serious impact on hundreds of acres of conservation land. Sign up today!

Also, check out [Walking the Line](#), our final Summer Intern Story from Jo Lewis, who chronicles her work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service monitoring new conservation easements, surveying boundaries, and sampling blueberries around the Seacoast!



Field Work with Blueberries



Haley Andreozzi

Extension Wildlife Outreach Coordinator

Stewardship Network: New England Team Member

## Upcoming Events & Training

Events in [Orange](#) are new this week

- [Sept. 6 - Black River RiverSweep Cleanup & Junk Jam, Springfield, VT](#)
- [Sept. 8 - Workshop: Deer Management & Forest Health - Hanover, NH](#)
- [Sept. 12 - Learning to Live With Beavers, Merrimack, NH](#)
- [Sept. 13 - Moose Mountains Trail Workday, Middleton, NH](#)
- [Sept. 13 - Belknap Mountain Trail Maintenance Workday, Gilford, NH](#)
- [Sept. 13-14 - Training: SCA/Monadnock Trail Skills, Gilsum, NH](#)
- [Sept. 17 - Invasive Upland Plants of NH, Franconia, NH](#)
- [Sept. 18 - Invasive Upland Plants of NH, Deering, NH](#)
- [Sept. 19 - Oyster River Forest Habitat Restoration, Durham, NH](#)
- [Sept. 20 - Bioblitz 2014: Odiome State Park, Rye, NH](#)
- [Sept. 23 - Southeast Hub Meeting, Lee, NH](#)
- [Sept. 23 - Stoddard Reservation Trail Workday, Stoddard, NH](#)
- [Sept. 27 - Moose Mountains Trail Workday - Middleton, NH](#)
- [Oct. 1 - McCabe Forest Trail Workday - Antrim, NH](#)
- [Oct. 4 - Sweet Trail Volunteer Workday & Training, Durham, NH](#)
- [Oct. 5 - Town Forests: Connecting Local Communities with Sustainable Forestry - Weston, MA](#)
- [Oct 8 - UNH College Woods Buckthorn Blitz - Durham, NH](#)
- [Oct. 11 - Moose Mountains Trail Workday - Middleton, NH](#)
- [Oct. 14 - Rain Garden Installation Workday - Dover, NH](#)
- [Oct. 17 - How to Lead an Invasive Plants Workday, Newmarket, NH](#)
- [Oct. 18 - Timber Harvest Tour - Danbury, NH - Danbury, NH](#)
- [Oct. 25 - Moose Mountains Trail Workday - Middleton, NH](#)
- [Nov. 1 - Inspiring Young Conservationists: NHACC Conference, Laconia, NH](#)
- [Nov. 15 - Training: Chainsaw Safety, New Boston, NH](#)



# The Stewardship Network

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## Since launching in April 2014

### Volunteers Pulling Together for Nature

The Stewardship Network: New England connects environmental organizations to increase collectively capacity to study and steward the environment. Through the Network, partners collaborate on volunteer recruitment, training workshops, internships, field equipment, and more.



## Volunteer Events in 2014

Citizen  
Science



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& Water



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Land  
Management



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