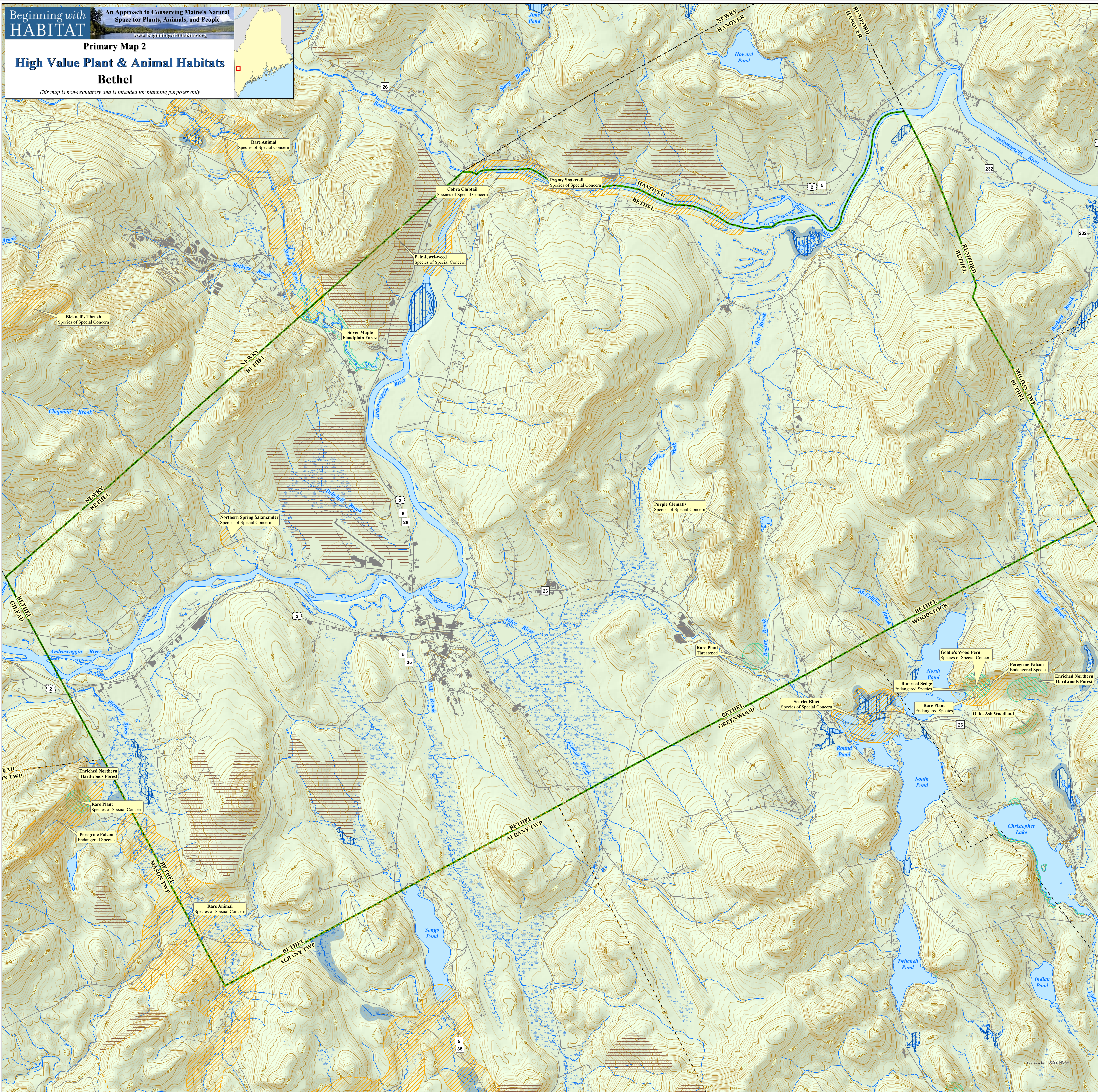




LEGEND

Beginning with Habitat (BwH) is a voluntary tool intended to assist landowners, resource managers, planners, and municipalities in identifying and making informed decisions about areas of potential natural resource concern. This data includes the best available information provided through BwH's coalition partners as of the map date, and is intended for information purposes only. It should not be interpreted as a comprehensive analysis of plant and animal occurrences or other local resources, but rather as an initial screen to flag areas where agency consultation may be appropriate. Habitat data sets are updated continuously as more accurate and current data becomes available. However, as many areas have not been completely surveyed, features may be present that are not yet mapped, and the boundaries of some depicted features may need to be revised. Local knowledge is critical in providing accurate data. If errors are noted in the current depiction of resources, please contact our office. Some habitat features depicted on this map are regulated by the State of Maine through the Maine Endangered Species Act (Essential Habitats and threatened and endangered species occurrences) and Natural Resources Protection Act (Significant Wildlife Habitat). We recommend consultation with MDIFW Regional Biologists or MNAP Ecologists if activities are proposed within resource areas depicted on this map. Consultation early in the planning process usually helps to resolve regulatory concerns and minimize agency review time. For MDIFW and MNAP contact information, visit <http://www.beginningwithhabitat.org/contacts/index.html>.

- Organized Township Boundary
- Unorganized Township
- Selected Town or Area of Interest
- Developed: Impervious surfaces such as buildings and roads

Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Wildlife

Known rare, threatened, or endangered species occurrence and/or the associated habitats based on species sightings.

Consult with an MDIFW regional biologist to determine the relative importance and conservation needs of the specific location and supporting habitat. The names of some species have been masked with a "Rare Animal" designation on the map for further protection. For more information regarding individual species visit our website, http://www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife/endangered/listed_species_mn.htm, for species specific fact sheets.

The Federal Endangered Species Act requires actions authorized, funded, or carried out by federal agencies be reviewed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. If your project occurs near an occurrence of the Atlantic Salmon, Roseate Tern, Piping Plover, Canada Lynx, New England Cottontail, Fish's Lousewort, or Small-whorled Pagonia contact the Maine Field Office, USFWS, 1168 Main St., Old Town, ME 04468.

Rare or Exemplary Plants and Natural Communities

- Rare Plant Locations
- Rare or Exemplary Natural Community Locations

Known rare, threatened, or endangered plant occurrences are based on field observations. The names of some species have been masked with a "Rare Plant" designation on the map for further protection. Consult with a Maine Natural Areas Program (MNAP) Ecologist to determine conservation needs of particular species. For more information regarding rare plants, the complete list of tracked species and fact sheets for those species can be found at: <http://www.maine.gov/doc/nrm/mnap/features/plantlist.htm>

The MNAP has classified and distinguished 98 different natural community types that collectively cover the state's landscape. These include such habitats as floodplain forests, coastal bogs, alpine summits, and many others. Each type is assigned a rarity rank of 1 (rare) through 5 (common). Mapped rare natural communities or ecosystems, or exemplary examples of common natural communities or ecosystems, are based on field surveys and aerial photo interpretation. Consult with an MNAP Ecologist to determine conservation needs of particular communities or ecosystems.

Essential Wildlife Habitats

- Roseate Tern Nesting Area or Piping Plover-Least Tern Nesting, Feeding, & Brood-Rearing Area
- Candidate Deer Wintering Area
- Inland Waterfowl and Wading Bird Habitat (IWWH) with 250' Buffer
- Wildlife Wetlands

Other wetlands valuable for wildlife that are not regulated as IWWH.

- Seabird Nesting Island
- An island, ledge, or portion thereof in tidal waters with documented, nesting seabirds or suitable nesting habitat for endangered seabirds.
- Shorebird Areas
- Tidal Waterfowl and Wading Bird Habitats (TWWH)
- Significant Vernal Pools

A pool depression used for breeding by amphibians and other indicator species and that portion of the critical terrestrial habitat within 250 ft of the spring or fall high water mark. A vernal pool must have the following characteristics: natural origin, nonpermanent hydroperiod, lack permanently flowing inlet or outlet, and lack predatory fish.

Maine's Natural Resources Protection Act

Maine's Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA, 1988) is administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP, <http://www.maine.gov/dep/olw/docstocand/nrpage.htm>) and is intended to prevent further degradation and loss of natural resources in the state, including the above Significant Wildlife Habitats that have been mapped by MDIFW. MDEP has regulatory authority over most Significant Wildlife Habitat types. The regional MDEP office should be consulted when considering a project in these areas.

Atlantic Salmon Spawning/Rearing Habitat

- Atlantic Salmon Rearing Habitat
- Atlantic Salmon Spawning Habitat
- Atlantic Salmon Limited Spawning Habitat

Mapped by Atlantic Salmon Commission (ASC) and US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) from field surveys on selected Penobscot and Kennebec River tributaries and the Dennys, Ducktrap, East Machias, Machias, Pleasant, Narragagus, and Sheepscot Rivers.

Data Sources

DATA SOURCE INFORMATION

TOWNSHIP BOUNDARIES

- Maine Office of GIS: *Metwp24* (2019)

ROADS

- Maine Office of GIS, Maine Department of Transportation: *Medotub* (2019)

HYDROLOGY

- U.S. Geological Survey National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) Maine (2016)

DEVELOPED

- Maine Office of GIS, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and multiple other agencies: *Imperv* (2020)

ESSENTIAL & SIGNIFICANT WILDLIFE HABITATS

- Maine Office of GIS, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife: *DWA*, *ETSP*, *Enphn*, *Ehrtem*, *IWWH*, *Sh*, *Shorebird*, *TWWH* (2021)

RARE NATURAL COMMUNITIES & PLANTS

- Maine Natural Areas Program: *MNAP_608* (2021)

ATLANTIC SALMON HABITAT

- Maine Office of GIS, Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: *Asahb3* (2013)

DATA SOURCE CONTACT INFORMATION

- Maine Office of GIS: <http://www.maine.gov/megi/catalog/>
- Maine Natural Areas Program: <http://www.maine.gov/doc/nrm/mnap/index.html>
- Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife: <http://www.maine.gov/ifw/>
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Gulf of Maine Program: <http://gulfofmaine.fws.gov>
- Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission: <http://www.maine.gov/ascl/>
- Maine Department of Transportation: <http://www.maine.gov/ndot/>

DIGITAL DATA REQUEST

To request digital data for a town or organization, please visit our website. http://www.beginningwithhabitat.org/the_maps/gis_data_request.html

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