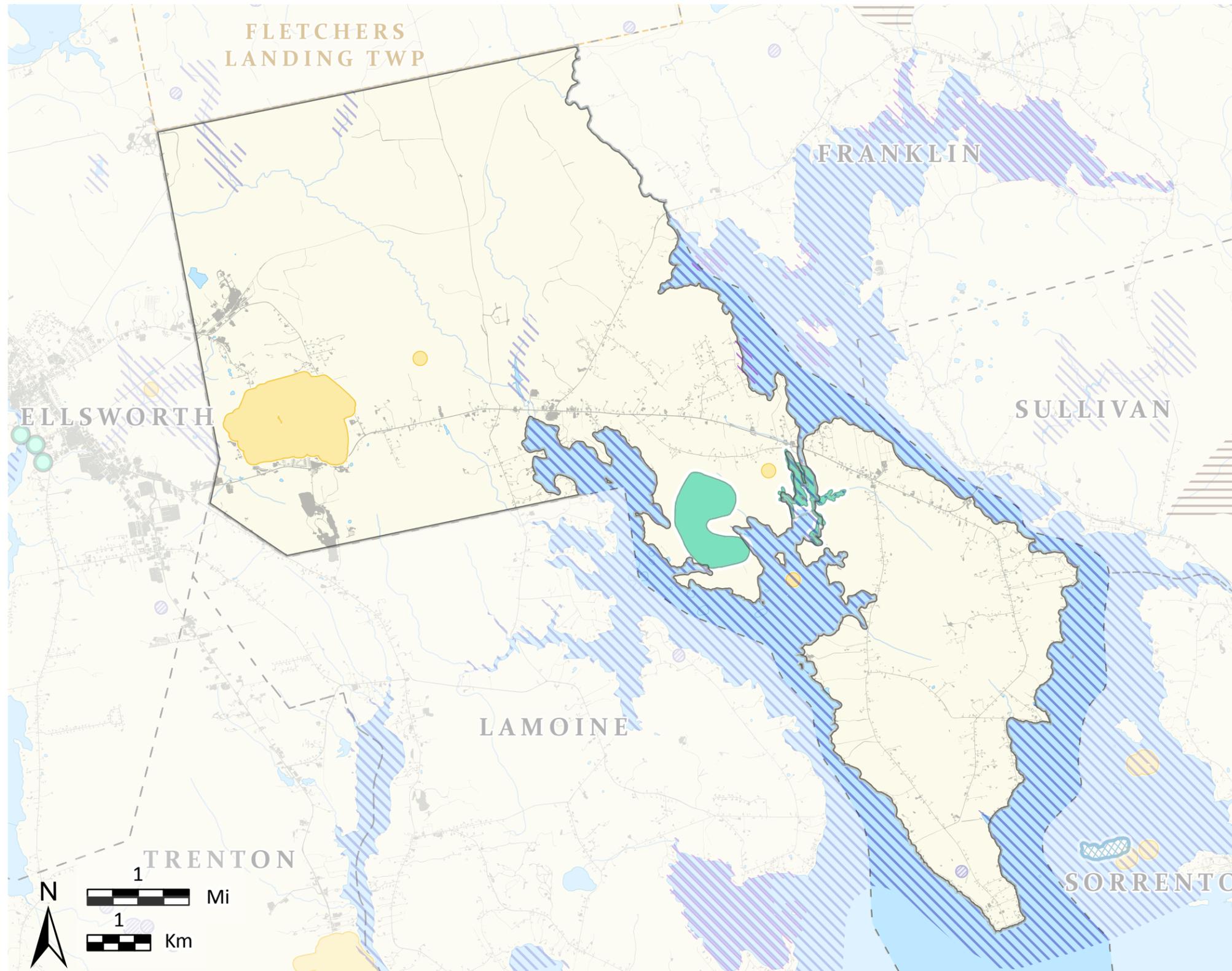


# Hancock

## High Value Plant and Animal Habitats



*This map is nonregulatory and is intended for planning purposes only*

- Organized Towns**
- Unorganized Towns**
- Developed** Impervious surfaces such as roads and buildings.
- Rare or Endangered Wildlife\***
  - Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern Species** Mapped observations of rare wildlife species.
- Rare or Exemplary Plants and Natural Communities**
  - Rare Plant Locations** Known rare, threatened, or endangered plant occurrences are based on field observations.
  - Rare and Exemplary Natural Communities** Mapped features are based on field surveys and aerial photo interpretation.
- Significant Wildlife Habitat**
  - Significant Vernal Pools** Surveyed pool depressions 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.
  - Seabird Nesting Island** An island, ledge, or portion thereof in tidal waters with documented, nesting seabirds or suitable nesting habitat for endangered seabirds.
  - Deer Wintering Area** Forested area possibly used by deer for shelter during periods of deep snow and cold temperatures.
  - Inland Waterfowl and Wading Bird Habitats** Breeding, migrating/staging, or wintering areas for inland waterfowl or breeding, feeding, loafing, migrating, or roosting areas for wading birds.

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TOWN BOUNDARIES - ME Office of GIS (2021)  
 HYDROLOGY - U.S. Geological Survey National Hydrography Dataset(2016)  
 DEVELOPED - NOAA Coastal Change Analysis Program (C-CAP) (2022)

RARE, ESSENTIAL & SIGNIFICANT WILDLIFE HABITATS - ME Office of GIS, ME Dep. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (2024)  
 RARE NATURAL COMMUNITIES & PLANTS - ME Natural Areas Pgm (2024)