

A scenic view of a riverbank with lush green trees and a fallen log in the water. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# Vision

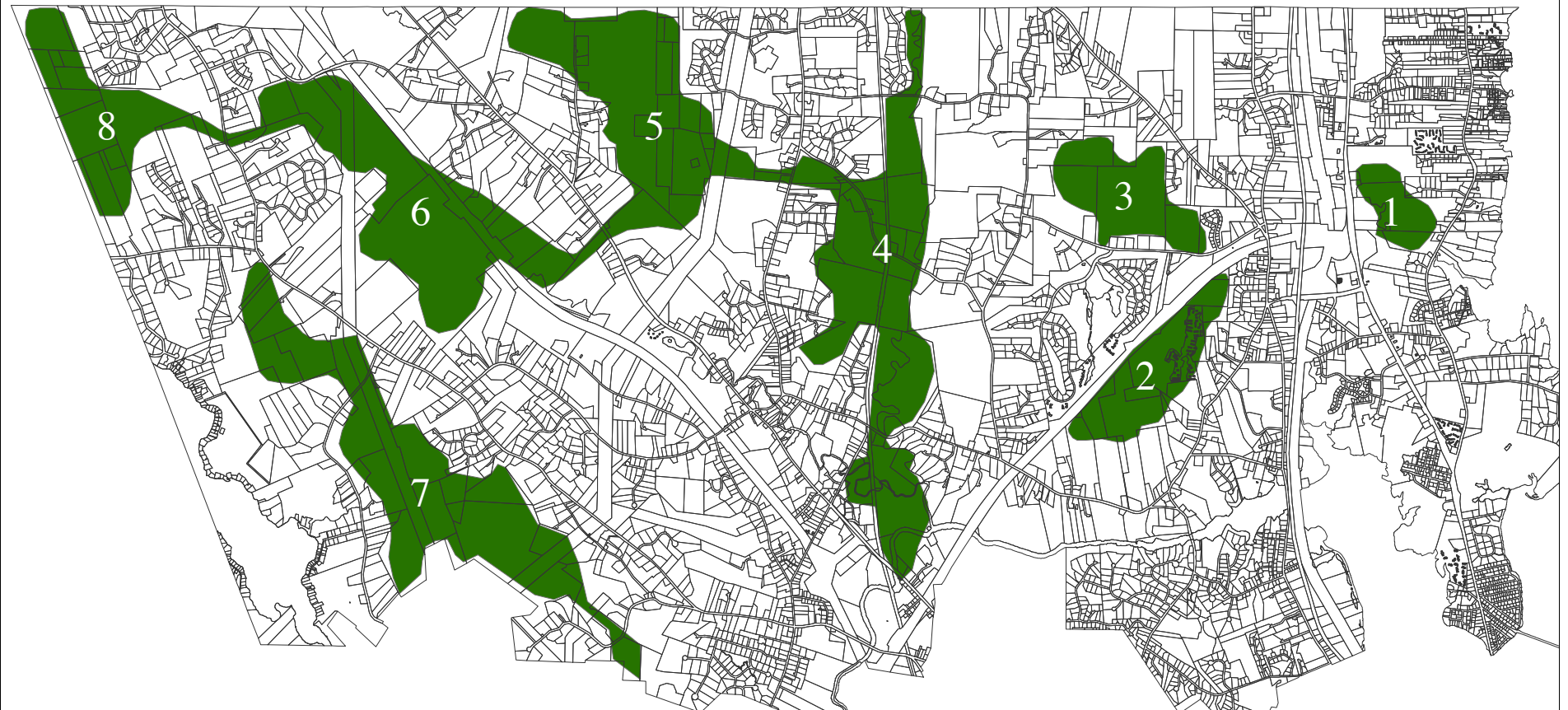
**In 2106 – and beyond – Falmouth is still a community that has significant tracts of open land, healthy & diverse plant & wildlife populations, opportunities for traditional outdoor recreation, and visible rural character. Falmouth continues to be a quality place.**

# Goals

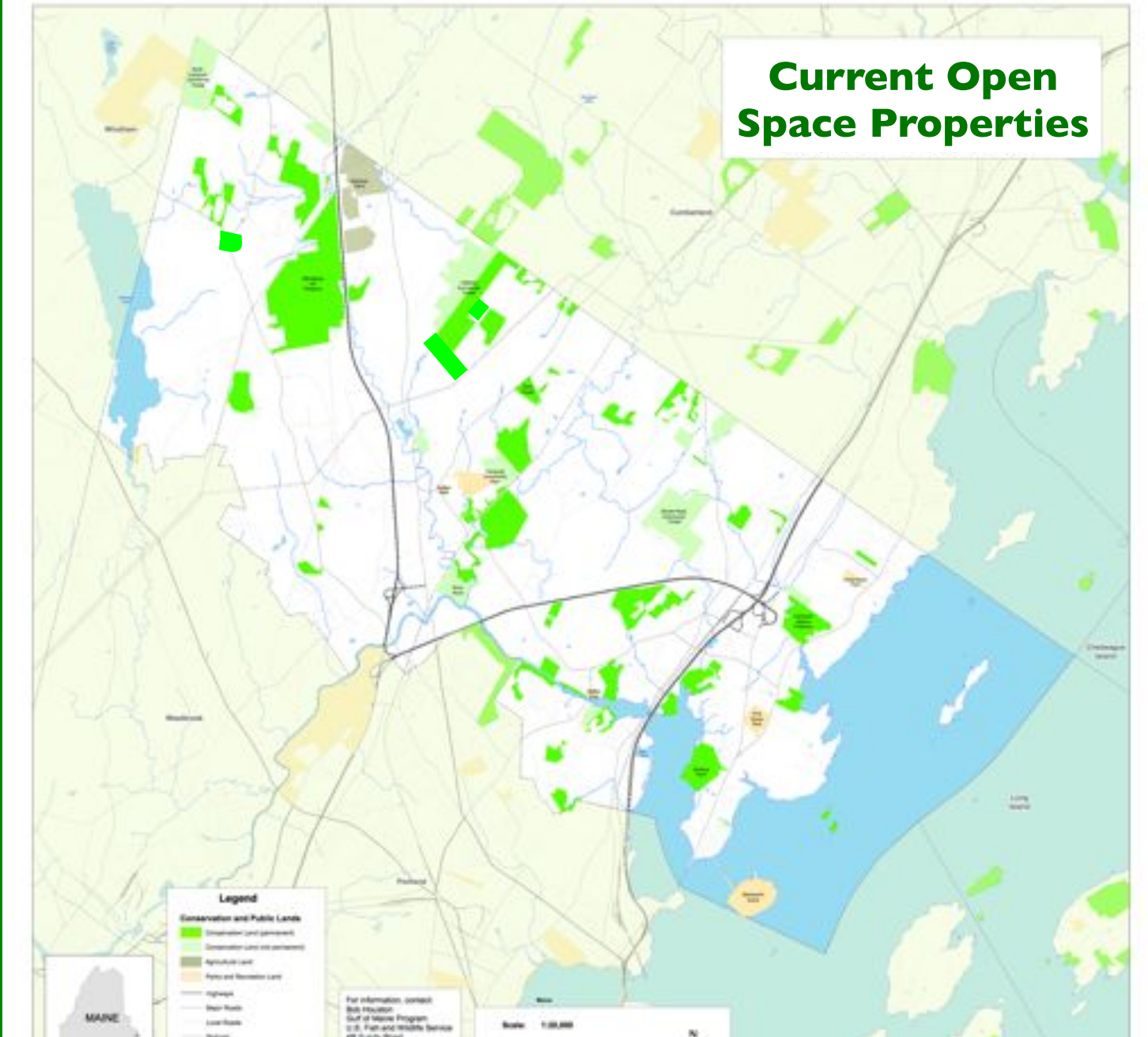
1. Retain and protect Falmouth's rural character and natural resources.
2. Protect large tracts of land for wildlife habitat.
3. Insure the availability of outdoor recreation.
4. Provide connectivity between open space areas.
5. Actively manage open space to benefit all citizens of Falmouth.

# Priorities

Large, connected contiguous areas of 250 acres or more;  
“Jewel” properties that preserve rural character.



# Current Open Space Properties



# Conservation Land Summary

Area	Acres	Notes
N. Falmouth Community Forest	106	50 more acres pending
Blackstrap Hill Community Forest / Blackstrap Hill Preserve	599	Includes the former Wilshore property
Hadlock Community Forest	274	25 more acres pending
Town Forest - Community Park	141	
E. Branch Corridor	168	School campus to River Point
Falmouth Corners	66	±200 more acres in play
Woods Rd Community Forest	138	
Falmouth Nature Preserve	83	
Other Land Trust Property	345	
Other Town Property, Easements	162	Pine Grove, Tidewater, Hardy Rd, misc. lots
State Land	59	Boat launch, 1/2 Mackworth
<b>Total =</b>		<b>2,141</b>

# Town Owned Conservation Land

Designated Cons. Land	Ac.
Hadlock CF	183
Woods Rd	125
Nature Preserve	15
River Point	41
N. Falmouth CF	106
Community Park	60
Blackstrap Hill	24
Other town land	133
<b>Total =</b>	<b>687</b>

Easement Protected	Ac.
Hadlock CF	91
Town Forest	21
Blackstrap Hill	295
Nature Preserve	12
Community Park	60
<b>Total =</b>	<b>479</b>

Deed Restricted	Ac.
Pine Grove	29
Woods Rd	13
<b>Total =</b>	<b>42</b>

Totals	Ac.	%
Town Cons. Land	1,208	6.4
Falmouth Land Trust	874	4.7
State Land	59	0.3
<b>Total =</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>11.4</b>

## Land Acquired Since 2007

Yr.	Owner	Ac.	Cost/Value	Town Cost	Status	Notes
2007	Adam	20	\$200,000	\$0	Easement	Mitigation
	Buck	45	125,000	125,000	Fee	
	Hothem	5	15,000	0	Fee	Donation
	Anderson	8	102,000	0	Easement	Donation
2008	Chase	61	305,000	305,000	Fee	
	Harriman	30	245,000			
2009	Stiles & Stiles	21	82,000			
	Stiles & Terison	16	102,000			
	Bellucci	14	95,000			
	Desieyes	21	280,000	0	Easement	FLT donation
	Stillings	23	380,000	200,000	Fee	Bargain Sale
2010	Dictar II	16	64,000	0	Fee	LMF Grant
	Boudreau	24	74,000	0	Easement	Mitigation
<b>Totals =</b>		<b>304</b>	<b>2,069,000</b>	<b>829,000</b>		

# Management

**Falmouth  
Conservation  
Corps**







**±9 miles of trail built.**

**±1,000 hrs of volunteer time per year.**

**Value = ±\$25,000**

# East Branch Canoe Trail

Put in at Woodville Rd.

Take out at Walton Park or  
Blackstrap Rd.



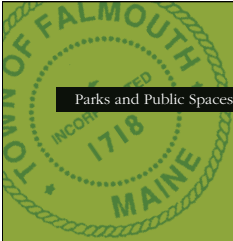
Before



During



After



Parks and Public Spaces



Welcome to our Parks and Public Lands map and brochure, highlighting public access and points of interest associated with these resources. This map and brochure was created and is managed through a collaborative

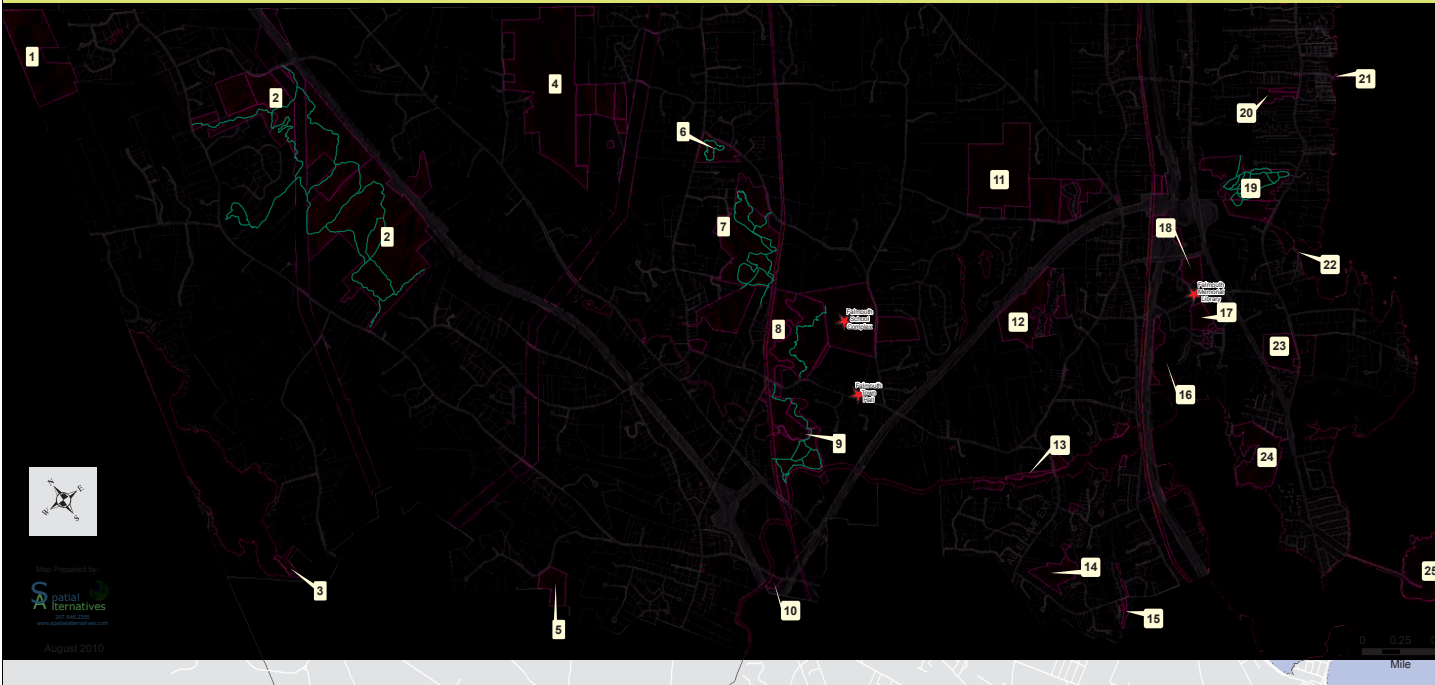
effort between the Town and the Falmouth Land Trust. This effort compliments the goals established in the Greening of Falmouth open space plan. We hope this is a useful tool when you are looking for access to parks and open space in Falmouth.

From boat launches to preserves with miles of trails, this collection of information will be a great resource for all outdoor enthusiasts.



Town-wide trail map available in print and on line.

www.town.falmouth.me.us



Map Prepared by Spatial Alternatives

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0 0.25 0.5 Mile



Please Note:

Falmouth trail development is a dynamic process and therefore actual conditions on each property may differ from those shown on this map at the time of publication. Check our website for updated property maps.

Construction and maintenance of these trails is a concerted effort of town staff volunteers and partners. To volunteer for the Falmouth Conservation Corps, please contact the Corps at 878-8933 or email at openspace@maine.town.us.

Map Key

- 1. North Falmouth Community Forest
2. Blackstrap Hill
3. Highland Lake Boat Launch
4. Hadlock Community Forest
5. Hardy Road Trail
6. Town Forest
7. Falmouth Community Park
8. McCrann Preserve
9. River Point Conservation Area
10. Blackstrap Canoe Launch
11. Woods Road Community Forest
12. Falmouth Corners
13. Walton Park/Presumpscot Falls Park
14. Pleasant Hill Preserve
15. Ledgewood Preserve
16. Tidewater Farm
17. Village Park
18. Legion Field
19. Falmouth Nature Preserve
20. Underwood Park
21. Town Landing
22. Mussell Cove
23. Pine Grove Preserve
24. Maine Audubon
25. Mackworth Island

Sponsors

Financial support for materials, supplies and equipment needed to construct Falmouth's trail system has been graciously provided by the following businesses and organizations:

- Maine Department of Conservation
Recreational Trails Program
Walmart
Falmouth Lion's Club
Let's Go!
Healthy Casco Bay
Lowe's
Hancock Lumber
Home Depot



# Forestry

**20% of Hadlock Community Forest was harvested as part of a 3-yr plan to improve forest health and wildlife habitat.**

**Objective: Grow big, old trees over a 150-yr harvest cycle, while increasing habitat diversity.**

# Wildlife



# Education

**Hadlock Community Forest is now a 6th grade laboratory.**





**Invasives Control**



# Opportunities

- ❖ Protect 94 acres in the upper E. Branch corridor
- ❖ Protect 57 acres of vernal pool habitat.
- ❖ Add or upgrade 15+ miles of trail on open space properties.
- ❖ Control invasive plants along the E. Branch.
- ❖ 2011 Land for Maine's Future grant?



# Finances

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Grants</b>	<b>\$470,180</b>
<b>Mitigation</b>	<b>272,500</b>
<b>Property Donations</b>	<b>397,000</b>
<b>Bargain Sales</b>	<b>360,000</b>
<b>Resource Sales</b>	<b>6,456</b>
<b>\$\$ Donations</b>	<b>9,585</b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$1,515,721</b>

