

# **Management Plan Summaries**

**Land Management &  
Acquisitions Committee**

**December 9, 2013**



# Goal #5: Actively manage open space to benefit all citizens of Falmouth.



Education



Invasive Plants



Water Quality



Wildlife



Trails

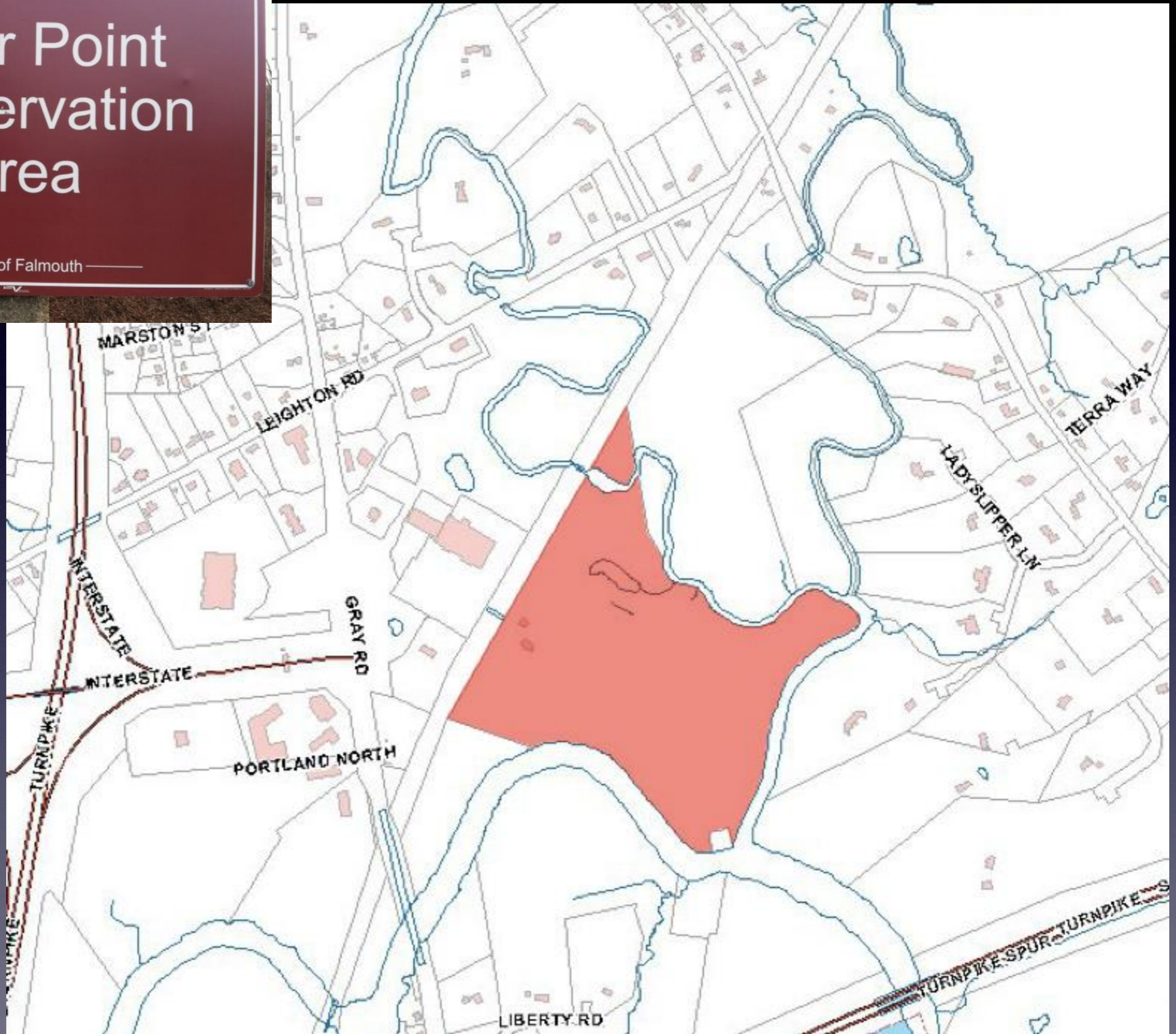


Wood Products



# River Point Conservation Area

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- **Replace access bridge.**







- **Maintain habitat diversity by mowing/burning fields, patch cutting brushy growth to sustain early successional areas.**





- **Control invasive plant infestations.**



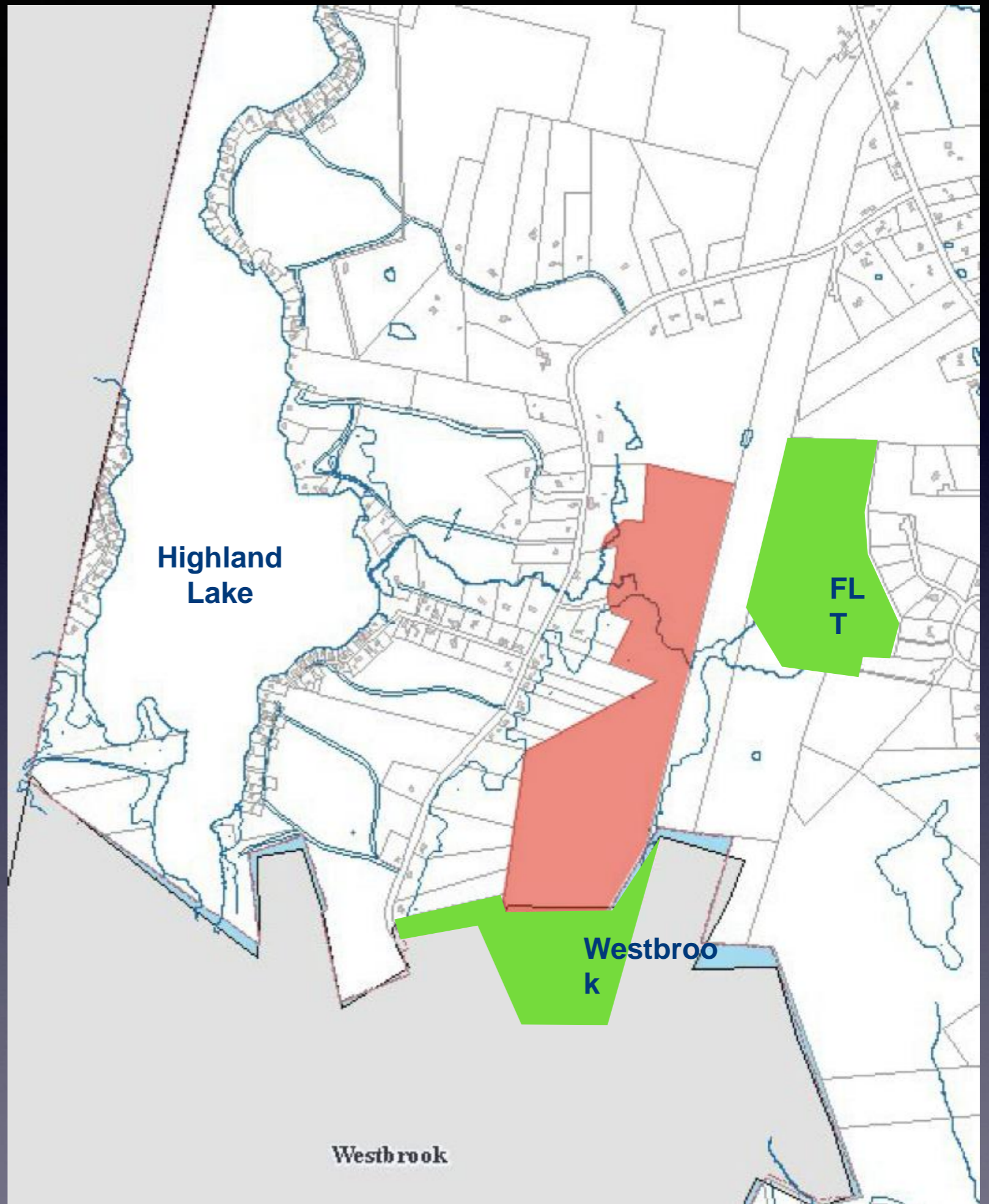
- **Remove house by burning.**
- **Permanently protect the property with a conservation easement applied as part of a mitigation agreement.**



- **Continue research / educational activities on the property.**









- **Leave “Forever Wild” with the possible exception of light future harvesting to maintain the hardwood forest community at the north end of the property.**



- **Acquire an adjacent  $\pm 20$  acre parcel to provide connectivity to High Lake.**



- **Build a trail around the southern end of the property that connects to the northern end.**







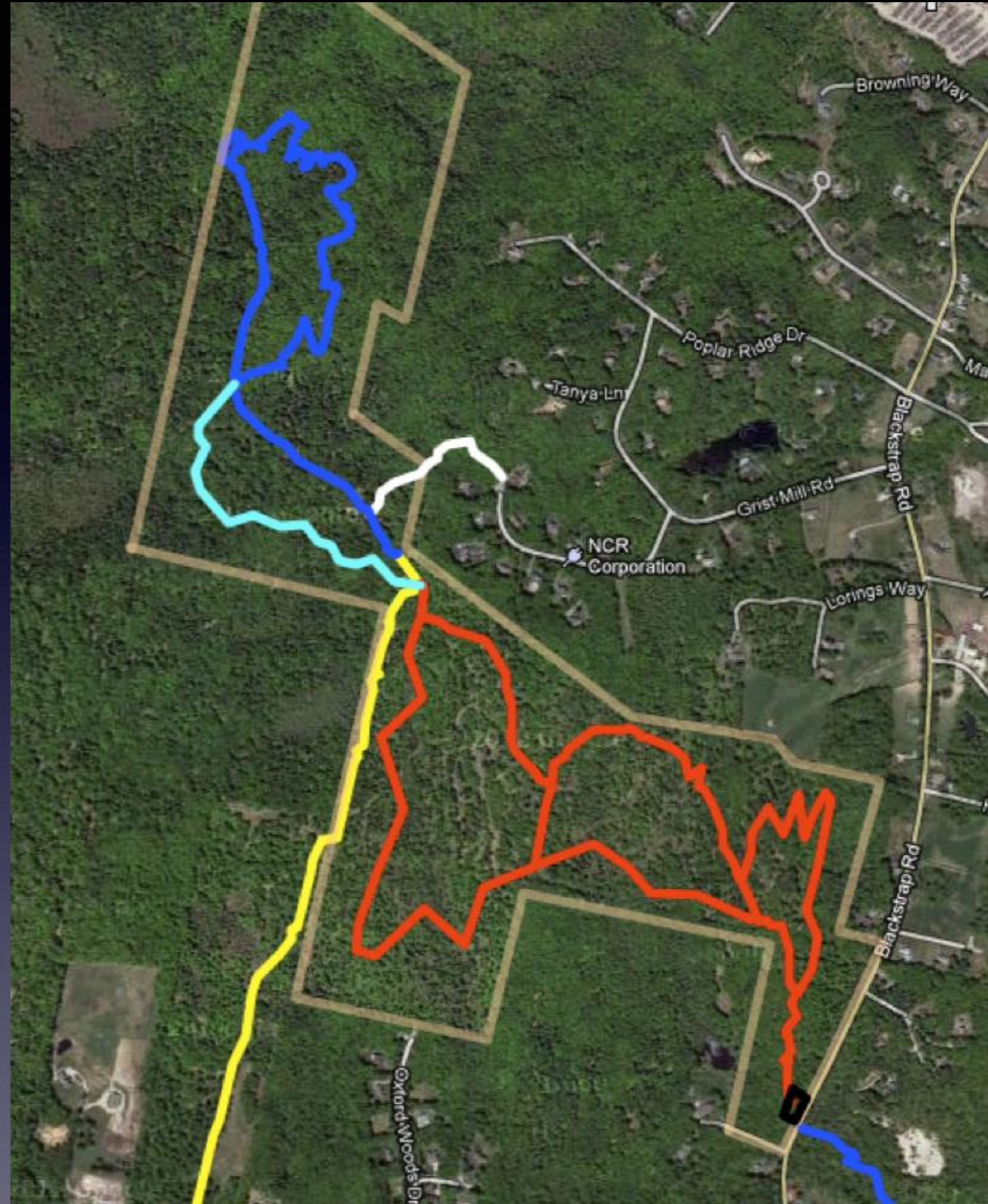
# North Falmouth Community Forest

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- **Build trails connecting Blackstrap Road to the upper portion of the property, including parking area.**





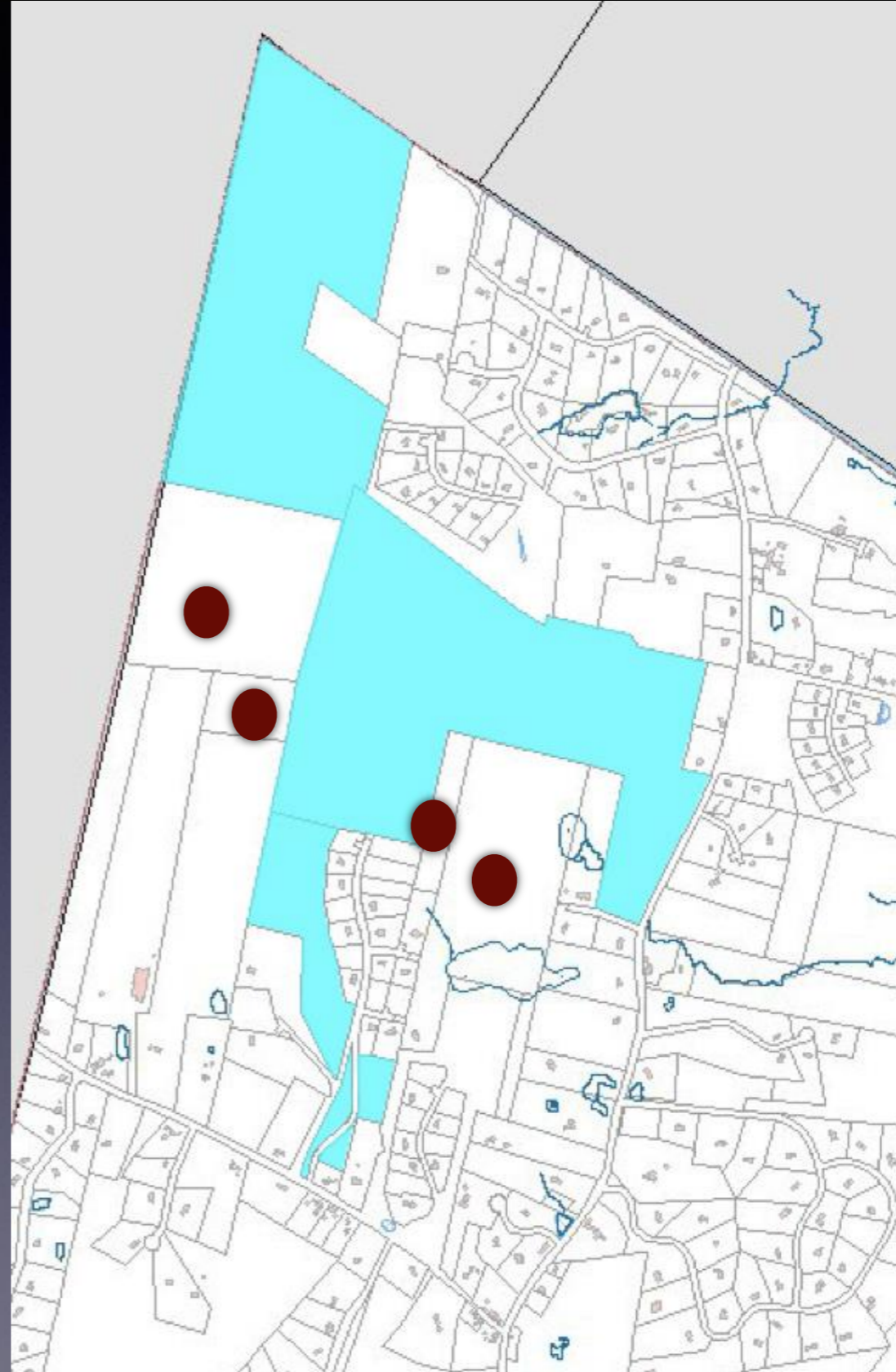
- **Manage the forest:**
  - **Create a forest management plan for the former 100-Acre Woods parcel.**

- **Maintain large tracts of early successional forest.**





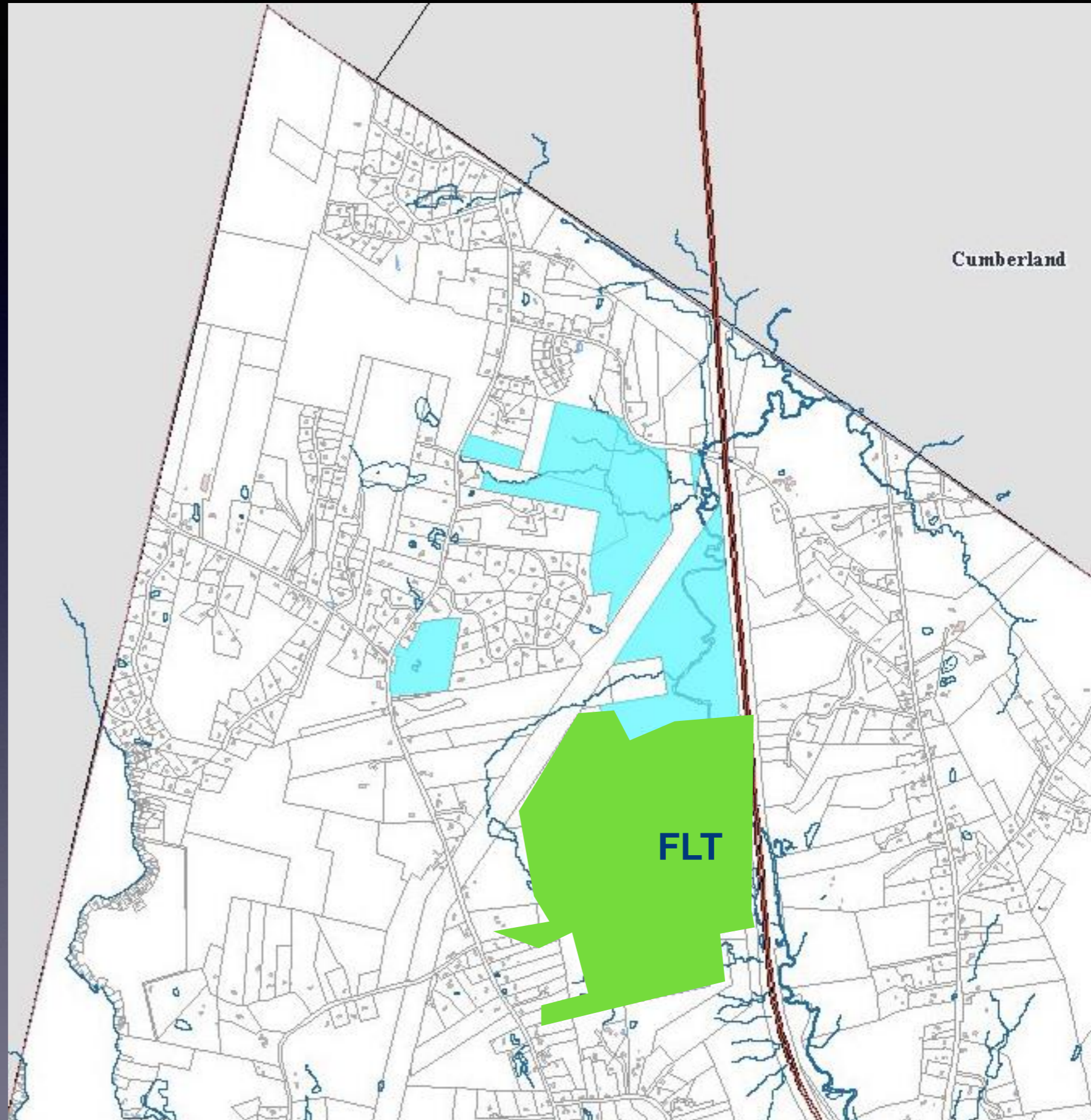
- **Acquire an additional  $\pm 100$  abutting acres on the southern border.**





# Blackstrap Hill Community Forest

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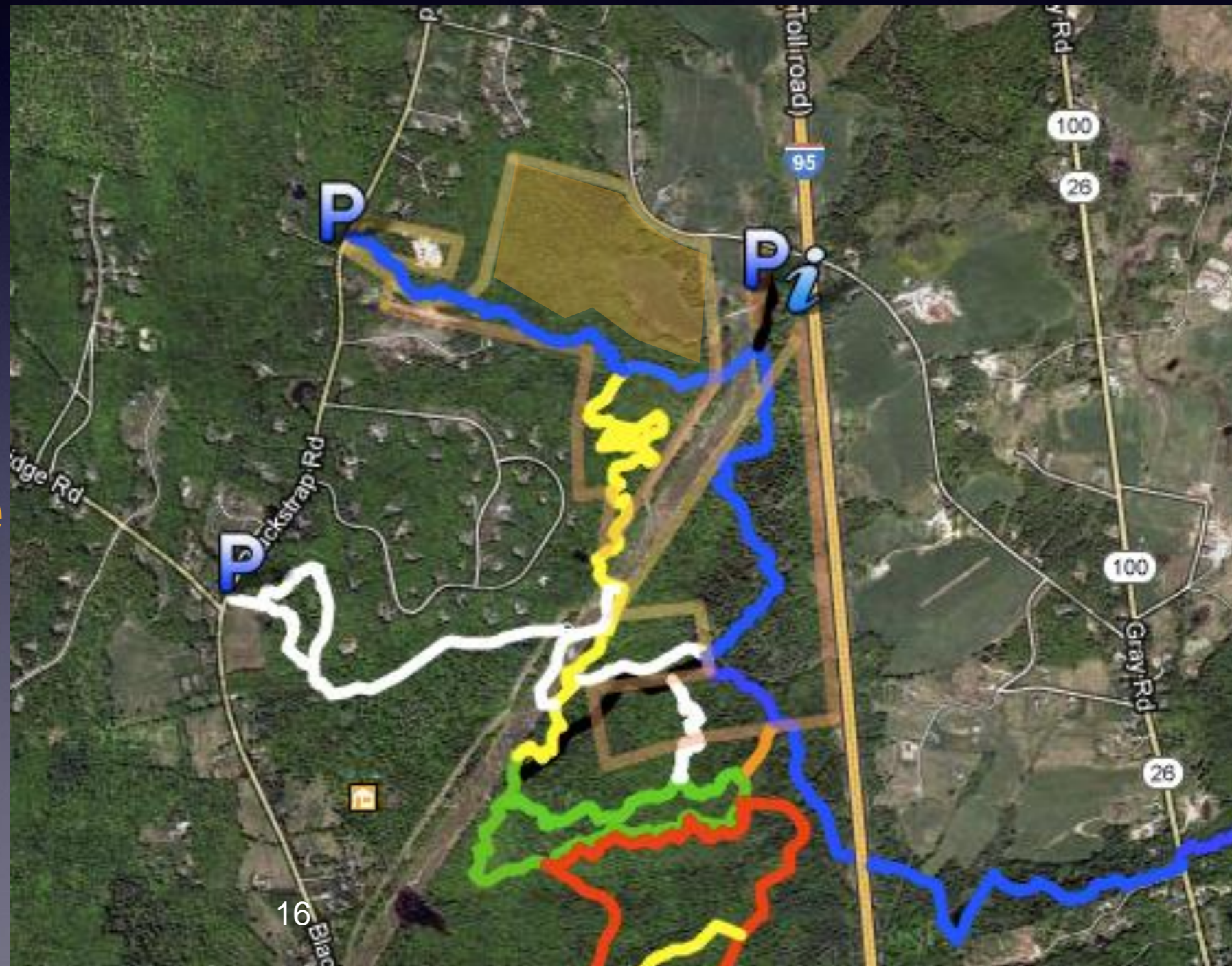
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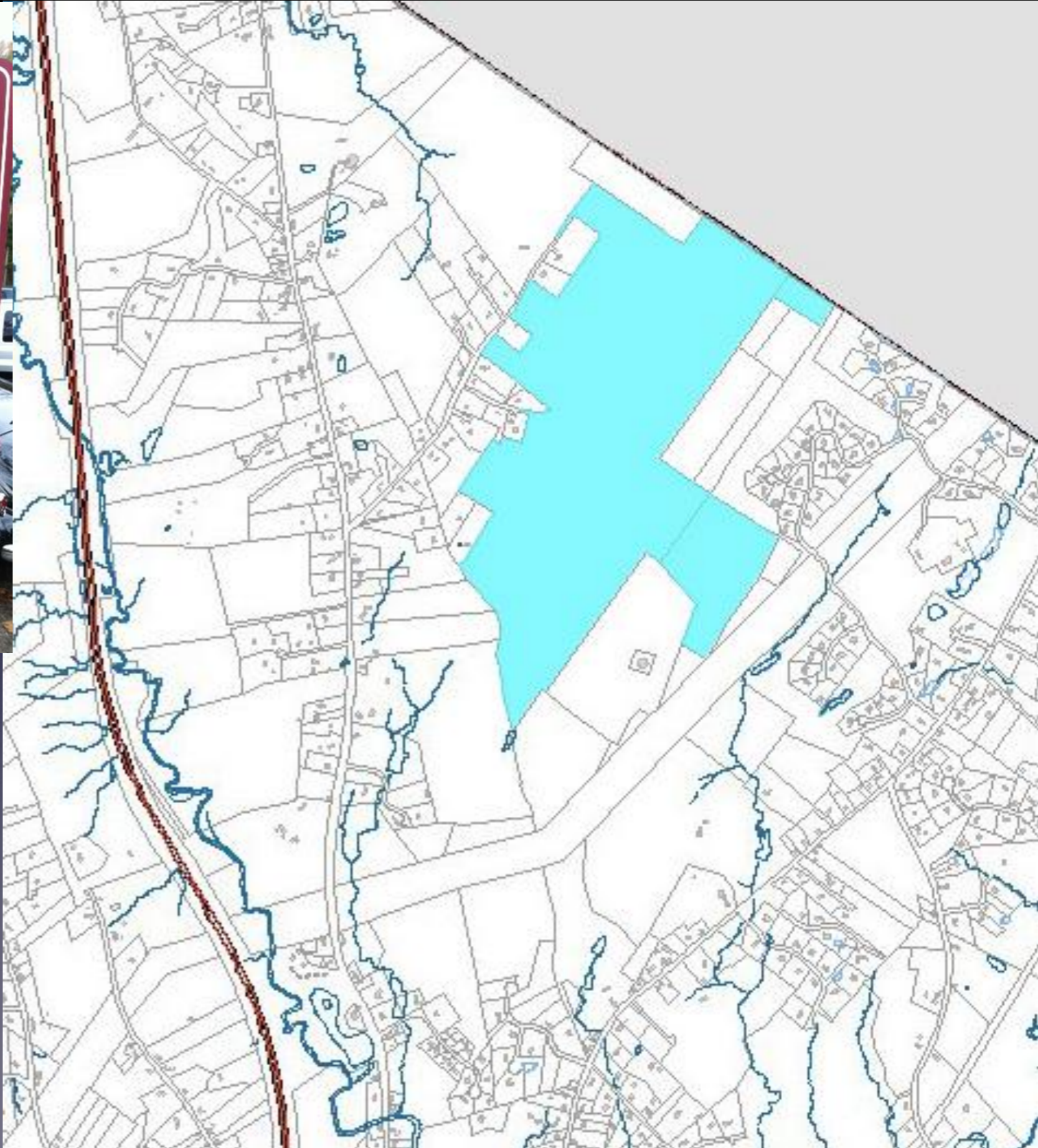
- **Implement forest management plan, harvesting mature trees in the NW corner and creating early successional habitat for New England cottontail rabbits.**

- **Discourage motorized vehicle use.**

- **Control invasive plants.**





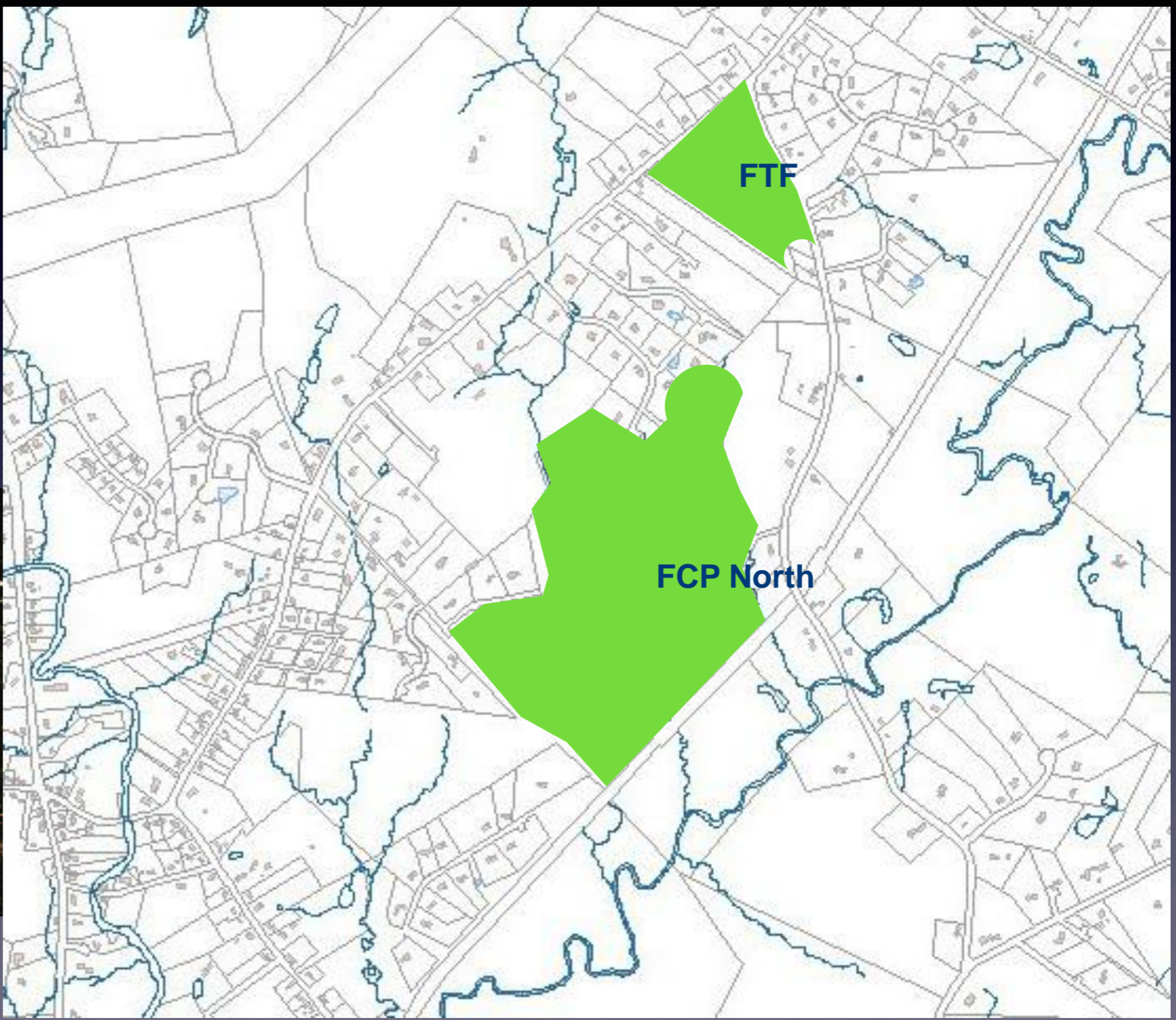




- **Continue implementation of the “worst first” forest management plan.**
- **Acquire additional abutting parcels as they become available.**

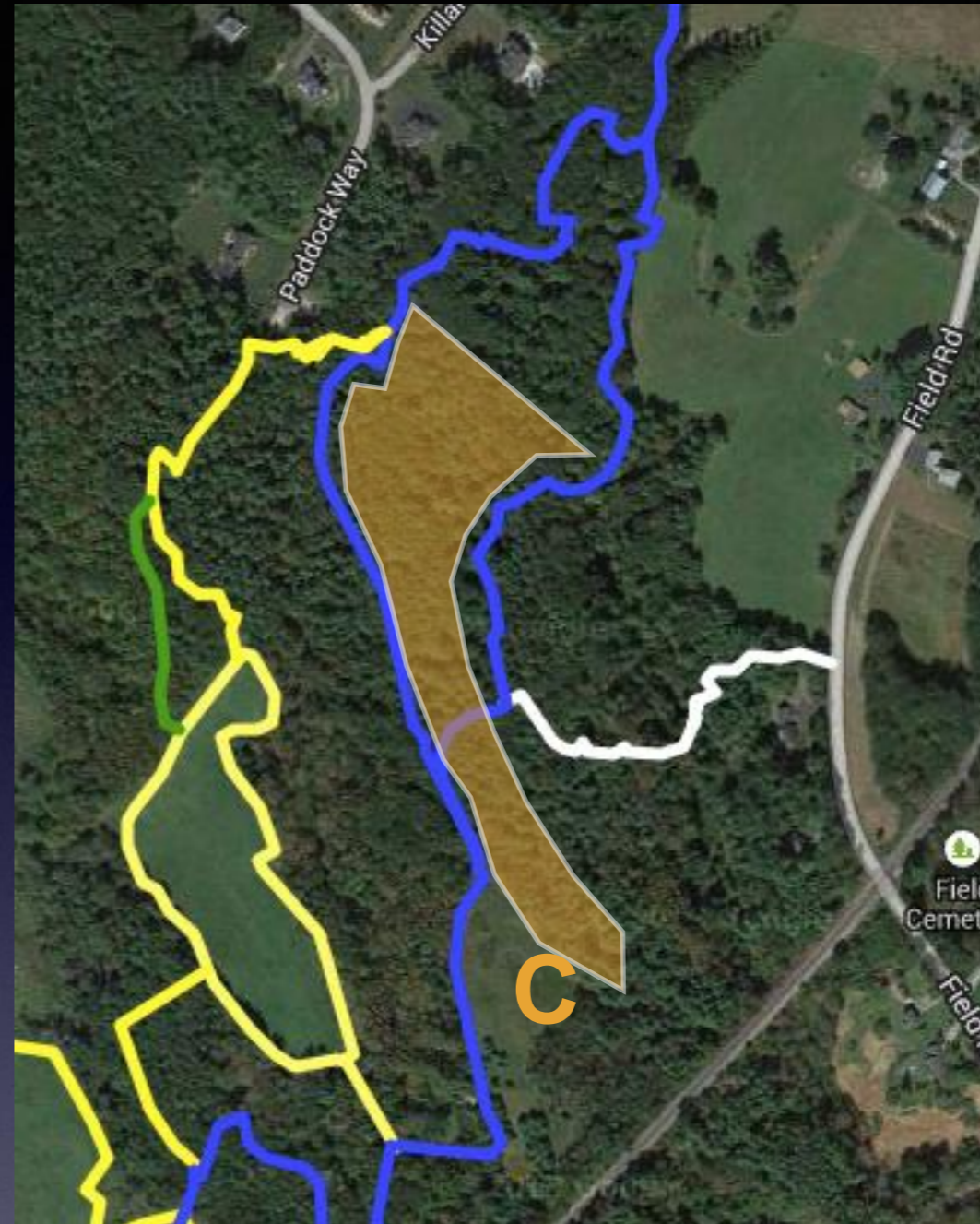




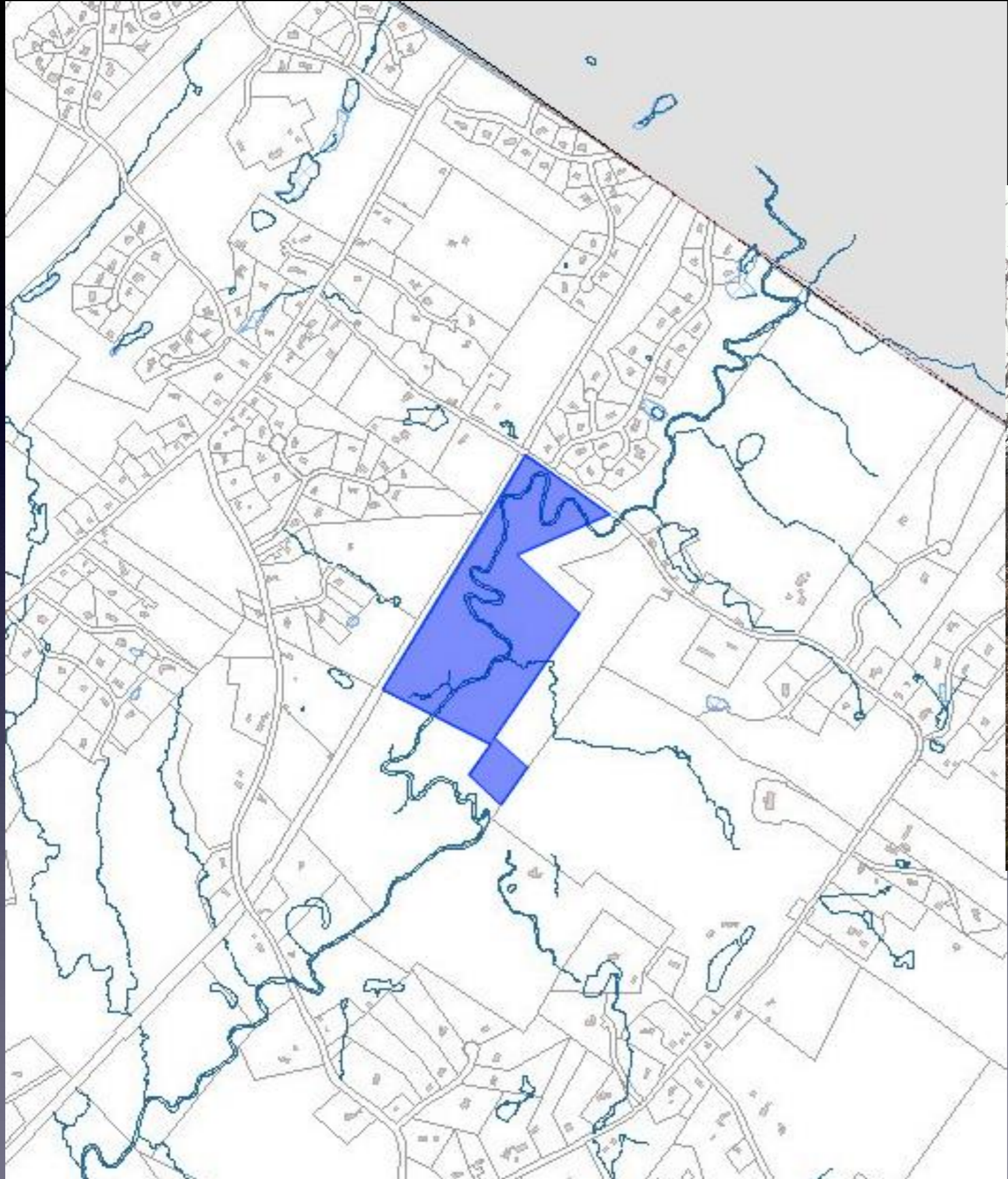




- Harvest  $\pm$ 15 acres of existing scraggly pine and invasive plants to create early successional New England Cottontail habitat north of Field C.
- Remainder of the property left “Forever Wild.”
- Control invasive plants.







# East Branch Conservation Area

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Conserve. Explore. Enjoy.



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- **Control invasive plants to preserve the rare Hardwood Terrace Flood Plain forest type.**

- **Leave  
“Forever Wild”**

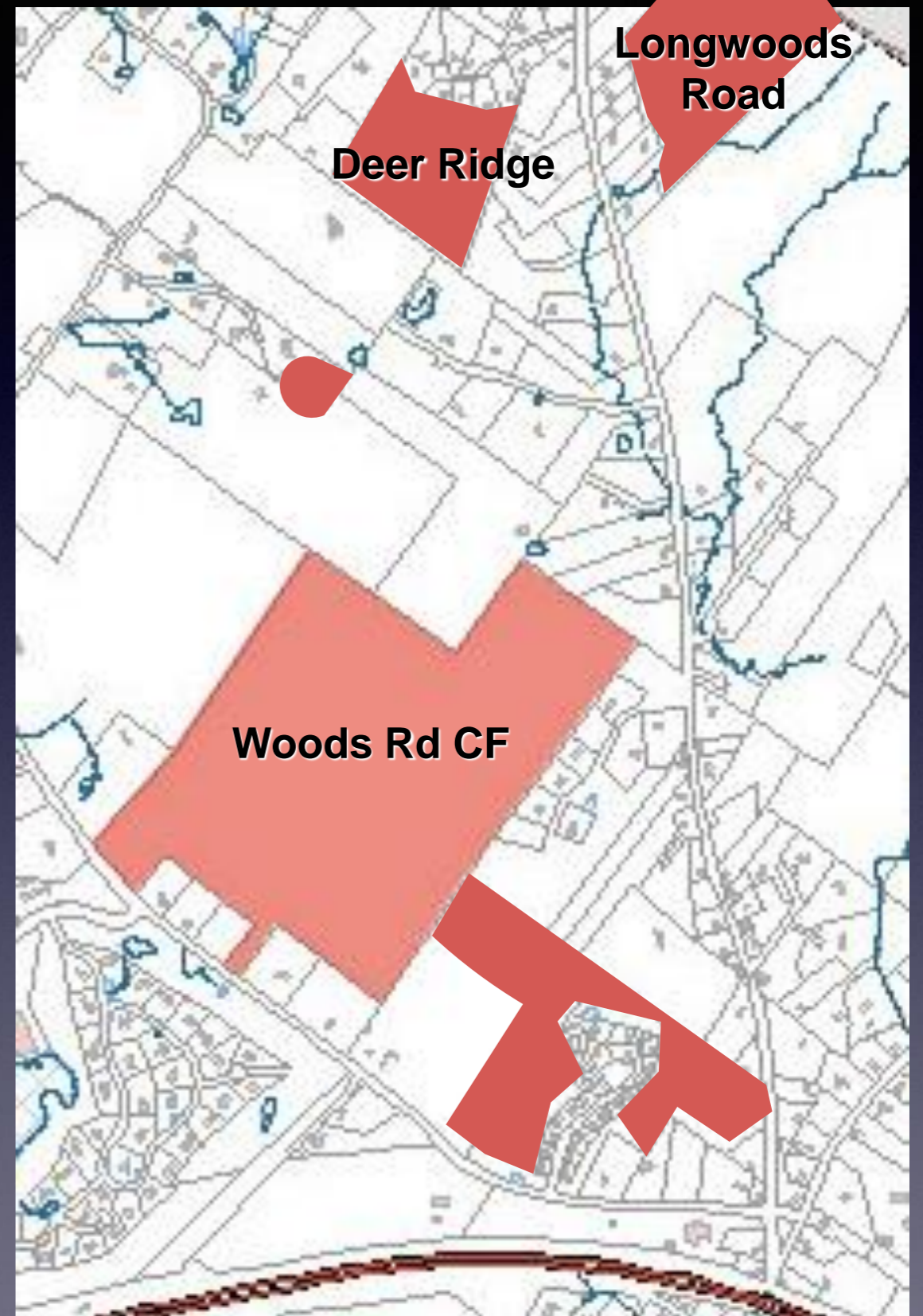




- **Improve/maintain canoe trail.**









- **Manage as a late successional (old growth) forest and as a deer wintering area (as required).**

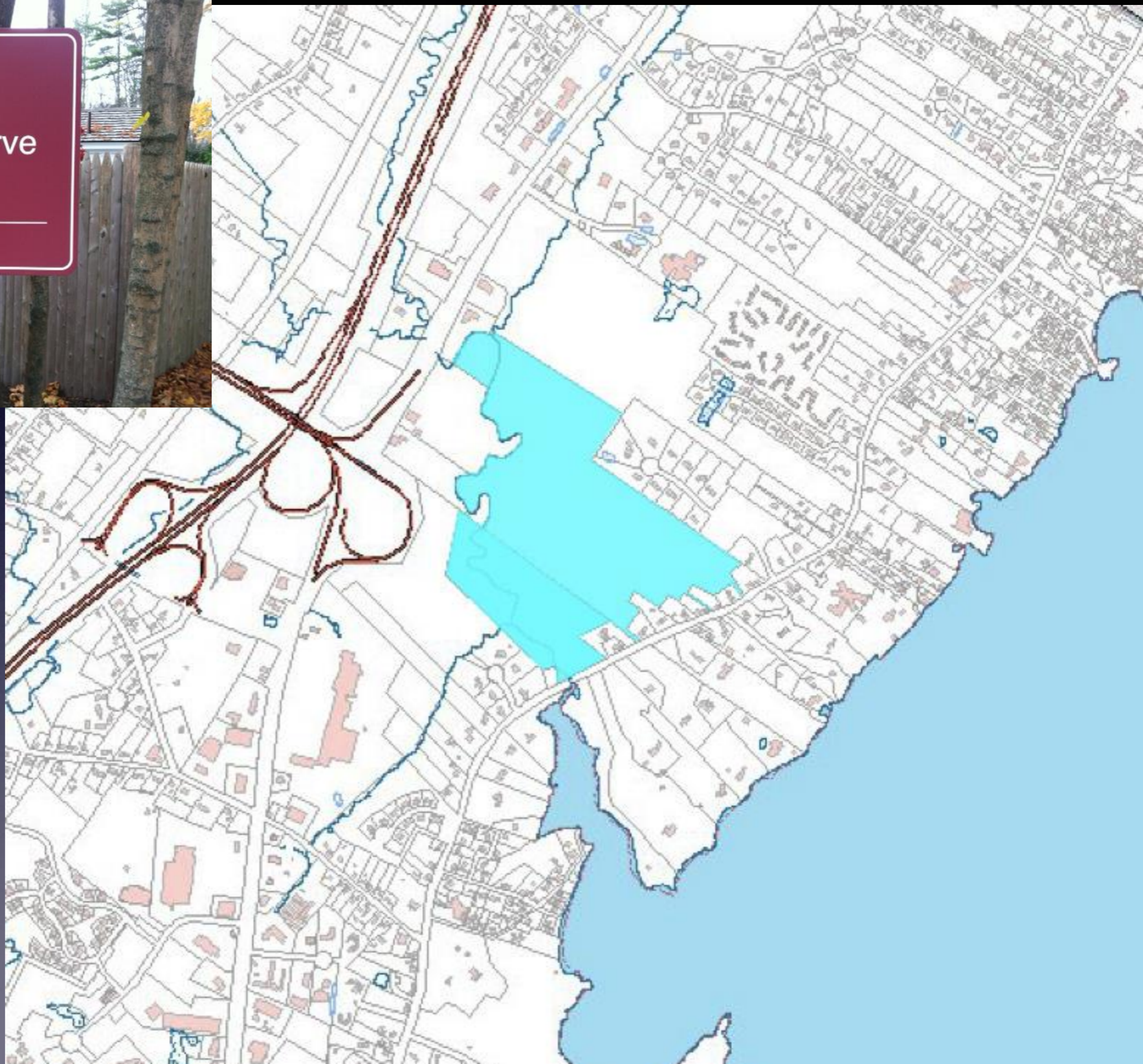


**Limited forest management required to provide winter browse.**



# Falmouth Nature Preserve

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- **A uniform conservation easement should be placed on on all 3 town parcels.**
- **Invasives need controlling in several locations.**

- **±40-acres of the abutting Sukeforth parcel should be acquired when available.**
- **Is this a park or open space parcel?**





## **Macro Management Goals**

- **Foster biodiversity (healthy ecosystems)**
- **Promote sustainability**
- **Offer opportunities for engaging with nature**



**End**



### Proposed Forest Type Distribution

	Acres			
	Early Successional	Mid Successional	Forever Wild	Total
N. Falmouth	100	125	49	274
Blackstrap Hill	30	204	0	234
Hadlock	10	202	80	292
Town Forest/ Community Park	15	0	47	62
East Branch	0	0	55	55
Suckfish Brook	0	30	17	47
River Point	23	0	6	29
Woods Rd	0	30	131	161
Nature Preserve	0	0	83	83
All Other	0	0	98	98
Total =	178	591	566	1,335
Percent =	13.4%	44%	42%	