

CONSERVING LAND IN OUR COMMUNITY FROM 1981 'TIL FOREVER

# **Falmouth Land Trust**

Town Council Presentation 3 February 2020





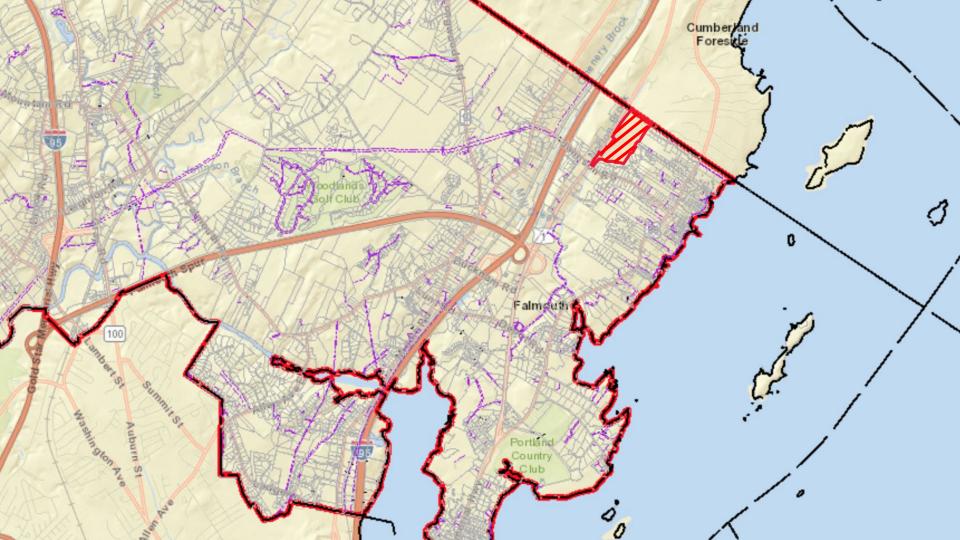
Blackstrap Hill Preserve





Hurricane Valley Farm







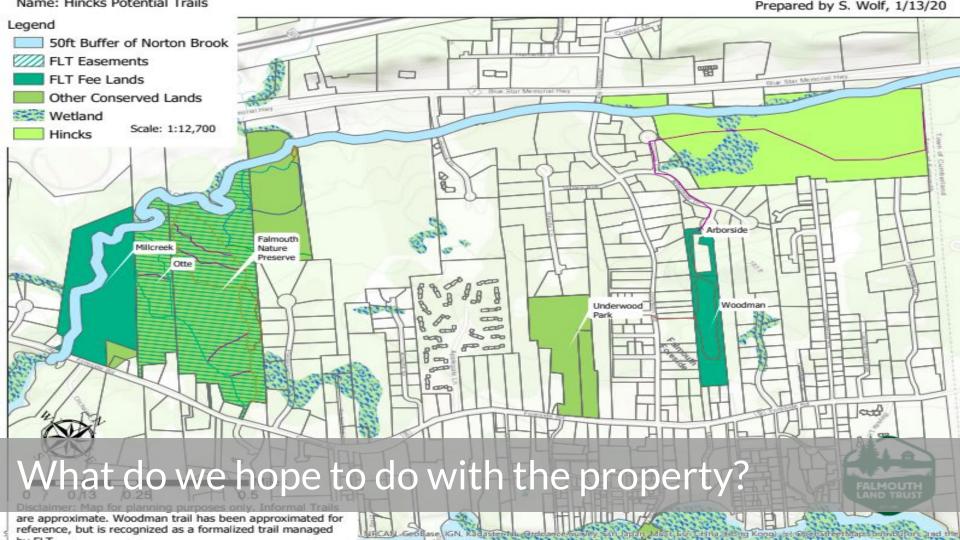












"Overall, this project represents an unusual opportunity to protect a significant amount of headwater wetlands, and accompanying habitat downstream, in close proximity to the City of Portland and the Greater Portland Area, which is experiencing some of the greatest development pressures in the State."

The property is home to wetlands that effectively reduce sediment loads downstream. The health of Norton Brook, Chenery Brook (another tributary to Mill Creek), and Mill Creek itself all impact the health of Casco Bay. We support and applaud any efforts to protect the integrity of stream corridors and we support the Falmouth Land Trust's effort to conserve this property."

"Norton Brook supports one of the very few wild brook trout populations in the heavily-developed portion of greater Portland, and the southern-most documented population of "salter" brook trout in Casco Bay. On behalf of Trout Unlimited, I strongly support the acquisition and protection of this parcel of land..."









# Who else supports this acquisition?



Protecting nature. Preserving life."



US Army Corps of Engineers ®

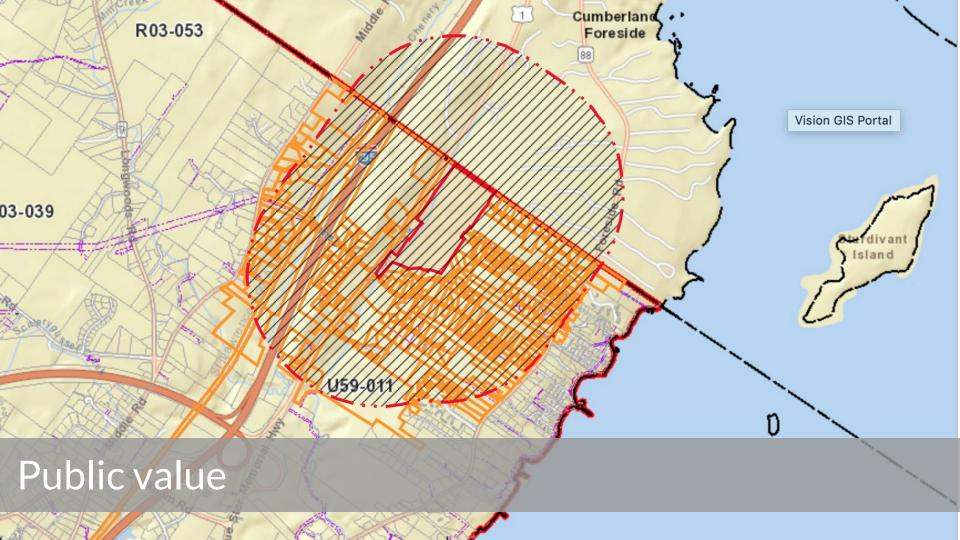


What have we done so far?









## 2018 Falmouth Open Space Plan: Honoring Our Legacy, Now and for Our Future



Adopted by Town Council, October 22, 2018

Prepared by the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee + Town of Falmouth, Maine

#### **Executive Summary**

In 2016 the Town Council tasked the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee (LPAC) to update the 2006 Greening of Falmouth plan. Combining strengths from LPAC with other municipal organizations and groups, "LPAC+" was created to take on this challenge. In devising this plan, LPAC+ conducted site visits, worked with stakeholders, collected results from a town-wide open space survey, and held a public forum on the open space plan. The work of LPAC+ has resulted in this 2018 Falmouth Open Space Plan: Honoring Our Legacy, Now and for Our Future.



Photo 2 Suckfish Brook Conservation Area protects over 150 acres near Highland Lake.

This plan acknowledges that population growth and development will likely

continue in Falmouth. Both are important elements to retaining a vibrant and economically stable community. The 2018 Open Space Plan concludes that in order to protect the health, values, and character of our community, and to achieve the vision of the Town's 2013 Comprehensive Plan, it is crucial to maintain a balance between managed growth and strategic preservation and management of open space.

To help achieve this balance, the plan takes stock of what has been accomplished in the recent past and provides a framework of ideas to guide the Town's open space efforts now and in the future. The plan provides six specific goals for open space planning, and provides recommendations for achieving each of these goals. The six goals are:

- 1. Protect our natural resources and open spaces.
- 2. Provide a range of open spaces and experiences for a diverse population.
- 3. Ensure that protected open spaces are available throughout the entire Town.
- 4. Utilize open space acquisition as a land use growth management tool.
- 5. Ensure the utility and longevity of open spaces through good management.
- 6. Educate the public about the presence, functions, and values of open spaces.

The plan also recommends that the Town Council commission an Outdoor Recreation Plan to help guide the planning for, and stewardship of, those open spaces that this open space plan does not address.

Falmouth Open Space Plan Page | 4

- . Protect our natural resources and open spaces.
- 2. Provide a range of open spaces and experiences for a diverse population.
- 3. Ensure that protected open spaces are available throughout the entire Town.
- 5. Ensure the utility and longevity of open spaces through good management.

Utilize open space acquisition as a land use growth management tool.

6. Educate the public about the presence, functions, and values of open spaces.

### l. Protect our natural resources and open spaces.

- 2. Provide a range of open spaces and experiences for a diverse population.
- 3. Ensure that protected open spaces are available throughout the entire Town.
- 4. Utilize open space acquisition as a land use growth management tool.5. Ensure the utility and longevity of open spaces through good management.
- 6. Educate the public about the presence, functions, and values of open spaces.

- . Protect our natural resources and open spaces.
- 2. Provide a range of open spaces and experiences for a diverse population.
- 3. Ensure that protected open spaces are available throughout the entire Town.
- 4. Utilize open space acquisition as a land use growth management tool.5. Ensure the utility and longevity of open spaces through good management.
- 6. Educate the public about the presence, functions, and values of open spaces.

- . Protect our natural resources and open spaces.
- 2. Provide a range of open spaces and experiences for a diverse population.
- 3. Ensure that protected open spaces are available throughout the entire Town.
- 4. Utilize open space acquisition as a land use growth management tool.5. Ensure the utility and longevity of open spaces through good management.
- 6. Educate the public about the presence, functions, and values of open spaces.

- . Protect our natural resources and open spaces.
- 2. Provide a range of open spaces and experiences for a diverse population.
- 3. Ensure that protected open spaces are available throughout the entire Town.
- 4. Utilize open space acquisition as a land use growth management tool.5. Ensure the utility and longevity of open spaces through good management.
- 6. Educate the public about the presence, functions, and values of open spaces.

