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Forest Management Plan Review

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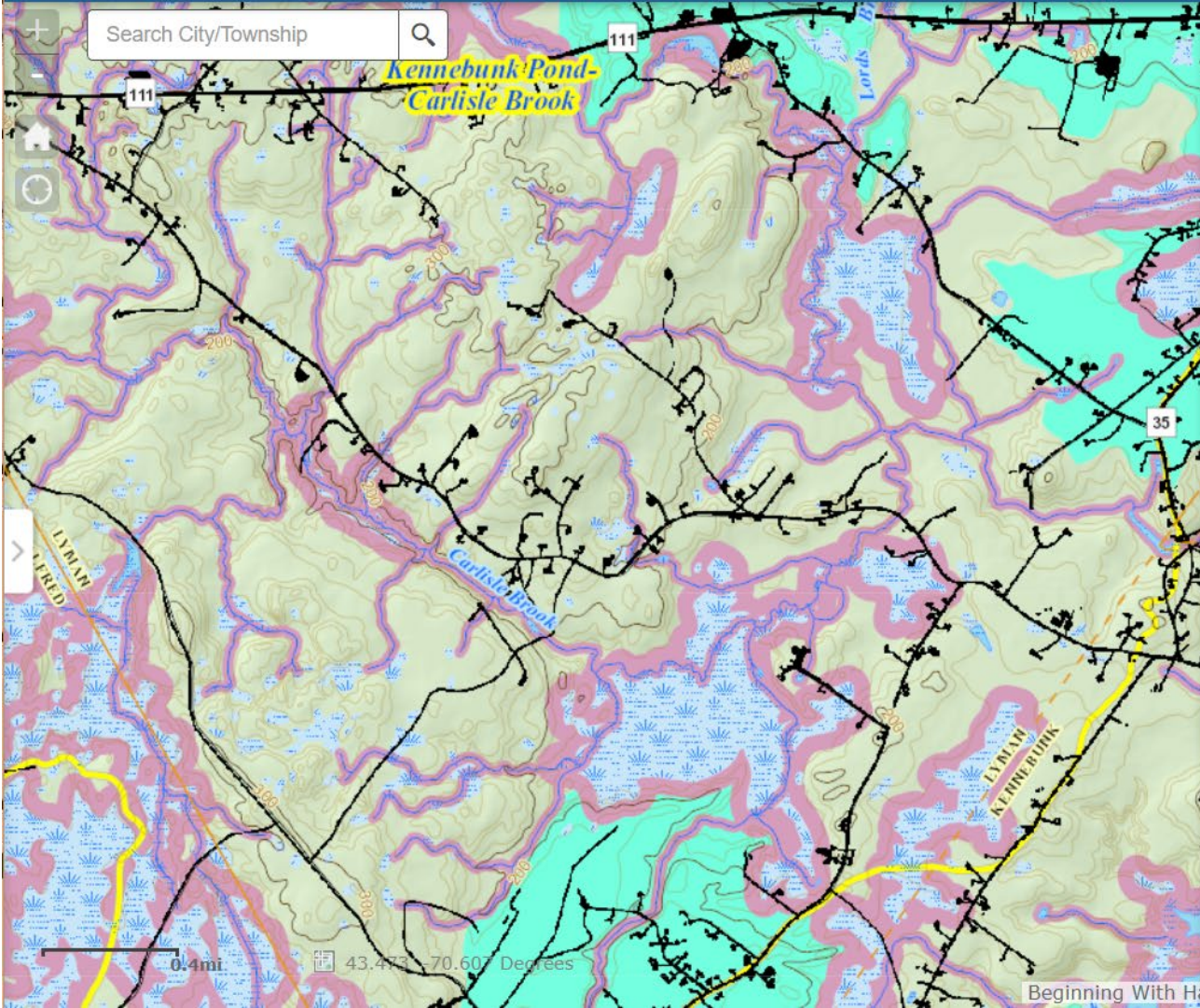
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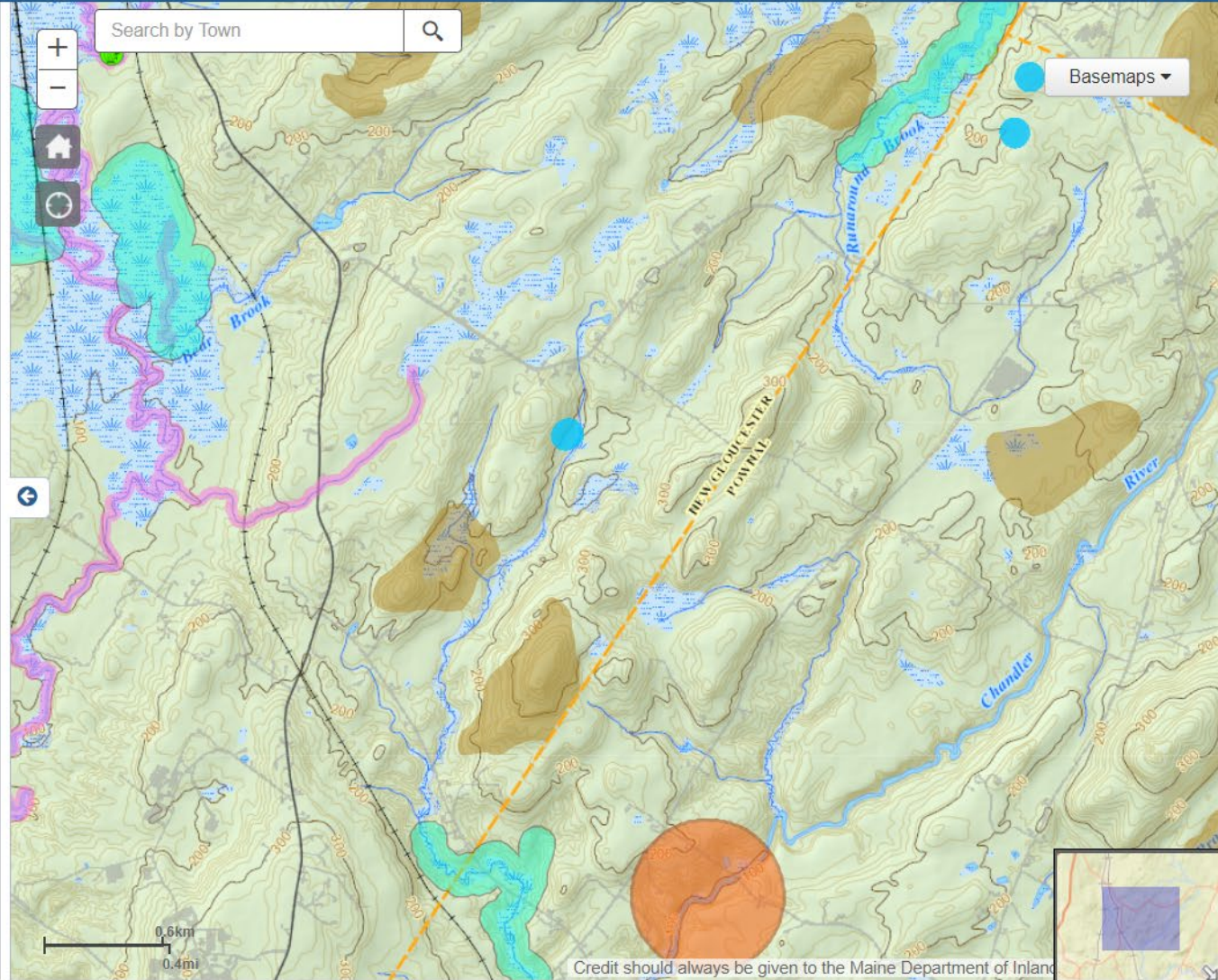
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Forest Management Plan Review

Forest Management Plans are typically submitted by licensed foresters on behalf of their clients. MNAP reviews Forest Management Plans to determine if rare, threatened, or endangered species or sensitive habitats are present. Management recommendations are made where appropriate.

You can request a Forest Management Plan review by sending a map showing the property location via email (maine.nap@maine.gov), regular mail (177 State House Station, Augusta, ME, 04333-0093), or FAX (207-287-7548).

The Maine Data Checker is currently not functioning due to technical difficulties. The following announcement went out to forester list-serves and to foresters we have corresponded with in the past few years:

We hope that the Maine Data Checker has been a useful tool in developing your forest management plans. Technology evolves rapidly, including the settings on your web browser and on your computers, and many of you have experienced issues using the Data Checker. It seems there have been recent updates to Internet Explorer and Firefox that have caused more users to have problems using the Data Checker (Data Checker has never worked in Chrome or Safari). Unfortunately the coding behind the Data Checker is old, and we are unable to update it to make it usable in current web browsers. In addition to changing frequently, technology is expensive.

We are exploring options for a new tool that will perform the same function, which is to answer the single question: *Is there a natural resource feature present or near your lot?* This tool needs to produce a map for the user, maintain user confidentiality to other users, allow us to know who is using the tool, and keep the data hidden. We will keep you posted, but it is likely to be a while before such a tool is available.

In the meantime, please submit requests for review for your lot to maine.nap@maine.gov. The Maine Natural Areas Program works with Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide you with the most up-to-date information for any natural resource features that may be on or near your lot, and to provide management recommendations should any be present. You will receive a letter, checklist, and map with the response. Requests should include a map of the property, and these can be sent in an email (maine.nap@maine.gov), via FAX (287-7548), or via regular mail (MNAP, 177 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333). If you would like the landowner name on the response, please include that with your request.

Thank you for your patience.

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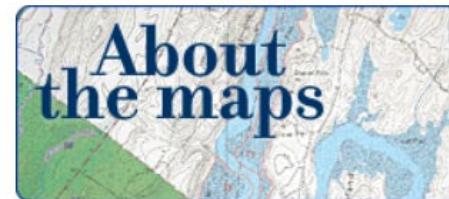
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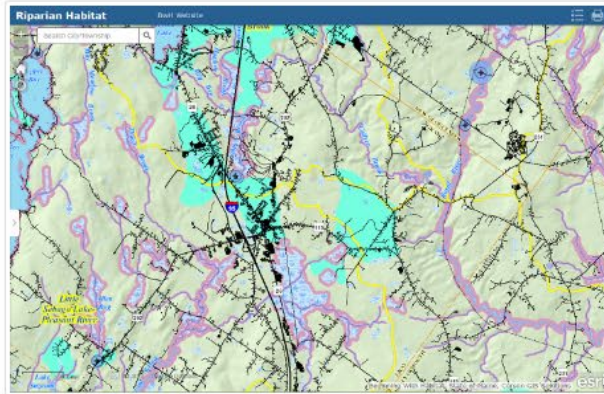
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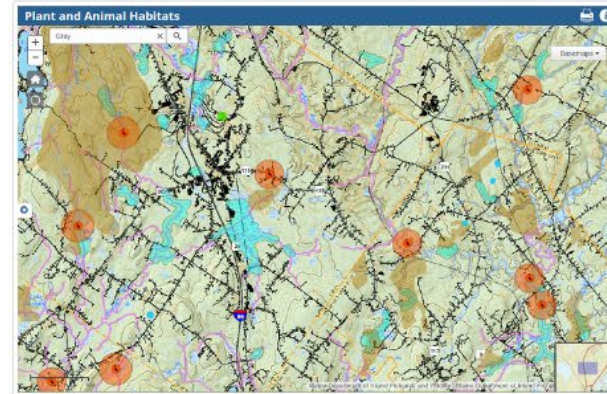
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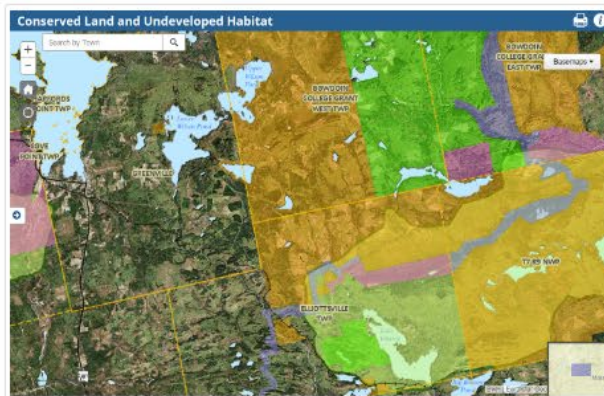
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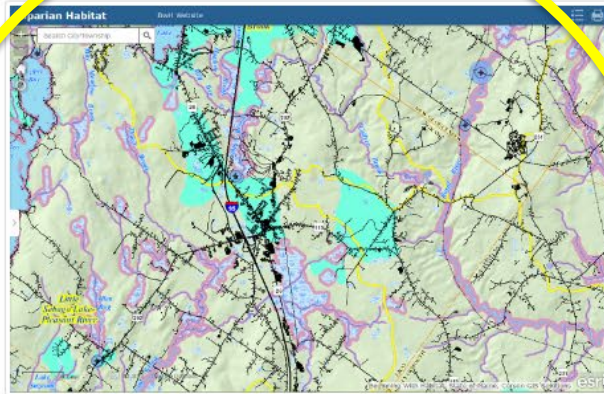


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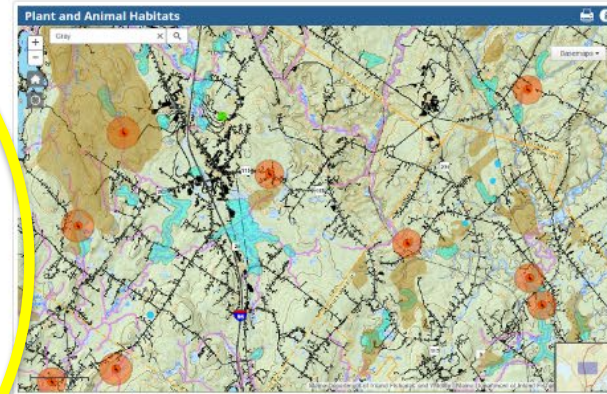
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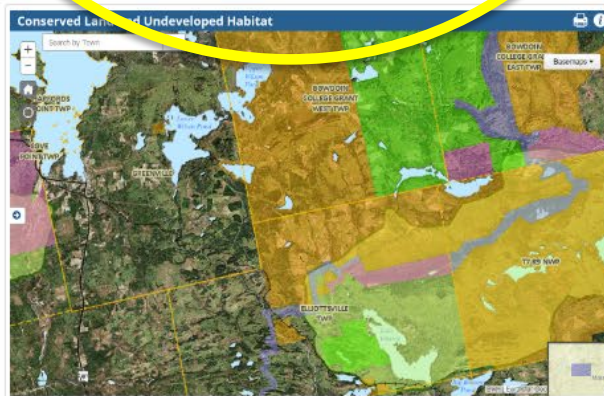
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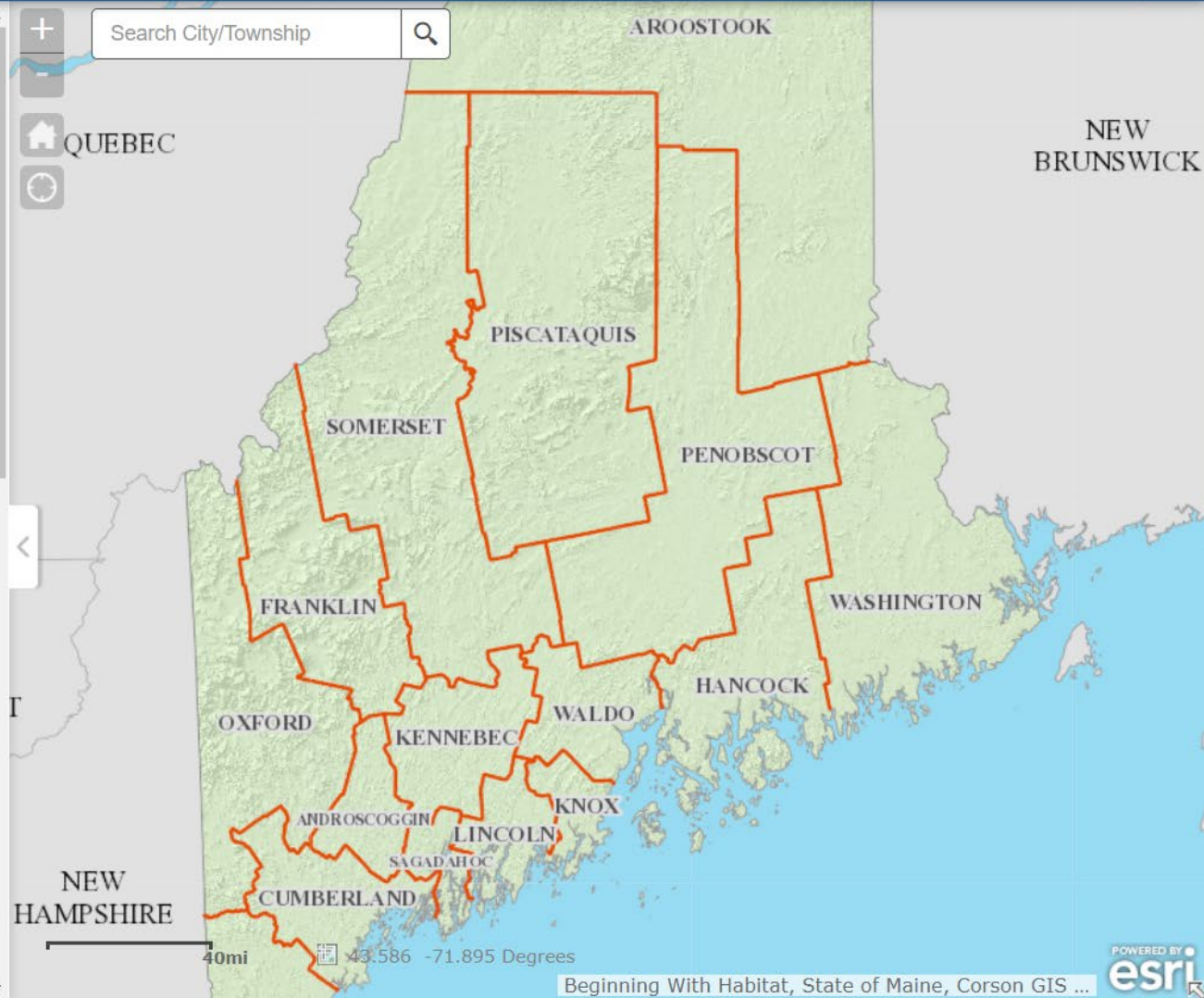
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Water Resources and Riparian Habitats

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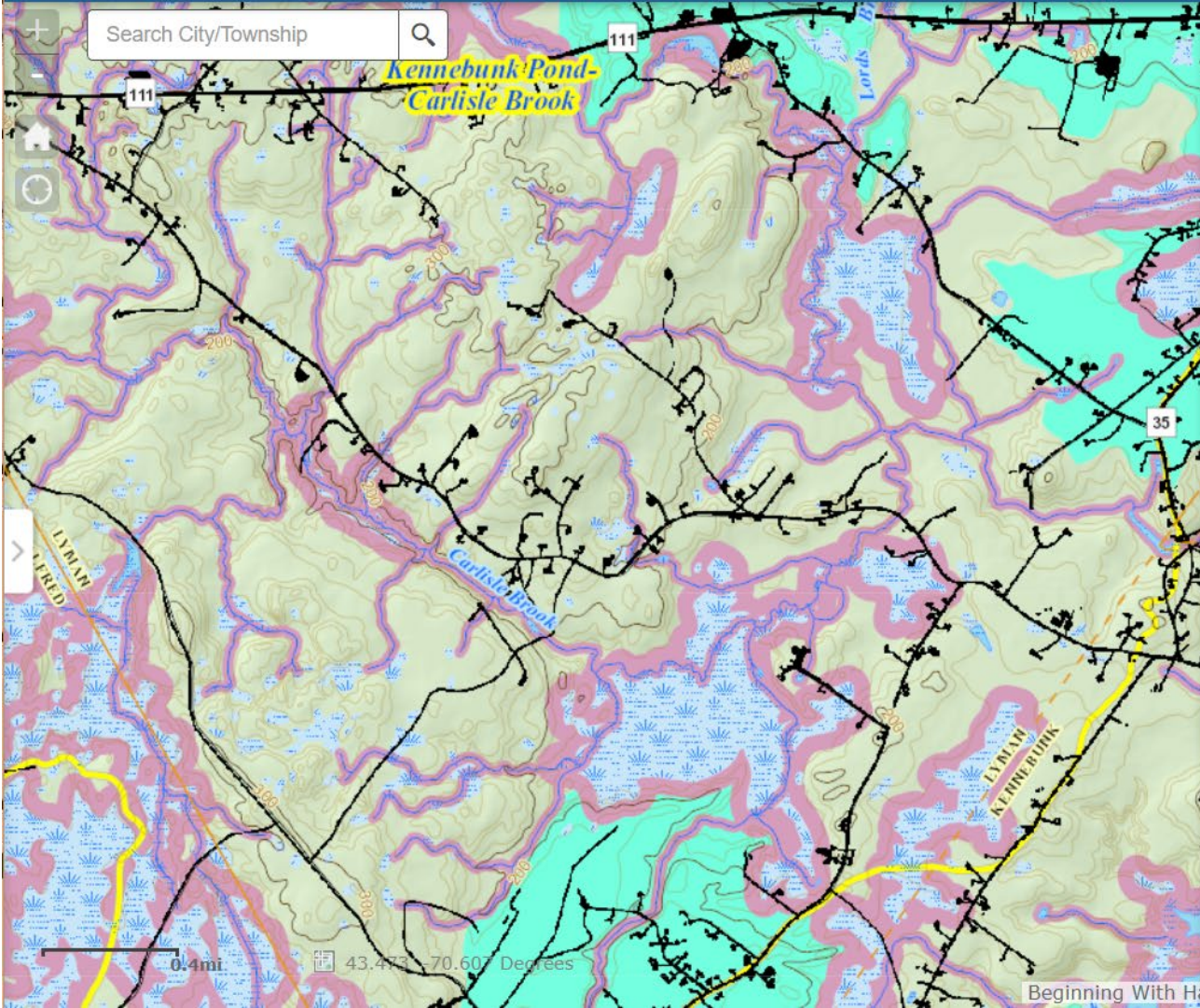
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- Lakes, ponds, rivers, and coastal waters from the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD).



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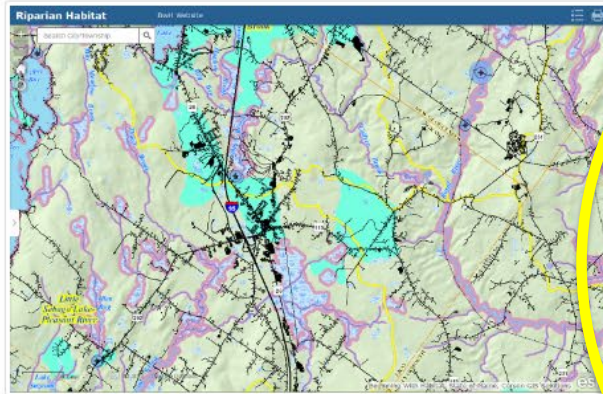
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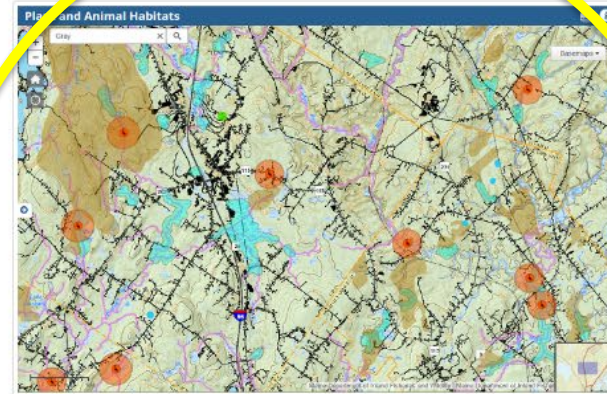
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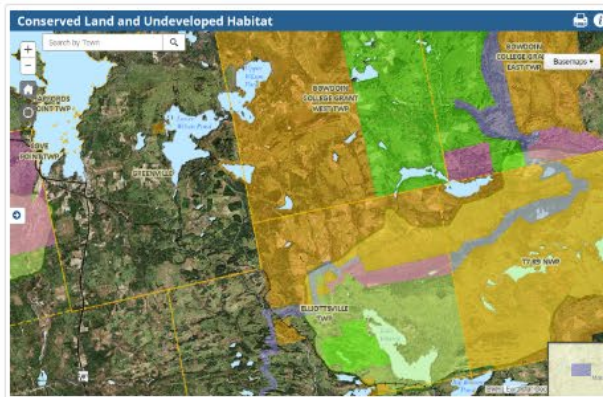
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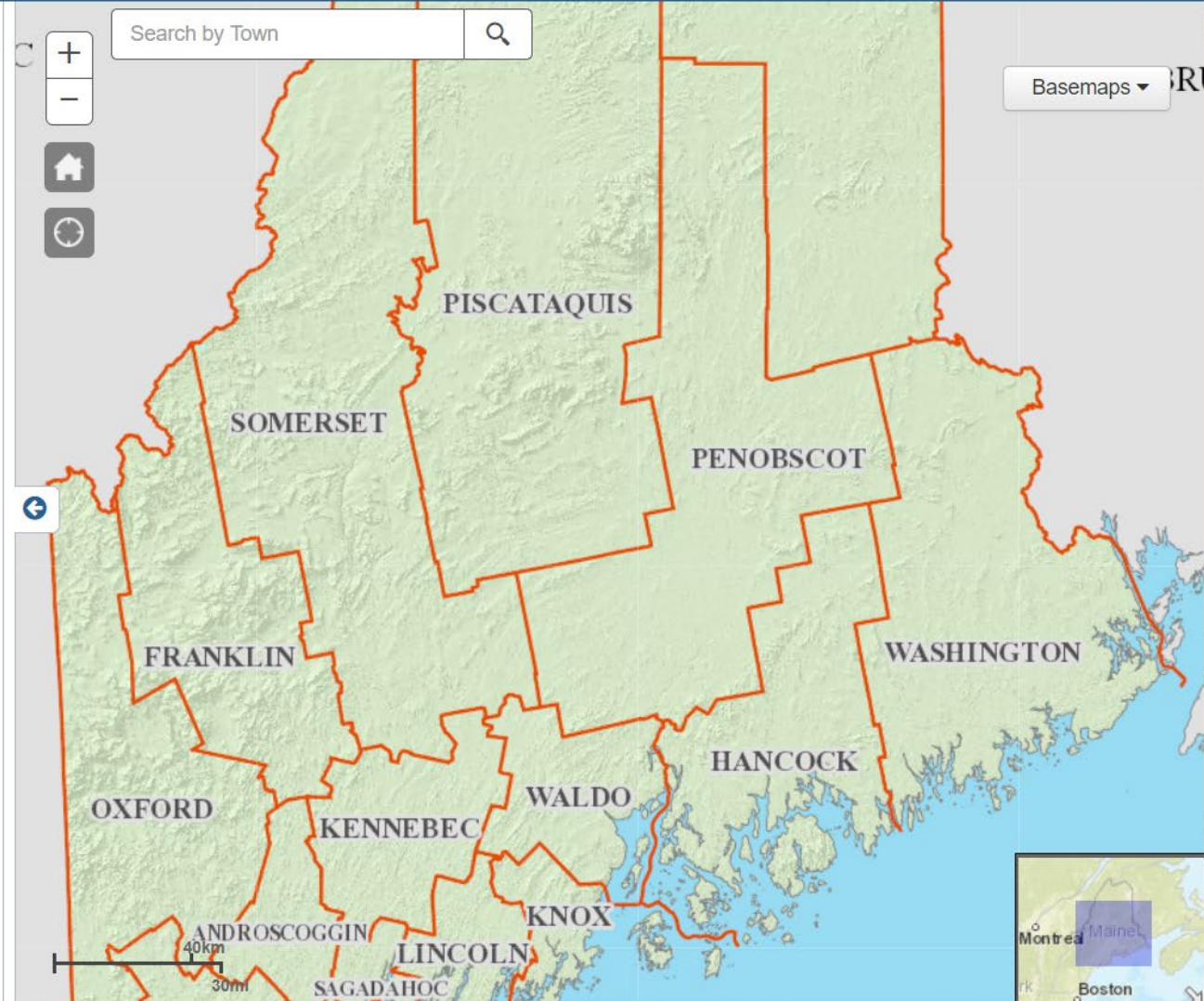
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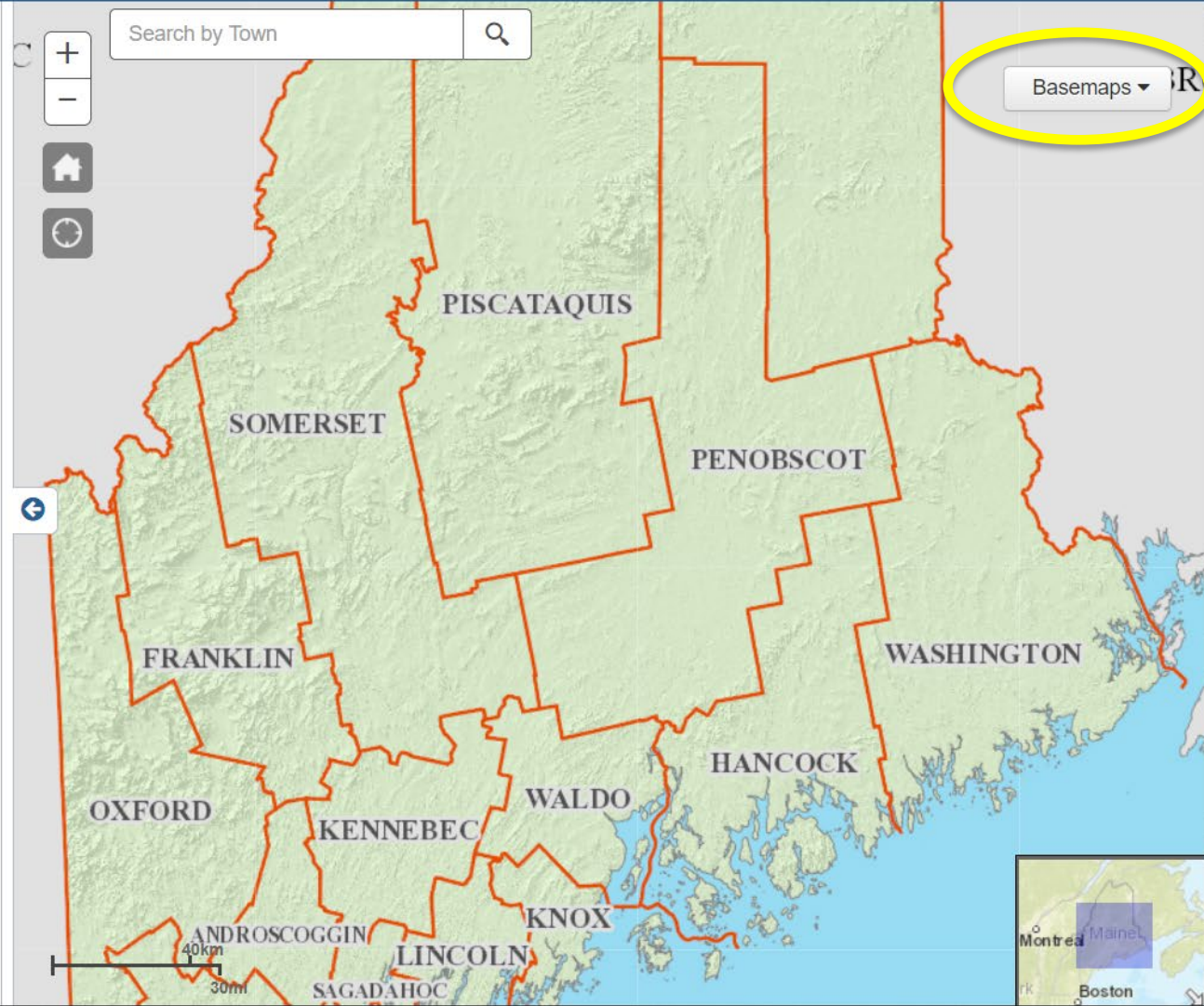
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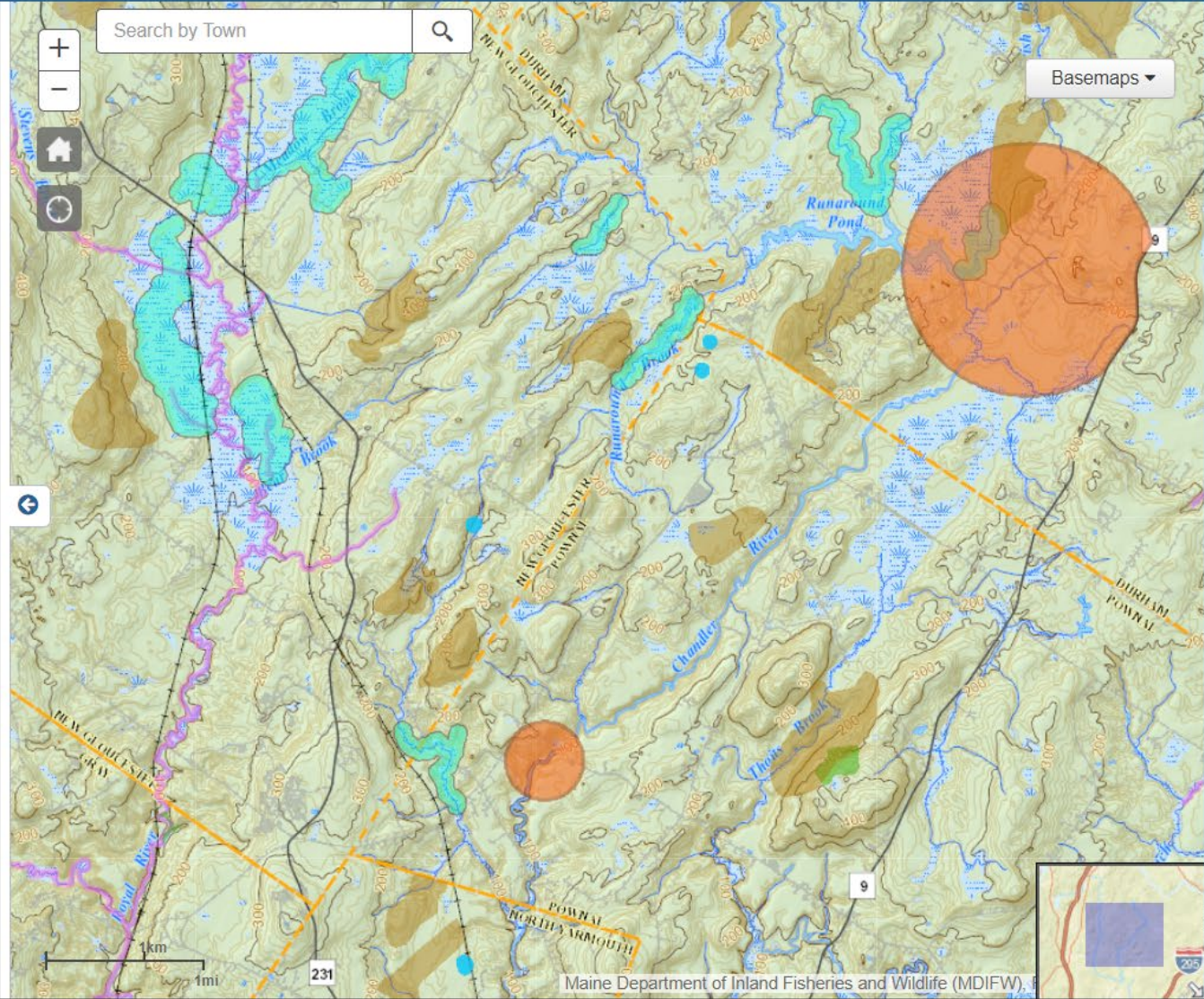
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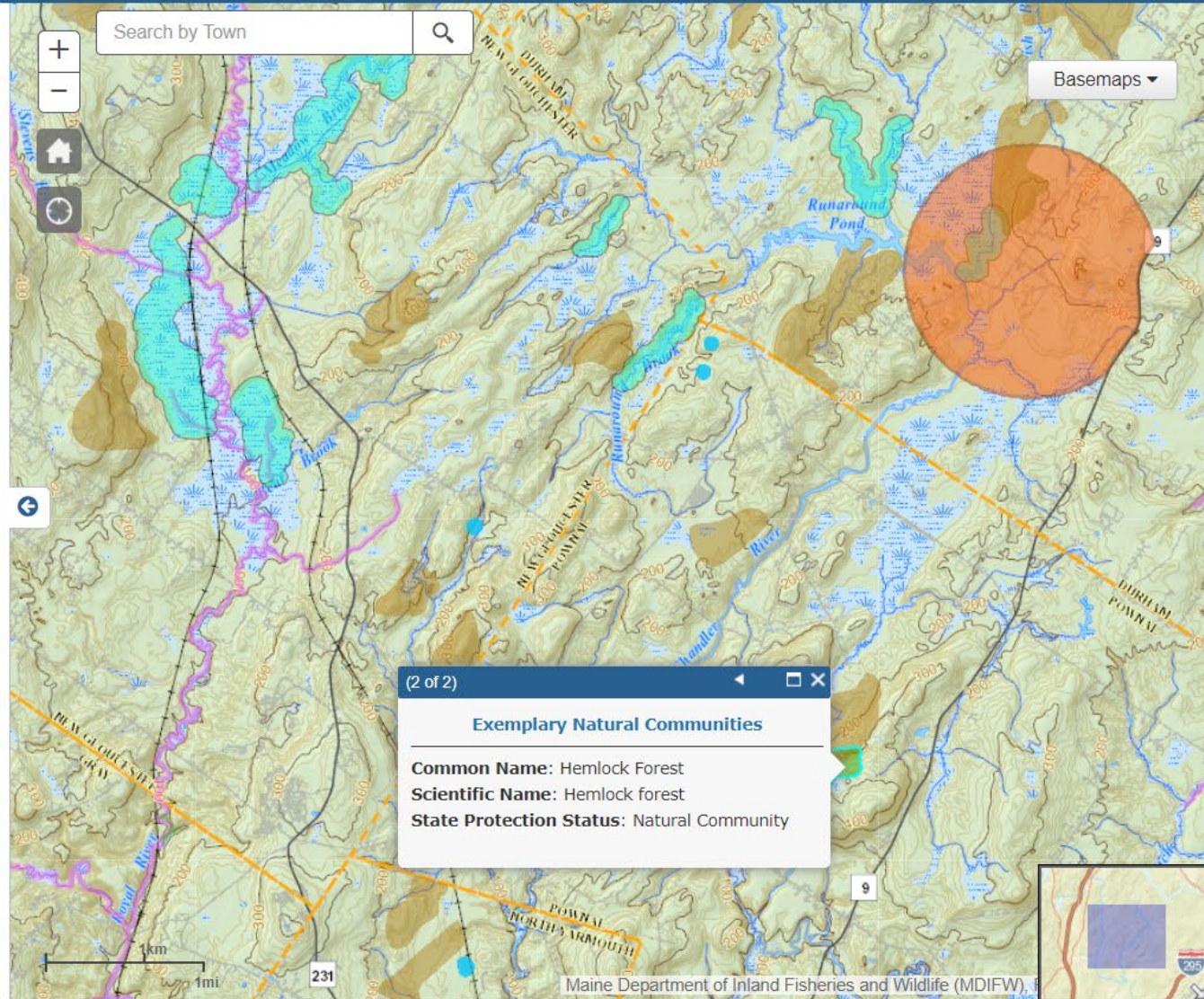
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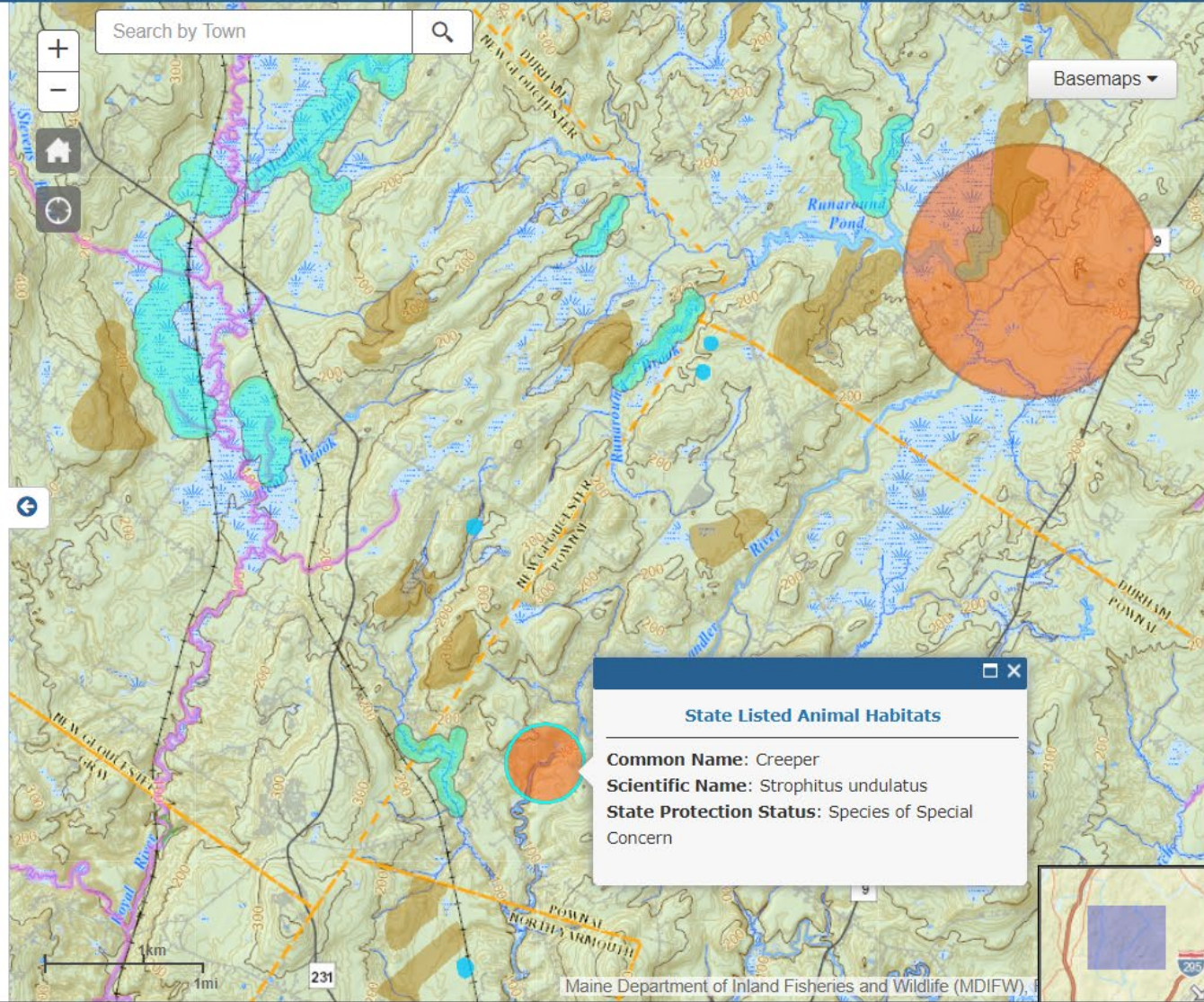
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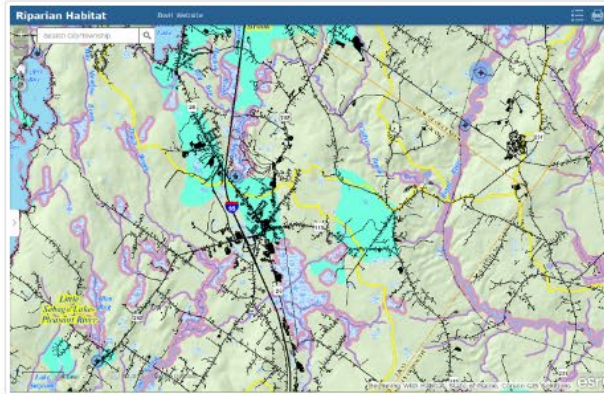
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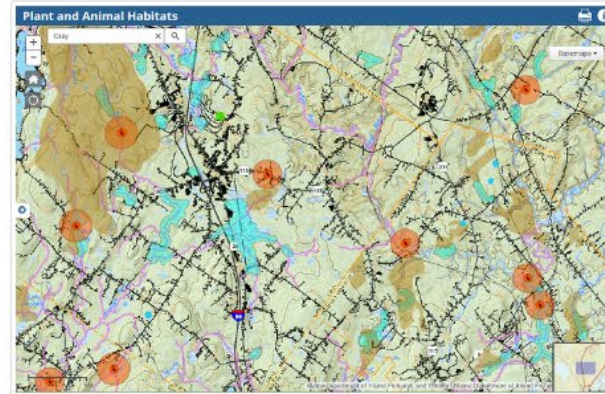
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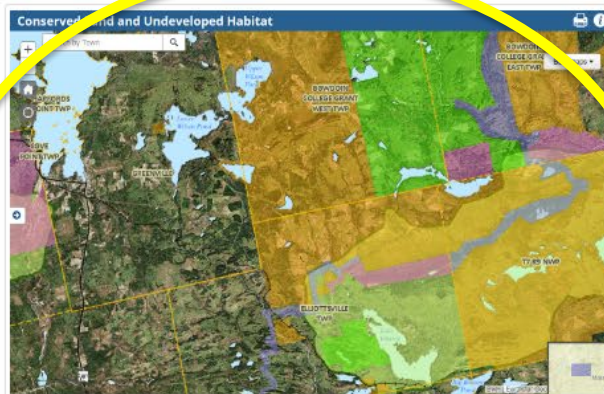
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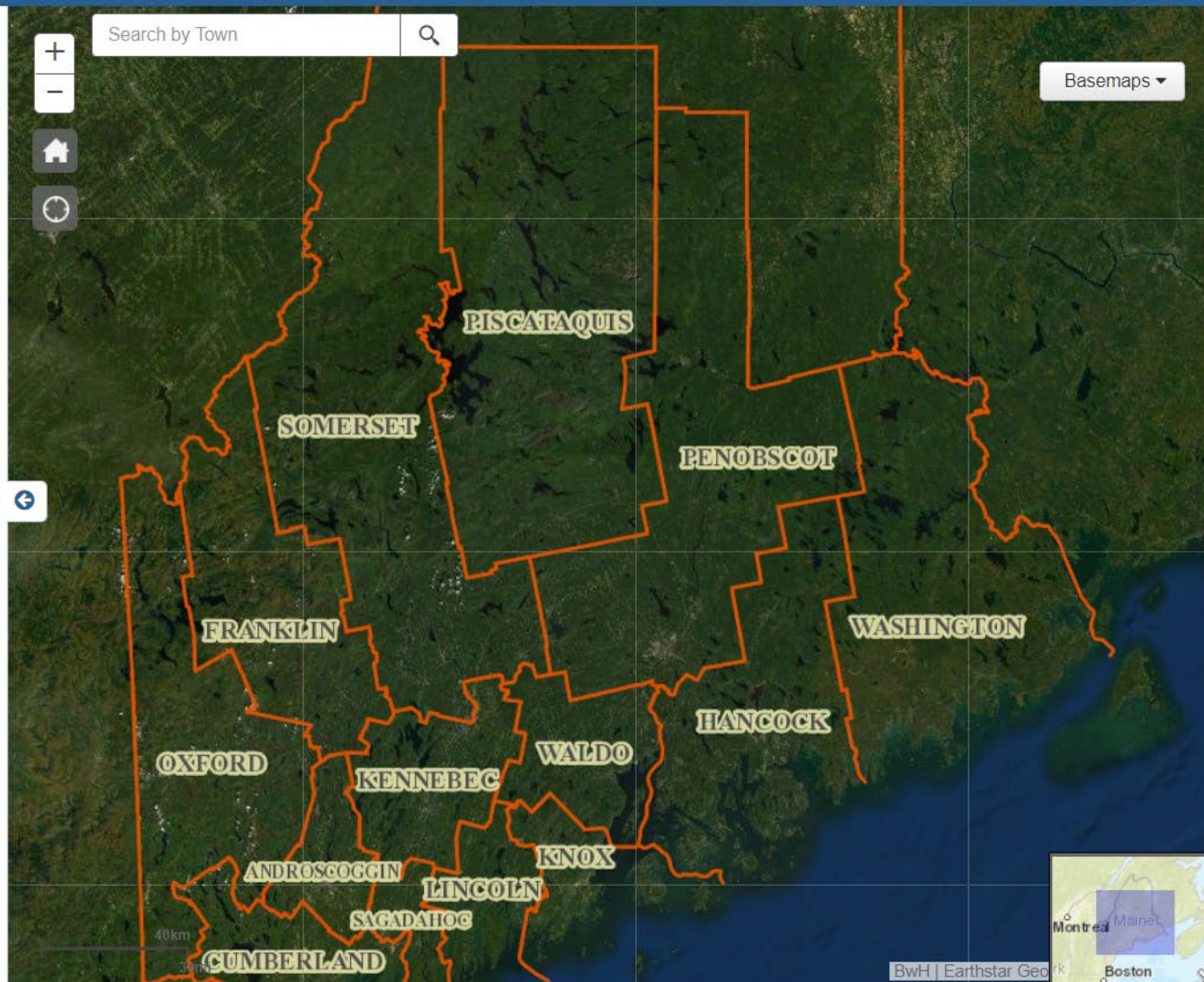
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Conserved Lands and Undeveloped Habitat Blocks

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Ownership Types:

- Federal: National parks, forests, and wildlife refuges.
- State: Wildlife Management Areas and other properties managed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, state parks, and parcels managed by the Bureau of Parks & Lands.
- Municipal: Town parks, water district properties, community forests, etc.
- Private Conservation: Properties owned and managed by private (usually nonprofit) organizations such as The Nature Conservancy, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Trust for Public Land, and local land trusts.



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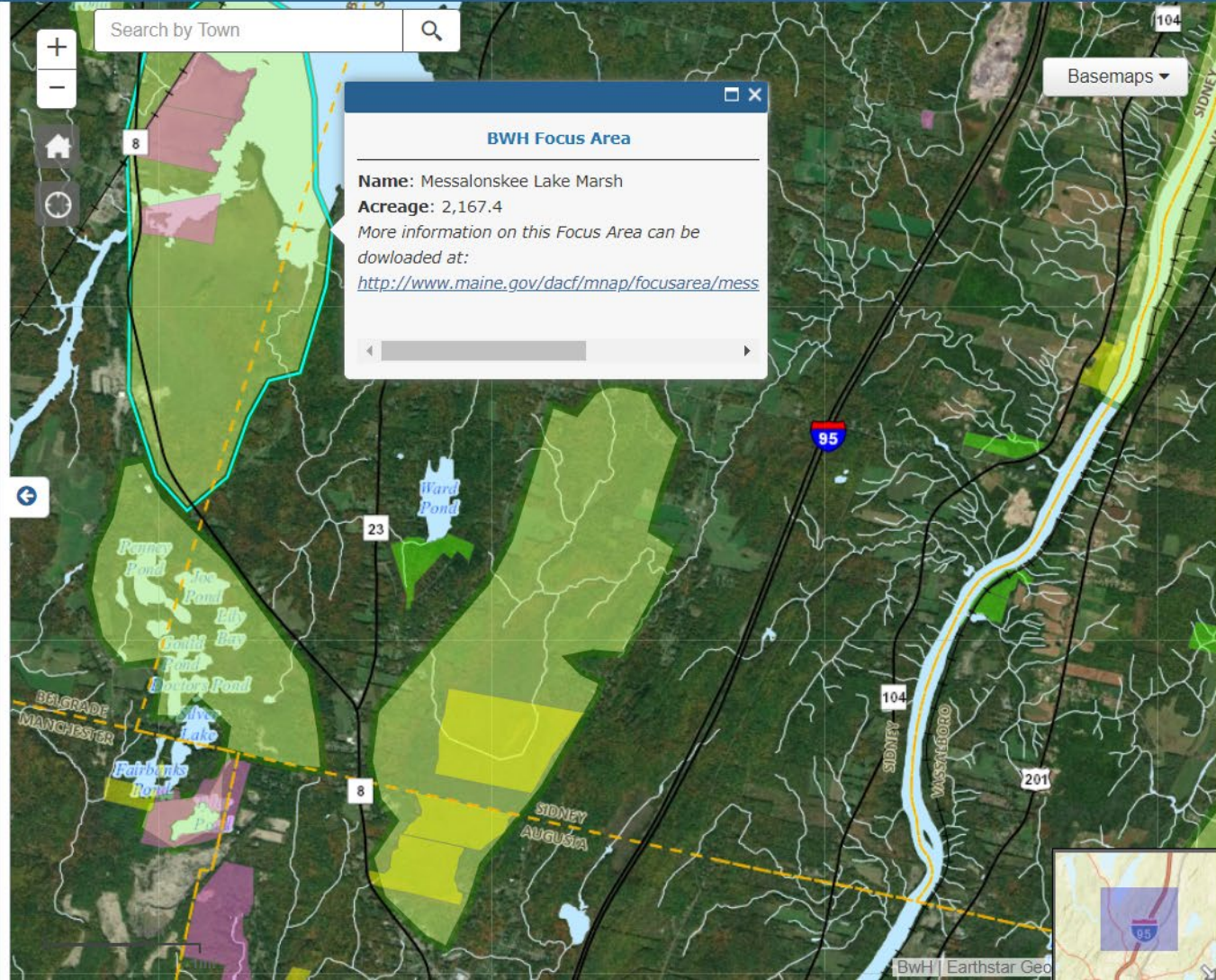
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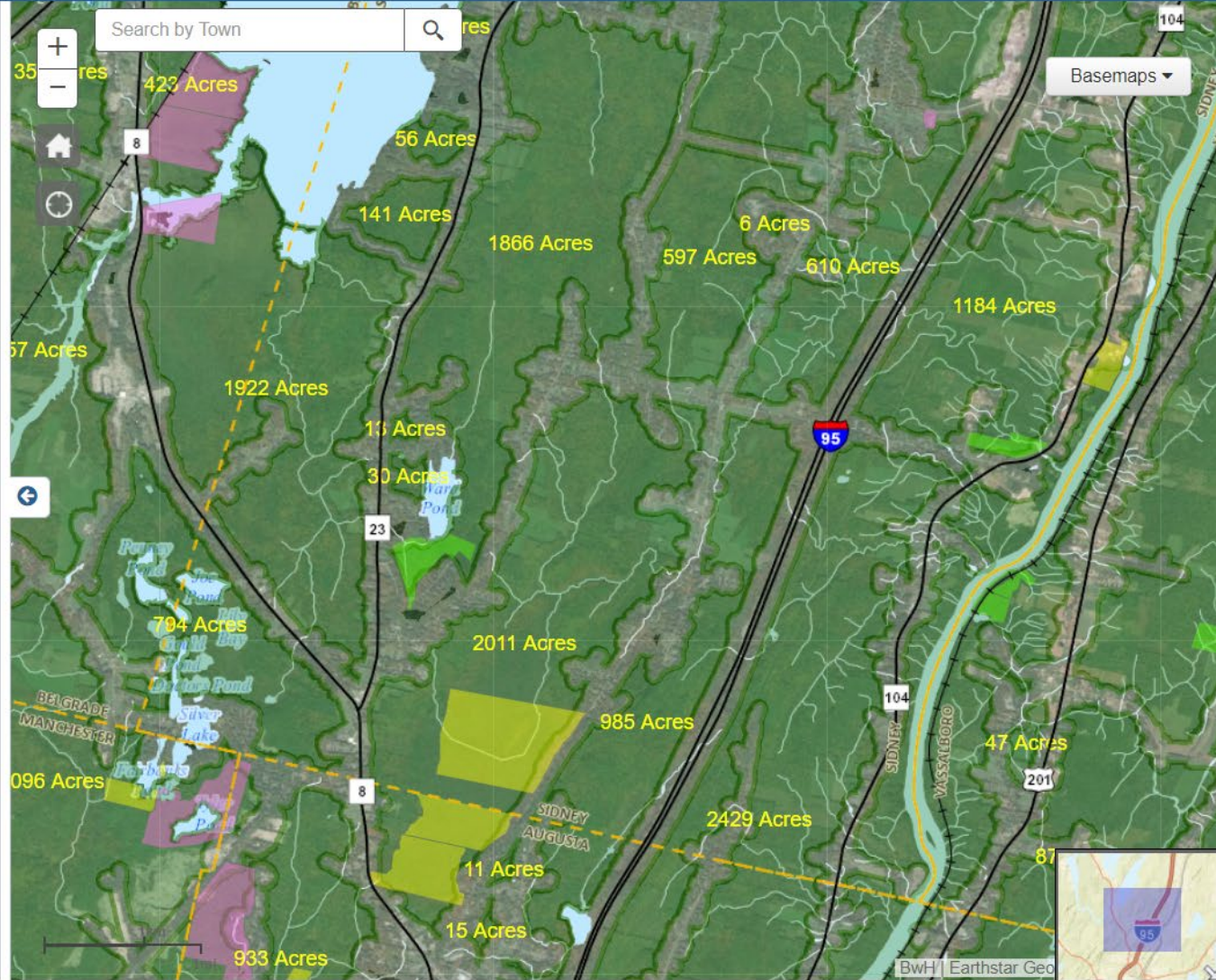
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blocks greater than 100 acres. The threat of habitat fragmentation and animal mortality corresponds to traffic volume.



Yellow lines and arrows represent habitat road crossings with daily traffic volumes less than 2000 vehicles per day.



Red lines and arrows represent habitat road crossings with daily traffic volumes greater than 2000 vehicles per day.

Riparian Connectors: Likely crossing locations for wetland dependent species moving between waterways and wetlands divided by roads.



Blue lines and arrows represent riparian road crossings with daily traffic volumes less than 2000 vehicles per day.

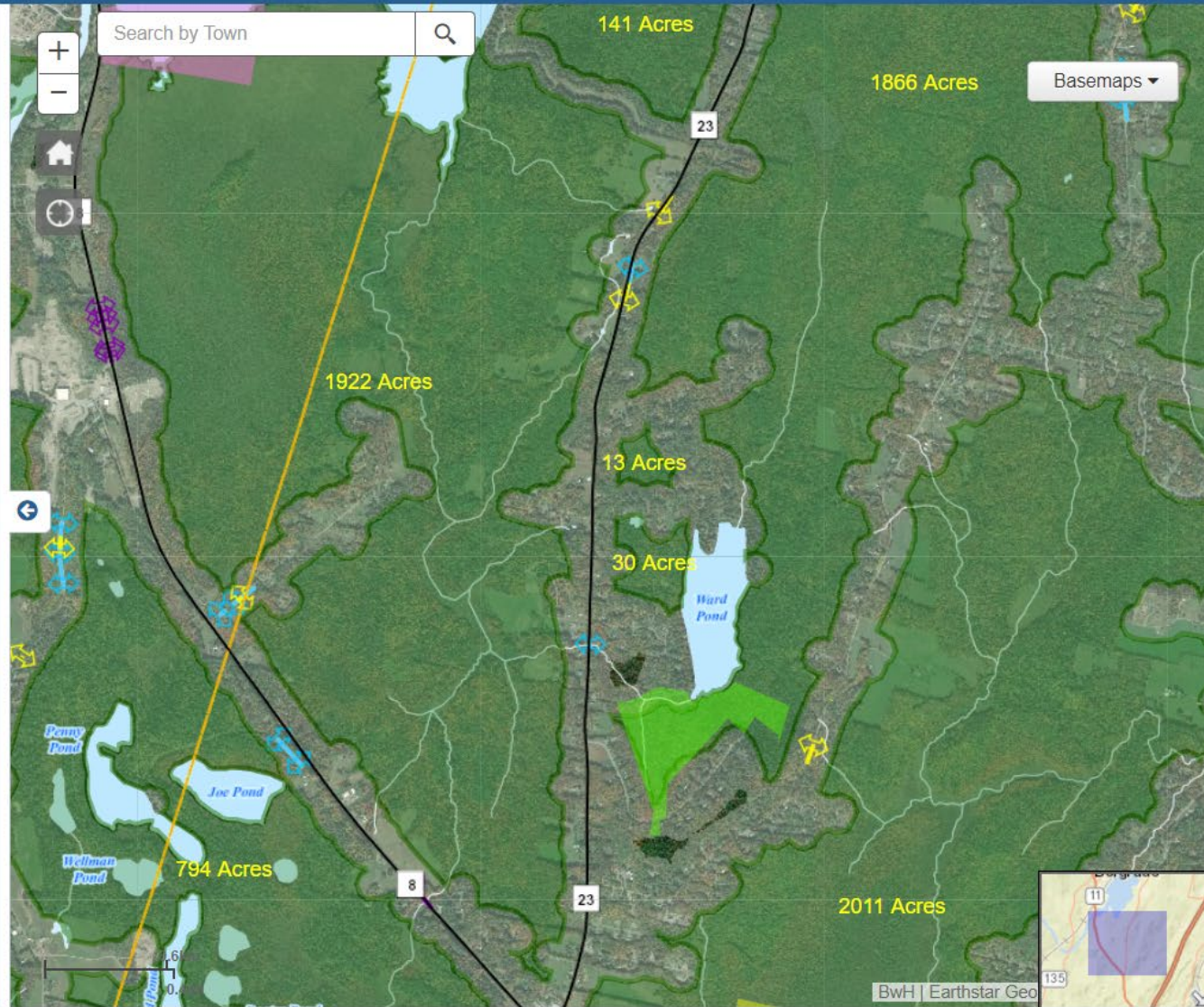


Purple lines and arrows represent riparian road crossings with daily traffic volumes greater than 2000 vehicles per day.



Highway Bridge Connectors: Bridges along I-95 and I-295 that span riparian habitat connecting adjacent but separated habitat

blocks. These are locations where species are likely to take advantage of infrastructure to move between habitat blocks.



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Species with an asterisk (*) are not currently known to be extant in Maine. Species with a dagger (†) have had recent scientific name changes based on *Flora Novae Angliae* (Haines 2011), which is the taxonomic reference for plant taxa in Maine. The printable PDF includes an appendix noting recent name changes. The spreadsheet (Excel) has two worksheets: the 2015 list and a list of name changes.

Downloadable/Printable Versions: [2015 Tracking List - PDF version](#) | [2015 Tracking List - Excel version](#)

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Scientific Name	Common Name	State Rank	Global Rank	State Status
Acalypha virginica *	Three-seeded mercury	SH	G5	PE
Adiantum aleuticum	Aleutian maidenhair fern	S1	G5?	E
Adlumia fungosa	Allegheny vine	S1	G4	E
Agalinis maritima	Saltmarsh false-foxglove	S3	G5	SC
Agalinis neoscotica	Nova Scotia false-foxglove	S1	G4	I
Agalinis purpurea	Large-purple false-foxglove	S1	G5	E
Agrostis mertensii	Boreal bentgrass	S2	G5	I
Aletris farinosa *	Unicorn root	SX	G5	PE
Allium canadense	Wild garlic	S2	G5	SC

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Scientific Name ▲	Common Name ◆	State Rank ◆	Global Rank ◆
Acidic Cliff - Gorge	Acidic Cliff	S4	GNR
Alder Floodplain	Alder Floodplain	S4	GNR*
Alder Shrub Thicket	Alder Thicket	S5	G4G5
Alpine Cliff	Alpine Cliff	S1	GNR
Aspen - Birch Woodland/Forest Complex	Early Successional Forest	S5	G5
Atlantic White Cedar Bog	Atlantic White Cedar Bog	S1	G3G4
Atlantic White Cedar Swamp	Atlantic White Cedar Swamp	S2	G3G5
Balsam Poplar Floodplain Forest	Balsam Poplar Floodplain Forest	S2	GNR
Beach Strand	Coastal Beach	S4	G4G5
Beech - Birch - Maple Forest	Northern Hardwoods Forest	S5	G3G5
Bilberry - Mountain Heath Alpine Snowbank	Alpine Snowbank	S1	G2G3
Birch - Oak Talus Woodland	Birch - Oak Rocky Woodland	S3	G3G5

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Focus Areas Descriptions

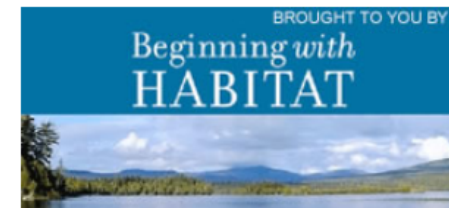
We are in the process of building text only web pages and updating our focus area descriptions. If you need ADA accessible or up to date information, please [contact us](#).

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Androscoggin	Androscoggin Lake	PDF-2 MB
Kennebec	Androscoggin Lake	PDF-2 MB
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- [American Pipit \(PDF\)](#) (*Anthus rubescens*) (breeding population only) ([species plan](#))
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- [Black Tern \(PDF\)](#) (*Chlidonias niger*)
- [Golden Eagle \(PDF\)](#) (*Aquila chrysaetos*) ([species plan](#))
- [Grasshopper Sparrow \(PDF\)](#) (*Ammodramus savannarum*)
- Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*)
- [Least Tern \(PDF\)](#) (*Sterna antillarum*) ([species plan](#))
- [Peregrine Falcon \(PDF\)](#) (*Falco peregrinus*) (breeding population only)
- [Piping Plover \(PDF\)](#) (*Charadrius melodus*) ([species plan](#))**
- [Roseate Tern \(PDF\)](#) (*Sterna dougallii*) ([species plan](#))*
- [Sedge Wren \(PDF\)](#) (*Cistothorus platensis*)

Fish

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- Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*) (Breeding population only)
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- Current barriers to habitat management?
- How can I help?

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Natural Communities

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Focus Areas

<https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/focusarea/index.htm>

Threatened and Endangered Wildlife

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