

# Beginning with HABITAT

## An Approach to Conserving Maine's Natural Space for Plants, Animals and People

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### Digital Data

#### *Conservation Lands and Focus Areas*

DATA FILE	EXPLANATION	DATA SOURCE
FocusAreas	Focus Areas of Ecological Significance	MNAP
Conserved_Lands	Conserved land, public and private	Multiple state agencies & NGOs
Farmland_Soils	Farmland soils of significance	USDA, NRCS

#### *Habitat Blocks Data:*

DATA FILE	EXPLANATION	DATA SOURCE
BlockConnectors [highway, road, and riparian]	Three types of road-crossing areas connecting large undeveloped blocks	BwH and MDOT
DevelopedArea	Inverse of UndevelopedBlocks (carto layer)	MDIFW
Maine_NETHCS	Habitat Classification System	The Nature Conservancy
UndevelopedBlocks	Large, undeveloped land areas	MDIFW

#### *Hydrological Data:*

DATA FILE	EXPLANATION	DATA SOURCE
Aquifers ( <i>Aquifer_Polygons</i> )	Mapped significant aquifers	Maine Geological Survey
ImpervSurface	Roads, buildings & other hard surfaces	MDIFW
PublicWells ( <i>Wells</i> )	Public water supplies	Maine Drinking Water Program
RiparianBuffers_CoastRivers250	Coast and large river 250' buffer areas	Nat. Hydrography Dataset, BwH
RiparianBuffers_GreatPonds250	Great pond 250' buffer areas	Nat. Hydrography Dataset, BwH
RiparianBuffers_StreamPonds75	Stream-pond 75' buffer areas	Nat. Hydrography Dataset, BwH
RiparianBuffers_Streams75	Stream 75' buffer areas	Multiple state agencies
WetChar	Wetlands of 10+ acres	NWI data, MNAP, MSPO
Wetland10ac_Buffers	10+acre wetland 250' buffer areas	MNAP, MDIFW

#### *Maine Natural Areas Program Data:*

DATA FILE	EXPLANATION	DATA SOURCE
MNAP_eos	Locations of rare plants and exemplary natural communities	MNAP

#### *Wildlife and Habitat Data:*

DATA FILE	EXPLANATION	DATA SOURCE
DWA	Deer wintering areas	MDIFW
EssenHabPlvTrn ( <i>EHPlvTrn</i> )	Piping plover and least tern habitat	MDIFW
EssenHabRTern ( <i>EHRTern</i> )	Roseate tern habitat	MDIFW
ET_Fish ( <i>EndangeredFish</i> )	State-listed fish species	MDIFW
ETSC_BwH	Recent locations of state-listed animals	MDIFW
IWWH	Inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat	MDIFW
Salmon ( <i>Ashab3</i> )	Atlantic salmon habitat	MDMR
SeabirdNestingIslands ( <i>SNI</i> )	Seabird nesting islands	MDIFW
ShellfishAreas	Harvestable shellfish areas	MDMR
ShorebirdAreas ( <i>Shorebird</i> )	Shorebird feeding and roosting habitats	MDIFW
SigVernalPools ( <i>SVP</i> )	Mapped Significant Vernal Pools	MDIFW
TWWH	Tidal wading bird and waterfowl habitat	MDIFW
WildBrookTroutHabitat	Streams & ponds with known brook trout	MDIFW

**Notes.** Alternate or previous file names appear in italics following the data file name. Empty shapefiles indicate no data for the selected map area. All files contain embedded metadata.