

ELIOT CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Focus Areas of Ecological Significance

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Photo: Kimberly Richards



## Great Heath

*Between Rte. 236, State Rd., Depot Rd.,  
and Bradstreet Ln.*

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### *What makes the Great Heath so important?*

#### Significant wildlife habitat

- *Known to harbor wading bird rookeries*

#### Rare & endangered species habitat

- *New England Cottontail*
- *Spotted Turtle*
- *Blanding's Turtle*
- *Juniper Hairstreak*
- *Swamp White Oak*
- *Pendulus Bulrush*
- *Atlantic White Cedar*

#### Ecological value

- *Large unfragmented wetland*
- *Close to streams*
- *Floodplains*
- *Occupies a headwater tributary basin of Great Creek*

#### Health benefits

- *Provides an essential buffer that protects water quality.*

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"Environmentally, we live at the upper limits of the southern forests and at the lower limits of the northern forests so we have species of both. The same is true for the flora and fauna, or wildlife, giving a larger diversity of plants, animals, reptiles, turtles, etc., than is usual."

*-Silas Weeks*

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### *What can we do to help?*

#### Reach out to local environmental & conservation organizations

- *Volunteer.*
- *Attend public events.*
- *Make a donation.*
- *Become a member.*

## Be an active citizen

- *Encourage town planners to improve approaches to development that may impact focus area functions.*
- *Monitor & remove invasive plant populations.*
- *Educate recreational users about the ecological, economic, & health benefits of these areas.*

## Leave a legacy

- *If you are a landowner, consider adopting a conservation easement that will ensure these lands are preserved for future generations.*

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## *For More Info:*

### MAINE COAST HERITAGE TRUST

www.mcht.org  
ph(207)729-7366

### Maine Land Trust Network

A communications & coordination service provided by MCHT connecting land conservation orgs & agencies  
www.mltn.org

### BEGINNING WITH HABITAT

Online Toolbox  
www.beginningwithhabitat.org/toolbox/about\_toolbox.html

### GREAT WORKS REGIONAL LAND TRUST

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