

ELIOT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Focus Areas of Ecological Significance



Town Forest

Located on Johnson Lane

What makes the Town Forest so important?

Preserved by and for residents

- *"The term of planned forest land ownership is never ending. The townspeople have voted to purchase and keep the lands forever more as publicly accessible forest lands for all people to enjoy." -Eliot Town Forest Woodlands Report & Management Plan, 2009*

Rare species habitat

- *Spotted Wintergreen*

Public access & recreation potential

- *The town forest has the potential for the development of foot paths for light hiking and trail walking.*

"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



"The landscape is one of gently rolling terrain with rock outcrops scattered throughout the area, interspersed with vernal pools, grass swamps, forested wetlands, and interconnecting drainages."

-Eliot Town Forest Woodlands Report & Management Plan, 2009

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.*

For More Info:

MAINE COAST HERITAGE TRUST

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Maine Land Trust Network

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

BEGINNING WITH HABITAT

Online Toolbox
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