#### ELIOT CONSERVATION COMMISSION Focus Areas of Ecological Significance



Dead Duck

(a.k.a. Piscataqua Boat Basin) Oncluding the Frankfurt Osland area

# What makes Dead Duck so important?

## **Public access**

- Picnicking
- Public beach
- Boat launch

## Health benefits

• Offers ample opportunity for outdoor fitness & recreation through walking trails.

## Strong community ties

- Annual Eliot Festival Day kickoff fireworks & Chili Contest
- Annual Newfie Fun Days

## **Priority consideration**

• Citizens of Eliot have voted Dead Duck as a priority area of concern for conservation efforts.

"If you follow the beach along the river it eventually bends and reveals a very magical site for yourself and your children. There is a tall drop off covered in sand and fallen trees which creates a jungle gym of sorts- for dogs and children to explore, play, and imagine."

-"Discovering Maine's Rocky Coast", *Rocky Coast News*, Sept. 22, 2012 Jennifer Ellen Parker



## 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 Onfo:

#### 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

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