

Pawtuckaway River Reservation Grows

218 acres of critical wildlife habitat and nearly a mile of shoreline protected

This spring the Southeast Land Trust completed two purchases of land in Epping and Raymond, permanently conserving more than 218 acres of forestland, floodplain, and wetlands with more than 4,200 feet of shoreline on the Pawtuckaway River. The Land Trust acquired the fee ownership of a 62-acre parcel in Epping owned by the estate of Virginia Bell and a 158-acre parcel in Epping and Raymond owned by a regional developer.

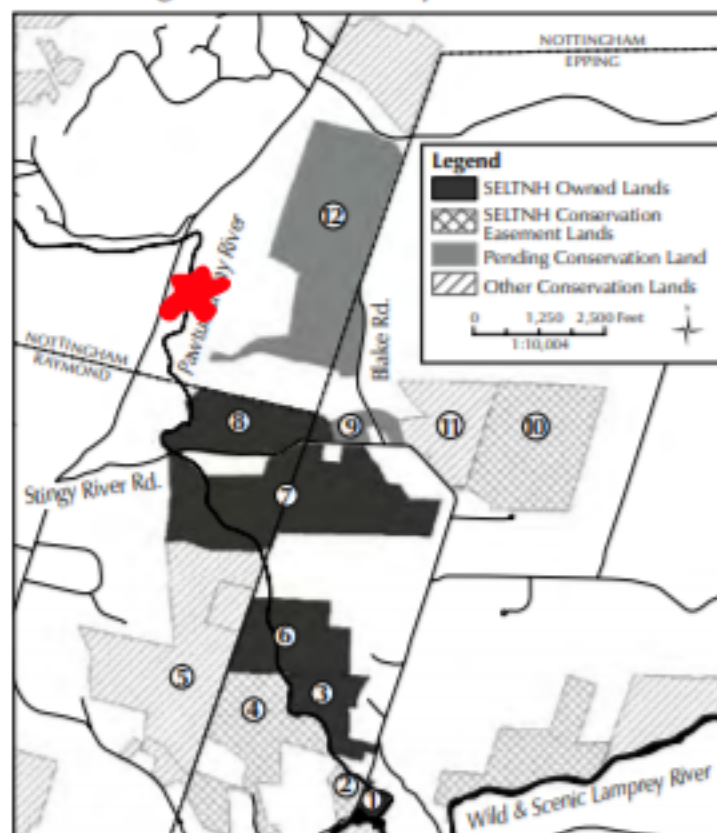
"These two projects represent our continued focus on conserving a large block of high quality wildlife habitat along the Pawtuckaway River," explains Brian Hart, Executive Director. "These beautiful lands help sew together a patchwork quilt of public and private conservation lands that now total more than 500 acres along the Pawtuckaway River."

These acquisitions add to the prior purchase of more than 100 acres and donated conservation easements of more than 250 acres. In fact, since 2007, eight properties along or near the Pawtuckaway River have been conserved through the work of the Southeast Land Trust and its partner organizations. Why is this area so significant?

The Pawtuckaway is one of the Lamprey River's cleanest tributaries, beginning at Pawtuckaway Lake and connecting with the Lamprey in west Epping. The Pawtuckaway River is located within a core focus area of the *Land Conservation Plan for New Hampshire's Coastal Watershed*, a publicly-created blueprint that identifies large blocks of land throughout the region as top priorities for land conservation due to water quality, wildlife, and ecological benefits. These particular acquisitions conserved 110-acres of Hemlock-hardwood-pine matrix forest, large, diverse beaver flowages associated

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Boundary and feature locations are approximate.
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Progress on the Pawtuckaway

1. Hauser Tract	7 acres, acquired 2009
2. Brown Easement	11 acres, acquired 2009
3. Pernokas Tract	30 acres, acquired 2008
4. Primack Easement	91 acres, donated 1998
5. Cramer-Evans Easement	164 acres, donated 1999
6. Bell Tract	62 acres, acquired 2011
7. Harbor Street Tract	158 acres, acquired 2010
8. Bond Tract	60 acres, acquired 2008
9. Denoncour Easement	15 acres, pending 2011
10. Parke I Easement	109 acres, bargain sale 2007
11. Parke II Easement	60 acres, acquired 2010
12. Sullos Woodlands	175 acres, pending 2011