

Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative

the challenge continues



Mt. Agamenticus



York River



Brave Boat Harbor

The Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative brings together ten national, regional and local conservation partners to conserve a mosaic of critical threatened lands, waterways and working landscapes encompassing a six-town area stretching from the Tatic Hills in Wells to Gerrish Island in Kittery Point. Working together, the goal is to protect our community values and the health of our shared environment.

Wildlife Habitats and Community Values at Risk

Conservation ensures that a mosaic of wildlife habitat, farmland, scenic views, healthy water supplies and public access is available for the enjoyment of current and future generations and for those people whose traditional livelihoods are still connected to the land and the sea. Recreational activities such as hiking, boating, biking, fishing, hunting, photography and painting link humans to our area's rich natural environment.

Ecological Values

Two forest types -- northern softwood and southern hardwood -- overlap here, creating a range of habitats that support the richest diversity and the largest number of plant and animal species in the entire state of Maine. Rare and endangered animal species need room to roam and thrive. Throughout our area we are blessed with a wide variety of natural communities including salt marshes, dune grasslands, large wetland complexes, cobble beaches and vernal pools.

Threats

York County is the fastest growing county in Maine. Its growth rate is four times the state average. The population of the Town of York alone has increased 30% in the last decade. Pressures from development are causing habitat fragmentation, loss of public access to both land and water, and rising property values.

We must act now to protect the forests, fields and waterways that define this southernmost corner of Maine and to preserve it for future generations.

Coalition Partners

The Nature Conservancy
Maine Coast Heritage Trust
Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
The Trust for Public Land

Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve
Great Works Regional Land Trust
Kittery Land Trust
York Land Trust
York Rivers Association

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