

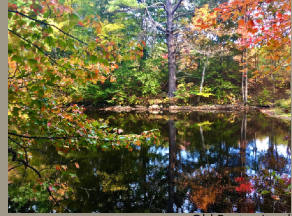
# Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative

Working together since 2002 to protect land in our communities

## Recent Project Highlights (2020 to Present)



Nooney Farm



Old Boston Land



Great Thicket Nat'l Wildlife Refuge



Fuller Forest Preserve



York Golf and Tennis Club

Since the beginning of 2020, partners within the Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative have preserved **more than 540 acres** in southern Maine, including a working forest; farmland; river frontage that protects drinking and swimming waters; and more than 370 acres of public access land. Many of these projects came about through close collaboration with our partners and community members. Learn more about our ambitious efforts in the Project Highlights below.

### GREAT THICKET NAT'L WILDLIFE REFUGE | 48 ACRES

**The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** (in partnership with Great Works Regional Land Trust) has established a new 48-acre wildlife refuge in South Berwick and Berwick. It's the first parcel in Maine within the Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), which protects habitat for the New England cottontail rabbit, ruffed grouse, monarch butterfly, and other species that rely on shrublands.

### YORK GOLF AND TENNIS CLUB | 174 ACRES

**Maine Coast Heritage Trust** now holds a conservation easement on 174 acres of the York Golf and Tennis Club's land along the York River, ensuring that it remains undeveloped and accessible to the community for golf, tennis, and other recreational activities, in perpetuity. This project also permanently protects iconic York River frontage, which will help preserve water quality and scenic views.

### NOONEY FARM | 30 ACRES

**Kittery Land Trust** has permanently protected the fertile fields and woodlands of a former dairy operation, Nooney Farm. This land is now evolving into a hub for local agriculture, nature-based education, and outdoor recreation. Last year, more than 50 volunteers helped run a successful "Giving Garden" that produced nearly 2,000 pounds of fresh produce that KLT donated to hunger relief programs across the Seacoast Region.

### FULLER FOREST PRESERVE | 220 ACRES

**York Land Trust** recently opened its 220-acre Fuller Forest Preserve to the public. This land also functions as a working forest that YLT is managing to encourage a diversity of tree species and ages. The land trust is also actively controlling invasive plant species to allow more native plants to grow, with the goal of improving the forest's longterm health and enhancing habitat for birds and other wildlife.

### OLD BOSTON LAND | 157 ACRES

**Great Works Regional Land Trust** (in partnership with Maine Coast Heritage Trust) has preserved 157 acres of woodlands and wetlands in Ogunquit, including more than 2,000 feet of frontage on the Ogunquit River. This is the largest tract of undeveloped land in Ogunquit, with valuable habitat for a range of plants and wildlife. This property will eventually become a public preserve with trails that link up with other abutting preserves and connect with 6,000 acres of conserved land in the Mt. Agamenticus Region.

**The Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative (MtA2C)** is working toward a long-term goal of connecting 19,000 acres of conserved land in sections of Kittery, Eliot, York, Ogunquit, Wells, and South Berwick that together make up the MtA2C Focus Area. To date, more than 15,000 acres have been conserved in this area.

**The 10 MtA2C partners include:** Kittery, York and Great Works Regional Land Trusts; Wells Reserve at Laudholm; Maine Coast Heritage Trust; The Nature Conservancy; US Fish and Wildlife Service/Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge; Trust for Public Land; York Rivers Association and Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.