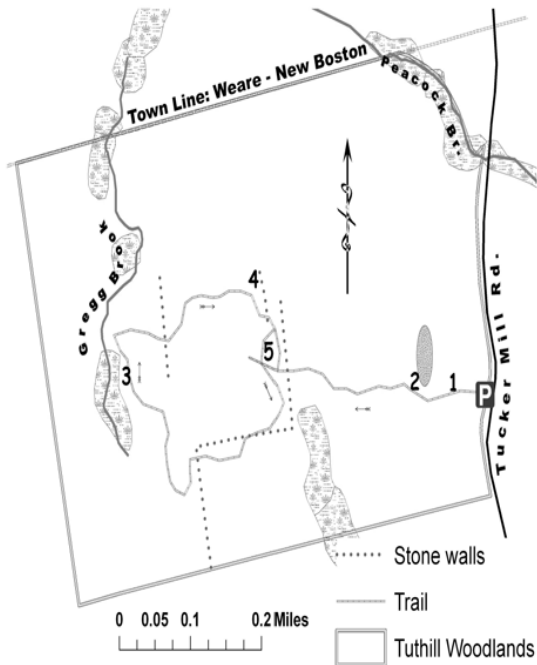
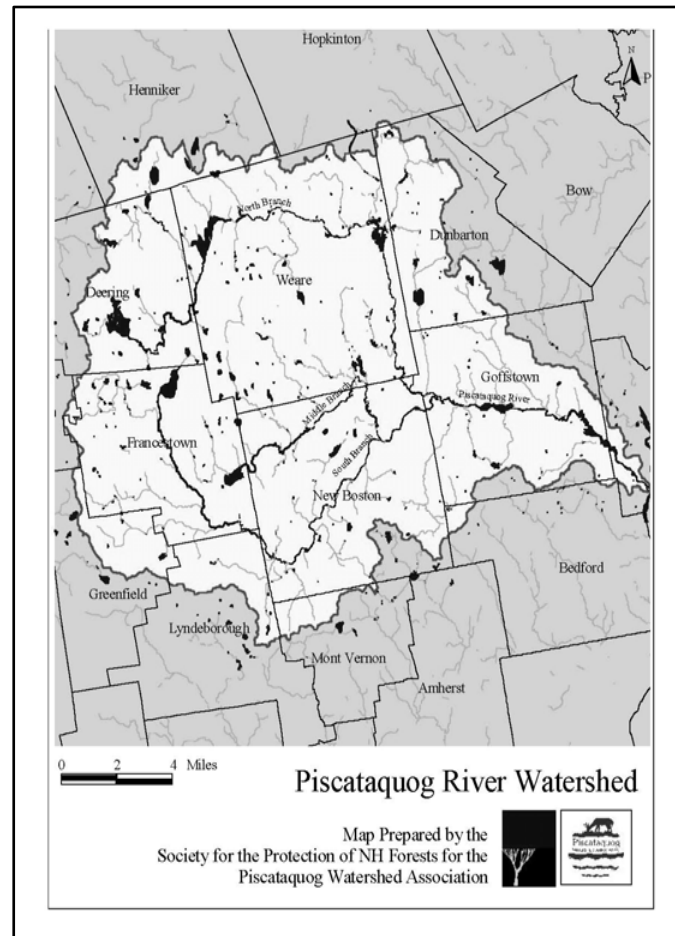


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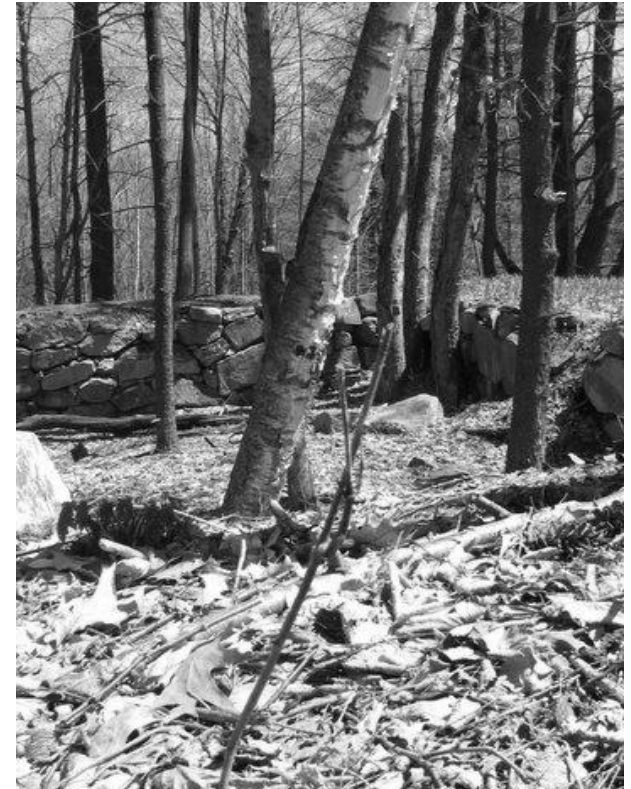
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Welcome!

In 2002 John and Nora Tuthill received a letter from the New Boston Open Space Committee encouraging local landowners to consider permanent conservation. Inspired, the Tuthill family contacted the Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC) to discuss permanently protecting a woodlot on Tucker Mill Road that they had owned for many years.

The Tuthills offered to sell their land to the PLC for the same price they had paid for it in 1960, a fraction of its market value. A core group of neighbors, calling themselves the “Tuthill Woodlands Preservation Group”, worked hand in hand with the PLC to raise the necessary funds and preserve the land.

Today, the Tuthill Woodlands Preserve is home to several different woodland communities, which in turn are host to distinctive wildlife that travel in, through, and beyond the property’s boundaries.

1. A Quiet Place

The first section of this trail follows an old road up to the land’s first homestead. Just over 100 years ago, this land was not covered in forest, but was open farmland, either used for crops or as pasture for sheep and cows. After the farm was abandoned, the land regenerated its forest. Today, moose, deer, black bear, fisher, small mammals, and a variety of birds and amphibians make their homes here.



2. Vernal Pool



Look to your right. Forest pools like this offer a safe place for salamanders and frogs to deposit their eggs – few predators can find them here! Spring is a good time to look for clusters of eggs, and for the larva of flies, mosquitoes, and beetles. Take care not to crush the sensitive plants living here.

3. Beaver Meadow



Before continuing along the marked trail, spend a little time looking over the abandoned beaver dam and open forest meadow behind it. Even without the beavers, the habitat they created attracts much wildlife. One day, the beavers will return.

4. Elder Tree



600 ft. south, over what was once a fine field where grains were grown, grows a red oak tree that has lived a very long time; perhaps 150 years or more! Go see what a single acorn can become, then come back and finish the trail!

5. The Gregg Homestead

Follow the trail markers through the foundations – all that remain of the homestead and outbuildings. The house, with its center chimney of brick, is easy to identify. What were the other buildings used for?

