

ELIOT CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Focus Areas of Ecological Significance

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## *York Pond Area*

*Including Punkintown, York Pond, Rookery Pond,  
& part of the Mt. Agamenticus Region*

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### *What makes the York Pond area so important?*

#### **Rare & endangered species habitat**

- *Chestnut Oak*
- *Flowering Dogwood*
- *Blanding's Turtle*
- *Ringed Boghaunter Dragonfly*

#### **Unfragmented forests**

- *It has been said that the Mt. Agamenticus region is the largest relatively undeveloped coastal area between Portland ME & Washington DC.*

#### **Clean water for all**

- *The 108 acres of shoreline owned by Eliot provides an essential wetland buffer that protects water quality.*

#### **Archaeological & cultural sites**

- *Rich in the history of the Punkintown settlements dating back to the 1700s.*

#### **Public access**

- *Through recreational trails & water access sites.*

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"Environmentally, we live at the upper limits of the southern forests and at the lower limits of the northern forests so we have species of both. The same is true for the flora and fauna, or wildlife, giving a larger diversity of plants, animals, reptiles, turtles, etc., than is usual."

*-Silas Weeks*



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## *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.

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## *For More Info:*

### 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

### BEGINNING WITH HABITAT

Online Toolbox  
www.beginningwithhabitat.org/toolbox/about\_toolbox.html

### GREAT WORKS REGIONAL LAND TRUST

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