

City of Biddeford
Conservation Commission
January 29, 2024 6:00 PM Second Floor Conference Room & Zoom
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Status: Conservation Commission, Monday, January 29, 2024, 6:00 PM, Second Floor Conference Room & Zoom-This meeting was changed from 1-22-24

1. Adjustments to the Agenda

2. Election of Officers

2.1. Committee Officer Elections:

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary

3. Secretary Report

3.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 5, 19, November 16 & December 19, 2023

[BCC_Special Meeting Notes 10.5.23_Draft.pdf](#)

[BCC_Meeting Notes 10.19.23_Draft \(1\).pdf](#)

[BCC Meeting Notes Nov 16_Draft \(002\).pdf](#)

[BCC Meeting Notes Dec 18 Draft.pdf](#)

4. Discussions

4.1. Website Content Discussion

[BCC - Web - 01 - Website-Content-2023-Updates.pdf](#)

[BCC - Web - 02 - PDF 1 - What Does the BCC Do.pdf](#)

[BCC - Web - 03 - PDF 2 - Development Considerations.pdf](#)

[BCC - Web - 04 - PDF 3 - Conservation Stats.pdf](#)

4.2. Beaver Update

4.3. Working Lands Index

4.4. Televised Meeting Status

5. Other Business

6. Next Meeting-Monday, February 26, 2024, 6:00 PM-Second Floor Conference Room

7. Adjourn

Biddeford Conservation Commission

Thursday, October 5, 2023

6:07pm - 6:52pm

Attendees: R. Rhames, D. Rioux, M. Atlas, E. Heumiller, and P. Conlon

Absent: M. Lowell, D. Rioux, and P. Robbins

Guests:

Meeting called to order: 6:07p

I. Clifford Park dog leash matter

A. Without knowing what the Rec Commission recommendation will be, we can't vote to support that but can vote on the singular issue of the leash law

B. Try to take a long look at the conservation of the Biddeford Kennebunkport vernal pool complex

II. Motion to support the Rec Commissions' decision to require that dogs be leashed in Clifford Park. - 6:11

A. Second – P. Conlon

B. Discussion --

1. The distinction between the increase

2. Is there a time to discuss what other options there could be to satisfy the gray area

3. There is no going back on on Clifford Park

4. If the park is deeded for recreation there will always be traffic in the park, this is a preservation not a conservation matter and we need to think creatively

5. The distinction between smells released on leash vs off leash are negligible

6. Concerns about development pressures

7. Are we concerned that by imposing a leash ordinance people will be driven further into the park to avoid leash policing by going further into the habitat that we are trying to protect?

8. "It is a better solution if we can get 100 people to stop walking in vernal pools versus 10 more dogs on a leash"

C. Motion to adjust the motion to read "Motion to suggest that leashes be required for pets in Clifford Park" 6:38p

1. Second - E. Heumiller

2. Discussion: It is important to be in alignment with other city parties

3. Dogs vs. pets is an important distinction

D. Motion to adjust the motion to read "Motion to support the Rec Commissions' recommendation to require that pets be leashed in Clifford Park." - 6:49p

1. Second - E. Huemiller

2. Unanimous amendment

E. Vote on the motion: In favor D. Rioux, P. Robbins, P. Conlon

1. Not-unanimous

2. Vote passes by majority

III. Next meeting is October 19

Biddeford Conservation Commission

Thursday, October 19, 2023

6:07 pm - 7:20 pm

Attendees: R. Rhames, D. Rioux, M. Atlas, E. Heumiller, and P. Conlon

Absent: M. Lowell, D. Rioux, and P. Robbins

Staff liaison: D. Galbraith

Meeting called to order: 6:07p

- I. Motion to approve 9.21.23 minutes – E. Heumiller
 - A. Second – P. Conlon
 - B. No discussion
 - C. Unanimous approval
- II. Invoice to Mark has been approved
- III. Winding Creek Development
 - A. The case is in the courts
 - B. M. Eon has had a meeting with Eastern Trail so there can be a section that connects to the trail
 - C. State has new budget for community forest land
- IV. Comp Plan Updates
 - A. Ag section - Alex Redfield left the DACF and without anyone in the Farmland Preservation position, our Comp Plan section cannot be reviewed
 - B. Thatcher Carter will attend our next meeting (November 16) to talk about implementation of Comp. Plans
- V. Referenda / Conservation Concerns?
 - A. R. Rhames would like to invite Portland Press Herald op-ed contributor to meet with us: Jeremy Doxsee
 - B. CMP related topic – outlawing foreign spending on elections
 - C. State printing of Maine constitution
 1. Tribal acknowledgement is in the constitution but left out of printed versions
- VI. GIS/Website updates
 - A. Website – Erik and Richard to meet and discuss
 - B. GIS – some of the offline maps are back online
 1. Streams and brooks in Biddeford is back online
 - a) 10 watersheds!
 2. Biddefords GIS has some maps that are not as intuitive or helpful
 - a) What maps can we combine to make them more effective
 - b) What is missing from the existing maps
 - c) Eg – how can we help make our soil maps more effective
 - (1) Update with development overlay, forest overlay, hay overlay
 3. Suggestion to make a GIS workshop agenda item in November or December
- VII. New Business
 - A. Meeting date change to Mondays
 1. Will discuss at the next meeting with more committee member attendance
 - B. Applications for community forest grants
 - C. Hidden Hills project update

1. Met deadline to submit post-preliminary approval; currently in staff review
 - a) Fine tuning details of sidewalks and other planning specifics
2. Could be on November 15 or December meeting for final review
3. The parcel has been divided
 - a) Split off the development portion to keep it separate from the sensitive land
 - b) Could we try to spark a conversation about putting the new parcel into conservation
4. Site law review has not been completed but documentation has been submitted

VIII. NOTES: November/Winter project agenda ideas

- A. Maine DEP action plan recommendation for full season of water sampling (West Brook and Swamp Pond Brook)
- B. Website
- C. GIS

IX. Motion to adjourn at - P. Conlon 7:20pm

- A. Second - E. Heumiller
- B. No discussion
- C. Unanimous

Biddeford Conservation Commission

Thursday, November 16, 2023

6:04pm -

Attendees: R. Rhames, D. Rioux, M. Atlas, P. Robbins, M. Lowell, and P. Conlon

Absent: E. Heumiller

Guests: Thacher Carter (MFT), Eric Freeman

Meeting called to order: 6:04p

I. Delaying the vote on meeting minutes until people can review

II. Thacher Carter – MFT Comp Plan Implementation

A. Current priorities

1. Cultivating Maine's Agricultural Future (second edition being updated and almost ready to be released)

a) In the near future there will be five virtual forums to share the information with the public

2. Direct technical assistance to municipalities to help implement comprehensive plans

B. Presentation:

1. Implementation of comp plan: assign parties to the task of implementation

a) Engagement (BCC Agricultural sub committee to help implement strategies)

b) Design a farmer forum to help get interest and feedback from farmers, pass out comp plans and workshop it together

2. Exemplary plans - Gorham

3. Suggestions for Biddeford

a) Farmland inventory

(1) Look at the city of Auburn farmland inventory to help us implement

b) Goal to increase conservation land

(1) Put details to this and draft a resolution

(2) Present the resolution to the Council

c) Promote land owner enrollment for current use tax programs

(1) Town of Monmouth could teach us some things about how to do this

(2) Organize forum with city assessor to do a presentation about these tax programs and see if farmers have questions

d) Support/promote farming and working forest through amendment to RF Zone

(1) Agricultural subcommittee

e) Agritourism

(1) Gorham and Eliot are good examples

(2) Farm enterprise overlay zone

4. BCC Comments:

a) M. Lowell – conserve forest canopy

b) M. Atlas – how do we follow through on these suggestions. Do we build a calendar? Do we assign one of these topics to each of us and carve out time each meeting for proactive work versus all the reactive work

c) What tools are helpful to making arguments to council to prioritize

(1) Buildout scenarios

(2) Cost of community services

5. Solar farms

- a) On 5+ acres on high value land need a permit starting Sept 2024
- b) Developments of 20+ acres on high value land will be subject to a fee
- c) Defining “high value” is TBD

III. Clifford Park

- A. Request from the city to get more information about what happened to lead to a lawsuit so that we can continue to be an advocate for future such projects
- B. Usage of acquired land – can we be proactive in terms of how the land is used

IV. Website – Erik and Richard will met in early December

V. Meeting Date:

- A. Preference for a 6pm start time
- B. There is some openness from commission members to a Monday meeting
- C. Holidays as a barrier?

VI. Solar Ordinance

- A. Is the BCC willing to sit down and have a workshop to identify out goals for a solar ordinance
- B. Potentially a joint workshop with the planning board
- C. R. Rhames would like to include the Public Works Director
- D. Request that we find time as a group to determine out goals on the matter

VII. Community Forest –

- A. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/community-forest/program>
- B. Holistic view of the city to spread out conserved and open spaces
- C. Potential funding opportunities for this
- D. Applications are in January
- E. R. Rhames recommends alternatively applying for Land and Water Conservation Fund
- F. Approach:
 - 1. Send a mailer and have people self select if they are interested in putting land in conservation to get a sense for volume, geography, and interest

VIII. Volunteer River Monitoring

- A. Monitoring tool has been returned
- B. Need to decide what monitoring areas we want to keep monitoring

IX. Articles referencing leaded aviation gas – there is no safe level

- A. <https://earthjustice.org/press/2023/epa-issues-endangerment-finding-for-leaded-aviationgas>
- B. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2023/10/18/lead-aviation-fuel-epa--toxic-pollution>
- C. EPA issues a finding of public endangerment regarding leaded aviation fuel
- D. Potential issue due to proximity of Biddeford airport to schools

X. Other Business:

- A. Telecasting of our meetings – is there a cost to us? If so, why?
- B. Eric will follow up with Nan

XI. Discussion topics for next meeting:

- A. Comp Plan action items – strategize and calendar our next year so we can focus on proactive projects
- B. Solar farm ordinance discussion
- C. Staff update re: telecasting BCC meetings

XII. Motion to adjourn - M. Atlas 7:53pm

- A. Second - E. Heumiller

B. Unanimous

Biddeford Conservation Commission

Thursday, December 18, 2023

6:05pm

Attendees: R. Rhames, D. Rioux, M. Atlas, P. Robbins, E. Heumiller, and P. Conlon

Absent: M. Lowell

Staff liaison: D. Galbraith

Meeting called to order: 6:05p

I. Secretary Report – Minutes were not submitted in time to be included. They will be included in the next round

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

A. Add Solar Farms to the “other business section

B. Add proactive planning to the January meeting agenda

III. Discussion:

A. Biddeford Beaver Policy

1. City is working to have the beavers trapped

2. They are impounding the Richardson Brook which leads to Thacher Brook

3. Impoundment provides habitat for fish and other water critters

4. State has some oversight in the matter

5. Waiting on permits to begin taking them down

6. “Beaver deceiver”

a) Allows beaver to “work their magic” in particular areas, they are attracted to the sound of rushing water, lay pipes to lower water but the beaver won’t notice the lowered water level because of the lack of sound

b) Could cause the impoundment to expand which is often not favorable in urban or urban adjacent areas

7. Erik has received two communications reporting beaver activity and concerns

B. EPA Public Engagement Message

1. If there are matters endangering the public sphere

2. The EPA will have a finding meeting to take a look at the issue

3. Boston Globe reported that the EPA was considering taking a look at leaded fuels at small airports near cities

4. FAA policy is that they pay for the first tank but you have to pay for additional tanks

C. BCC November Meeting is not posted online

D. Climate post-COP 28

1. General disappointment in outcomes and goals

E. UNE community-based projects for senior capstone projects

1. They are not collecting data but are writing reports, synthesizing data, or creating outreach materials

2. Project Ideas –

a) GIS mapping projects

b) Land use + conservation mailers

c) Developers guide for conservation in Biddeford

d) Political history of Thacher Brook

e) Looking at the remaining large blocks of undeveloped land

3. Next steps – Erik will send Pam a list of ideas, ideally she can attend the next meeting

F. Website content -

1. How will people engage with the site:

a) How do we want people to use our site

b) If I have land and want to put it in conversation

c) If I think there is a beaver somewhere – what are the options?

d) Developer – how to engage with Biddeford

2. Richard would like the site to be a close reflection of the BCC charter

3. Richard and Erik to get a mostly final draft of the site layout so we can try to approve in January

G. Mobile Home Park Overlay

1. Last planning board meeting there was a workshop discussion at the request of the developer

a) Developer has changed the project significantly

b) Expected to submit a final in the New Year

H. River Monitoring Updates

1. Limit sampling to two water bodies

2. Preview swamp pond brook monitoring was 2005 and in only one area

3. Some highlighted language suggestions on doc page 9 explaining the lack of background and desire to collect data in part due to development pressures

a) 3 sampling sites on West Brook

b) 2 sampling sites on Swamp Pond Brook

4. They primarily look for data May - August

a) Monitoring once a week or every 2 weeks

5. They have specific points they measure, we could consider adding some data points if they are important to us

6. Erik as lead and POC for this project

7. Consideration of adding another spot on Swamp Pond Brook (closer to Denis' property)

IV. Other Business -

A. Recreation Commission – the director has been asked to publish meetings, still working on how and when

B. Saco watershed referenced a potentially helpful document: *Innovative Use of the State Revolving Funds for Source Water Protection*

1. Community preservation act in Massachusetts

2. Studied a couple communities, led to legislation that led to a fund for the purchase of land for conservation

3. Bring back the idea of working on a buildout scenario

4. Cost of community services study

C. Solar Farms -

1. Currently not a permitted use

2. If the Mayor wants to utilize Andrew Road for a solar site it could potentially open the flood gates for developers

a) Recommend a cap of either percentages or total acreage

b) Recommendation for priority sites (ie prioritize gravel pits over farm land)

3. Prevent sites that have been deforested within 10 years – no rights to use that area

a) Prevents people from clearcutting to make it easier in the future

D. Proactivity and planning

1. Do we want to consider having subcommittees for specific topics
2. Subjects
 - a) Gridded map of Biddeford to think about conservation land in each quadrant of the city to assess ratios of conservation
 - b) GIS maps – ag soil clarity
 - c) Climate Action Plan
 - d) Clifford Park -
 - (1) Trail traffic
 - (2) Trash
 - (3) Critters
 - (4) Dogs
 - (5) Signage
 - (6) Conserving the park

V. Next meeting 1.22.24

VI. *Motion to adjourn - E. Heumiller 8:14p*

A. Second P. Robbins

1. No discussion

B. Unanimous

Agendas, Minutes, and Videos
[[link current meeting archive](#)]

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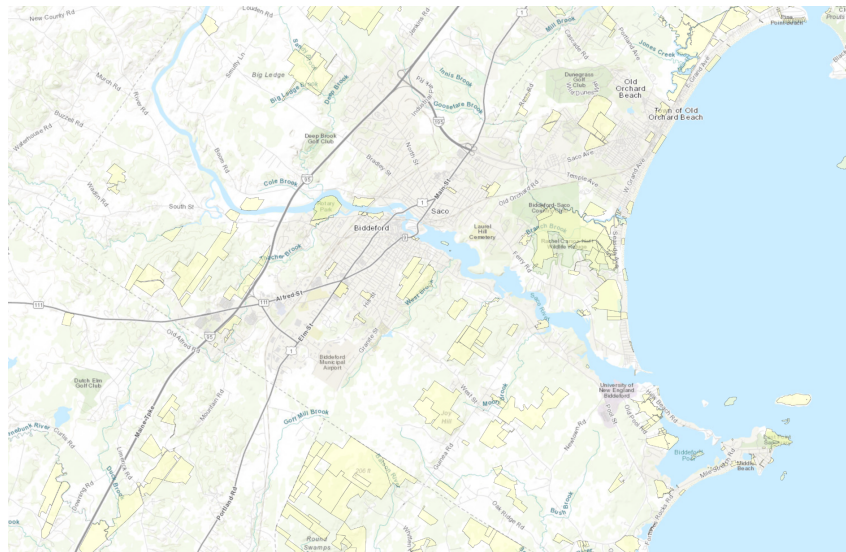
Conservation Easement
Checklist
[[PDF download](#)]

Village Mixed-Use
Subcommittee: Position Paper
[[PDF download](#)]

Biddeford Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission works to develop and maintain an index of all open areas within Biddeford, both publicly or privately owned, for the purpose of obtaining information pertinent to the proper utilization, protection, development, or use of such areas.

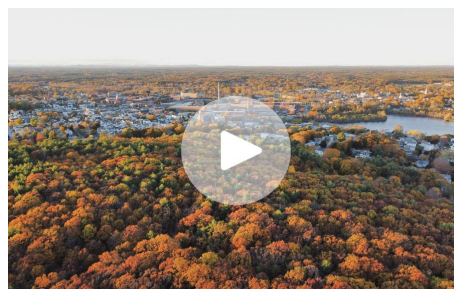
The BCC may recommend to the City Council or any body politic or public agency of the state a program for the better utilization, protection, development or use of such areas, which should include perpetual protection through conservation easements. ([Email Us](#))

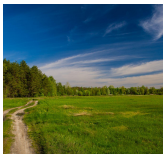


This includes farm and forest land, open marshlands, swamps, vernal pools, other wetlands and water bodies, and wildlife habitats — especially large unfragmented blocks.

Biddeford is comprised of XXXX acres, and just XXX acres of that land have some type of conservation easement. That's only 3% of our land.

Understanding Our Ecosystem



	What Does the BCC Do?  [PDF #1]	Development Considerations  [PDF #2]	Biddeford's Conservation Stats  [PDF #3]
	Curious About a Conservation Easement? Reference this PDF for an overview of the process and steps you can take to add all or part of your land into conservation. [PDF image links to full document]		
	Looking Ahead to Biddeford's Future Looking to Biddeford's 2023 Comprehensive Plan, we've identified key areas we can focus on to ensure the health of our community, our ecosystems, and wildlife habitats across Biddeford as we look to increase the amount of land in conservation from roughly 3% to 10% by 2030. Future Land Use - TBD Recreation & Open Space - TBD Agriculture & Forestry - TBD Watersheds - TBD Marine Resources - TBD Many of the factors we're focused on have both direct and indirect links to climate change, and we're working to understand and collaborate on these issues to ensure a bright future for Biddeford. For more information, you can visit the Biddeford Climate Task Force .		

Conservation Partners

If you're interested in learning about conservation easements, or other options for your land that don't involve development — explore these organizations:



Biddeford Pool Conservation Trust



Saco Valley Land Trust (sacovalleylandtrust.org)



MAINE FARMLAND TRUST
Maine Farmland Trust (mainefarmlandtrust.org)



Maine Woodland Owners (mainewoodlandowners.org)



York County Soil and Water Conservation District (yorkswcd.org)
Contact Melissa Brandt at 207-324-8888

Resources

- [Maine's Current Land Use Program](#)
- Guide to Environmentally-Friendly Home Care (**in progress**)
- [Best Management Practices for the Application of Turf Pesticides and Fertilizers \(PDF\)](#)
- [10 Simple Steps to a Safe and Healthy Lawn](#)
- [7 Questions You Should Ask Your Lawn Care Company](#)
- [The Biddeford YardSmart Pledge](#)
- [Maine Yardscaping Partnership](#)

Definitions

Conservation Easement

A conservation easement is a voluntary, legal agreement that permanently limits uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values. A conservation easement is one option to protect a property for future generations.

Agricultural Land/Soil

"Agricultural land" or "Agricultural soil" means any land in Maine which is used or capable of use without substantial modification for production of agriculturally related products including, but not limited to, crops, livestock, poultry, dairy products and sod.

A Forever Farm

A program of the Maine Farmland Trust (MFT), a "Forever Farm" designates a farm in Maine that has permanently protected its land.

Open Space

Open space includes all unbuilt areas, whether publicly or privately owned, protected or unprotected. Open space lands include forests and grasslands, farms and ranches, streams and rivers, and parks. They provide ecosystem services, support agricultural and forest production, and offer opportunities for recreation.

Wildlife Corridor

A strip of natural habitat connecting populations of wildlife otherwise separated by cultivated land, developments, roads, etc. Necessary for the migration of wildlife to avoid mortality from cars and interactions with humans.

Working Woodlands or Working Forest

This refers to forestland carefully managed to supply a steady, renewable supply of wood for lumber, energy, paper and packaging, and more. In Maine, this is supported by a program that reduces taxes for landowners who enroll in the Current Use Tax Program. (needs link)

The Commission consists of seven commissioners, each appointed for a five-year term. Contact the Commission:

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The Work of the Biddeford Conservation Commission

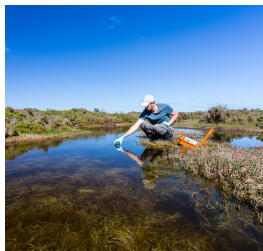
OUR CHARTER

The Conservation Commission, or committee thereof, shall keep an index of all open areas, publically or privately owned, within the municipality, including farm and forest land, open marshlands, swamps, vernal pools, other wetlands and water bodies, wildlife habitats, especially large unfragmented blocks, for the purpose of obtaining information pertinent to proper utilization, protection, development or use of such open areas, and may recommend to the City Council or any body politic or public agency of the state a program for the better utilization, protection, development or use of such areas, which should include perpetual protection through conservation easements.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

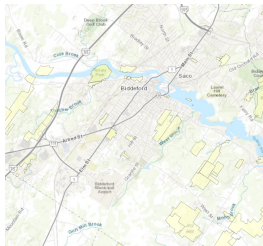
The Conservation Commission advises the City of Biddeford on issues related to wildlife, habitat, and land use across all of Biddeford to ensure a balance between the needs of our residents and the ecosystem in which we live.

This work breaks down into:



Research

We organize volunteer studies or contract independent ecologists to capture data about wildlife, plant species, water quality and more. This gives the City up-to-date information that can be compared to previous years to better understand trends and impacts to our natural spaces.



Documentation

We catalog land, water, and wildlife in Biddeford to develop a comprehensive understanding of Biddeford's ecosystem and the needs of each of these elements and our community as a whole.



Evaluation

We aid the City in reviewing proposals for development to consider impacts on important wildlife and habitat. We also identify opportunities to preserve land or provide public access to land and water.



Recommendations

We make strategic recommendations for the preservation of important natural resources on public or private lands — and we encourage partnerships with residents, non-profit organizations, and city officials to ensure the Biddeford of the future has a healthy and happy ecosystem.

Some of what we're looking to understand:

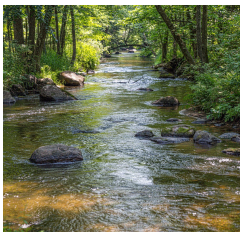
Diverse Ecosystems Across Biddeford



Wildlife Habitat & Movement



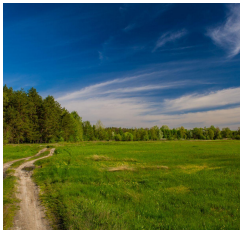
Watersheds & Water Quality



Development's Contribution to Climate Change



Agriculture Soils & Land Use



Public Access to Green Spaces



Why it's so important:

Understanding the land and resources we have allows the City of Biddeford to properly evaluate development proposals and make decisions based on the needs of today with the needs of the future. It also helps the City make decisions about changes to zoning and land use.

As a city grows, it's important to not only provide access to affordable housing but to ensure that development happens in strategic areas that do not negatively impact our environment and the lands, waters, wildlife, and all the ways they work together — that ultimately make the area we live in so special.

Questions?

You can contact the Conservation Commission at: conservationcommission@biddefordmaine.org

Development Considerations & Conservation Planning



The Conservation Commission assists in reviewing and commenting on development proposals for potential impacts or areas of opportunity to add land into conservation.

What follows are some of the considerations we use when looking at these proposals, and we encourage developers, or land owners thinking about development, to consider these elements and impacts — and to plan development in ways that minimize impacts on wildlife and the ecosystem.

Wildlife

Biddeford is home to a number of species of significant interest, and it's important to consider the needs and locations of these species when planning development.

- Blandings Turtle
- Spotted Turtle
- Native Brook Trout
- Cottontail Rabbits
- Salamanders

Wildlife Corridors

The boundaries of zoning, parcels, and roadways don't matter to wildlife, and it's important to understand the movements and needs of certain species to allow for connection between green spaces instead of dividing them with homes and roads that will increase wildlife mortality and have negative impacts on our ecosystem as a whole.

This can require not just looking at your parcel, but also those surrounding it, and considering how and where wildlife will need to migrate.

If there are wetlands and vernal pools on either side of your parcel, it's likely that turtle populations migrate between them in a direct path, making that area less ideal for development.

Habitat

Our ecosystem is comprised of pockets of different species scattered throughout what we call Biddeford. Certain plant populations thrive in one area, but not another. And these plants become food sources, shelter, and more for a variety of wildlife — each shifting with the seasons.

Waterways & Runoff

Chemical runoff from fertilizer or parking lots, combined with erosion from faster-moving water can degrade the water quality of brooks and streams — reducing the oxygen and increasing the temperature — making the water uninhabitable for native brook trout which were once thriving in all of our local watersheds.

Wintering Areas

The cold and deep snow provide challenges for deer and other species in the winter months. Areas dense with conifer trees provide areas the wildlife can find protection, with less snow on the ground and warmer temperatures from the dark foliage absorbing heat from the sun. These trees can also provide sustenance as deer will consume the bark.

Wetlands

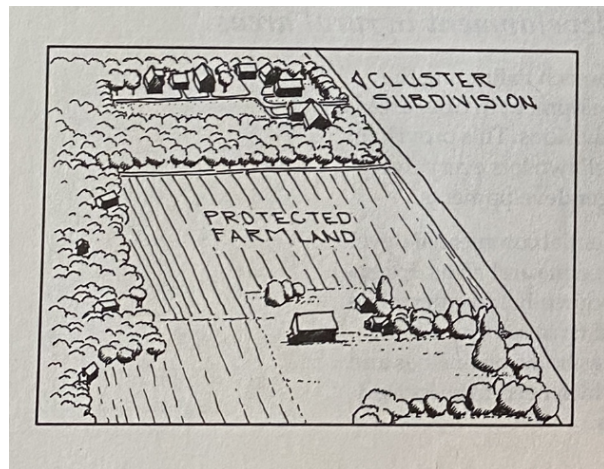
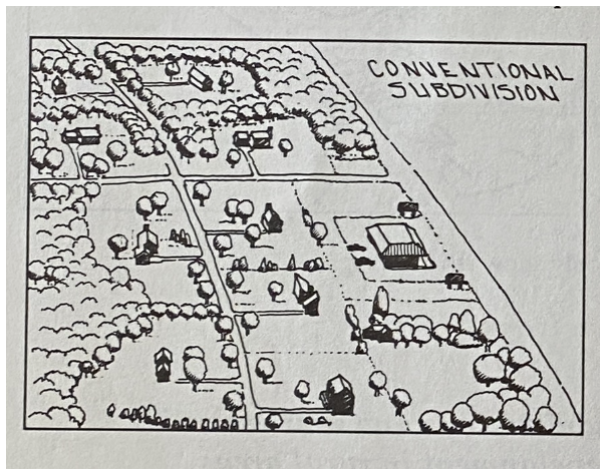
By nature, these areas don't make for great development, but they do make for a great ecosystem. Many of the species of interest seek out these spaces, so it's important to give buffers to wetlands, and they create great opportunities for conservation easements as part of broader development plans.

Farmland

Biddeford is home to a large portion of prime agricultural soils that are of statewide significance. However, many of these soils have already been developed within our city — degrading the soil quality and reducing the availability of land for agricultural use, which ultimately makes Biddeford less resilient and removes economic opportunities for residents.

Cluster Developments

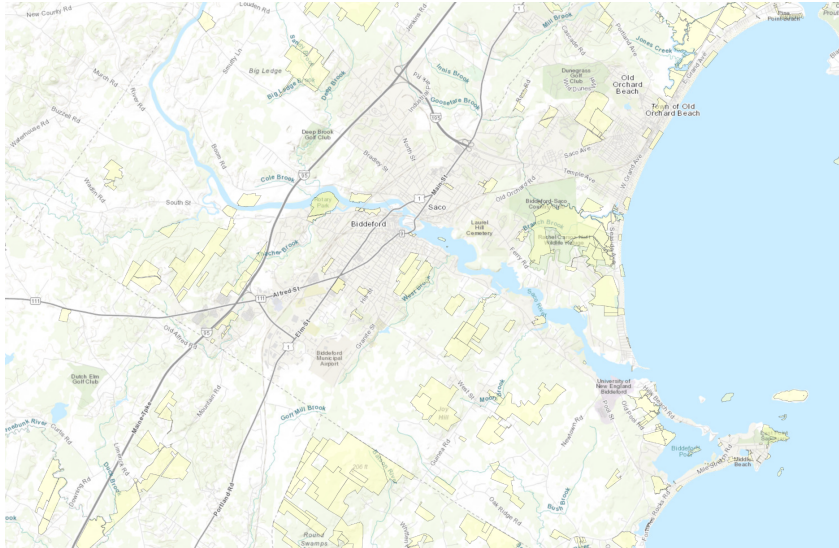
When developing on agricultural or forest land, we strongly encourage cluster developments — intentionally clustering homes in one section of the acreage allowed, instead of spreading out and developing all that's allowed by zoning — reducing sprawl and preserving the overall character of the land.



Setbacks & Buffers

There are legal setbacks and buffers in place to protect watersheds, but we encourage developers to consider doing more than just the legal limits - really thinking about their specific parcel of land, the development plans, and trying to ensure they are actually protecting the health of our waters — not just checking a box on a form.

Biddeford - Conservation by the Numbers



Things to showcase in this PDF:

1. Map(s) of Biddeford showing various overlays that are relevant to conservation, biodiversity, watersheds, etc.
 - Land in conservation
 - Farmland soils with development overlays
 - Map of the watersheds and brooks
 - High growth areas
 - Areas of opportunity for conservation
2. Stats about acreage in Biddeford and the current land usage for:
 - Agricultural use
 - Working woods/forestry
 - Livestock/equestrian uses
 - Recreational use
 - Wildlife conservation
 - etc.
3. Talk about the rate of growth and development
 - Development trends over the last 10-20 years
 - Conservation trends over the same time period
 - Projected growth over the next 10-20 years
4. Testimonials from different types of landowners that have put land in conservation
 - A private resident
 - Saco Valley Land Trust
 - Someone from the City
 - A developer (possibly Andrews Road?)