



# Squam Creek Preserve Campaign



## Features

- 144 Acres ±
- 3,300 feet of frontage on Squam Creek
- Extensive wetland habitat, judged most valuable on Westport Island. Productive oyster and clam harvesting
- Protects habitat for shellfish, marine birds and endangered Atlantic salmon. Largest deer wintering area on the island
- Contains mature mixed forest and superior farmland soils
- Extensive recreation trails for hiking, hunting, cross country skiing and snowmobiling
- Car-top boat launch sites

Westport Island is located within the Kennebec Estuary and separated from the mainland by three important tidal rivers: the Sheepscot, the Back and the Sasanoa. Westport Island is rich with fishing and recreational opportunities, which drive the local economy, enhance the health of the community, and attract residents and visitors from near and far. On Westport Island lies a 144-acre property that is one of the largest undeveloped coastal parcels remaining on the island. This property lies at the nexus of three Conservation Focus Areas of regional and statewide significance: it is part of the Kennebec Estuary Focus Area, the Lower Sheepscot Focus Area to the north, and Hockomock Bay Focus Area to the south. Protection of this property will enhance these ongoing conservation efforts involving several federal, state and non-profit partners.

The Westport Island property has three important conservation characteristics making it worth preserving: extensive wetlands, wildlife habitat, and recreation. First, the property features a significant wetland complex surrounded by continuous forest. This wetland complex serves as valuable habitat for inland waterfowl, wading birds, deer and moose and is a rich shellfish habitat. Oysters are harvested in Squam Creek. In addition, the Kennebec Estuary supports federally endangered Atlantic salmon and short-nosed sturgeon. Finally, the property supports equally diverse recreational opportunities: an extensive trail system provides access for hiking, biking, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing. On the property is a rooftop boat launch that provides one of the only public access points on the lower Sheepscot River. If conserved, these recreational opportunities will be a permanent part of life on Westport Island.

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The Town of Westport Island has deemed this property a high conservation priority because of its importance to water quality protection, wildlife habitat, and recreational potential. If a conservation outcome is successful, the property will be owned and managed by the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust to protect these resources now – and into the future.

We plan to raise significant funds through an existing federal grant and generous matching gifts, but we need your generous gift to help us reach our goal!

## The Conservation Opportunity

The Town of Westport Island has a unique, one-time opportunity to permanently conserve this valuable property

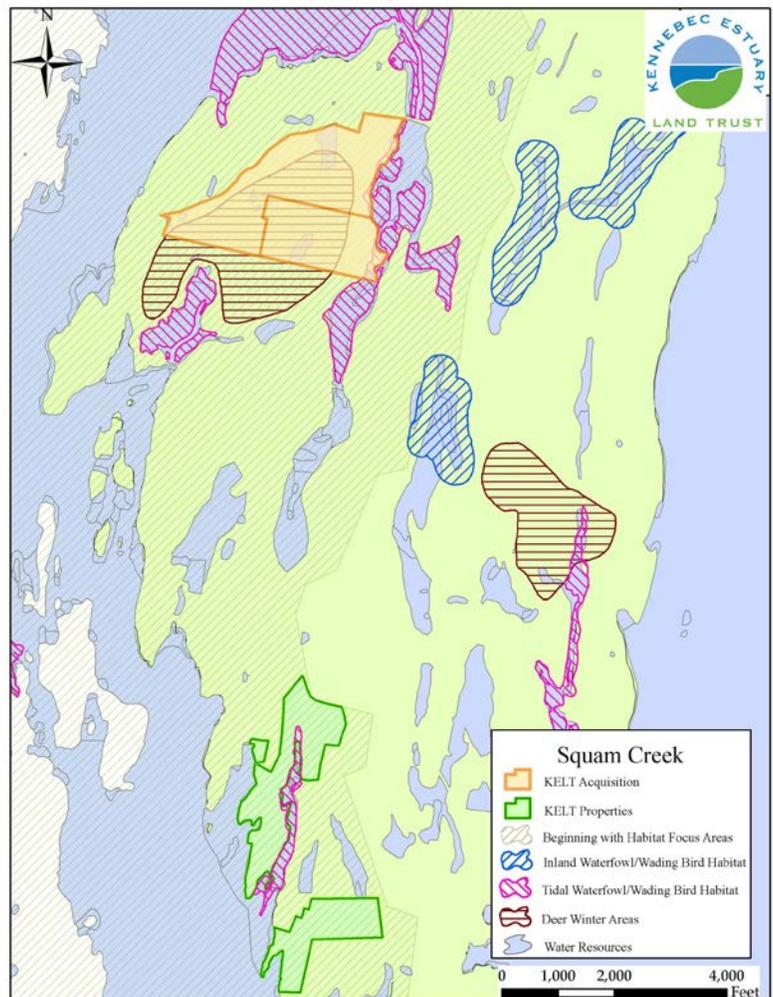
### Project Needs

\$511,000	Appraised Value of the Land
\$25,000	Transaction Costs and Stewardship Fund
<b>\$536,000</b>	<b>Total Project</b>

### Project Funding Sources

\$111,000	Bargain Sale
\$150,000	KELT Grant
\$120,000	Challenge Gifts
\$155,000	Community Campaign Match
<b>\$536,000</b>	<b>Total Funding Needed</b>

**Please Join Us Now!**



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