



Isinglass River – Regional Significance

- 1 of 14 rivers designated in the state's Rivers Management Protection Program
- Highest water quality of any river in the Great Bay watershed
- Listed as a conservation priority in the Strafford Master Plan
- NH Coastal Plan identified this area as a conservation focus area
- NH Fish & Game Wildlife Action Plan ranked this area as one of the most significant habitats at the regional scale
- Bear-Paw co-occurrence mapping scored the Isinglass River corridor very highly



“Pig Lane Tract”
287 acre focus property of the Isinglass River Corridor Project:


“Boulders of Strafford” subdivision proposal threatened the 1,700 + acre unfragmented, open space block

•7,800 feet of frontage on the Isinglass River

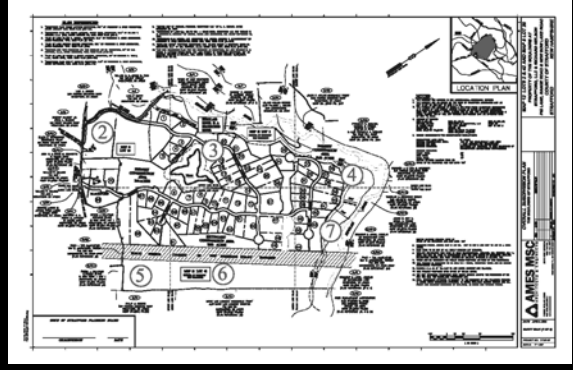
•2008 Biothon tallied more species diversity than any other site in NH - 377 species!

•22 vernal pools, woodcock habitat, large beaver flowage, trout fishery

•Public recreation



Boulders of Strafford Open Space Plan



**Project Funding – Bottom Line
\$1.59 Million**

- \$1.2 million Coastal Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) - ranked 1st in the country!
- Strafford contributed \$150,000 toward the purchase price from the conservation fund
- Grants: McIninch and Fuller Foundations, NH Estuaries Program, Moose Plate, Fields Pond
- Private Fundraising

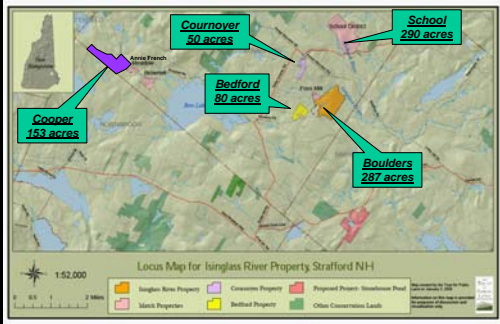


**Generous Conservation Gifts Provided
more than \$1 million in “non-cash match”**

- Bedford – gift of land & conservation easement 80 acres; \$300,000
- Cooper – gift of conservation easement 153 acres; \$365,000
- Cournoyer – gift of conservation easement 50 acres; \$150,000
- School Property – gift of conservation easement 290 acres; \$300,000



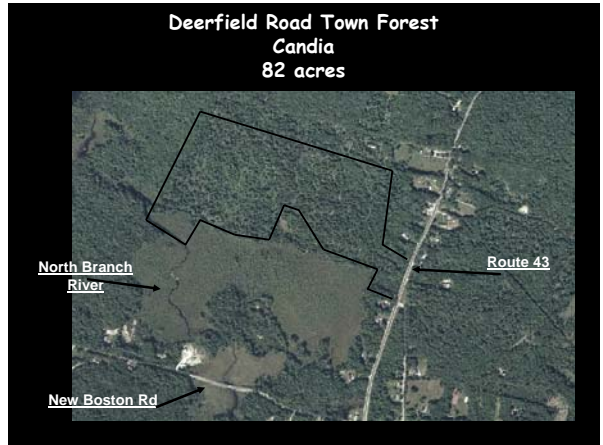
The Big Picture



The Isinglass River Corridor Project

- Permanently conserved more than 868 acres
- Established the *Isinglass River Conservation Reserve* with two new town-owned parcels, the Bedford & Pig Lane tracts, totaling 367 acres and nearly 2 miles of river frontage
- Leveraged Strafford's \$150,000 contribution by nearly 10:1 with \$1.44 million in combined federal (CELCP), grants and private donations







Candia/Hooksett Clay Pond Walk



2008 Annual Meeting



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Vernal Pool Walk



Bird Walk



Biothon



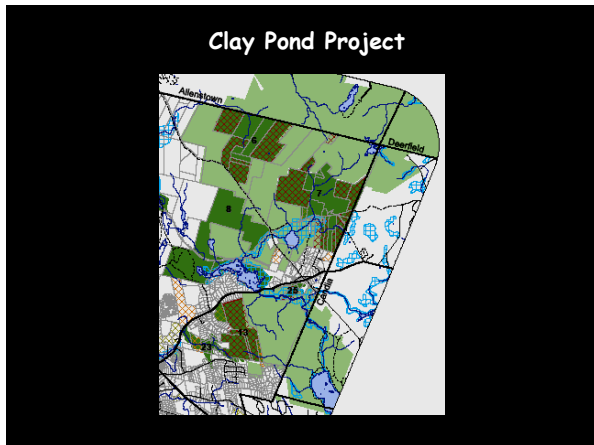
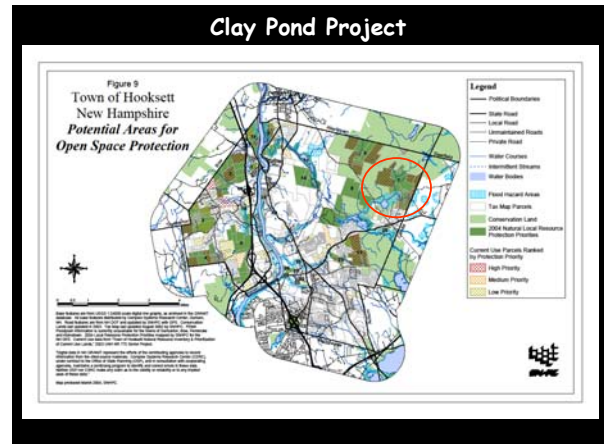
Freese Town Forest Walk, Deerfield



New Member Walk, Strafford



PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2009



Clay Pond Highlights

- Partnership Project with Hooksett & Bear-Paw
- 275 acres strategically located in 18,000 unfragmented block
- Abuts Bear Brook State Park & Manchester H2O Works Lands
- Successful LCHIP & DES Funding grants

Hooksett Property - 2005 Aerial View

