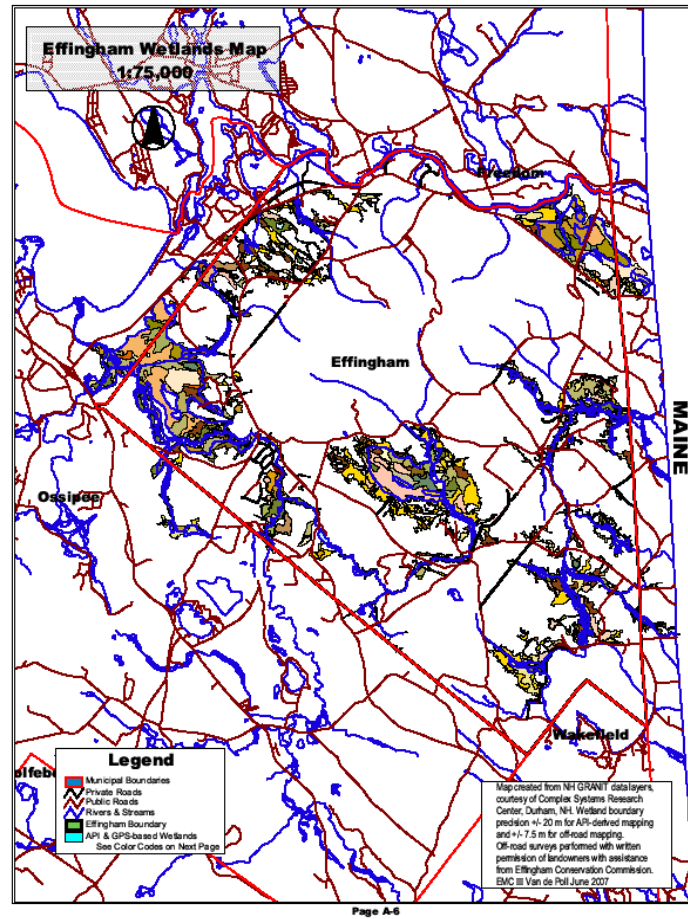


Our activities include:

- Working with landowners on wetland permitting projects & reviewing wetland permits
- Advising the Town Select & Planning Boards on natural resource issues
- Managing Town conservation properties
- Coordinating an annual Town roadside clean-up
- Sponsoring an annual Earth Day poster contest at Effingham Elementary School
- Monitoring our lakes & rivers for invasive plants
- Providing outreach & education on our natural resources
- Maintaining a Town natural resource inventory
- Assisting State environmental agencies with Effingham issues



Effingham Conservation Commission meets at the Town Offices on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Please come to one of our meetings and consider joining your Town's conservation commission.

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Effingham Conservation Commission

Working to preserve, protect and properly utilize our natural resources for present and future residents of Effingham

Our natural resources in Effingham include:

Water:

- Rivers & Brooks-South, Ossipee & Pine Rivers; Phillips, Leavitt, Flanders, Hodgedon, Mastin, Red, & Wilkinson Brooks
- Wetlands-approximately 22% of Effingham is wetland (see map)
- Underground water-part of Effingham is located on the Ossipee Aquifer-one of the largest aquifers in the Northeast
- Lakes & Ponds-Province & Ossipee Lakes, Hutchins & Chalk Ponds

Wildlife and their habitats:

- Abundant species of mammals, birds, reptiles and fish including rare species are found in Effingham
- Green Mountain provides diverse habitats for many animal species
- Wilkinson Swamp is also an exemplary example of good habitat

Working forests and farms:

- Approximately 37.9% of Effingham is forested, 1.1% is agricultural
- Our forests and farms provide jobs, local food, products and services to the community
- Reduces our Town service costs over more developed towns

What we can do to help our natural resources:

- Always remember our drinking water is precious and needs to be conserved
- Protect resources on your own property by providing habitat for wildlife
- Use native plants in landscaping to maximize wildlife value and avoid planting invasive species
- Implement Best Management Practices for farming, forestry, road building and site work
- Avoid using chemical lawn and gardening products or disposing of any harmful chemicals particularly near any water areas
- Get involved in local planning and Town government to help protect natural resources
- Consider a conservation easement or establish Current Use for your property
- When possible, buy locally