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Hemlock Island Donated to Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation

Addison, Maine: Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation announced today that it received the donation of Hemlock Island which is located at the mouth of Long Cove in Pleasant Bay.

Hemlock is a small island of about 5 acres located on the east side of the channel that leads up the Pleasant River estuary to Addison. It is a near-shore island located about 300' off Long Point on the mainland at the mouth of Long Cove. However, because the mainland cuts abruptly away from the island to form Long Cove the island feels more remote. The water depths at low tide vary from exposed mud flats along the eastern shore to 18 feet \pm deep along the western side. The frontage itself consists exclusively of rocks and broken ledges that drop down to the water.

The island's topography is quite irregular with a very steep rise to a grassy knoll at its center. There are attractive views in all directions, with particularly good views from the top of the knoll. The island is thickly vegetated with tree growth including mature birch and softwood trees and some thick alder growth on the southern part of the island.

Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation's mission is to protect wildlife habitat in the estuaries in Downeast Maine with a particular emphasis on habitat for waterfowl and shorebirds. Because of its high value wildlife habitat Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation and its partners in the Heads of the Estuaries Partnership have identified the protection of the entirety of Long Cove as a top priority. Protection of Hemlock Island is an important step in that direction. The island becomes the third important property on Long Cove that is protected.



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