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## PRWF Purchases Long Creek Point

**Addison, Maine:** Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation announced today that it has purchased Long Creek Point, in Addison, an 11 acre point with over 2,000 feet of frontage on the northern shore of Long Cove on the eastern side of Pleasant Bay.

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. PRWF has selected Long Cove as an area that is critical to protect and hopes that eventually the entire cove can be put into conservation.

According to a recent US Fish & Wildlife Service study, Long Cove provides important habitat for over half of the species of birds that are endangered, threatened or in decline in the Gulf of Maine. It is particularly critical as a resting and feeding area for black ducks and many shore birds. The uplands around the cove have excellent habitat for woodcock as well as for deer, bear and moose. There are also two eagles nests near Long Cove.

The previous owner intended to subdivide the property but houses built on Long Creek Point would have had negative consequences for wildlife. When houses are built close to the shore people and pets scare away both shorebirds and ducks. Preventing the development of Long Creek Point provides the birds with an undisturbed place to rest and feed.

With the purchase of Long Creek Point public access to Long Cove has been assured. A gravel road leads directly to the property and from there clammers and wormers can access the cove on foot. It is also possible to hand-carry small boats to the shore providing access for people who want to launch canoes or kayaks to explore the surrounding waters.



*Long Creek Point in Long Cove*

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