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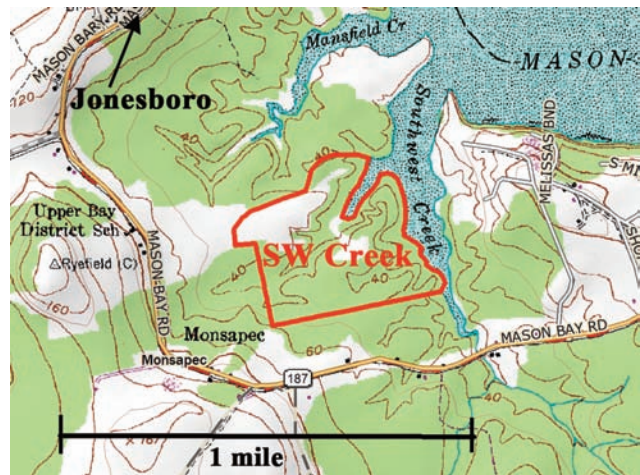
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## PRWF Acquires 66-acre Property on Southwest Creek in Jonesport, Maine

**Addison, Maine:** Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation announced the purchase of 66 upland acres and 29 acres of wetlands on Southwest Creek at the upper end of Mason Bay in Jonesport, Maine. John Marshall, President of the Foundation stated, “We are delighted to acquire this exceptional property as part of a concerted effort to protect Mason Bay’s exceptional wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. We are grateful for the support of all of our partners.”

Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation is a Maine land trust working to protect wildlife habitat on the Downeast Coast and committed to preserving traditional public access for residents and visitors. PRWF is a leader in the Heads of the Estuaries Partnership, a collaboration of local land trusts and governmental agencies working together to protect the important intertidal and nearby freshwater habitats of southwestern Washington County.

The bulk of the funding needed to acquire the Southwest Creek property came from the National Coastal Wetlands Grant Program and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grants Program, both programs of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Our Heads of the Estuaries Partners, The Nature Conservancy, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Ducks Unlimited and the Downeast Coastal Conservancy provided important contributions. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Gulf of Maine Coastal Program and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife also played key roles in supporting the project.



*New PRWF property on  
Southwest Creek in Jonesport*



*Southwest Creek  
near the top of the tide*



Mason Bay, which straddles the Jonesboro/Jonesport town line, is 1½ miles long and ½ mile wide, with four substantial creeks draining into the bay and nearly 500 acres of saltmarshes and tidal mudflats. The bay and its surrounding uplands provide exceptional habitat for migratory and wintering waterfowl, shorebirds, bald

eagles, woodcock and sea-run brook trout. It's a popular spot for bird watchers who have documented at least 16 species of shorebirds and 17 species of waterfowl using the area.

In reflecting on the values of the Southwest Creek parcel, Marshall remarked, “The property supports large populations of waterfowl. Mason Bay’s habitat for over-wintering black ducks is particularly impressive because the bay rarely freezes over, providing the ducks with rare and critical feeding grounds, even in bitter cold winter. In early fall hundreds of migrating shorebirds stage here, fattening up for their annual voyage south. Extensive meadows and forested uplands provide habitat for songbirds, grouse, wild turkeys and raptors as well as deer, moose and bear.”

Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation welcomes visitors who come to enjoy the Southwest Creek property for traditional “leave-no-trace” uses such as hiking, nature observation and hunting..



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