



# SALMON FALLS TIDAL WATERS PROJECT

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The Salmon Falls Tidal Waters (SFTW) project is an effort to conserve a unique and stunning 79 acres of land and tidal waters with a quarter mile of shore frontage on the Salmon Falls River, just downstream from Vaughan Woods and Hamilton House in South Berwick. A part of the largest unfragmented habitat block with coastal frontage south of Portland, the SFTW project is a truly critical component of South Berwick's ongoing commitment to land conservation on the Salmon Falls River, initiated in 1949. This is a landscape-scale opportunity to protect the largest remaining coastal tract of land within the Maine portion of the estuary—for everyone, forever.

## PROJECT FINANCES

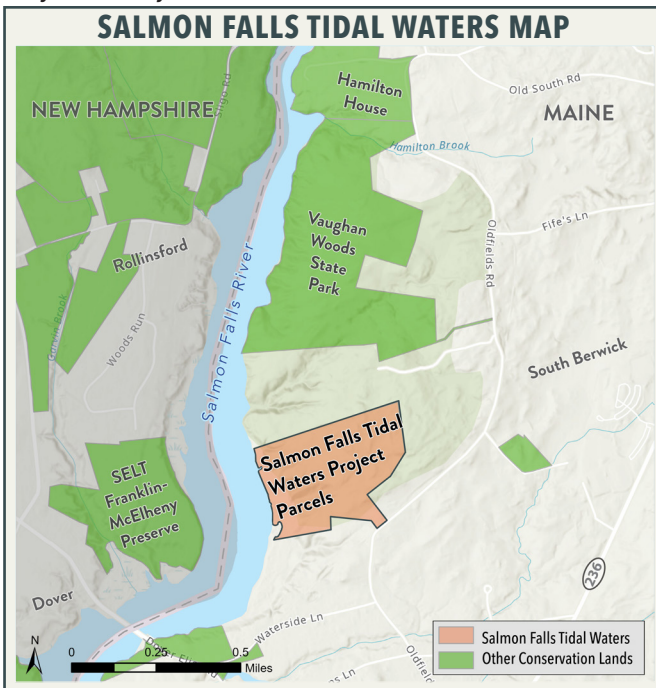
<b>Total Funding Required.....</b>	<b>\$2,241,100</b>
<b>Total Money Raised.....</b>	<b>\$1,819,704</b>
<b>Pending Funds.....</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Remaining Need.....</b>	<b>\$421,396</b>

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## This land includes:

- **63 acres** of forested uplands with rolling topography and views over the river
- **9 acres** of salt marsh
- **7 acres** of tidal mudflats
- **¼ mile** of frontage along the Salmon Falls River
- **2.5 acres** of wildlife meadow
- **19th century** stone walls delineating former pastureland boundaries
- **A 200-year-old** white oak tree
- **Mature pines** and mast trees
- **Perching and nesting habitat** for Bald Eagles and other raptors
- **Immeasurable** value to biodiversity, water quality, and preservation of our local natural and cultural history



**UNLESS CONSERVED NOW, THIS LAND WILL OTHERWISE BE DEVELOPED.**

**SALMON FALLS TIDAL WATERS PROJECT PARTNERS**



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHY IS THE SALMON FALLS TIDAL WATERS (SFTW) PROJECT IMPORTANT?

This project sits just down the road from Vaughan Woods State Park, in South Berwick, ME along the Salmon Falls River within the Piscataqua River Estuary. This project will complement the State Park by providing more opportunities in this beautiful area of Maine. Conserving land in this area creates an opportunity for the protection of wildlife and habitat as well as coastal water resources, leading to coastal resilience, and climate adaptation. In an increasingly developed region, it is rare to find a shoreline and upland landscape that mirrors previous centuries.



Forest Corridor Within The Salmon Falls Tidal Waters Project Site

## WHAT HAPPENS IF GWRLT CANNOT MAKE ITS FUNDRAISING GOALS?

The owners will continue with their development/sales plans. Public access will be lost. The undeveloped views from the River and the Rt 101 bridge will be lost. Important shoreline habitats will likely be degraded in their ability to support the wildlife and fish we have all enjoyed.



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## DOES THE LAND TRUST PAY PROPERTY TAXES?

Yes, we do—we consider it our civic duty as members of the community to do so.

## WILL HUNTING BE ALLOWED?

Yes. Hunting is one of the traditional uses that the land trust works hard to preserve. Working with partners, the GWRLT has secured thousands of acres for hunting in our region, following town and state rules.

## HOW CAN I HELP?

We are seeking private contributions to this project that will support acquisition of land, trail building and long-term land management. To contribute funds or to get more information, please reach out to us by phone or email (see below).

### SFTW Project Financing Overview

**\$1,819,704**

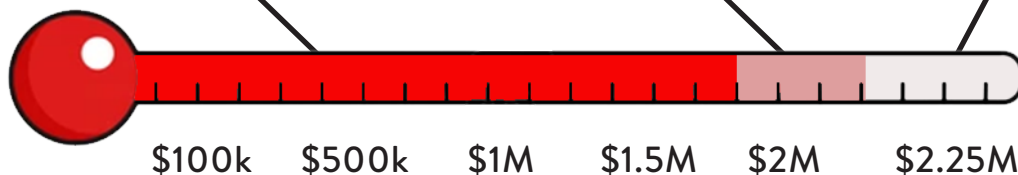
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Pending Funds [excluded in project need]

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Remaining Need



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