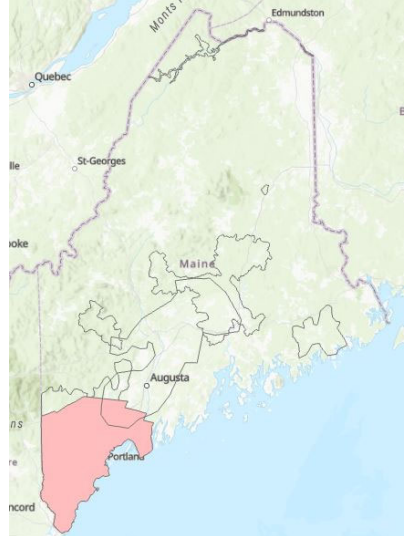
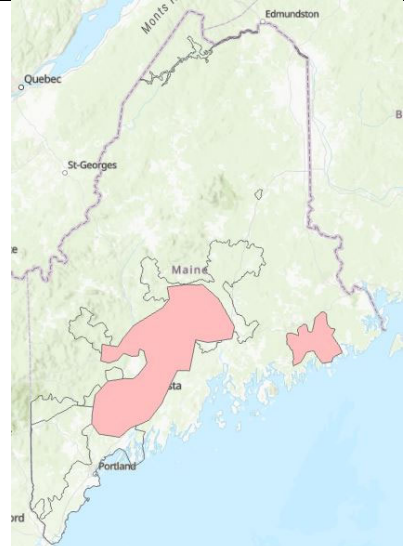
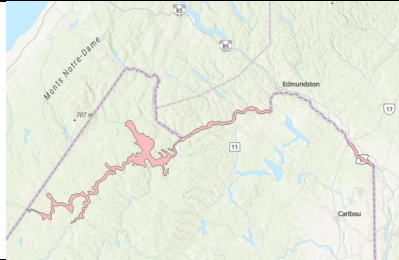
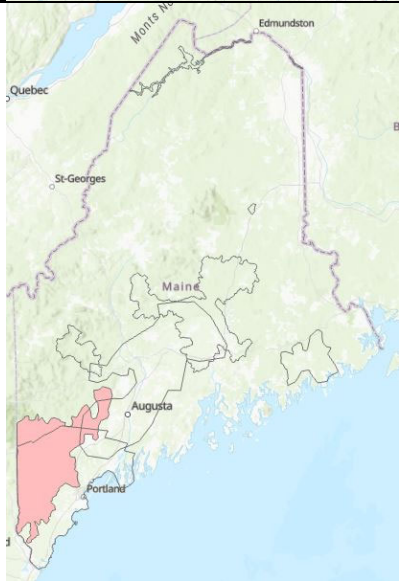

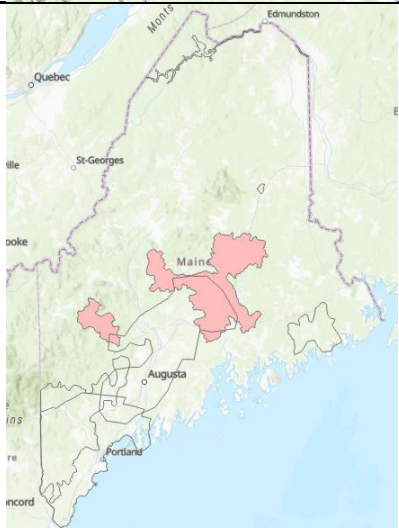


## US Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program: Voluntary Habitat Restoration Matters

The US Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides technical, funding, and construction assistance to private landowners and federally recognized tribes to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on their property. All Partners projects are voluntary and custom-designed to meet landowners' needs. Participating landowners retain all property rights and are not required to allow public access.

With approximately 95% of land in Maine privately owned, Maine landowners are in a unique position to make major impacts on wildlife habitat restoration and conservation. In Maine, six Partners focus areas have been identified to target specific habitats or species. If your property or project falls outside of these focus areas, you may still be able to receive assistance. Contact Maine Field Office biologist Hannah Mullally for more information and to discuss project opportunities: [hannah\\_mullally@fws.gov](mailto:hannah_mullally@fws.gov), (207) 405-4349.

Focus Area	Location	Description
Northeast Turtles		Efforts in this focus area will be centered on conservation and restoration of habitat for state endangered <b><i>Blanding's turtle</i></b> and <b><i>box turtle</i></b> , state threatened <b><i>spotted turtle</i></b> , and <b><i>wood turtle</i></b> . Activities in this area will include wetland and vernal pool conservation, turtle nesting habitat restoration, and riparian restoration.
Native Pollinators		Focus species are the federally endangered <b><i>rusty patched bumble bee</i></b> and federal candidate <b><i>monarch butterfly</i></b> . Priority actions in this location are implementing integrated pest management to minimize focus species' exposure to pesticide applications and establish native vegetation to support pollinators throughout the year.

St. John River		This location hosts the only known population of the federally endangered <b><i>Furbish's lousewort</i></b> , which is the focal species for the area. Priority activities in this focus area will be restoring riparian buffers and removing invasive species.
Northeast Highlands		The Northeastern Highlands Focus Area contains a high diversity of habitats with numerous rare species and natural communities. The focus species is the <b><i>small whorled pogonia</i></b> , a federally threatened orchid that occurs in mixed-deciduous or mixed-deciduous/coniferous forest in second- or third-growth successional stages of at least 75 years old.
Crystal Bog		This area comprises the only known occurrence of <b><i>eastern prairie fringed orchid</i></b> in Maine. Activities in this area will include prescribed burning in the dormant season, restoration of hydrology, and invasive species removal.
Diadromous Fish		This focus area includes portions of the Penobscot and Sandy River watersheds. The focal species are federally endangered <b><i>Atlantic salmon</i></b> and <b><i>alewife</i></b> . Projects in this area will include restoration of riparian habitat, aquatic connectivity, and assistance with watershed restoration plans.