

Development of Model Guidelines for Assisting Local Planning Boards with Conservation of Species of Greatest Conservation Need and their Key Habitats through Local Land Use Planning

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Project Goals

- To increase protection of SGCN and their habitats by helping planners in integrate conservation with land use planning
- To develop a toolkit for planners that provides easily accessible and understandable information

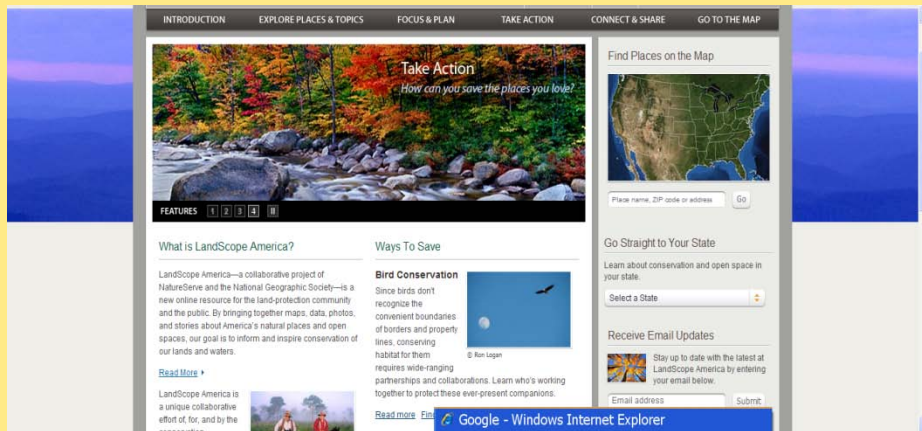


Resources for Planners

- SGCN and habitat information
- Potential funding sources for linking planning and conservation
- Model legal guidelines and ordinances in each state
- Best Management Practices

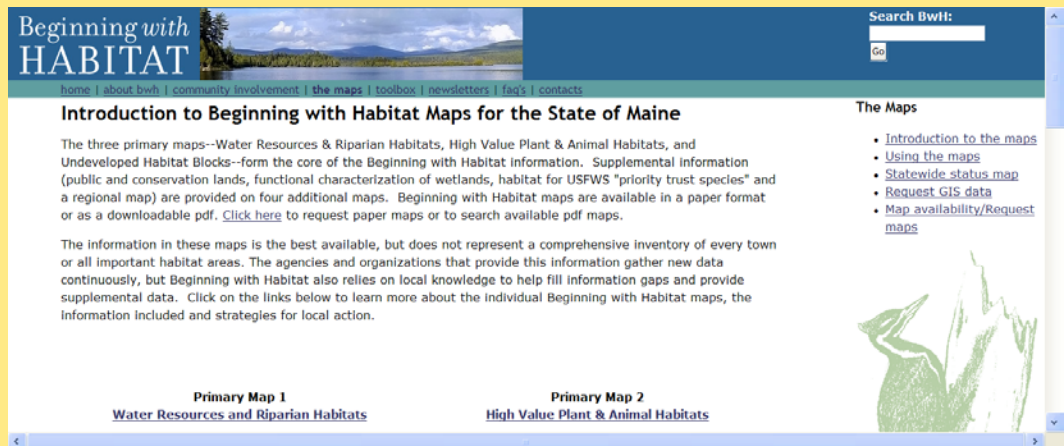
Publishing Platform

- Landscape America links to conservation planning resources in each state and nationally
- Status: demo content for VA, PA, NH available



Next Steps

- User testing of existing site
- Implement test results
- Update and improve content for VA, NH, and PA
- Load content for remaining NEAFWA states



The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'Beginning with HABITAT' website for Maine. The header features the title 'Beginning with HABITAT' and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'Introduction to Beginning with Habitat Maps for the State of Maine' and contains two paragraphs of text. The first paragraph describes the three primary maps and supplemental information. The second paragraph discusses the reliability of the information and provides links to individual maps. The footer includes two map links: 'Primary Map 1 Water Resources and Riparian Habitats' and 'Primary Map 2 High Value Plant & Animal Habitats'. A sidebar on the right lists additional resources like 'Introduction to the maps', 'Using the maps', 'Statewide status map', 'Request GIS data', and 'Map availability/Request maps'.

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Introduction to Beginning with Habitat Maps for the State of Maine

The three primary maps--Water Resources & Riparian Habitats, High Value Plant & Animal Habitats, and Undeveloped Habitat Blocks--form the core of the Beginning with Habitat information. Supplemental information (public and conservation lands, functional characterization of wetlands, habitat for USFWS "priority trust species" and a regional map) are provided on four additional maps. Beginning with Habitat maps are available in a paper format or as a downloadable pdf. [Click here](#) to request paper maps or to search available pdf maps.

The information in these maps is the best available, but does not represent a comprehensive inventory of every town or all important habitat areas. The agencies and organizations that provide this information gather new data continuously, but Beginning with Habitat also relies on local knowledge to help fill information gaps and provide supplemental data. Click on the links below to learn more about the individual Beginning with Habitat maps, the information included and strategies for local action.

Primary Map 1
[Water Resources and Riparian Habitats](#)

Primary Map 2
[High Value Plant & Animal Habitats](#)

The Maps

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