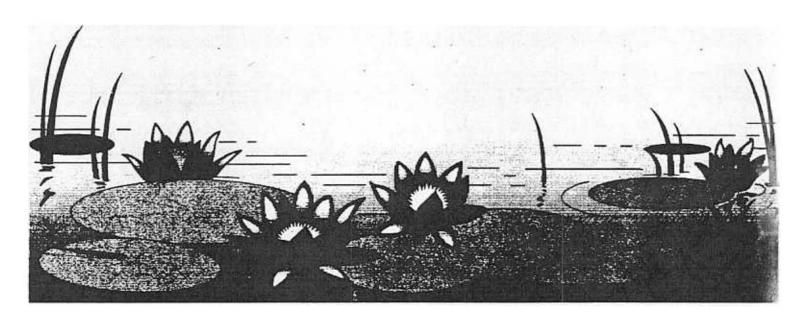


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PRIORITY WETLANDS

for the State of New Jersey



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INTRODUCTION

Background

In New Jersey the loss of wetlands has been accelerating since the mid-1800's. From 1948 to 1978 the Passaic River Basin lost nearly half of its wetlands. Twelve counties have lost more than 25% of their original complement of wetlands. Passaic, Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth, and Sussex have lost more than half. The USDA Soil Conservation Service data for hydric soils in the state show losses of 20%, not including Essex and Hudson counties which are heavily developed. To date, nearly 40% of the state's historic wetlands base has been eliminated. Half of these losses have occurred since the 1900's. Although some wetlands were created by reservoir impoundment, beaver activity, and pond construction, these gains were minimal compared to the conversion for highways, agriculture, industrial, commercial, and residential development. Only recently have wetland regulations at the federal and state levels begun to slow these losses.

Purpose

The identification of a priority wetlands list for New Jersey is part of EPA's commitment to develop a comprehensive policy framework to establish a technically sound and consistent basis for EPA positions on proposed dredged or fill material discharges into waters of the United States, including wetlands. An important step in this effort is to focus regional resources on the identification and protection of the most important wetlands in the region.

In general, the list for New Jersey recognizes those areas identified by various federal, state and private contributors which are considered to be the most important and vulnerable wetlands in the state. This is not a comprehensive inventory; rather it is a listing of areas currently known to EPA to be important and/or under particular threat. It must be noted that failure to include any particular area on the list in no way implies that it will/should receive less than full protection under the Section 404 regulatory program. It is our intention that this list be updated periodically as discussed below.

EPA Authority Under the Clean Water Act

EPA has significant statutory authority under section 404 of the Clean Water Act to assure that dredge and fill discharges into wetlands do not result in significant adverse environmental impacts. The 404 permit program, enacted as part of the 1972 Federal Water Pollution Control Act and amended during reauthorization of the Clean Water Act of 1977, regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United

States. Perhaps originally conceived as a subset of the larger 402 NPDES permit program, 404 evolved from an emphasis on water quality issues into the primary federal program protecting wetlands. The increasing role of 404 in wetlands protection in the late 1970's and early 1980's was mandated by several important court decisions and by our rapidly expanding knowledge about wetlands values and losses. Most types of development or construction in the nation's waters involve some discharge of material and thus require a 404 permit. Marinas, highways, residential and industrial development, dams, bulkheads, and stream relocation typically fall under the purview of the "Waters of the United States" reaches to the extent permissible under the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution to include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, and wetlands (swamps, marshes, sloughs, bogs, fens, etc.). Section 404 also regulates mechanized landclearing, ditching, channelization and other excavation activities that destroy or degrade waters of the United States, including wetlands.

EPA and the Corps share program responsibilities under Section 404. The Corps administers the program on a day-to-day basis and retains final authority to issue, deny, or modify permits. EPA writes and interprets the 404(b)(1) Guidelines, the regulations which the Corps must apply in their evaluation of permit applications. EPA and the Corps have parallel authority to enforce against unauthorized discharges and violations of permit conditions.

EPA has several other authorities with which to provide additional protection to priority resources identified in this document. Under §404(c) of the Clean Water Act, EPA may prohibit or restrict dredge or fill discharges into waters of the United States, including wetlands. Although commonly thought of as our "veto" authority over Corps permits, 404(c) can be used to designate areas in advance of any discharge. EPA can also initiate a planning process called "Advanced Identification of Sites" (AVID), described in Section 230.80 of the EPA 404(b)(1) Guidelines. AVID allows EPA and the Corps, in cooperation with state and local authorities, to identify sites as being: unsuitable (or suitable) for the discharge of dredged or fill Again, this mechanism can be used prior to the receipt of permit applications by the Corps. Unlike 404(c), an AVID designation does not prohibit or restrict work in a given area, but provides an advance indication of whether a permit application is likely to be approved or denied. Hence, AVID does not involve any formal regulatory action; its chief value is for internal program management and public education. Both authorities can protect valuable resources while reducing the controversy that now often surrounds major 404 permit applications, since developers should be aware of these designations before committing resources to a project. We normally expect to select potential AVID and 404(c) sites from

our priority list, although a site need not appear here in order to receive protection under 404(c) or AVID.

The Clean Water Act further provides that a state may assume the federal 404 program. The requirements by which the 404 program may be assumed are described under 40 CFR part 233. Not all federally regulated waters, however, may be assumed by a state. The Clean Water Act stipulates that those waters which are presently used, or are susceptible to use, in interstate or foreign commerce, shoreward to their ordinary high water mark, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide shoreward to their mean high water mark, including adjacent wetlands are not assumable waters. On December 22, 1993, EPA approved the state of New Jersey's application to assume authority over the 404 program; the approval became effective on March 2, 1994.

Application under New Jersey Law

In New Jersey, the Legislature has decided to incorporate the EPA Priority Wetland List into the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act and Rules to insure that the State program complies and is consistent with the federal program. The New Jersey Freshwater Wetlands Act prohibits the use of certain general permits within areas on this list. This list replaces the former listing which was dated May 1989.

Questions regarding the use of the Priority Wetland list in the New Jersey Freshwater Wetlands Act, the designation of any particular parcel as part of a Priority Wetland, or how specific proposals may be effected by this listing should be directed to the NJDEPE Land Use Regulation Program at (609) 633-6755.

Document Construction

In developing this list, the characteristics of wetland systems throughout the state were evaluated using criteria which included the following;

- Unique habitat for fauna of flora;
- 2. Unusual or regionally rare wetland types;
- 3. Ecologically important and under threat of development;
- 4. Important to surface water systems;
- 5. Critical to protect water supplies; and
- 6. Valuable for and provide flood storage capacity.

All priority areas are listed by specific geographic area

Specific geographic areas include particular wetland areas with a defined geographic boundary (e.g., Great Piece Meadows) or a particular wetland system with defined boundaries (e.g., wetlands of the Passaic River Basin).

The general category headings no longer apply to areas recognized as priority wetlands under the current listing, and are now included for informational purposes only. General categories include generic areas of concern, such as a particular type of wetland (e.g., calcareous fen) or the particular hysical situation of a wetland (e.g., overlying an EPA designated solesource aquifer). The characteristics and criteria of each general category heading and an explanation of its value and need for preservation, is included under its respective heading. Information regarding specific wetland areas which meet the description and criteria of the general category headings are being solicited by EPA. Specific wetland areas which meet these descriptions and criteria will be considered for future addition to the list as specific geographic areas.

Interpretation of Priority Wetland Extent and Boundary

Please note that the text generally describes the specific geographic areas listed and the attached maps are for illustrative purposes only. All federally regulated "Waters of the United States" located within a given priority wetland area are designated priority wetlands unless otherwise specified. "Waters of the United States," including wetlands, are defined under 40 CFR 230.3(s). Although priority wetland boundaries are generally located as outlined in the list, wetlands contiguous to priority wetlands, in the vicinity of their boundary, may be defined as belonging to that priority wetland on a case by case basis. Such factors as wetland complex continuity will be considered when interpreting specific priority wetland boundaries. Interpretation of the specific boundaries on any particular parcel should be gained, by EPA's agreement with New Jersey, from the NJDEPE office listed above.

Updating

EPA intends to update the list periodically to take into account new information that may become available regarding the listed areas as well as other wetland areas which may be candidates for inclusion.

If you have any questions concerning EPA's authority with regard to priority Wetlands please contact Mr. Mario Del Vicario, Chief of EPA Region II's Marine and Wetlands Protection Branch at the above address or by phone at (212) 264-5170.



General Category Headings

NOTE: The following "General Category Heading" listings are for informational purposes only and should not be considered as EPA priority wetlands. Specifically defined individual wetlands which possess the below criteria may form the basis of future EPA "Specific Geographic Area" Priority Wetlands.

GENERAL CATEGORY HEADING

NAME: Natural Heritage Program Rare Wetland Communities

GENERAL LOCATION: Throughout New Jersey

CHARACTERISTICS/CRITERIA: These wetlands have been identified through the Natural Heritage Program as being rare in New Jersey. These wetlands, through their rarity, are intrinsically vulnerable and valuable. These wetlands often contain rare, threatened or endangered species. For further information, contact: NJDEPE, Office of Natural Lands Management, Natural Heritage Database, CN 404, Trenton, NJ, 08625.

GENERAL CATEGORY HEADING

NAME: Calcareous Fen

GENERAL LOCATION: Within the great valley of the Ridge and valley physiographic province in Sussex and Warren Counties, New Jersey

CHARACTERISTICS/CRITERIA: A calcareous fen is typically formed in low areas where calcareous groundwater seepage is continually present. This seepage frequently supports a shrub and herb community containing unique species adapted to these conditions. Few communities of this type remain in New Jersey. For further information, contact: NJDEPE, Office of Natural Lands Management, Natural Heritage Database, CN 404, Trenton, NJ, 08625.

KNOWN/POTENTIAL THREATS TO RESOURCE:

- O Dependent on continued supply of calcareous groundwater seepage which may be diverted
- O Pesticide applications in the vicinity
- Ditching and draining for agriculture
 Filling for commercial/housing
- Filling for commercial/housing developments
- O Flooding by beaver
- Human trampling

General Category Headings

GENERAL CATEGORY HEADING

NAME: Inland Acidic Seep

GENERAL LOCATION: Kittatinny Mountains in Sussex County, New

Jersey.

CHARACTERISTICS/CRITERIA: These wetlands occur as an open Graminoid/herb dominated community occurring on hillsides where cold groundwater emerges in a diffuse pattern. The presence of a shallow fragipan in the soil may contribute to the emergence of the groundwater. This wetland type is rare, occurring only in the area described above. For further information, contact: NJDEPE, Office of Natural Lands Management, Natural Heritage Database, CN 404, Trenton, NJ, 08625.

KNOWN/POTENTIAL

THREATS TO RESOURCE: O Human trampling

O Changes in quality or quantity of

groundwater in the vicinity

GENERAL CATEGORY HEADING

NAME: Sole Source Aquifers

GENERAL LOCATION: Throughout New Jersey

CHARACTERISTICS/CRITERIA: These wetlands overlay or are adjacent to designated Sole Source Aquifers. This heading refers only to those wetlands which provide groundwater recharge to Sole Source Aquifers. These wetlands provide protection to drinking water supplies through recharge of groundwater and through protection of aquifer water quality. For further information, contact: N.J. Geological Survey, Bureau of Groundwater Resources Evaluation, CN 427, 29 Arctic Parkway, Trenton, NJ, 08625-0427

KNOWN/POTENTIAL

THREATS TO RESOURCE:

- O Discharge of fill material for commercial or residential development
- O Contamination from pesticides
- O Changes in quality or quantity of receiving water.

Name: Atlantic Goose Ponds

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Hamilton, Galloway, and Mullica Twps.,

Atlantic County.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): E | Harbor City

Resource Value: O Good population of the state listed Pine

Barrens treefrog.

Three globally imperiled and several

state imperiled plant species.

Exemplary natural wetland community.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

O Excessive unmanaged recreational use

Comments: The Atlantic Goose Ponds site is a

component of the Mullica River Wetlands

listing. All Wetlands within the

boundaries of the Atlantic Goose Ponds

listing are considered priority

wetlands.

Name: Bill Henry Pond

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Mays Landing

Resource Value: O Good quality rare natural community.

O Several state significant plant

species. 👟

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O ORV use.

Development.

Trash dumping.

Name: Brigantine Island

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Galloway Township, Atlantic County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Oceanville

Resource Value: O High quality site for state endangered

bird species.

 Contains several additional state endangered or threatened animals and

rare plant species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Overuse by recreational vehicles.

Name: Five Acre Pond

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Estell Manor City, Atlantic County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Tuckahoe

Resource Value: 0 Two globally rare plants.

o One state listed rare plant.

Exemplary natural wetland community.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

Name: Hospitality Branch

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Foldsom Twp., Atlantic County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Newtonville

Resource Value: O Globally and state rare flora.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Alteration of the hydrology and loss of

water quality as a result of development

of adjacent properties.

Name: Malibu Beach Complex

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Egg Harbor Twp., Atlantic County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Ocean City

Resource Value: 0 300 acres of coastal wetlands, tidal

creeks and pools, and beach.

O Complex has been listed as one of the 20

most important migratory shorebird habitats east of the Rocky Mountains.Wetlands are used extensively by state

and federally listed species, most

notably the piping plover.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Area is continually threatened by

development.

Name: <u>Maurice River System:</u> Maurice River, Manumuskin Creek, Manatico Creek, and Muskee Creek

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties. Various municipalities.

Salem Counties. Various municipalities.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Bridgeton, Buena, Cedarville, Dividing Creek, Elmer, Five Points, Heislerville,

Milleville, Newfield, Pitman East, Pitman West, Port Elizabeth, Port Norris

Pitman west, Port Elizabeth, Port Norris

• Wetlands of this drainage are amongst the most pristine natural areas in New Jersey.

O Supports major wintering population of the federally endangered bald eagle and provides historically suitable nesting habitat for this species, which is hoped will once again provide habitat for

additional nesting pairs.

Other state listed species present include ospreys, red-shouldered hawks, southern gray and pine barrens

treefrogs, and barred owls.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

Resource Value:

O Development pressures and human

encroachment.

Comments:

All Tributary wetlands of the Maurice
River system are considered part of this
priority listing. Much of the Maurice
River and its tributaries have been

federally designated as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system.

Note - The Pole Tavern listing is located within the boundaries of the Maurice River priority wetland. See the

Pole Tavern listing for further

information.

Name: Mullica River wetlands (Overall System)

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, and Ocean

County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Atsion, Brookville, Chatsworth,

Clementon, Egg Harbor City, Green Bank,

Hammonton, Indian Mills, Jenkins,

Medford Lakes, New Gretna, Newtonville, Oceanville, Oswego Lake, Pleasantville, Tuckerton, West Creek, Williamstown,

Woodmansie

Resource Value: O Large areas of estuarine and palustrine

wetlands.

O An area of high water quality

 Used as a restoration area for shellfish, especially for shellfish

depuration.

O Features a diversity of game and nongame

wildlife.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

• Extreme pressure to develop the area south of the bay which may negatively

impact the area.

O Geologically within the pinelands.

• Features a high water table and sandy soils. As a result, the groundwater may be subject to contamination, which could

lead to further contamination of

estuary.

Comments:

All tributary wetlands of the Mullica River system are considered part of this priority listing. Much of the drainage is protected by public lands (e.g. Brigantine NWR, Lebanon and Bass River State Forests, and the Pinelands

Note - The Atlantic Goose Ponds and Oswego River priority wetlands are located within the boundaries of the Mullica River Wetlands listing. See these listings for further information

National Reserve.

Name: Oceanville Boq

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Oceanville Twp., Atlantic County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Oceanville

Resource Value: O Rare orchid species, several of which

are state imperiled or rare.

O Venus fly-trap population and several

other state rare plants.

O Population of the state listed pine

Barrens treefrog.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development of adjacent upland areas and

wetlands.

Name: Reega

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Atlantic County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Mays Landing

Resource Value: O Extensive occurrence of critically

imperiled global plant species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Trash dumping.

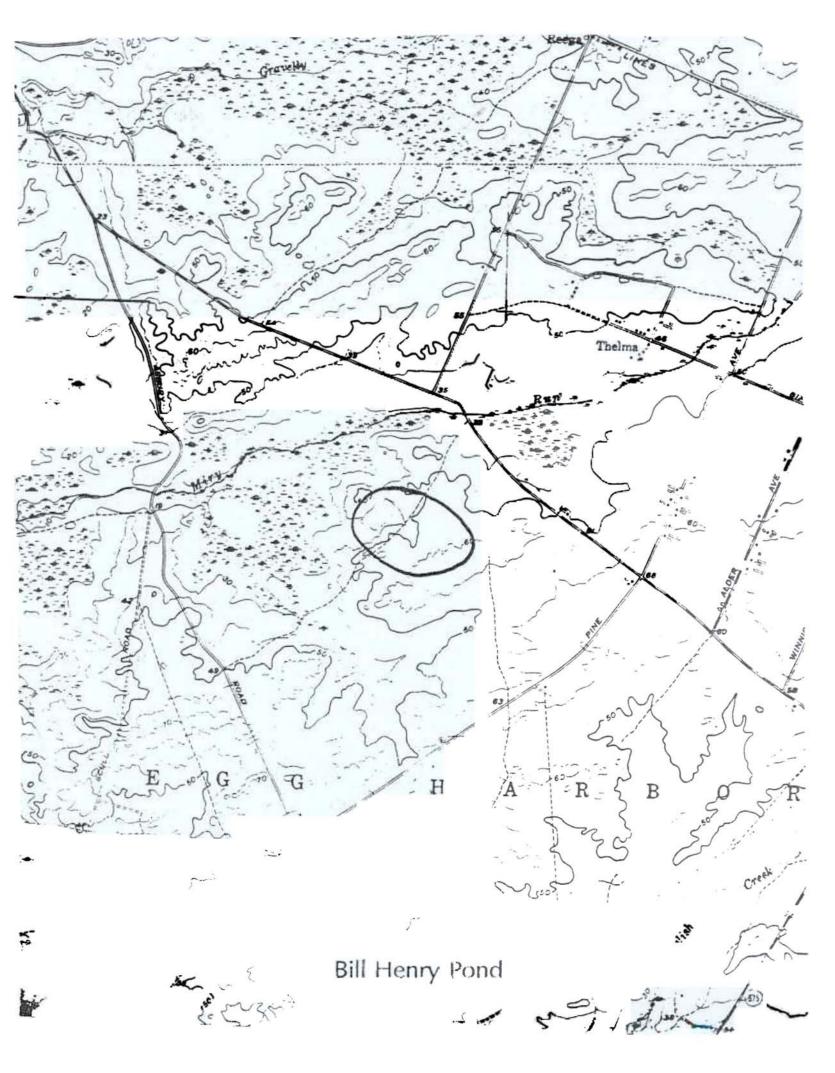
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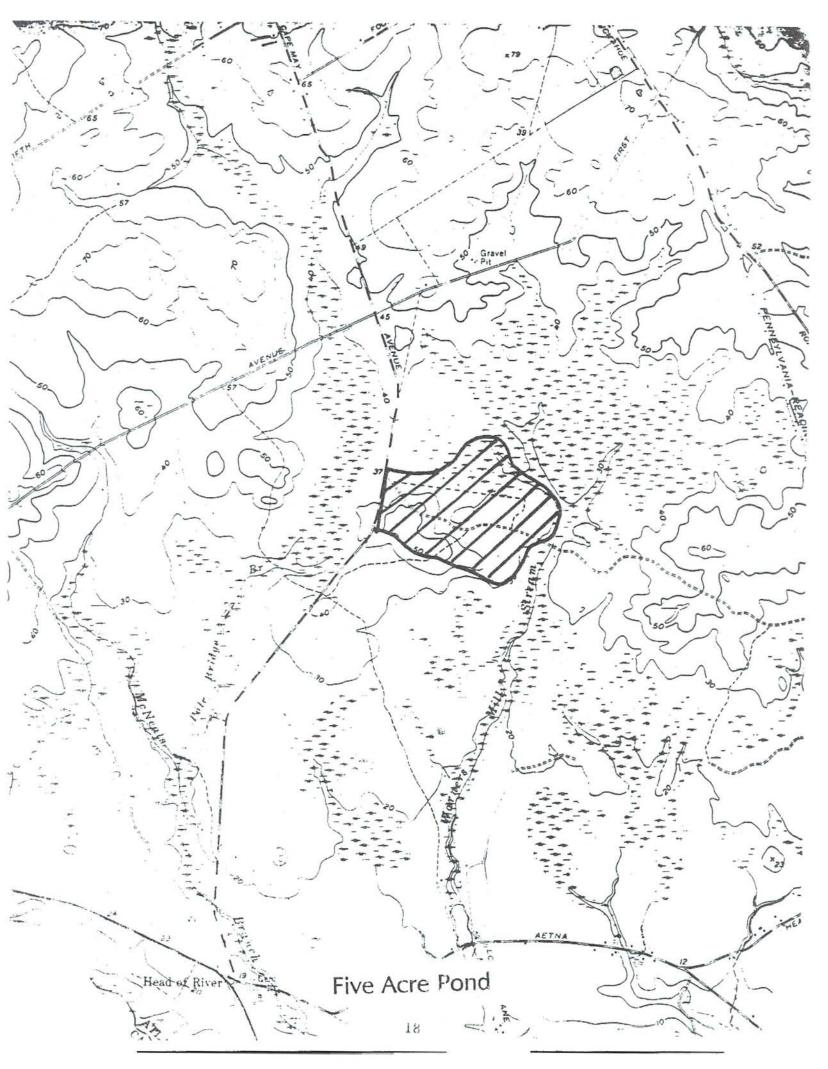
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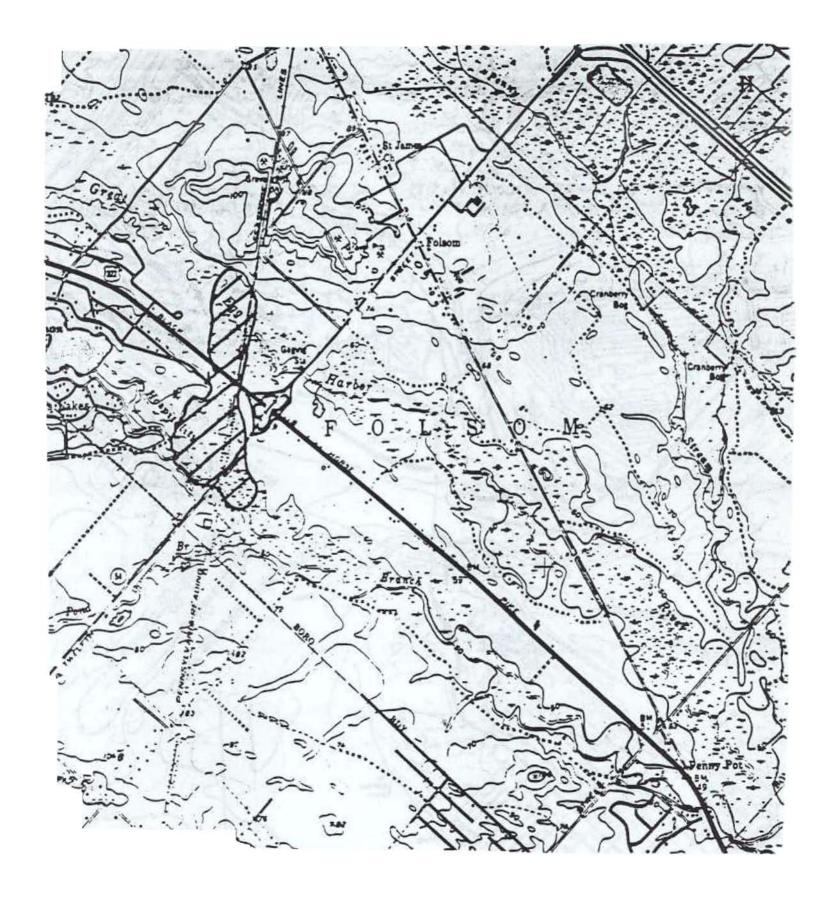


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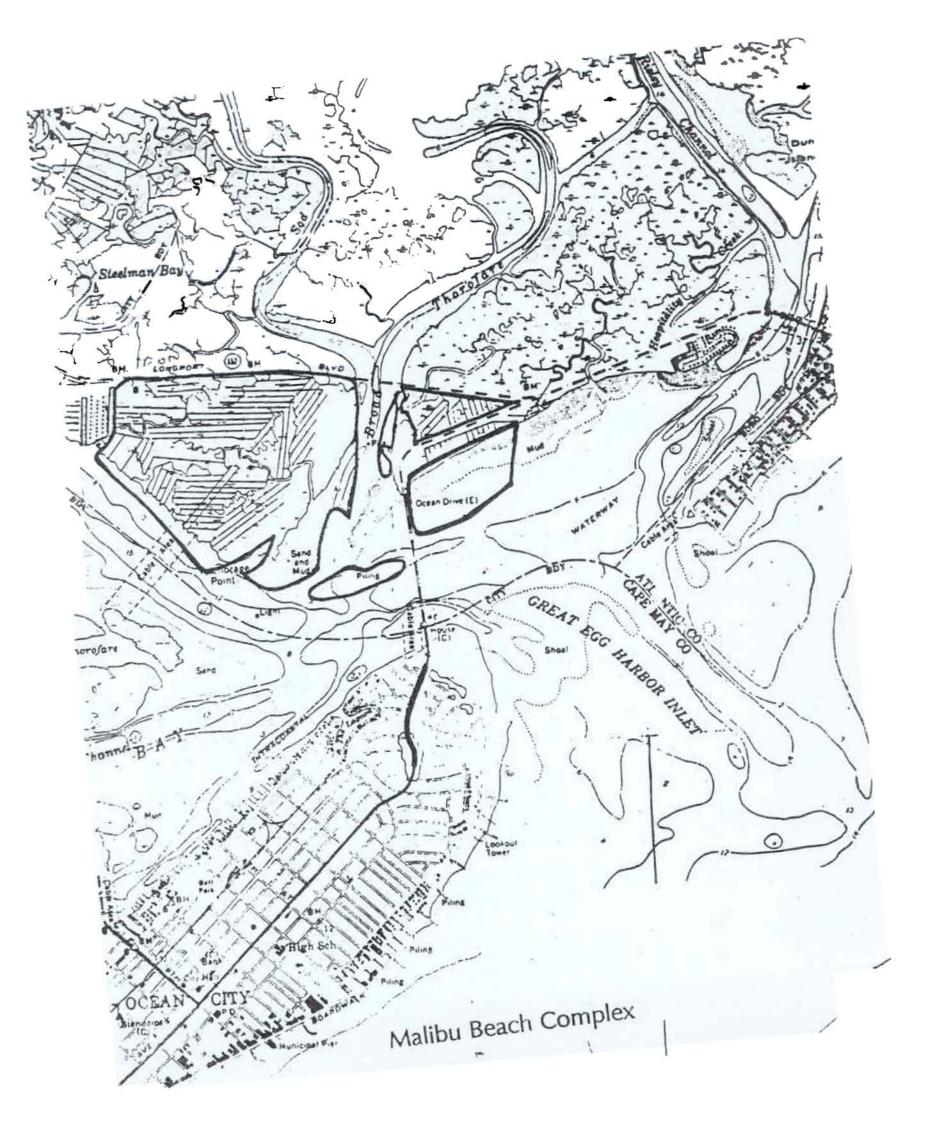


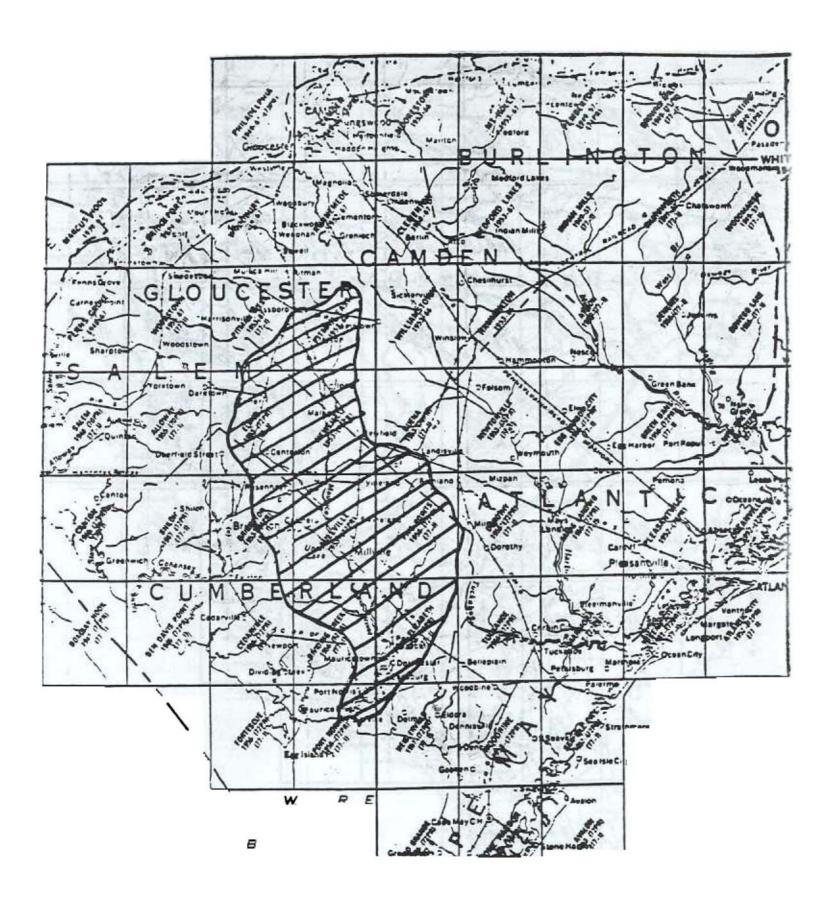




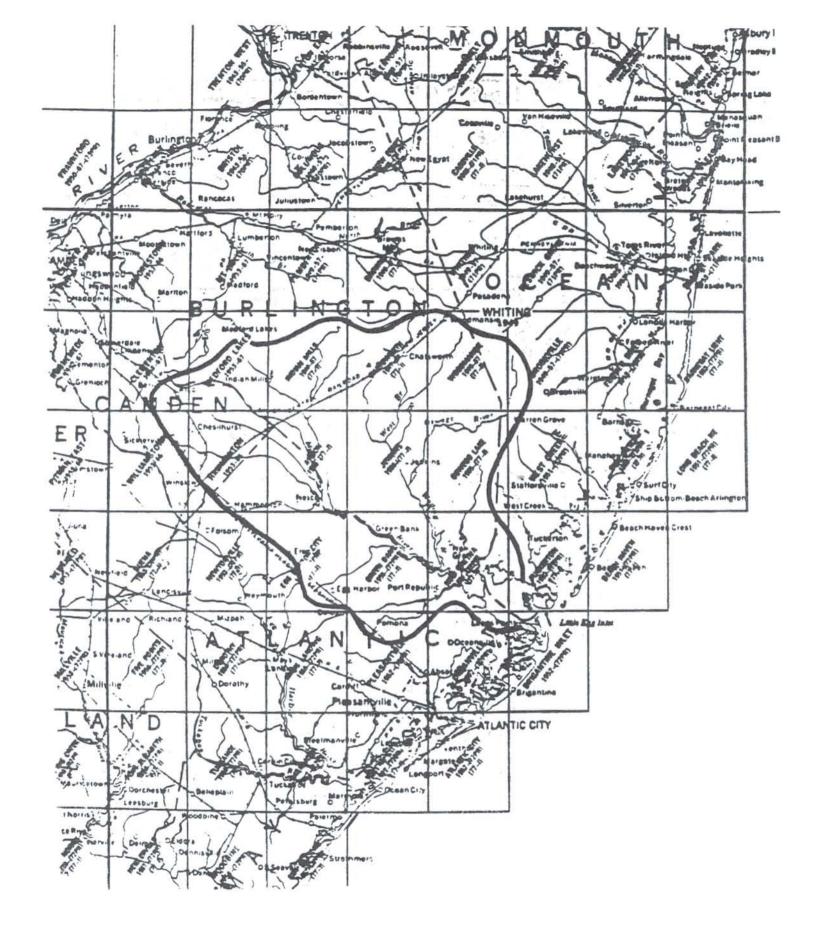


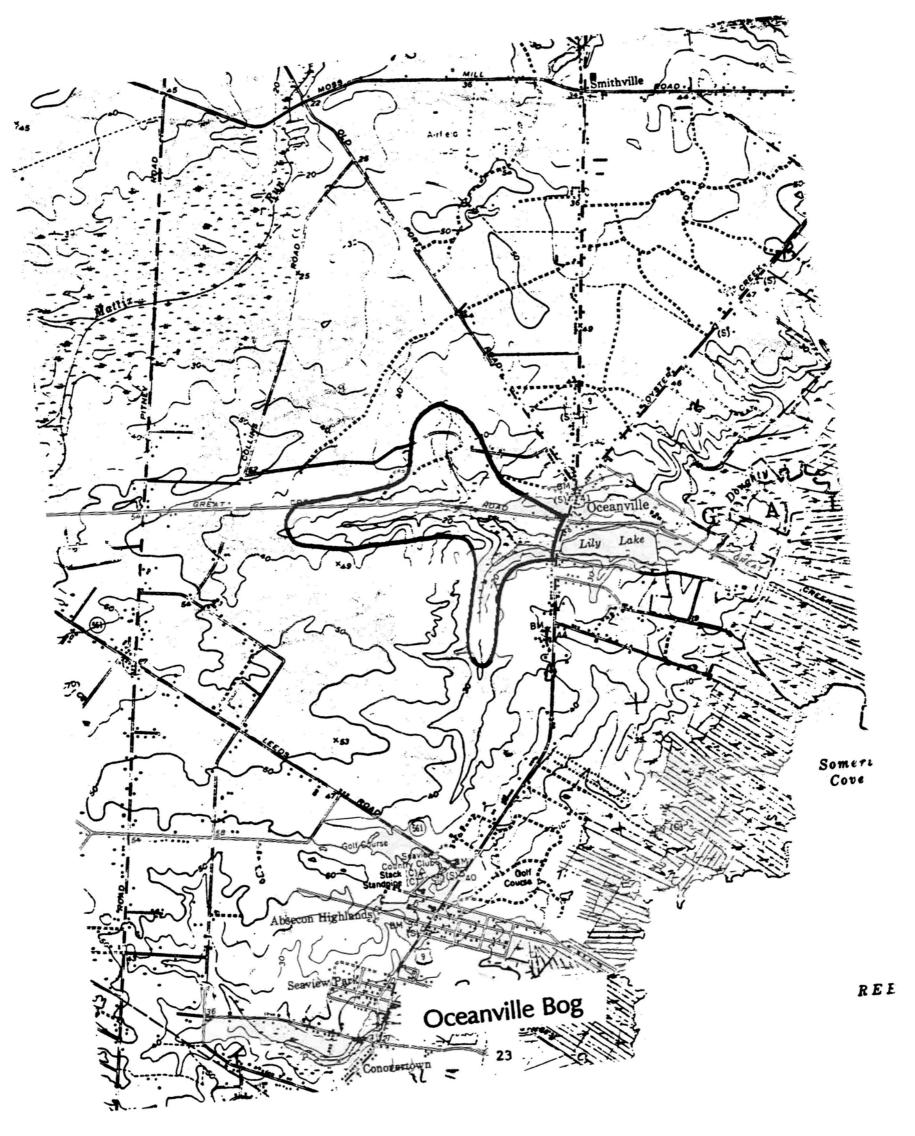
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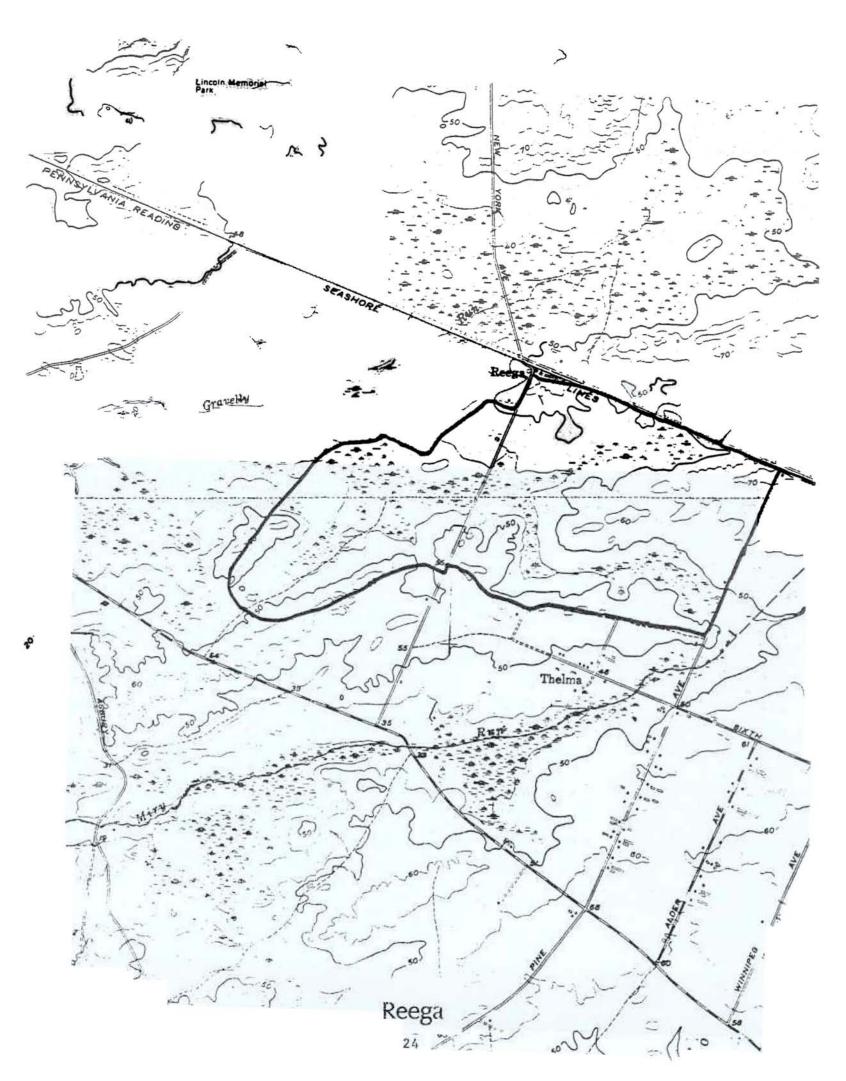




Mauric Riv r System







Name: Bear Swamp

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Park Ridge and Montvale Township, Bergen

County. Located approximately at Spring

Valley Road and Brae Boulevard.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Park Ridge

Resource Value: O Unique habitat, specimen-sized trees.

.0 Features an exemplary red maple-swamp azalea community of considerable age for

New Jersey.
O Rare plants.

O Habitat for State threatened and

endangered bird species.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

O Commercial and residential development

totally surrounds the wetland and has

already infringed on all borders.

Aerial extent of resource has decreased and can be expected to decrease further Threat to resource is increasing due to the development of a fast-growing high quality office center in this immediate

area.

Name: Hackensack Meadowlands

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Various townships including Kearny, N.

Arlington, and Woodbridge Twps., Hudson

and Bergen Counties.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Elizabeth, Hackensack, Orange, Weehawkin

Resource Value: O Diverse array of palustrine and

estuarine wetlands.

 Provides significant habitat for waterfowl, including the only NJ breeding population of American Coots,

and raptors (e.g. northern harriers,

short-eared owls).

O Features floodwater storage for the Hackensack River and several tidal and

non-tidal streams.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

 Intense development pressure from surrounding communities and land

speculators.

Comments: This Priority listing includes all

wetlands within the Hackensack

Meadowlands.

Name: Passaic River Basin

Category: Specific Geographic Areas

Location: Northeastern New Jersey (i.e. Bergen,

Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic,

Somerset, Sussex, Union Counties) and New York (Orange and Rockland Counties).

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Bernardsville, Boonton, Boundbrook,

Caldwell, Chathem, Dover, Franklin, Greenwood Lake, Hackensack, Hamburg, Mendham, Morristown, Newfoundland, Orange, Paterson, Plainfield, Pompton Plains, Ramsey, Roselle, Sloatsburg,

Wanaque, Wawayanda, Weehawkin

Resource Value: O Flood control.

O Water supplies and water quality

maintenance.

 Important habitat for waterfowl, raptors, passerines, herptiles, furbearers, and fish, including various

state and federally listed species.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

O Proposed Passaic River tunnel project,

New York ACOE.

O Urbanization.

O Routes 46, 10, 80, and 24 run through these wetlands and have had major

impacts.

o Encroachment and the continuation of

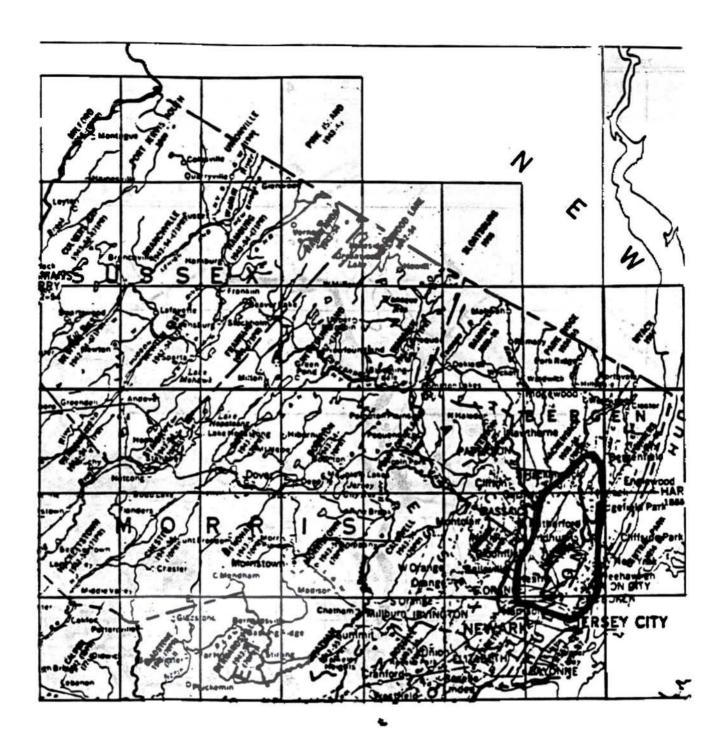
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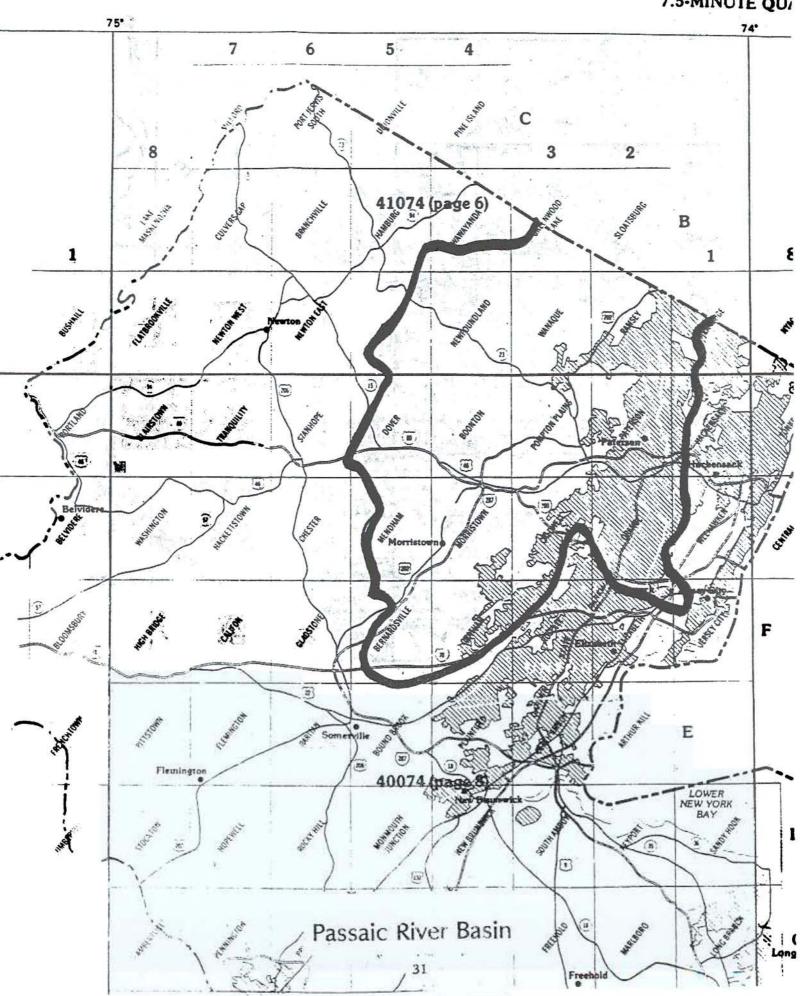
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B ar Swam o





Name: Barnegat Bay and its Tributaries (Overall System)

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Burlington County, Bass River Twp.,

Monmouth County, Millstone Twp. and Howell Twp., Ocean County, various municipalities. From the Metedeconk River watershed south to Great Bay, including the barrier islands to the

east.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Adelphia, Barnegat Light, Beach Haven,

Brookville, Cassville, Farmingdale, Forked River, Keswick Grove, Lakehurst, Lakewood, Long Beach NE, New Gretna, Oswego Lake, Point Pleasant, Roosevelt, Seaside Park, Ship Bottom, Toms River,

Tuckerton, West Creek, Whiting,

Woodmansie

Resource Value: O Fishery and nursery habitat.

O Shellfish nursery and habitat.

O Estuarine and palustrine wetlands.

• Wildlife habitat for game and nongame species, including indigenous state listed herptiles (Pine Barrens treefrog,

tiger salamander).

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

O Intense pressure for dredge and fill due

to the popularity of the area.

 Has undergone rapid development, severely threatened by residential and

commercial development.

Comments: All wetlands which are a component of

the Barnegat Bay **tributary** system are considered part of this priority listing. Much of the area of this

listing is within CAFRA jurisdiction and is the subject of a watershed management

plan.

Note - The Manahawkin Swamp, Manahawkin

Lake and Reedy Creek/Herring Point

priority wetlands are located within the boundaries of the Barnegat Bay listing.

See these listings for further

information.

Name: Hamilton Marsh

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Mercer and Burlington Counties,

immediately south of Trenton.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Trenton East

Resource Value: O Breeding area for the state listed Pied-

billed grebe.

O Supports a variety of game and nongame

species.

 Fish habitat for the Federally endangered Shortnose Sturgeon.

O Enhances water quality run-off to the

Delaware River.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Adjacent residential development.

O Impacted by the Trenton Complex highway

project.

Name: Kirbys Mill Site

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Medford Township, Burlington County.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Mount Holly

Resource Value: O Provides habitat for a state critically

imperiled species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Adjacent development.

Name: Lake Pines

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Evesham Twp., Burlington County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Clementon

Resource Value: O Large contiguous block of palustrine

forest, scrub-shrub, and emergent

wetlands.

O Provides important food and cover for surface-feeding ducks, furbearers,

passerines, raptors, deer, and small

mammals.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressures from surrounding

communities.

Name: <u>Mullica River wetlands</u> (Overall System)

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, and Ocean

County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Atsion, Brookville, Chatsworth,

Clementon, Egg Harbor City, Green Bank,

Hammonton, Indian Mills, Jenkins,

Medford Lakes, New Gretna, Newtonville, Oceanville, Oswego Lake, Pleasantville,

Tuckerton, West Creek, Williamstown,

Woodmansie

Resource Value: O Large areas of estuarine and palustrine

wetlands.

O An area of high water quality

 Used as a restoration area for shellfish, especially for shellfish

depuration.

O Features a diversity of game and nongame

wildlife.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

• Extreme pressure to develop the area south of the bay which may negatively

impact the area.

O Geologically within the pinelands.

 Features a high water table and sandy soils. As a result, the groundwater may be subject to contamination, which could

lead to further contamination of

estuary.

Comments:

All tributary wetlands of the Mullica River system are considered part of this priority listing. Much of the drainage

is protected by public lands (e.g. Brigantine NWR, Lebanon and Bass River

State Forests, and the Pinelands

National Reserve.

Note - The Atlantic Goose Ponds and Oswego River priority wetlands are located within the boundaries of the Mullica River Wetlands listing. See these listings for further information

Name: Ongs Hat Site

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Southampton Township, Burlington County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Pemberton

Resource Value: O Provides habitat for federally listed

species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Hydrologic threats

Name: Oswego River Wetlands

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Bass River, Washington, and Woodland

Twps., Burlington County.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Jenkins, Oswego, Woodmansie

Resource Value: O Features 2 state listed herptile species

(pine barrens treefrog, bog turtle).

O More than 15 globally rare plants and

many more state rare species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Excessive, unmanaged recreational

activity.

Agricultural development.

Comments: The Oswego River listing is a component

of the Mullica River priority wetlands. All wetlands within the boundaries of the Oswego River listing are considered

priority wetlands.

Name: South Valley/Strawbridge Wetlands

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Block 276, 277 (lots 3-5), and 278 (lots

A-MM) Moorestown Twp., Burlington

County.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Moorsetown

Resource Value: O Reported breeding area for the

red-shouldered hawk (threatened) and the red-headed woodpecker (threatened), both

state listed species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure for industrial use.

Stormwater runoff from adjacent

developed areas.

Comments: Portions of the site have been donated

to the NJ Natural Lands Trust.

Name: Walnford Floodplain

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Chesterfield, North Hanover, Hamilton,

and Upper Freehold Twps., Burlington,

Mercer, and Monmouth Counties.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Allentown

Resource Value: O Exemplary natural wetland community.

o State imperiled plant species.

. Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure

Name: Whitesbog

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Pemberton, Burlington County, and

Manchester Twp, Ocean County.

U.J.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Whiting, Scowns Mills

Resource Value: O Contains two globally imperiled plant

species.

O Several occurrences of globally rare

· plant and animal species.

O Concentration of state significant

plants and animals.

Known/Potential

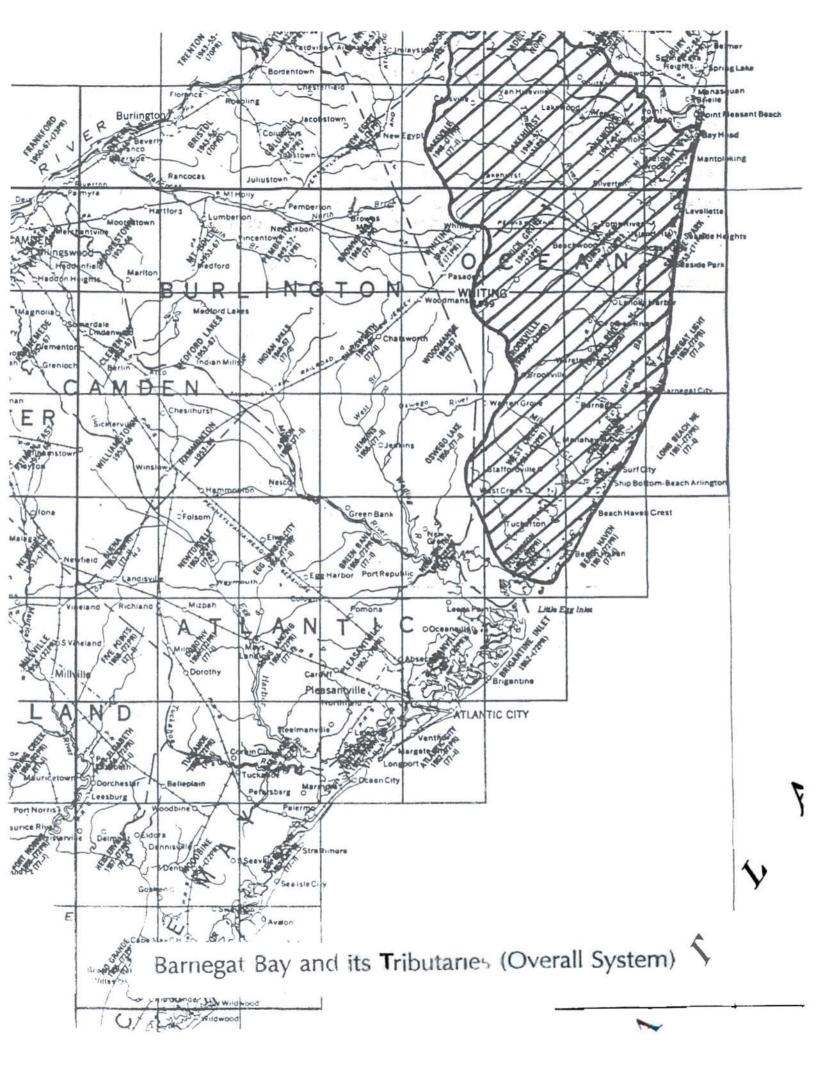
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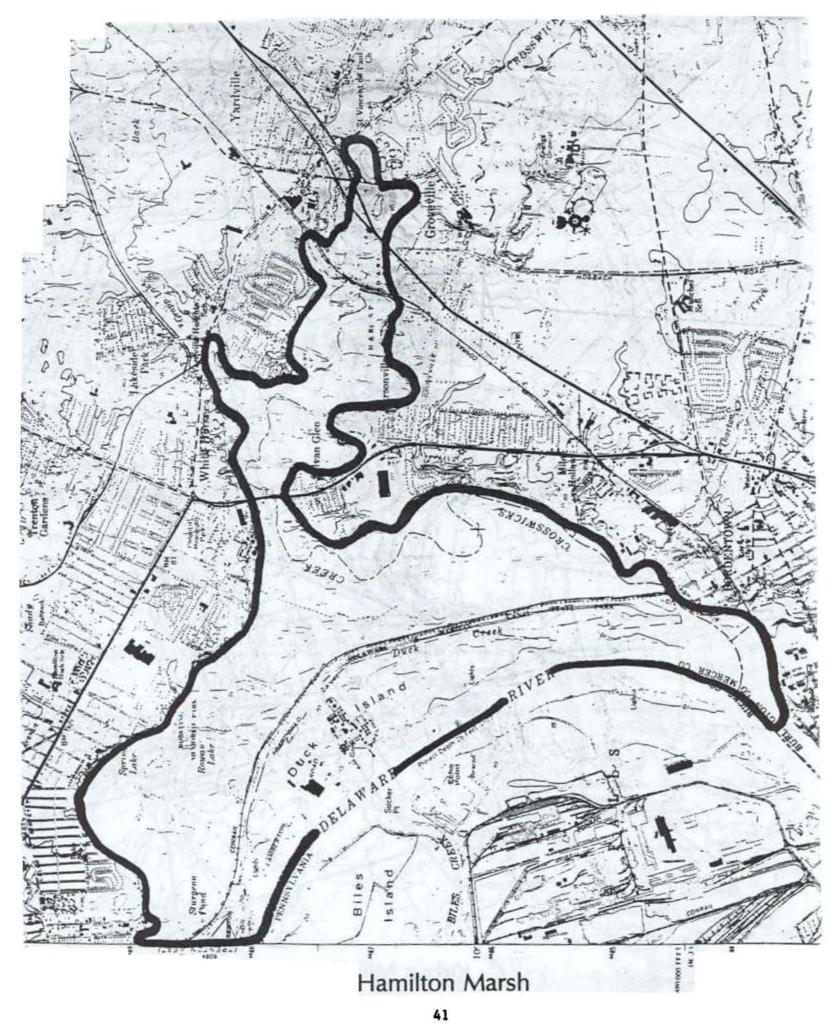
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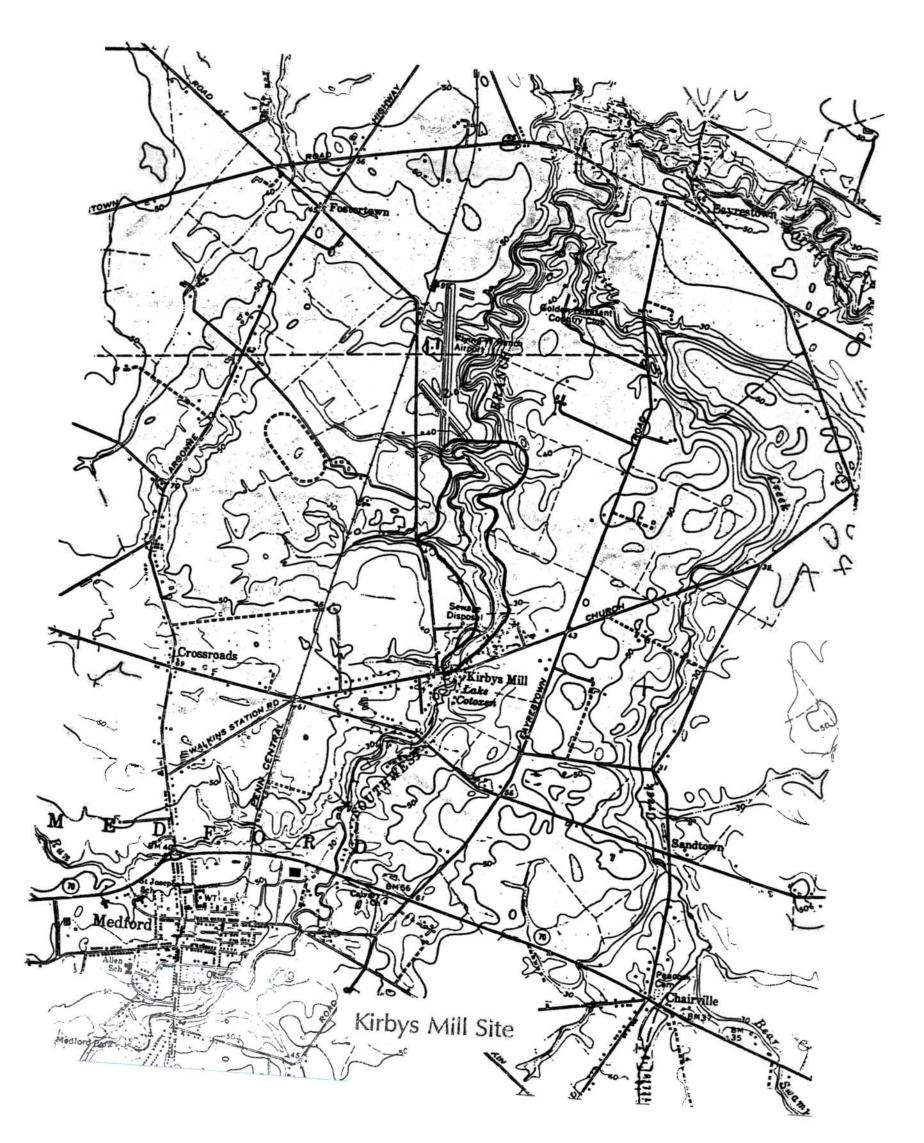
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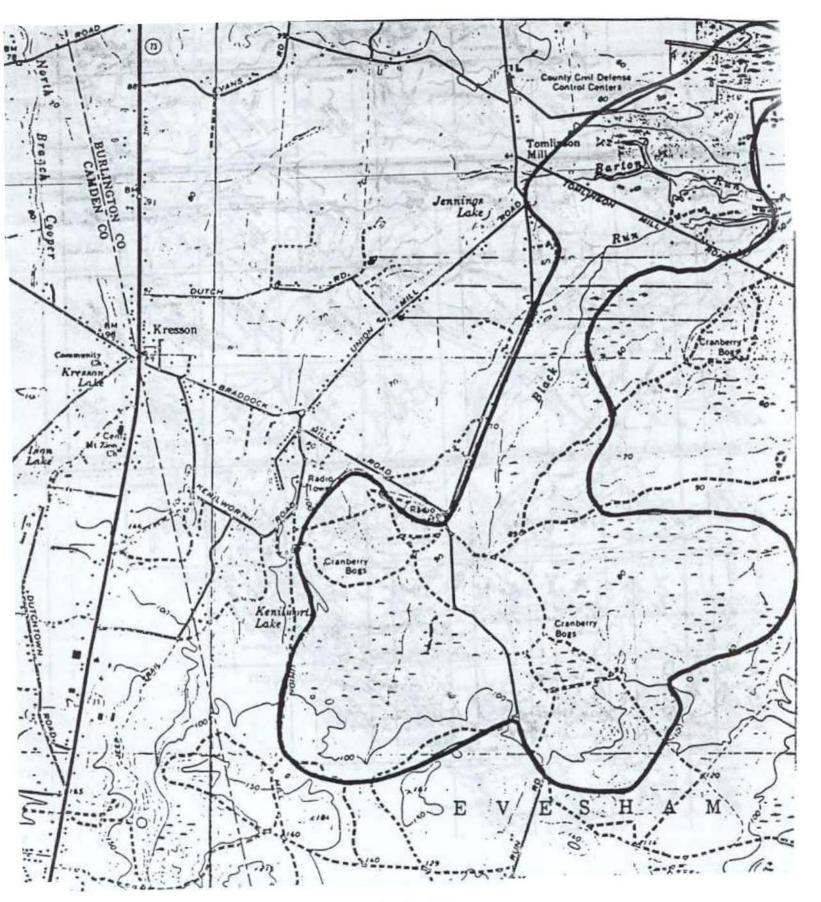
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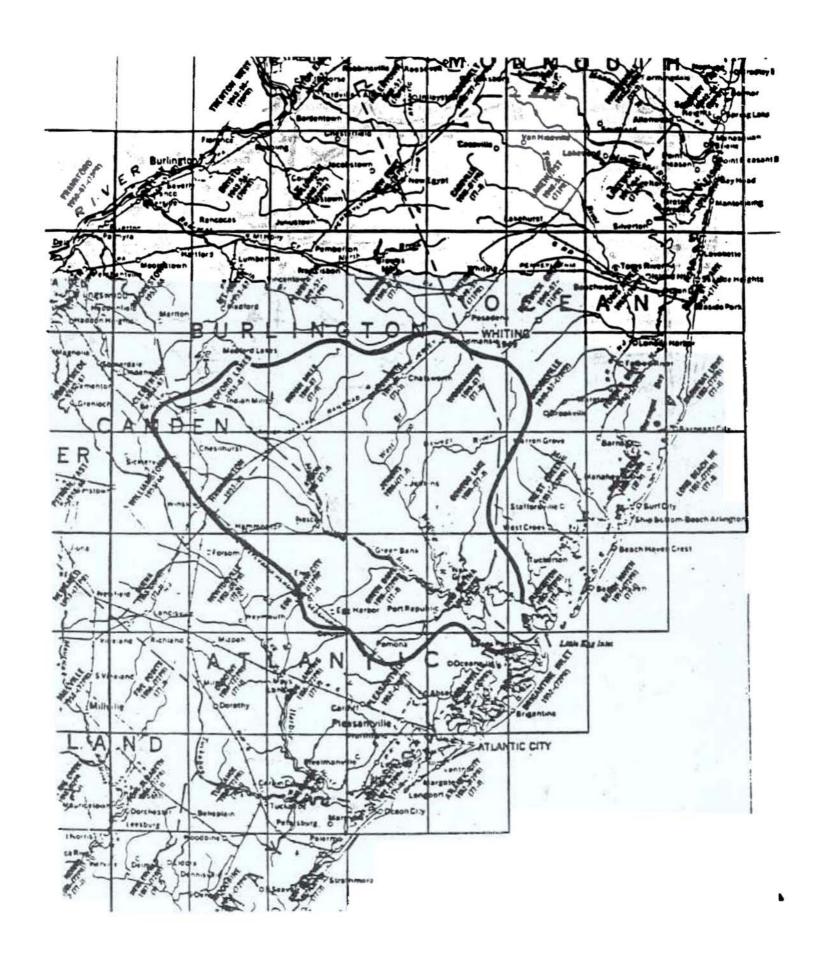






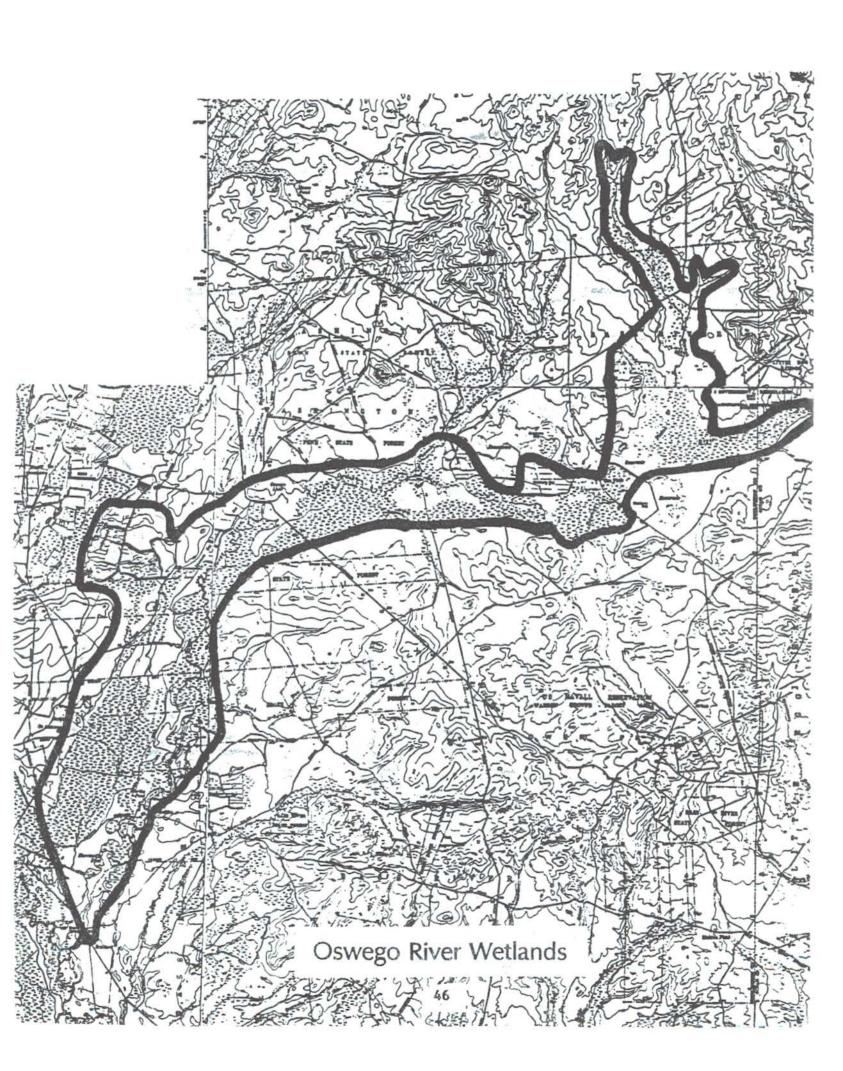


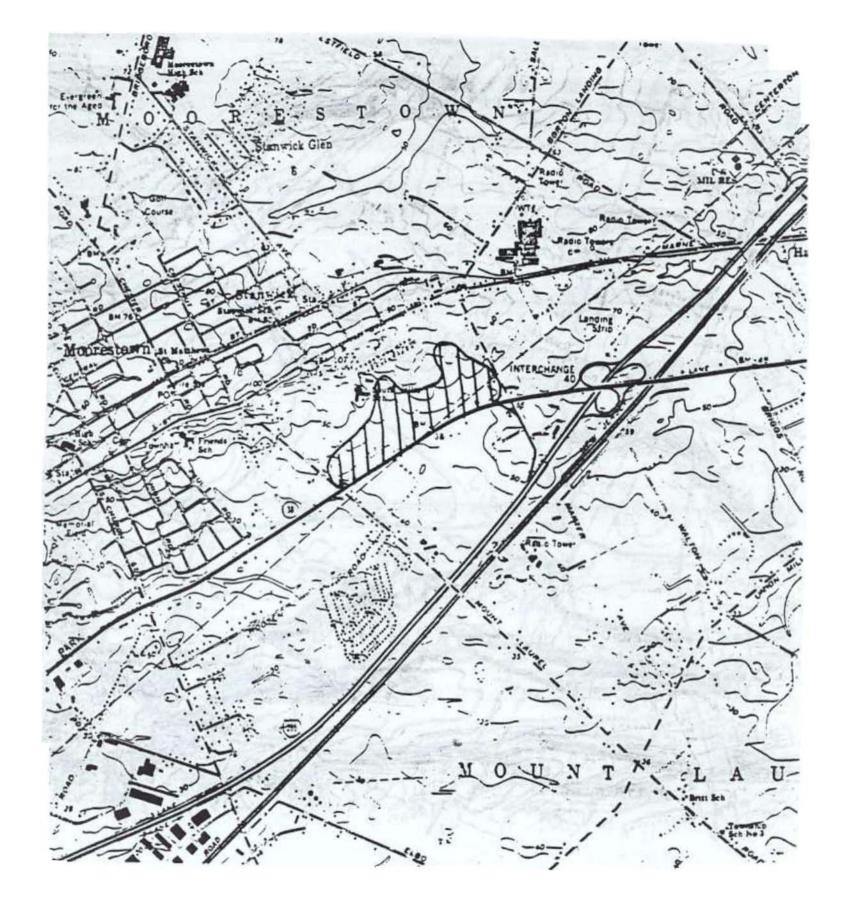
Lake Pines



Mullica River wetlands (Overall System)







South Valley/Strawbridge Wetlands





Name: Beagle Club Woods

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Voorhees Twp., Camden County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Clementon

Resource Value: O Wetlands support federally listed

threatened and endangered plant species

and state rare plant species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

O Potential for degradation to result from

recreational use of the site.

Name: Campus Swamp

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Gloucester Township, Camden County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Runnemede

Resource Value: O Excellent occurrence of globally rare

plant species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Recreational overuse.

O Problems with adjacent land use

Name: Hidden Lake

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Gloucester Township, Camden County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Runnemede

Resource Value: O Provides habitat for a federal and state

listed species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

Name: Mullica River wetlands (Overall System)

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, and Ocean

County

U.S.G.S Quadrangle(s): Atsion, Brookville, Chatsworth,

Clementon, Egg Harbor City, Green Bank,

Hammonton, Indian Mills, Jenkins,

Medford Lakes, New Gretna, Newtonville, Oceanville, Oswego Lake, Pleasantville, Tuckerton, West Creek, Williamstown,

Woodmansie

Resource Value: O Large areas of estuarine and palustrine

wetlands.

O An area of high water quality.

O Used as a restoration area for shellfish, especially for shellfish

depuration.

Features a diversity of game and nongame

wildlife.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

• Extreme pressure to develop the area south of the bay which may negatively

impact the area.

O Geologically within the pinelands.

o Features a high water table and sandy soils. As a result, the groundwater may be subject to contamination, which could

lead to further contamination of

estuary.

Comments:

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Note - The Atlantic Goose Ponds and Oswego River priority wetlands are located within the boundaries of the Mullica River Wetlands listing. See these listings for further information.

National Reserve.

Name: Pine Hill BSA Site

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Pine Hill, Camden County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Clementon

Resource Value: O Contains quality populations of a

globally imperilled plant and a globally

rare plant species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Adjacent golf course development.

Name: United States Avenue Site

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Gibbsboro and Lindenwold, Camden County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Clementon

Resource Value: O Provides habitat for a federally listed

species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

Name: Winslow Pond

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Winslow Township, Camden County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Williamstown, Hammonton

Resource Value: O Excellent occurrence of a globally rare

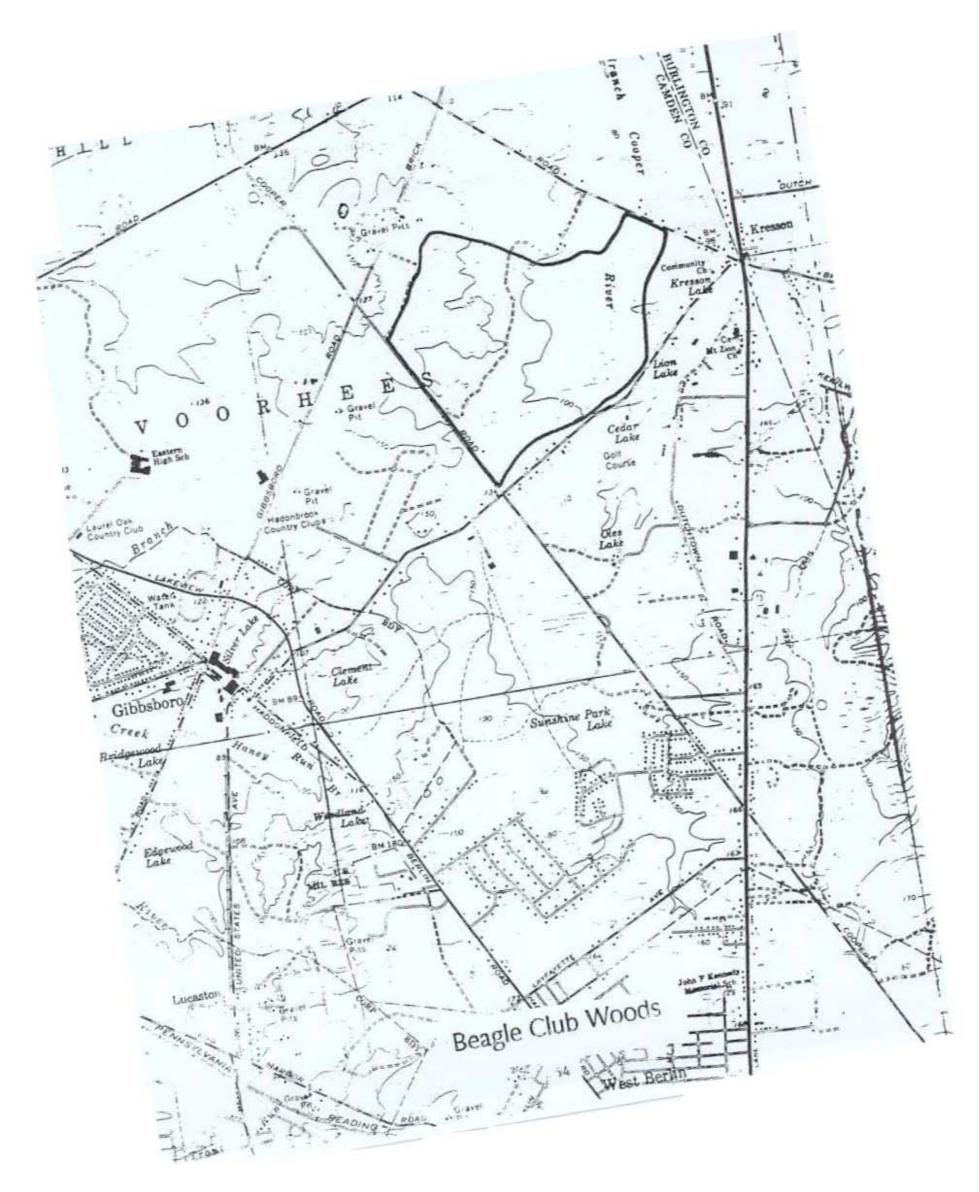
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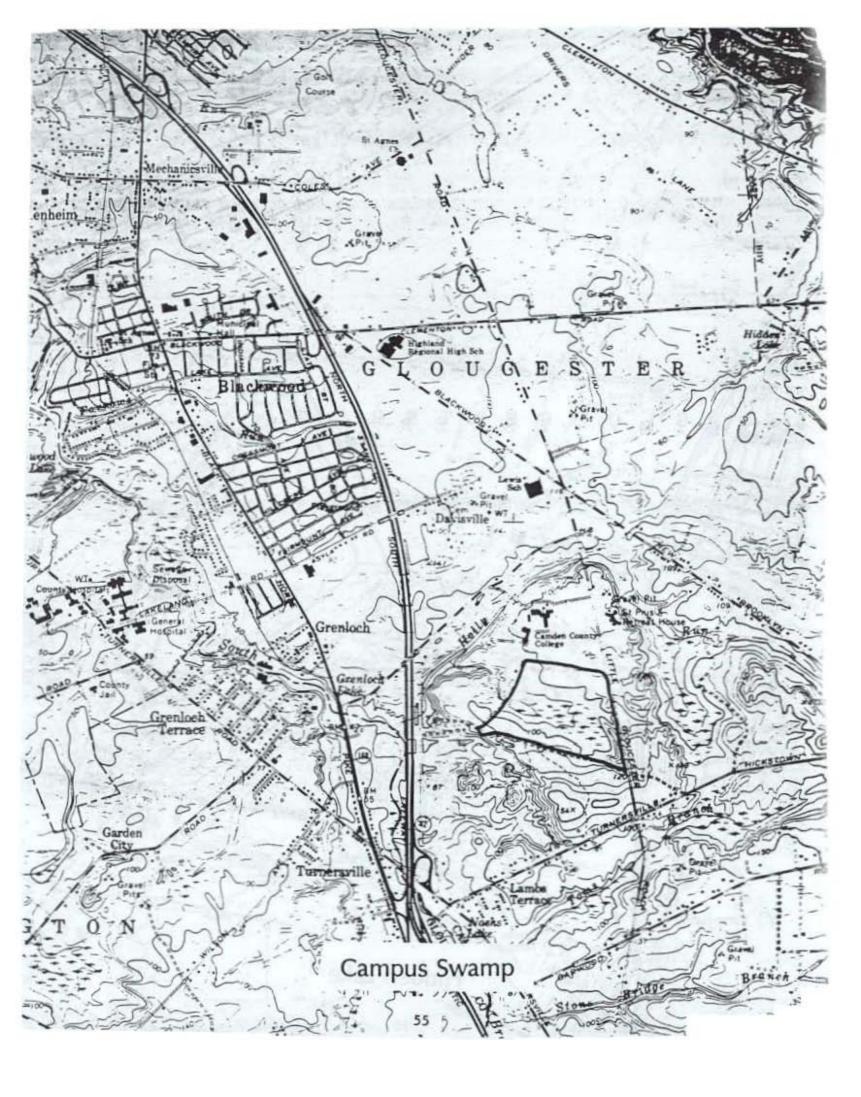
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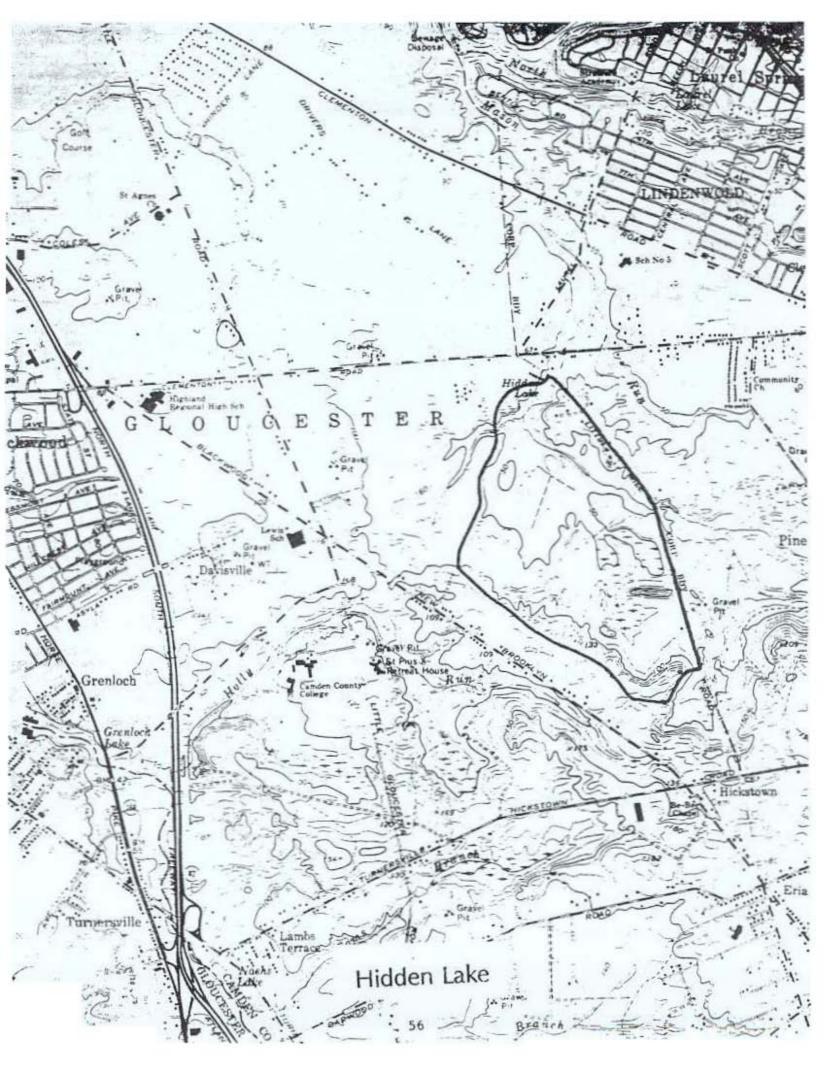
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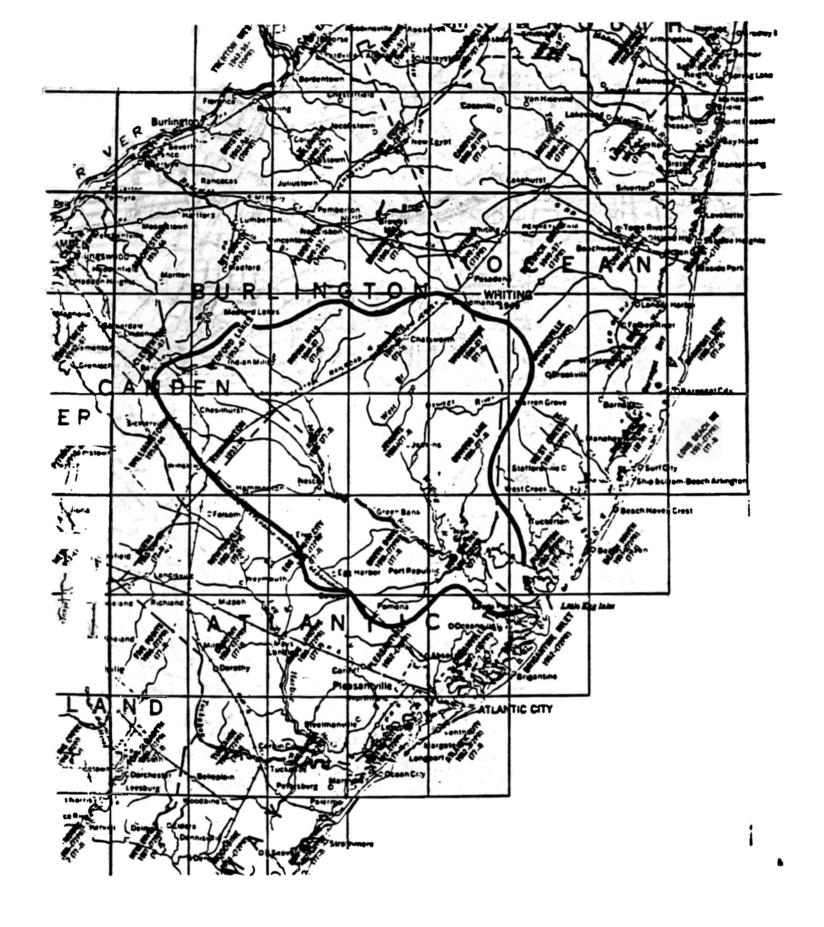
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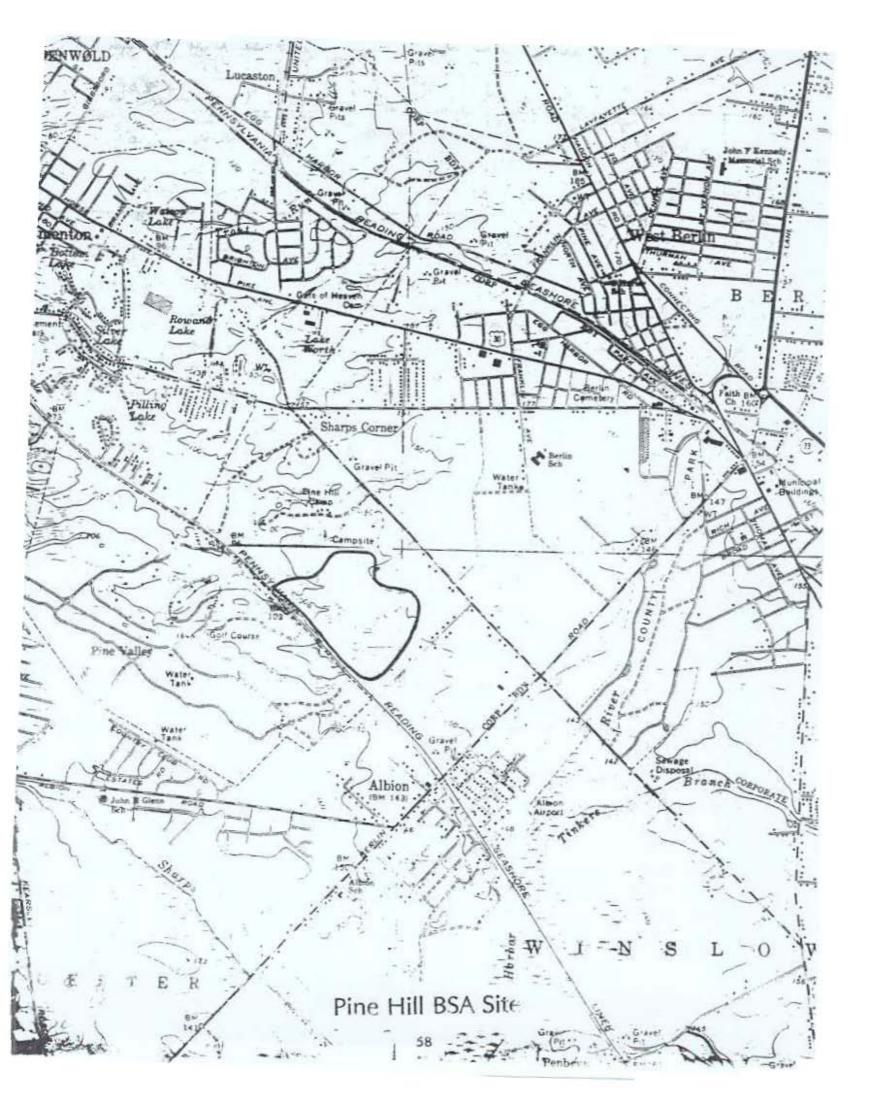




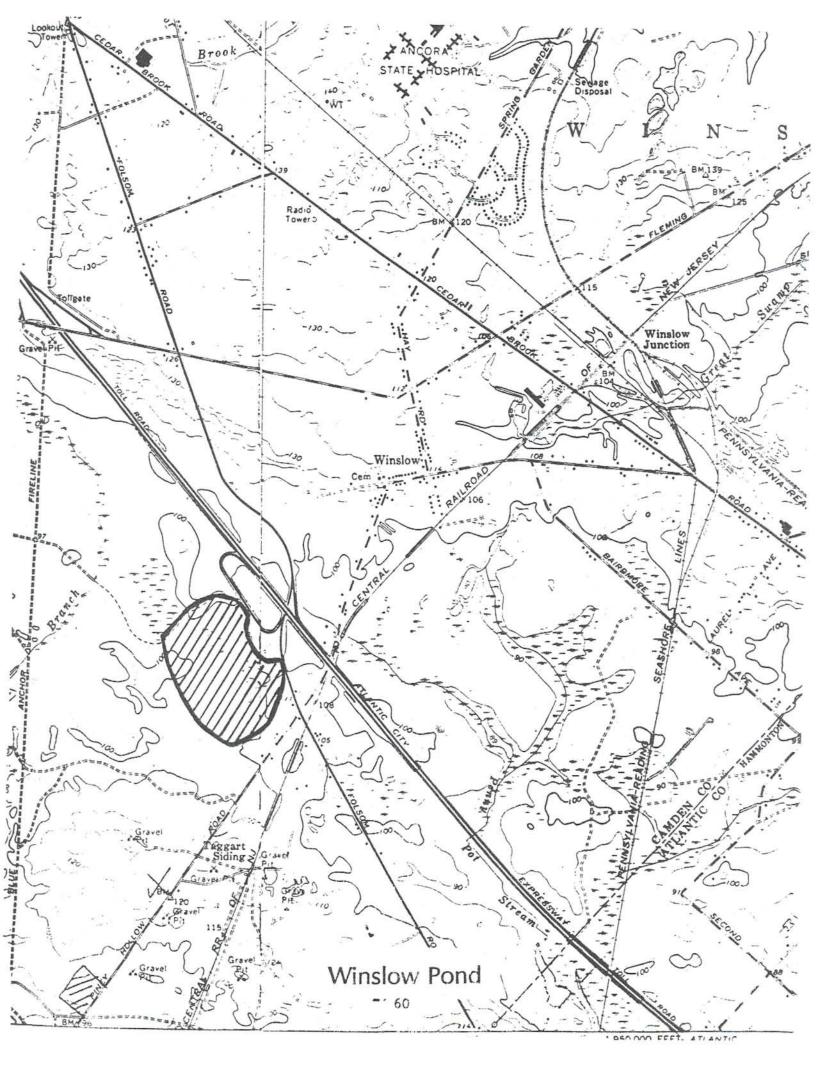




Mullica River wetlands (Overall System)







Name: Belleplain Pond South

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Dennis Township, Cape May County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Port Elizabeth

Resource Value: O Contains a good occurrence of a globally

rare wetland natural community.

• Excellent population of a globally rare

plant species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Potential ORV use

Comments: This site is located within Belleplain

State Forest and the Pinelands National

Reserve.

Name: Bennetts Boq

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Lower Twp., Cape May County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Cape May

Resource Value: O Features several state rare plant

species and the state endangered

southern gray treefrog.

O High quality vernal pond natural

community.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Surrounded by development. Threatened by

subsequent disturbance, pollution, and alteration of water quality and the

afteration of water quality and th

water table.

O Subject to pesticide applications.

Comments: Owned by the Nature Conservancy.

Name: Cape May Meadows

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Lower Twp., Cape May County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Cape May

Resource Value: 0 500 acres of beach, dunes, and emergent

and palustrine forest wetlands.
 Provides significant habitat for migratory passerines, raptors, and

waterfowl.

Known/potential

Threats to Resource: O Development threats from adjacent

communities.

Name: Crooked Creek

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Middle Township, Cape May County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Stone Harbor

Resource Value: O Supports federally listed plant species

and state rare flora.

O Provides habitat for migratory birds.

• Provides flood protection to surrounding

Cape May Court House community.

Known/potential

Threats to Resource: O Commercial development.

O Alteration of hydrology and loss of

water quality as a result of development

of adjacent properties.

Name: Delaware Bayshore Macrosite

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Various communities, Cumberland and Cape

May Counties within 0.5 miles of the

Delaware Bay.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Ben Davis Point, Cape May, Cedarville,

Fortescue, Heislerville, Port Norris,

Rio Grande

Resource Value: O High quality concentrations of spring

migratory shorebirds. One of the most significant staging areas for these birds in the western hemisphere.

A number of state significant animal

species present.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure

Oil spills.

O Disturbance.

Comments: Various State Wildlife Areas are located

within this listing.

Name: Great Cedar Swamp and Indian Trails Swamp

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Upper, Dennis, and Middle Twps., Cape

May County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Marmora, Sea Is's City, Woodbine

Resource Value: 0 15,000 acres of forested, scrub-shrub,

and emergent wetlands.

O Provides important staging area resources for waterfowl, woodcock, raptors, and other migratory birds that utilize the Cape May peninsula during

migration.

 Features resident populations of threatened or endangered species (e.g. barred owl, red-shouldered hawk).

O Indian Trail Swamp portion features 2 globally rare plant species and other

state rare species.

Exemplary lowland forest natural

community.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressures from surrounding

communities, especially in fringe areas

of the NWR.

Name: Lizard Tail Swamp

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Lower Twp., Cape May County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Stone Harbor

Resource Value: O Federally listed, globally and state

imperiled flora.

O Exemplary lowland forest natural

community.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure

Name: Rio Grande Swamp

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Middle Twp., Cape May County

U.S.G.S. Cuadrangle(s): Rio Grande, Stone Harbor

O State listed species, barred owl, red-shouldered hawk. Resource Value:

O State rare flora and an exemplary

natural community.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure

Name: <u>Sewell Point Wetlands</u>

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Cape May City, Cape May County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Cape May

Resource Value:

o Provides valuable high quality habitat

for migrating birds.

O Site used by high concentrations and high variety of various avian species, including federal/state endangered peregrine falcon, state endangered cooper's hawk and osprey, and state threatened northern harrier, great blue heron, red-shouldered hawk, bobolink, savannah sparrow and grasshopper sparrow.

 Site also provides habitat for state endangered southern gray treefrog as well as box turtles, fowler's toads, spring peepers and migratory monarch

butterflies.

O Site contributes to region's use by birdwatchers, and to local tourism, during spring and fall migrations.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

O Threatened by residential development.

Comments:

This site encompasses approximately 110 acres of mostly forested, scrub-scrub, and emergent wetlands. Vegetation present provides excellent and abundant food for wildlife birds.

Cape May County

Name: Woodbine Pond

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Woodbine, Cape May County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Woodbine

Resource Value: O Excellent occurrence of a globally rare

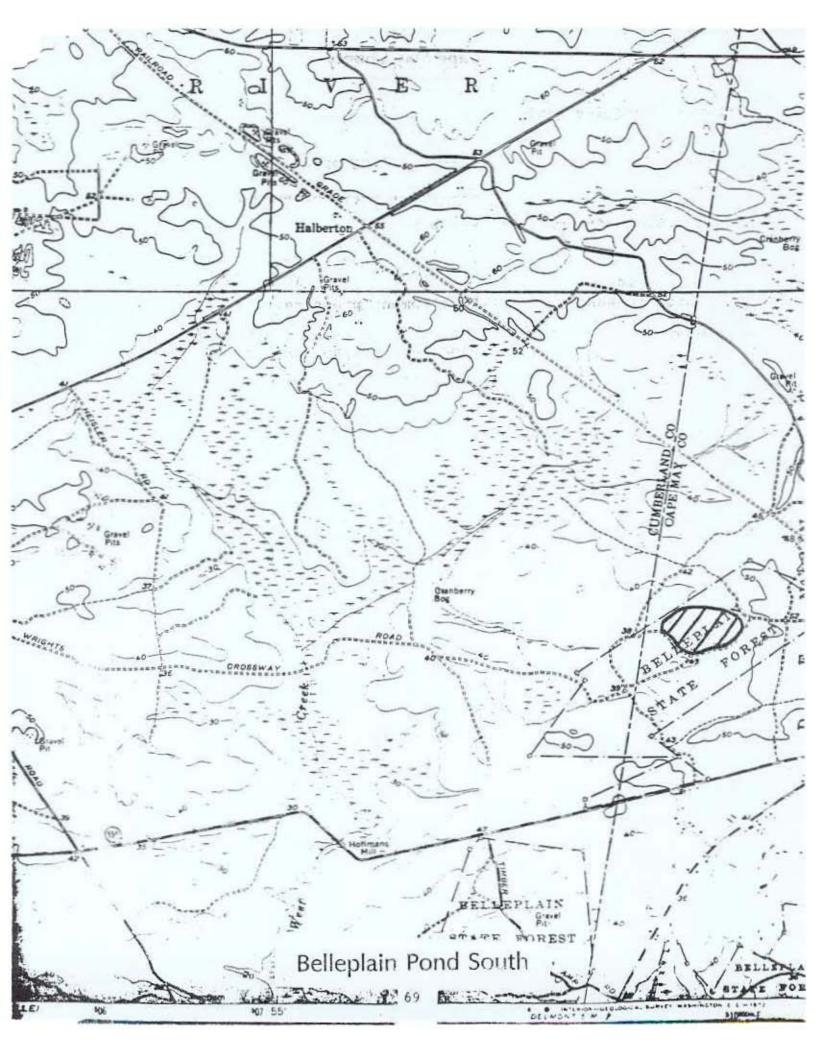
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Known/Potential

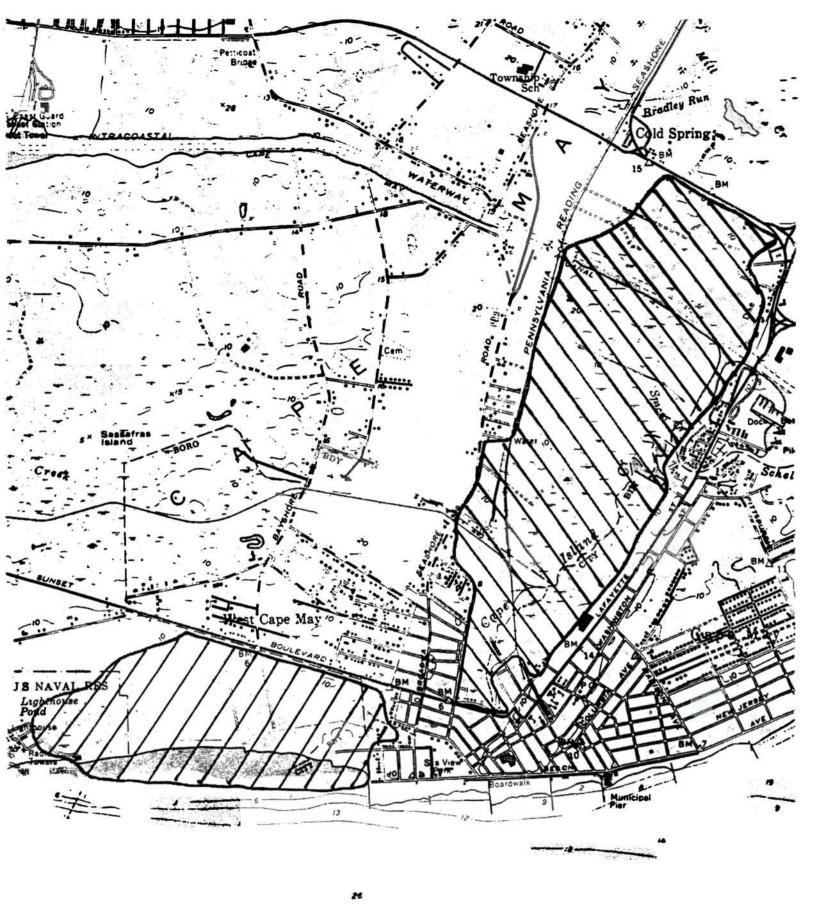
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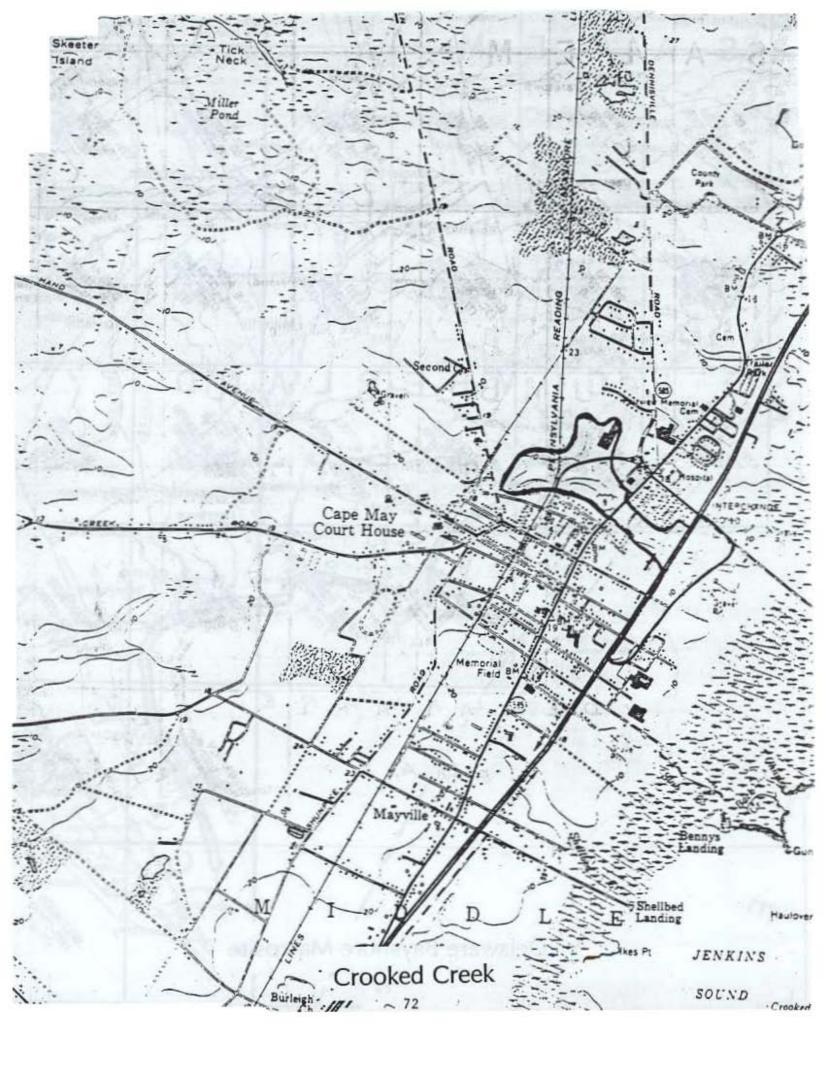


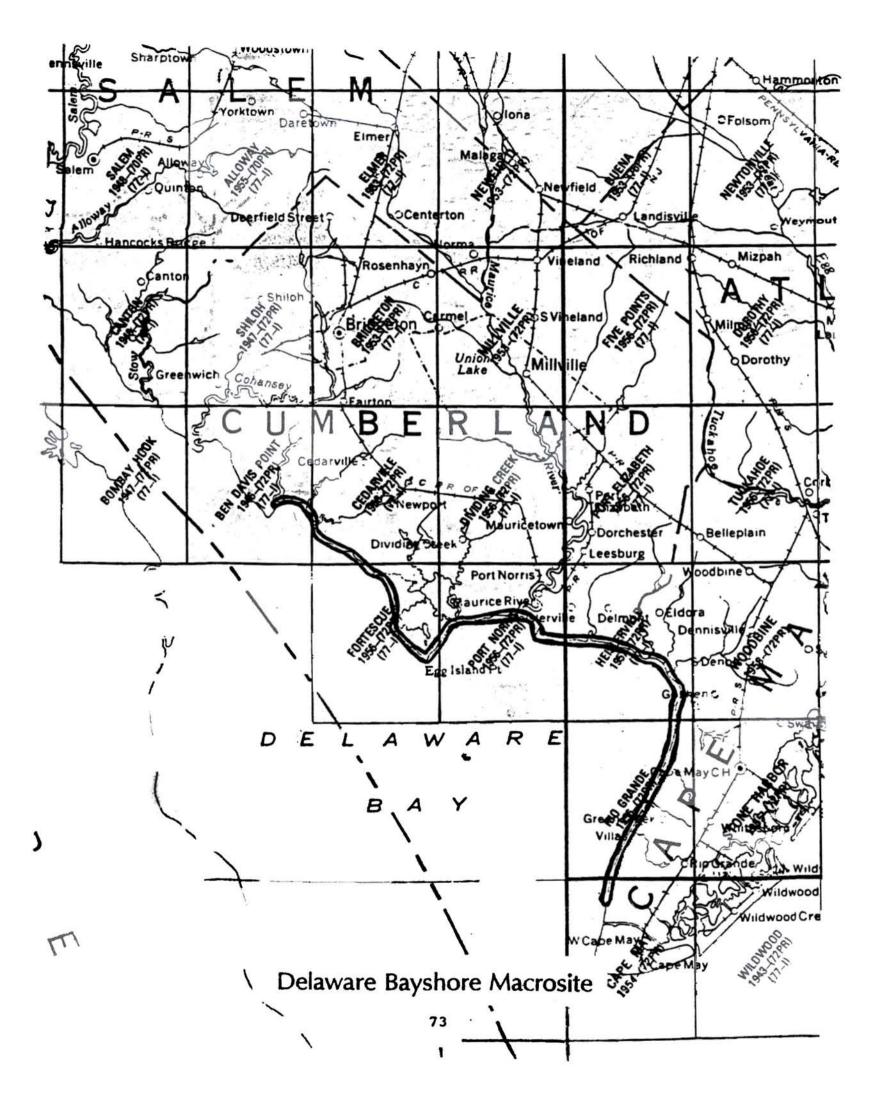




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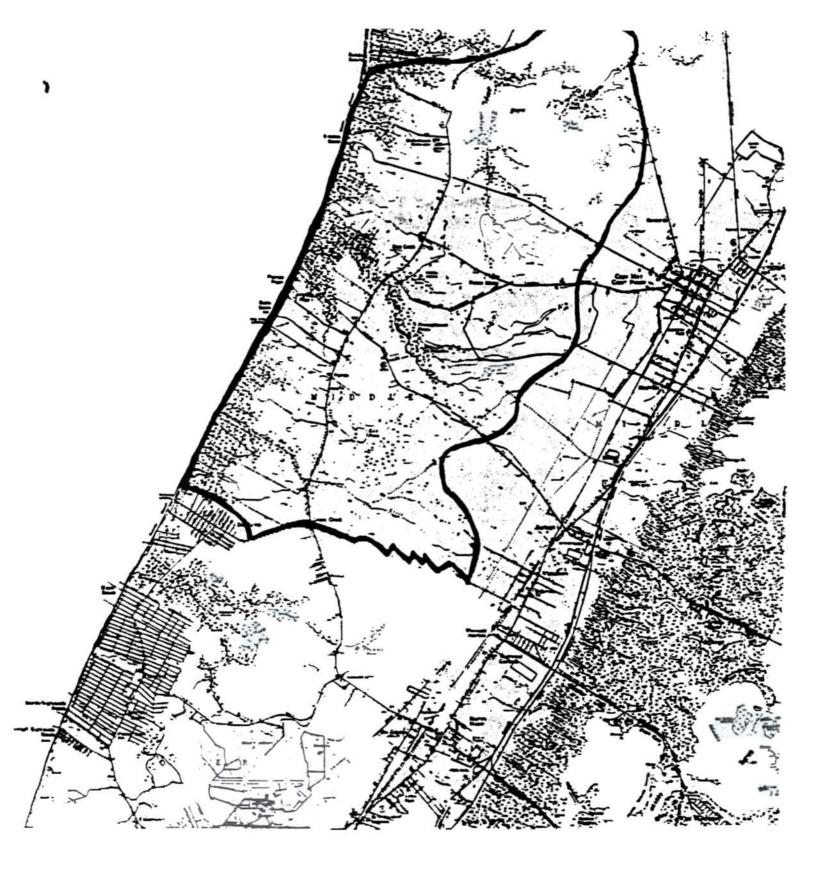
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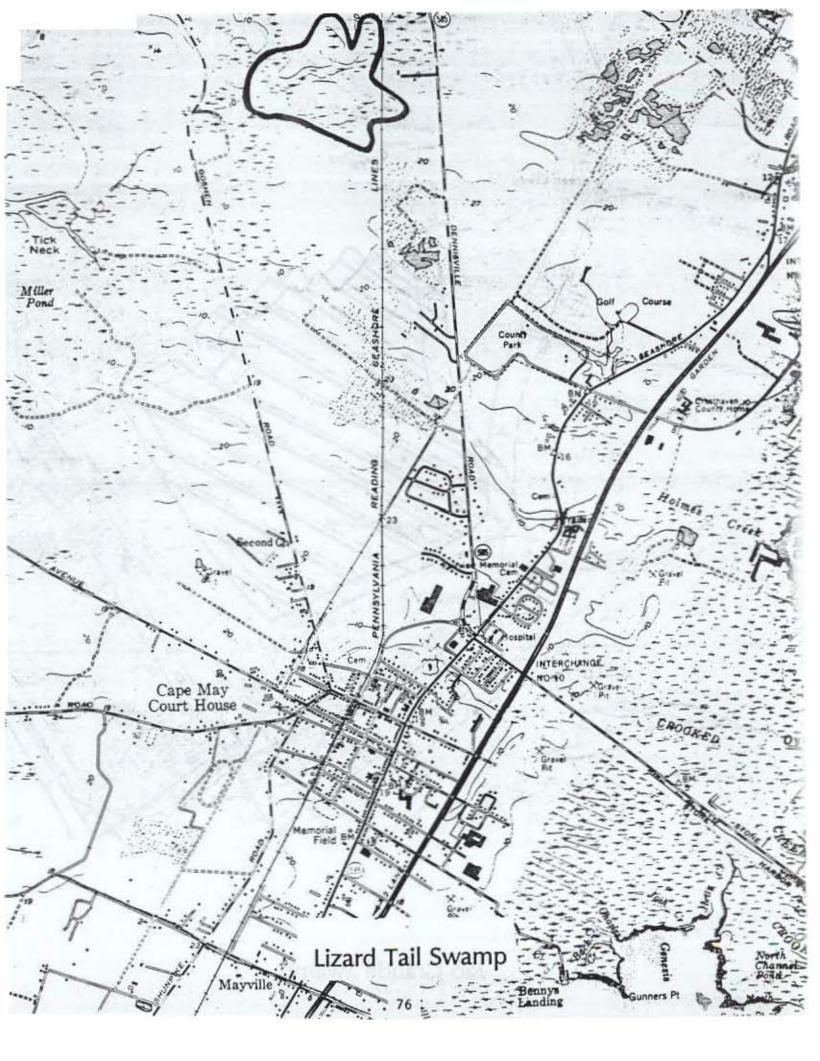


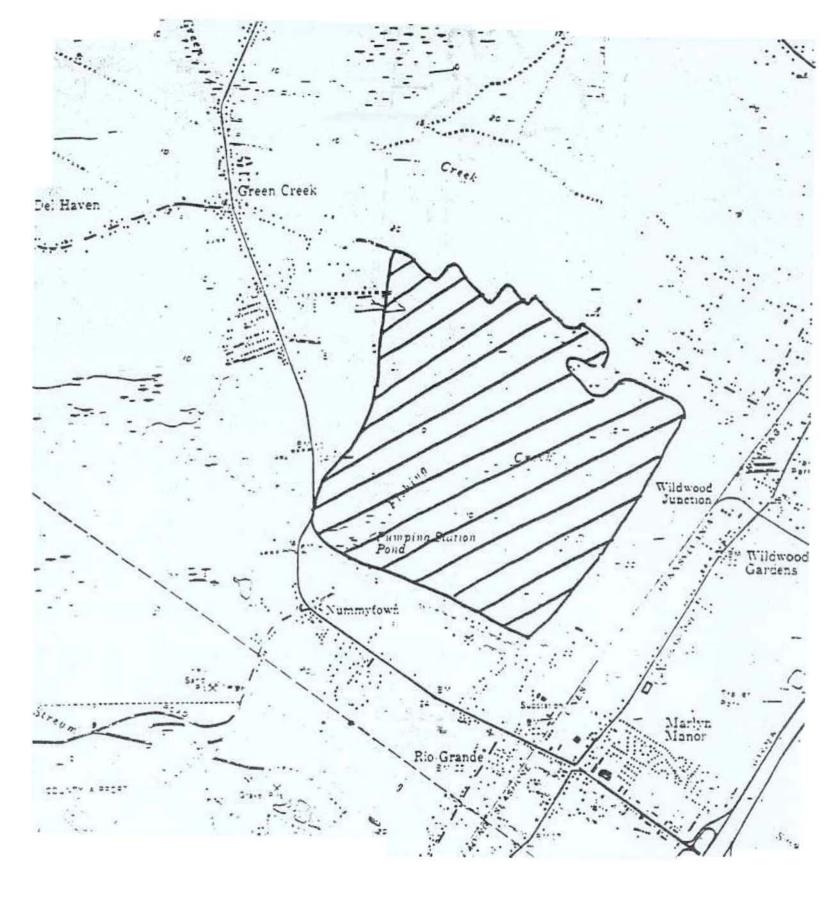


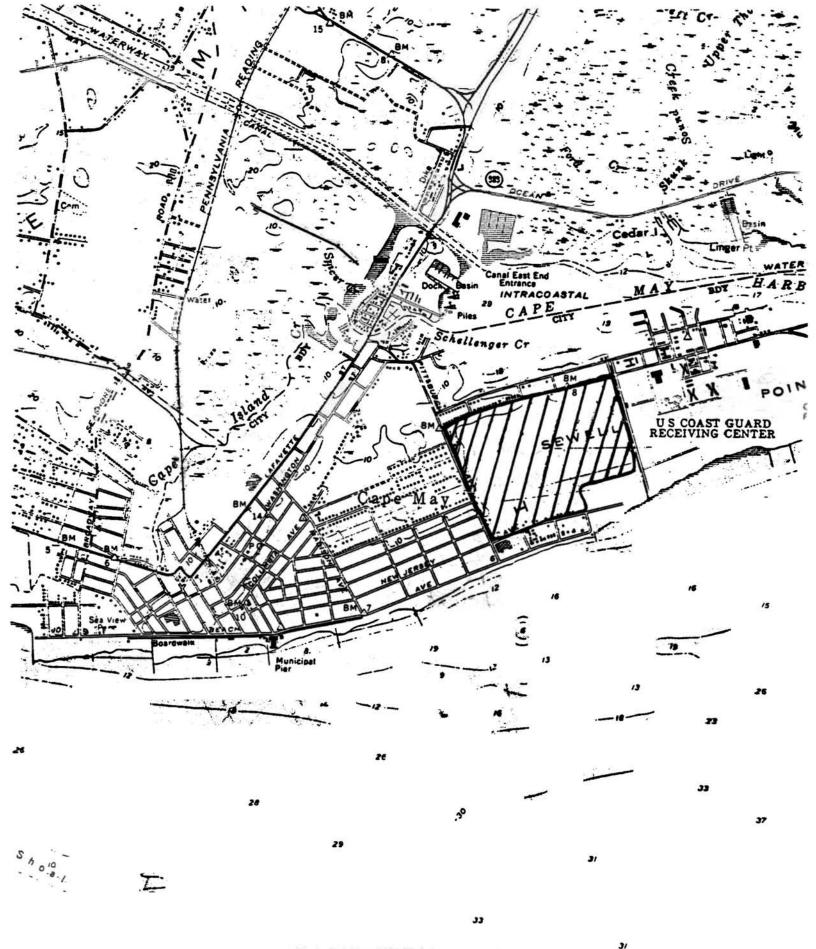
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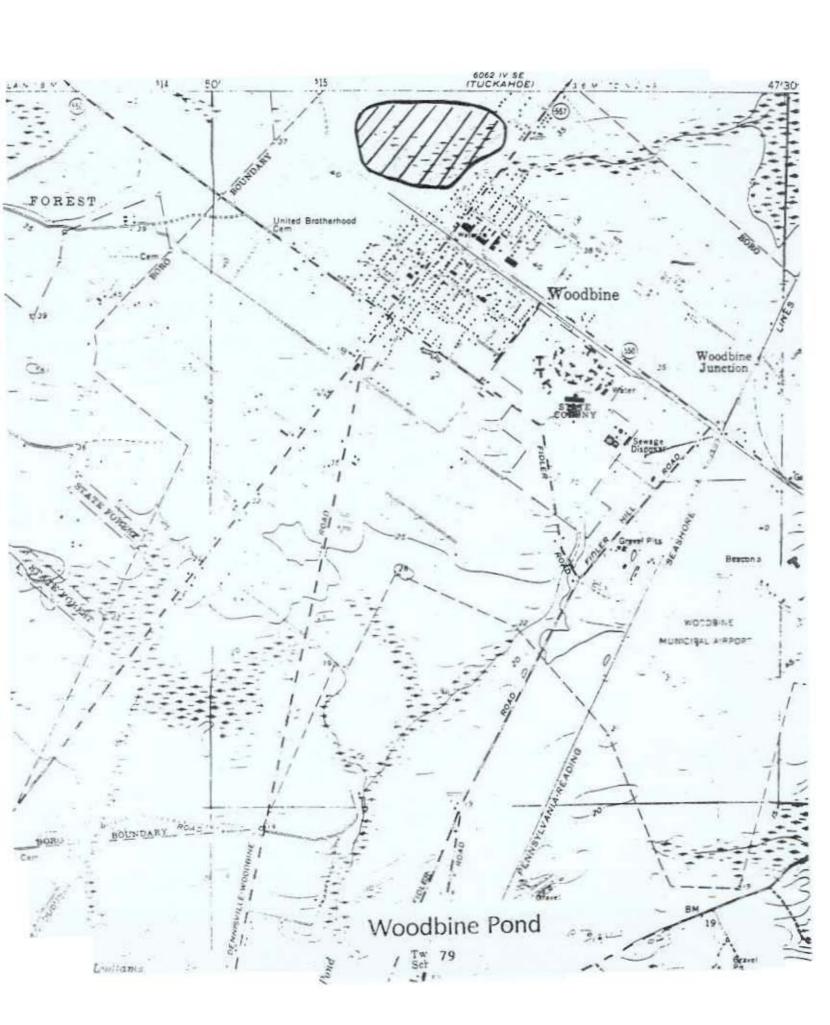
Indian Trails Swamp







Sewell Point Wetlands



Name: Delaware Bayshore Macrosite

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Various communities, Cumberland and Cape

May Counties within 0.5 miles of the

Delaware Bay.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Ben Davis Point, Cape May, Cedarville,

Fortescue, Heislerville, Port Norris,

Rio Grande

Resource Value: O High quality concentrations of spring

migratory shorebirds. One of the most significant staging areas for these birds in the western hemisphere.

O A number of state significant animal

species present.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure

o Oil spills.

O Disturbance.

Comments: Various State Wildlife Areas are located

within this listing.

Name: Dividing Creek Wetland Complex (Turkey Point, Bear Swamp)

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Commercial and Down Twps., Cumberland

County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Cedarville, Dividing Creek, Fortesque,

Port Norris

Resource Value: O The Bear Swamp-Turkey Point wetland

complex provides valuable habitat for state and federally listed species (e.g. bald eagle, peregrine falcon, northern harrier, red-shouldered hawk, barred owl, and black rail), and various other

game and nongame species.

Area also features a primeval swamp forest natural community and several

state record trees.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Threat from adjacent sand mining which

could affect hydrology.

Name: Lummis Pond

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Lawrence Township, Cumberland County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Cedarville

Resource Value: O Occurrence of a federally listed

species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Run-off from adjacent road.

Name: Maurice River System: Maurice River, Manumuskin Creek, Manatico Creek, and Muskee Creek

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties. Various municipalities.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Bridgeton, Buena, Cedarville, Dividing Creek, Elmer, Five Points, Heislerville, Milleville, Newfield, Pitman East,

Pitman West, Port Elizabeth, Port Norris

Resource Value: • Wetlands of this drainage are amongst the most pristine natural areas in New

> O Supports major wintering population of the federally endangered bald eagle and provides historically suitable nesting habitat for this species, which is hoped will once again provide habitat for

additional nesting pairs.

O Other state listed species present include ospreys, red-shouldered hawks, southern gray and pine barrens treefrogs, and barred owls.

Known/Potential Threats to Resource:

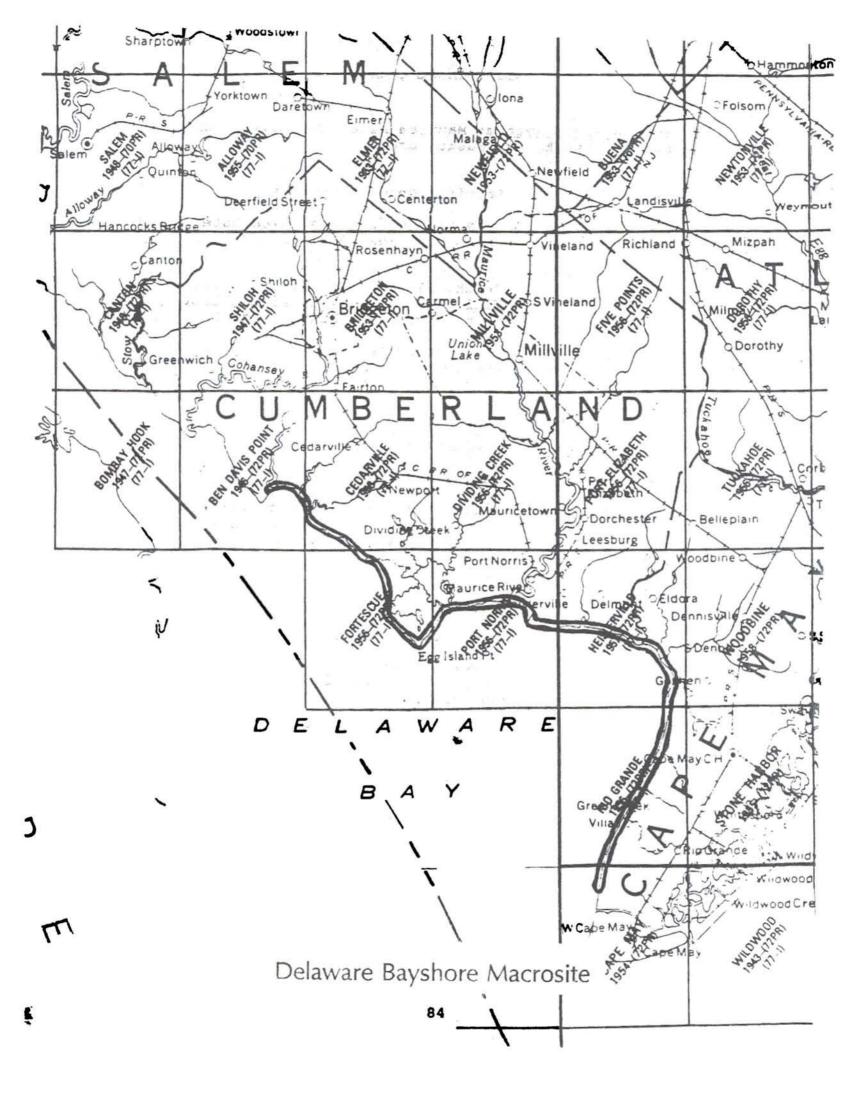
O Development pressures and human encroachment.

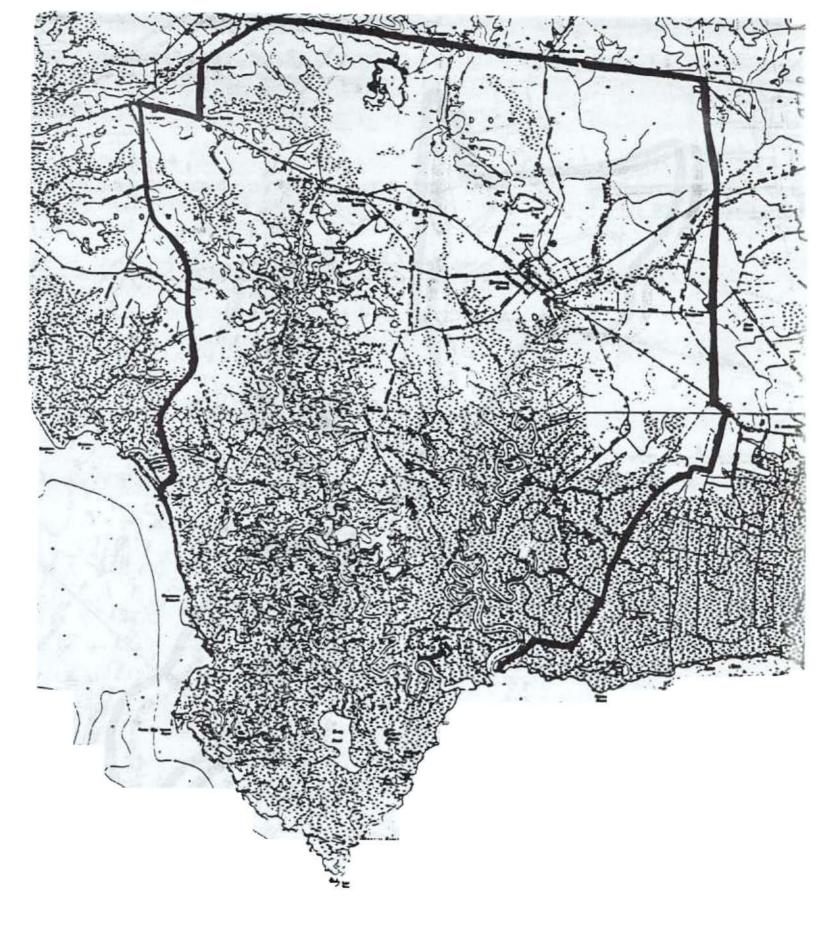
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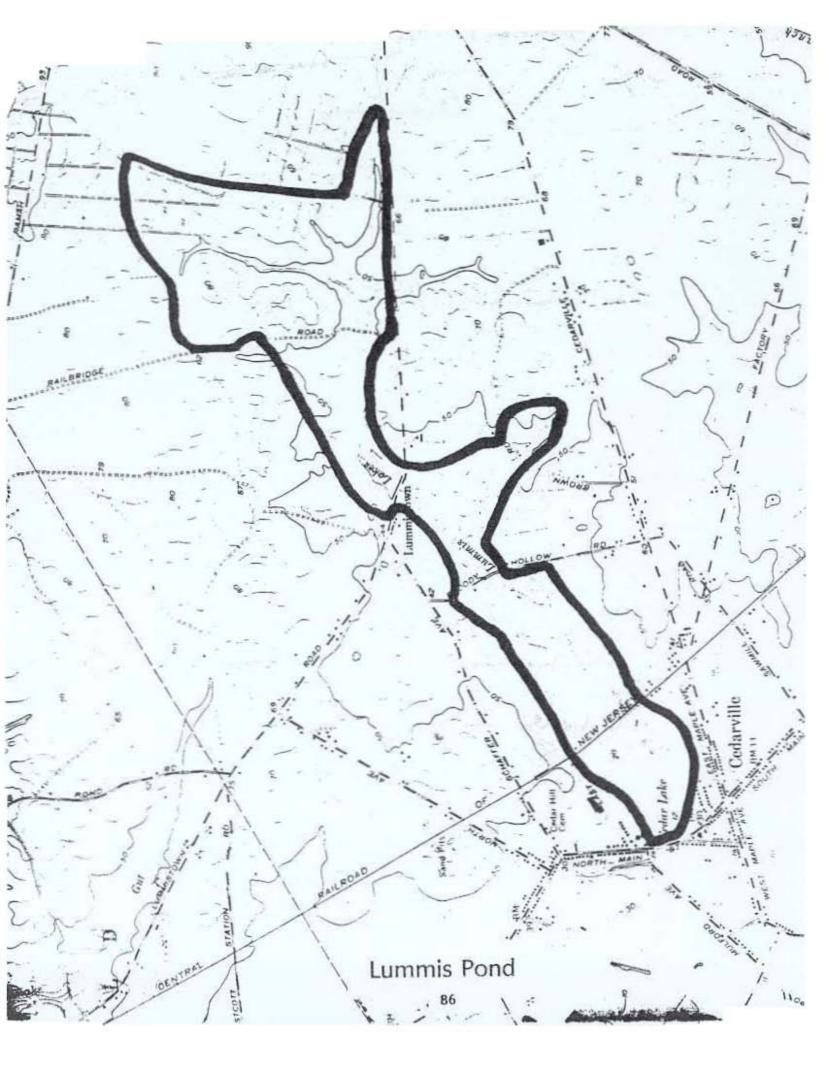
Note - The Pole Tavern listing is located within the boundaries of the Maurice River priority wetland. See the Pole Tavern listing for further

information.





Dividing Creek Wetland Complex





Maurice River System

Essex County

Essex County

Name: Passaic River Basin

Category: Specific Geographic Areas

Location: Northeastern New Jersey (i.e. Bergen,

Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic,

Somerset, Sussex, Union Counties) and New York (Orange and Rockland Counties).

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Bernardsville, Boonton, Boundbrook,

Caldwell, Chathem, Dover, Franklin, Greenwood Lake, Hackensack, Hamburg, Mendham, Morristown, Newfoundland, Orange, Paterson, Plainfield, Pompton Plains, Ramsey, Roselle, Sloatsburg,

Wanaque, Wawayanda, Weehawkin

Resource Value: O Flood control for major rivers and

their tributaries.

• Water quality maintenance.

O Important habitat for waterfowl, raptors, passerines, herptiles, furbearers, and fish, including various

state and federally listed species.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

 Proposed Passaic River tunnel project, New York ACOE.

O Urbanization.

O Routes 46, 10, 80, and 24 run through these wetlands and have had major

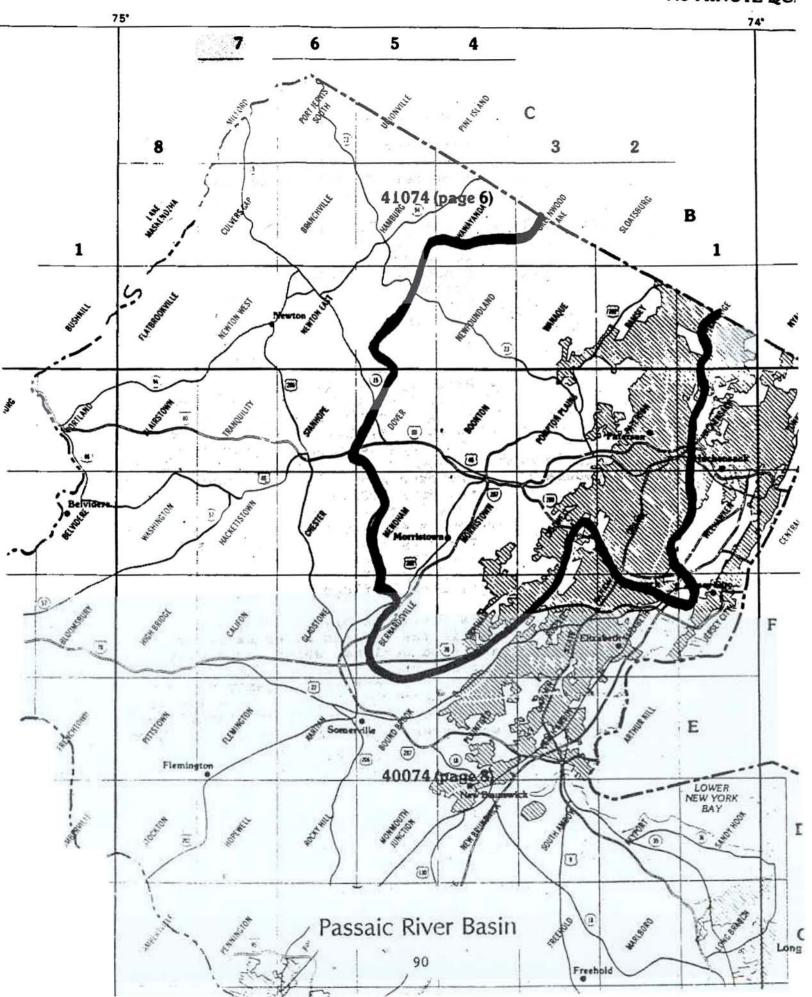
impacts.

Encroachment and the continuation of

filling in flood zone areas.

Comments:

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Gloucester County

Gloucester County

Name: <u>Maurice River System:</u> Maurice River, Manumuskin Creek, Manatico Creek, and Muskee Creek

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties. Various municipalities.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Bridgeton, Buena, Cedarville, Lividing Creek, Elmer, Five Points, Heislerville, Milleville, Newfield, Pitman East,

Pitman West, Port Elizabeth, Port Norris

Resource Value:

O Wetlands of this drainage are amongst the most pristine natural areas in New

Jersey.

O Supports major wintering population of the federally endangered bald eagle and provides historically suitable nesting habitat for this species, which is hoped

will once again provide habitat for additional nesting pairs.

 Other state listed species present include ospreys, red-shouldered hawks, southern gray and pine barrens

treefrogs, and barred owls.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

O Development pressures and human

encroachment.

Comments:

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River system are considered part of this
priority listing. Much of the Maurice
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federally designated as part of the
National Wild and Scenic Rivers system.

Note - The Pole Tavern listing is located within the boundaries of the Maurice River priority wetland. See the

Pole Tavern listing for further

information.

Gloucester County

Name: Oldmans Creek

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Logan Twp, Gloucester County and

Oldmans, and Woolrich Twps., Salem

County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Bridgeport, Marcus Hook, Penns Grove,

Woodstown

Resource Value: 0 6500 acres of emergent (fresh tidal) and

palustrine forest wetland.

O Important migration stop-over for

pintail ducks and sora rail.

 Includes Pendricktown Impoundment, which features a breeding population of the pied-billed grebe and other waterfowl.

 Provides habitat for migratory, wintering, and recent bald eagle

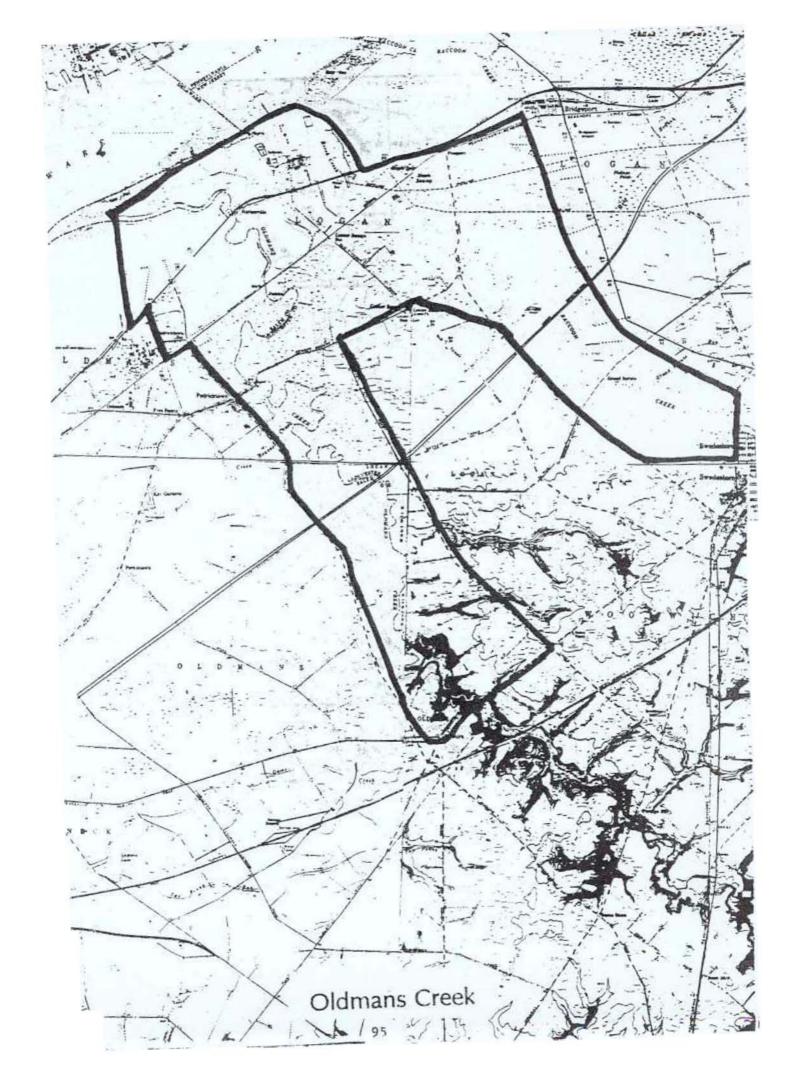
breeding activity.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Threatened by development.



Maurice River System



Hudson County

Hudson County

Name: Hackensack Meadowlands

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Various townships including Kearny, N.

Arlington, and Woodbridge Twps., Hudson

and Bergen Counties.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Elizabeth, Hackensack, Orange, Weehawkin

Resource Value: O Diverse array of palustrine and

estuarine wetlands.

 Provides significant habitat for waterfowl, including the only NJ

breeding population of American Coots, and raptors (e.g. northern harriers,

short-eared owls).

 Features floodwater storage for the Hackensack River and several tidal and

non-tidal streams.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Intense development pressure from

surrounding communities and land

speculators.

Comments: This Priority listing includes all

wetlands within the Hackensack

Meadowlands.

Hudson County

Name: Passaic River Basin

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Category:

Specific Geographic Areas

Location:

Northeastern New Jersey (i.e. Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union Counties) and New York (Orange and Rockland Counties).

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s):

Bernardsville, Boonton, Boundbrook, Caldwell, Chathem, Dover, Franklin, Greenwood Lake, Hackensack, Hamburg, Mendham, Morristown, Newfoundland, Orange, Paterson, Plainfield, Pompton Plains, Ramsey, Roselle, Sloatsburg, Wanaque, Wawayanda, Weehawkin

Resource Value:

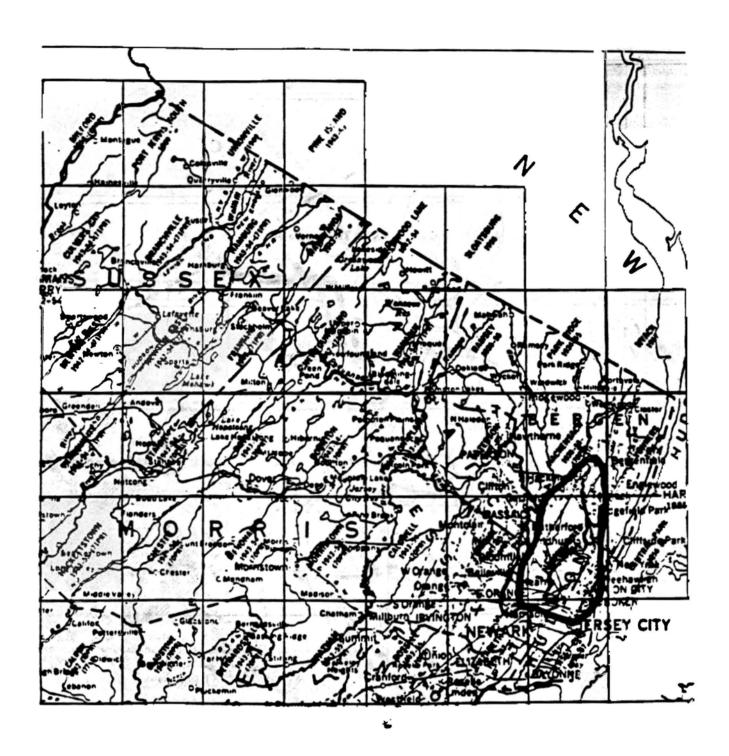
- o Flood control.
- Water supplies and water quality maintenance.
- O Important habitat for waterfowl, raptors, passerines, herptiles, furbearers, and fish, including various state and federally listed species.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

- O Proposed Passaic River tunnel project, New York ACOE.
- O Urbanization.
- O Routes 46, 10, 80, and 24 run through these wetlands and have had major impacts.
- Encroachment and the continuation of filling in flood zone areas.

Comments:

This listing applies to all wetlands within the Passaic River Basin except for isolated wetlands which occur outside of the 100 year floodplain, as defined by either the Federal Emergency Management Agency's 100 year flood elevation or the New Jersey 100 year flood elevation, whichever is higher. The Passaic River drains 935 square miles of New Jersey and New York. Average annual population growth is estimated at 0.34% and 2.50% for the upper and lower portions respectively. Note - The Beech Brook, Big Pine Swamp and Washington Valley priority wetlands are located within the boundaries of the Passaic River Basin listing. See these listings for further information.



Hackensack Meadowlands

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Hunterdon County

Hunterdon County

Name: Spruce Run Reservoir Tributary Wetlands

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Feeder streams and associated wetland

areas to Spruce Run, Rocky Run, Willoughby Brook, Black Brook, and Mulhockaway Creek in Hunterdon County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Bloomsbury, Frenchtown, Highbridge,

Hackettstown, Pittstown

Resource Value: O Important public water supply source

(Elizabeth Town Water Company).

O Various tributary streams contain trout

production waters.

O Features state listed Bog, and Wood

turtles.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

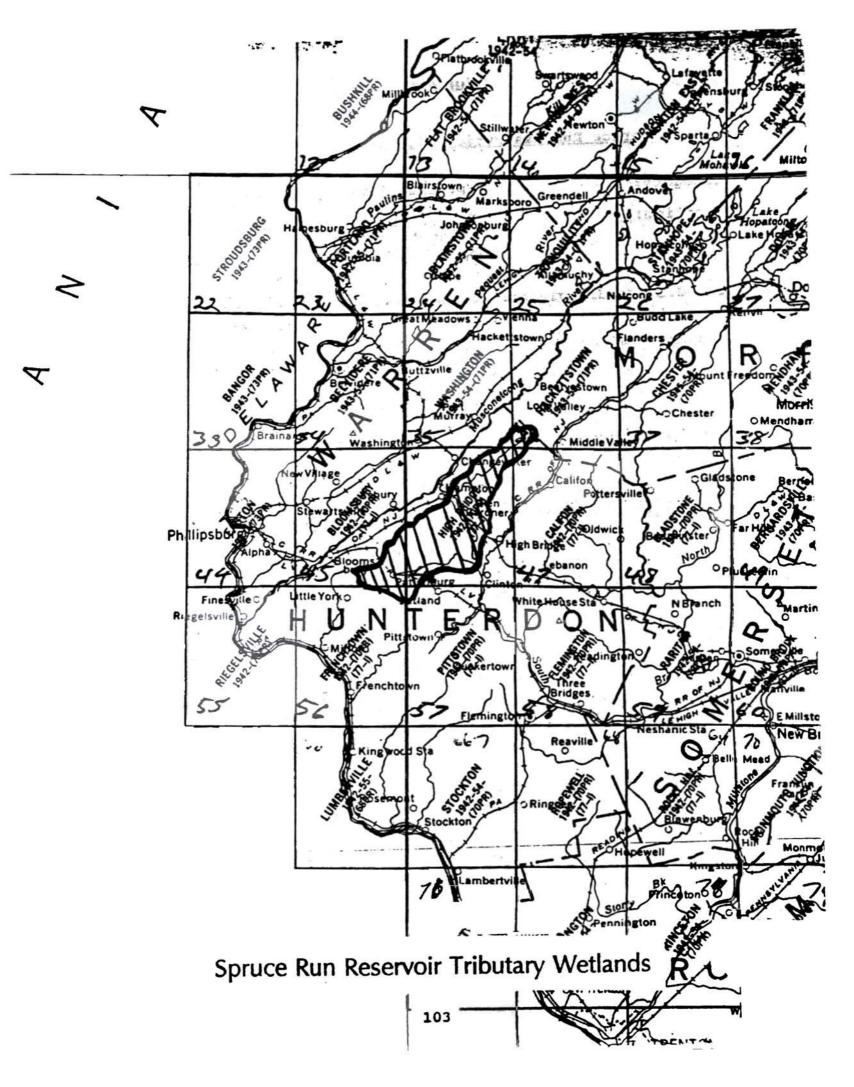
O Potential threat to water supply from

non-point source pollution.

Comments: All wetlands associated with the Spruce

Run Reservoir tributary system are considered part of this priority

listing.



Mercer County

Mercer County

Name: Hamilton Marsh

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Mercer and Burlington Counties,

immediately south of Trenton.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Trenton East

Resource Value: O Breeding area for the state listed Pied-

billed grebe.

O Supports a variety of game and nongame

species.

 Fish habitat for the Federally endangered Shortnose Sturgeon.

O Enhances water quality run-off to the

Delaware River.

Known/potential

Threats to Resource: O Adjacent residential development.

O Impacted by the Trenton Complex highway

project.

Name: Walnford Floodplain

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Chesterfield, North Hanover, Hamilton,

and Upper Freehold Twps., Burlington,

Mercer, and Monmouth Counties.

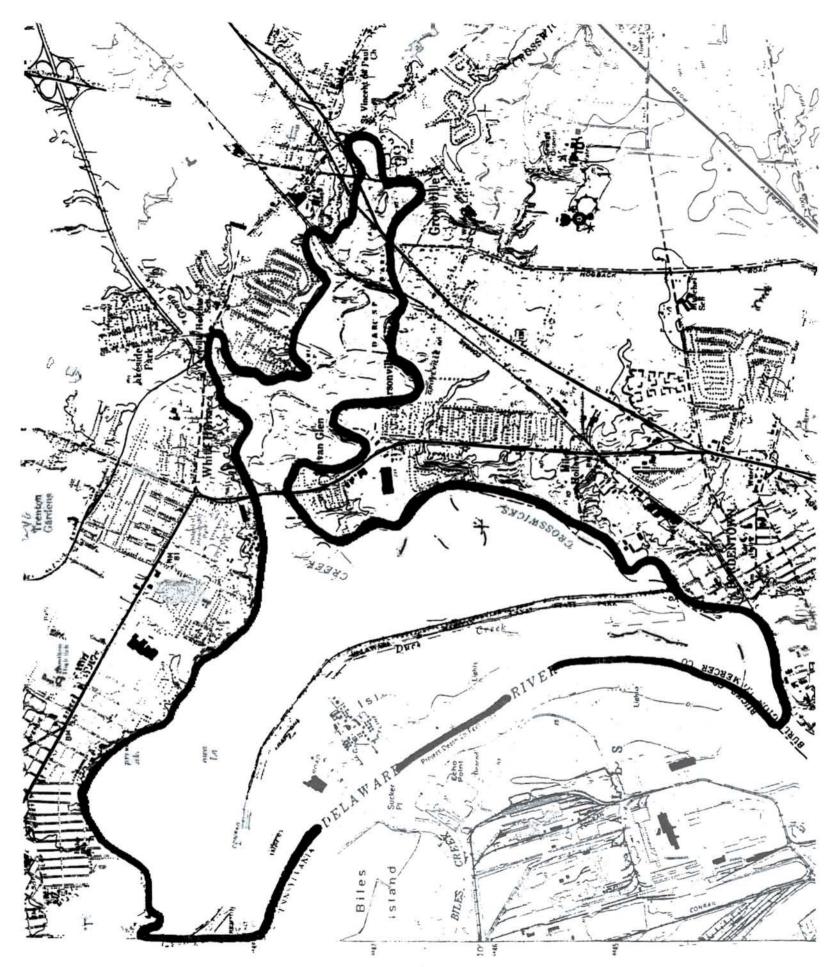
U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Allentown

Resource Value: O Exemplary natural wetland community.

O State imperiled plant species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.



Hamilton Marsh



Name: Dismal Swamp

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Edison Twp., Middlesex County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Plainfield

Resource Value: 0 200 acres of Palustrine forest,

scrub-shrub, and emergent wetlands.

O Provides important resources for

 passerines, raptors, American woodcock, deer, squirrels, opossum, raccoon, and

various small mammals.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Area is threatened by severe

residential/industrial development.

Name: Helmetta

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Helmetta Boro, Middlesex County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Jamesburg, New Brunswick

Resource Value: O Regionally rare wetland area due to Pine

Barrens characteristics.

• Features a diversity of herptiles (e.g. carpenter frogs, diamondback terrapins).

O Significant site for songbirds (e.g.

warblers, summer tanager, whip-

poor-wills).

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Subject to degradation from human

disturbance. Threatened by changes in the quantity and quality of groundwater

in the vicinity.

Name: Metro Park Wetlands

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Edison and Woodbridge, Middlesex County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Perth Amboy

Resource Value: O Provides habitat for 90 species of

breeding and migratory birds, including

the Red Shouldered hawk.

Provides flood protection within heavily

developed area. Greater than 50% of site lies within 100-year floodplain.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Heavy commercial and residential

development pressure.

Comments: Contains approximately 55 acres of

palustrine forested wetlands associated

with the South Branch of the Rahway

River. Designated as a Priority Site by

the New Jersey Audubon Society.

Name: Pigeon Swamp

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: South Brunswick Twp., Middlesex County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Monmouth Junction, New Brunswick

Resource Value: 0 1250 acres of palustrine forest,

scrub-shrub, and emergent wetlands in an

highly urbanizing county.

O Features an exemplary red maple-sweet

gum swamp forest.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development threat from private

landowners and impacts generated by adjacent gravel mine (i.e. potential changes in the hydrologic regime).

Comments: Listed in the National Registry of

Natural Landmarks.

Name: Raritan Bay Estuary Wetlands

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Middlesex, Monmouth, and Union Counties

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Arthur Kill, Elizabeth, Keyport, Long

Branch, Marlboro, New Brunswick, Perth Amboy, Plainfield, Sandy Hook, South

Amboy

Resource Value: O Fishery and nursery habitat.

 Important migratory bird habitat for hawks, passerines, waterfowl, loons and

grebes.

Provides habitat for shorebirds and federally listed piping plover and

peregrine falcon.

Filtering and absorption of pollutants.

Regional scarcity of estuarine wetlands

in area.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

O Extreme pressure from commercial and

residential development.

Comments:

Raritan Bay contains large populations of bluefish, fiddler crabs, killifish and other marine organisms. The Bay's wetlands, located on the east coast flyway, are an important migratory bird resource. All tidally influenced

estuarine wetlands within the boundaries of this listing are considered priority

wetlands.

Note - The Raritan Center listing is located within the boundaries of the Raritan Bay Estuary priority wetland. See the Raritan Center listing for

further information.

Name: Raritan Center

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Edison Twp., Middlesex County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Perth Amboy, South Amboy

Resource Value: O Approxiamately 930 acres of palustrine

emergent wetlands, ponds, and tidal

creeks.

 Provides essential habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, colonial

waterbirds, (including the state listed yellow-crowned night-heron), raptors, passerines, furbearers, and anadramous

fish in a highly urbanized area.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Wetlands are in imminent danger of

destruction from numerous unauthorized

fills and degradation of adjacent

wetlands from erosion of fill material.

Comments: The Raritan Center listing is a

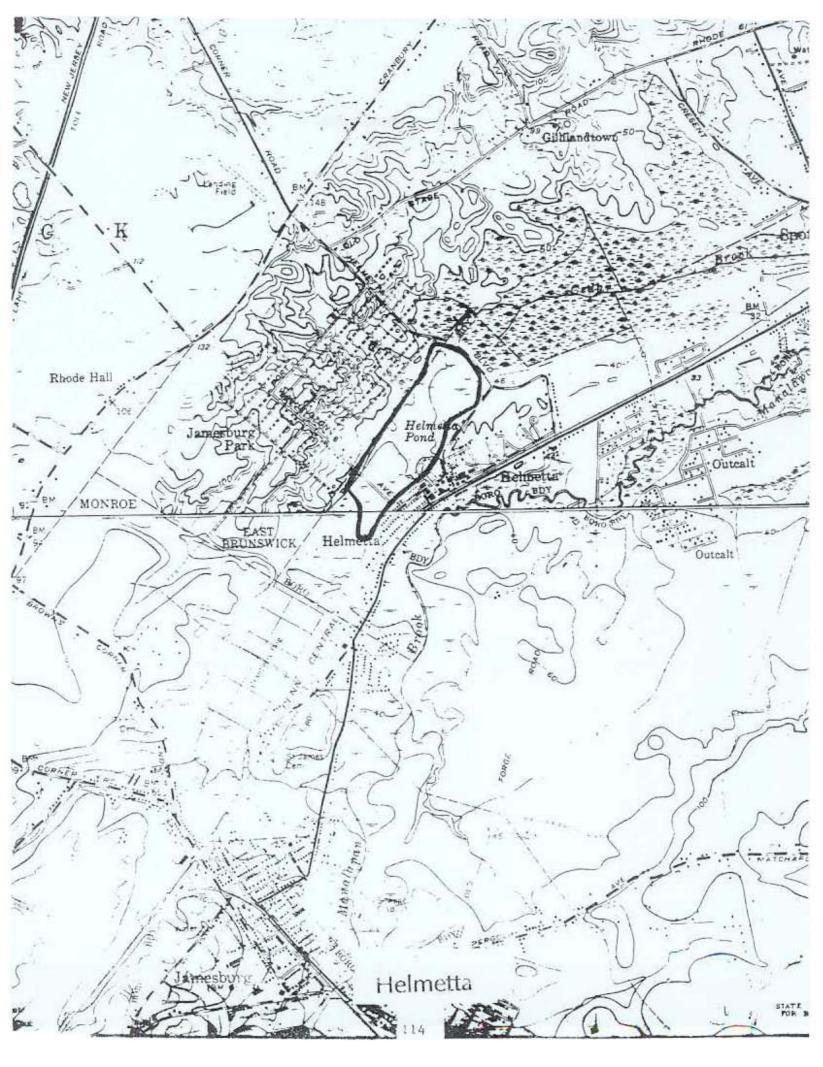
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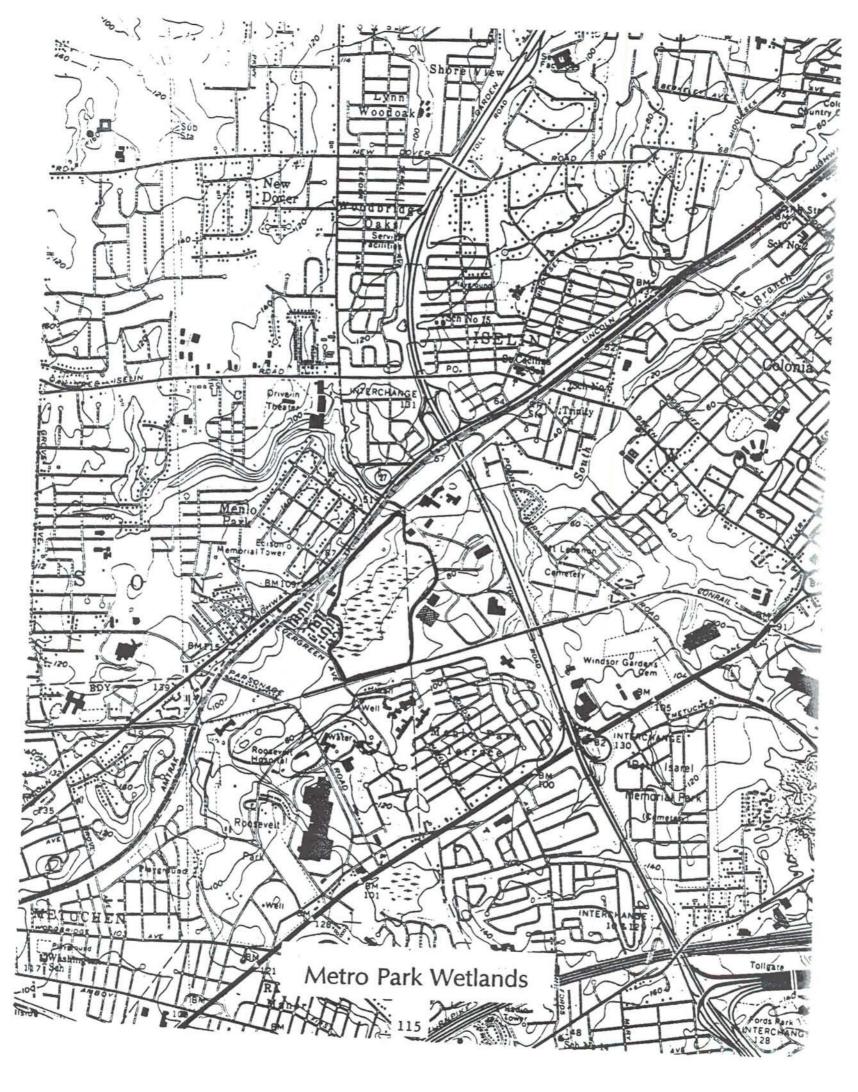
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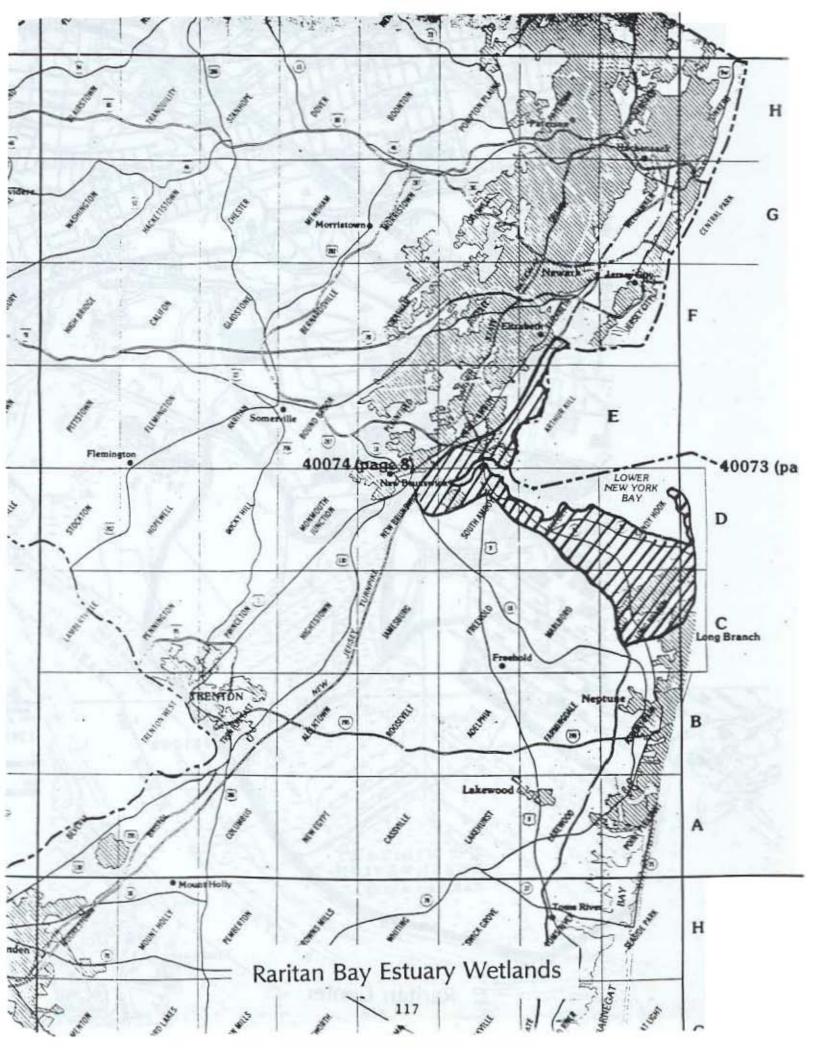


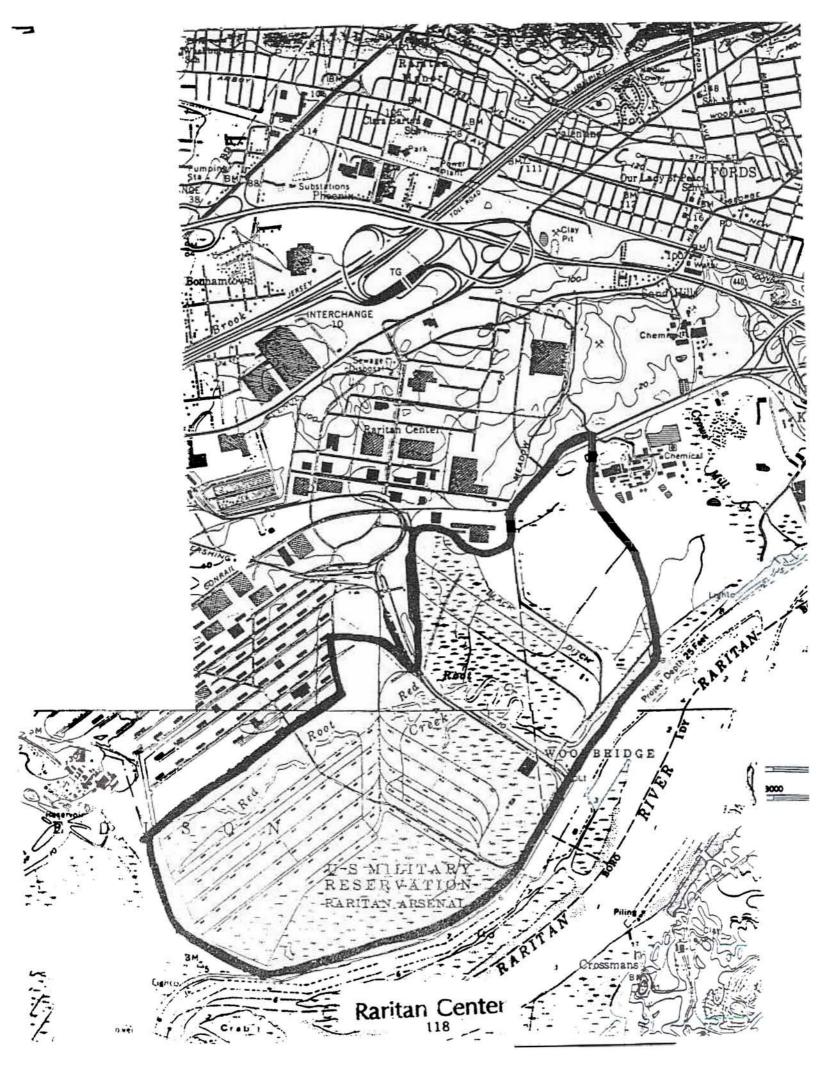
Dismal Swamp











Name: Barneqat Bay and its Tributaries (Overall System)

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Burlington County, Bass River Twp.,

Monmouth County, Millstone Twp. and Howell Twp., Ocean County, various municipalities. From the Metedeconk River watershed south to Great Bay, including the barrier islands to the

east.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Adelphia, Barnegat Light, Beach Haven,

Brookville, Cassville, Farmingdale, Forked River, Keswick Grove, Lakehurst, Lakewood, Long Beach NE, New Gretna, Oswego Lake, Point Pleasant, Roosevelt, Seaside Park, Ship Bottom, Toms River,

Tuckerton, West Creek, Whiting,

Woodmansie

Resource Value: O Fishery and nursery habitat.

Shellfish nursery and habitat.

Estuarine and palustrine wetlands.

 Wildlife habitat for game and nongame species, including indigenous state listed herptiles (Pine Barrens treefrog

tiger salamander).

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

O Intense pressure for dredge and fill due

to the popularity of the area.

O Has undergone rapid development, severely threatened by residential and

commercial development.

Comments: All wetlands which are a component of

the Barnegat Bay tributary system are considered part of this priority listing. Much of the area of this

listing is within CAFRA jurisdiction and is the subject of a watershed management

plan.

Note - The Manahawkin Swamp, Manahawkin

Lake and Reedy Creek/Herring Point priority wetlands are located within the

priority wetlands are located within the boundaries of the Barnegat Bay listing.

See these listings for further

information.

Name: Raritan Bay Estuary Wetlands

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Middlesex, Monmouth, and Union Counties

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Arthur Kill, Elizabeth, Keyport, Long Branch, Marlboro, New Brunswick, Perth

Amboy, Plainfield, Sandy Hook, South

Amboy

Resource Value: O Fishery and nursery habitat.

 Important migratory bird habitat for hawks, passerines, waterfowl, loons and

grebes.

 Provides habitat for shorebirds and federally listed piping plover and

peregrine falcon.

O Filtering and absorption of pollutants.

Regional scarcity of estuarine wetlands

in area.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

• Extreme pressure from commercial and

residential development.

Comments:

Raritan Bay contains large populations of bluefish, fiddler crabs, killifish and other marine organisms. The Bay's wetlands, located on the east coast flyway, are an important migratory bird resource. All tidally influenced

estuarine wetlands within the boundaries of this listing are considered priority

wetlands.

Note - The Raritan Center listing is located within the boundaries of the Raritan Bay Estuary priority wetland See the Raritan Center listing for

further information.

Name: Shark River Station Site

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Wall Township, Monmouth County

r.s.g.s. Quadrangle(s): Farmingdale

Resource Value: O Contains one critically imperilled

species and other global and state rare

plant species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

O Powerline Maintenance.

Name: Walnford Floodplain

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Chesterfield, North Hanover, Hamilton

and Upper Freehold Twps., Burlington,

Mercer, and Monmouth Counties.

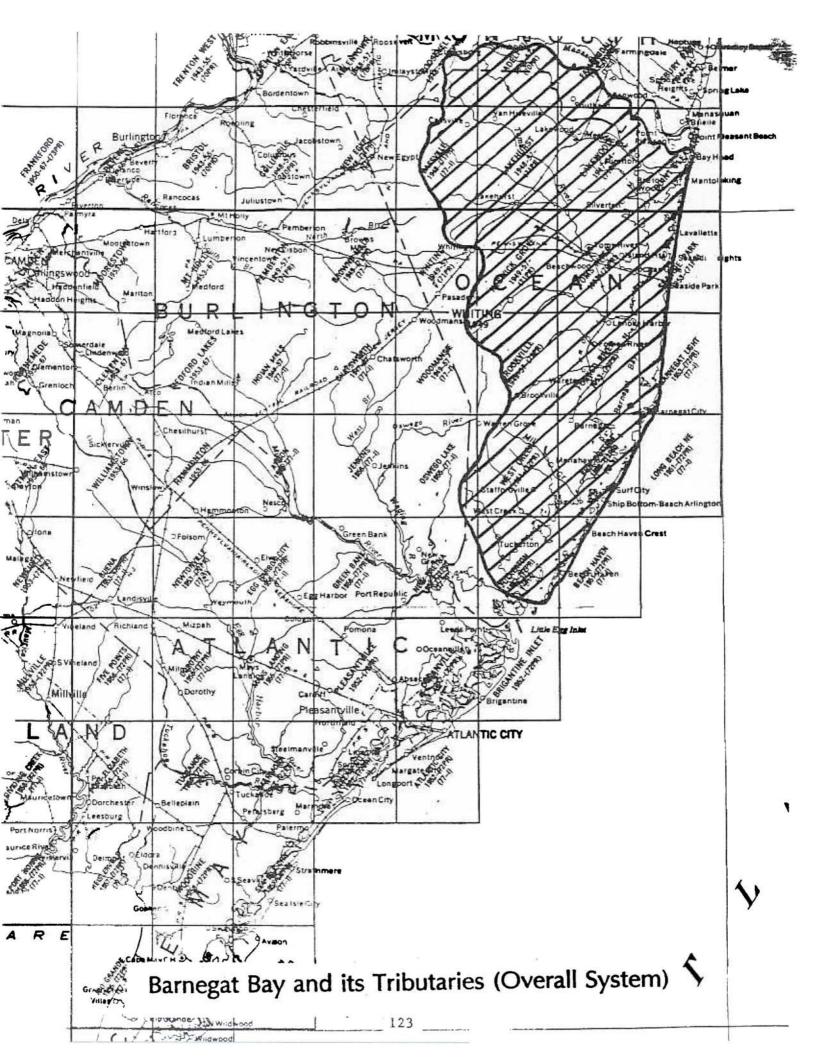
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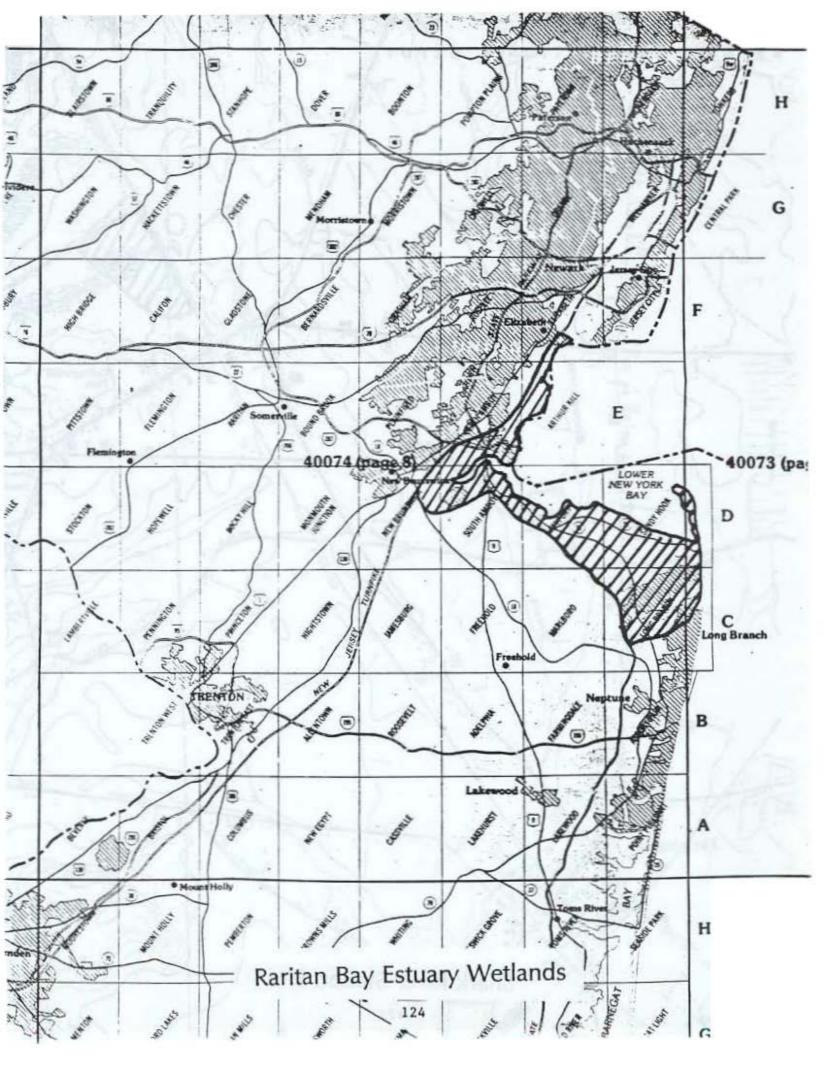
Resource Value: O Exemplary natural wetland community

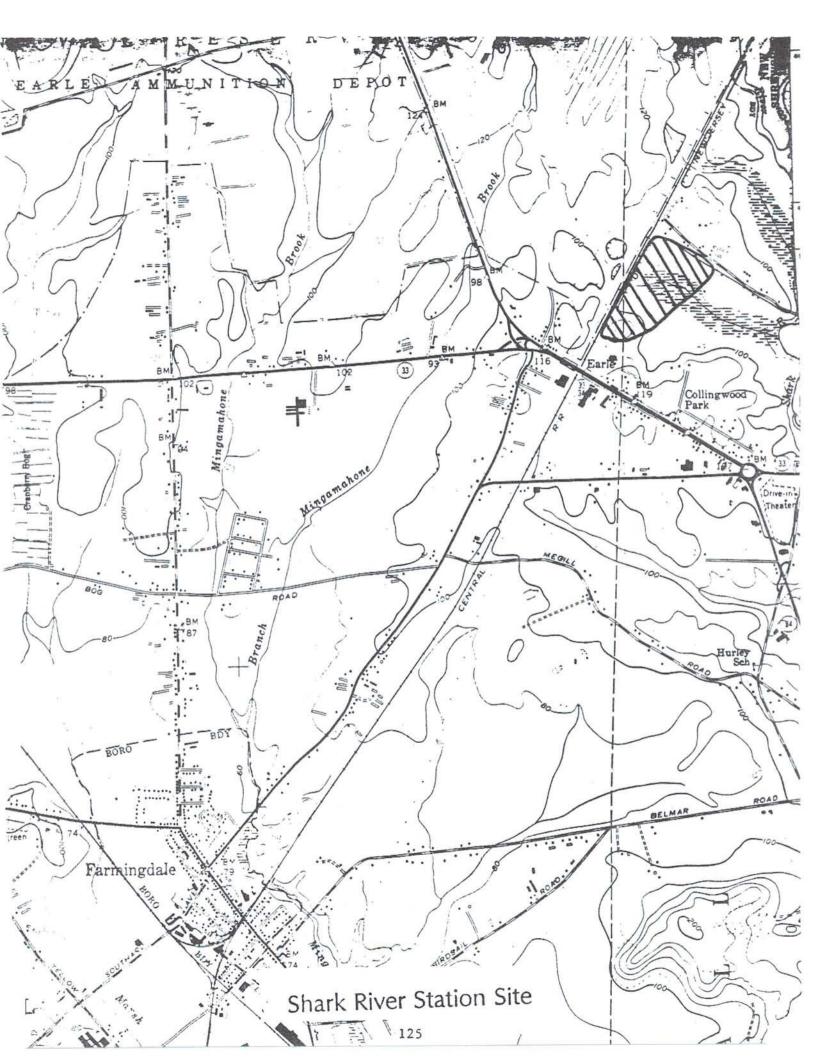
O State imperiled plant species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure









Name: Biq Pine Swamp

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Jefferson Township, Morris County;

Sparta Township, Sussex County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Franklin

Resource Value: O Wetland features nesting state listed

Northern goshawks and Barred owls.

O Also features a wide variety of breeding

warblers and other passerines.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Much is part of Jefferson Sparta

Preserve. However, inholdings and fringe wetland areas continue to be

threatened by development.

Comments: Big Pine Swamp is a component of the

Passaic River Basin listing. All wetlands within the boundaries of the Big Pine Swamp listing are considered

priority wetlands.

Name: Lake Hopatcong Watershed [REVISED AUGUST 10, 1994]

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Jefferson and Roxbury Twps., and Hopatcong and Mount Arlington Boros,

Morris County and Byram Twp. Sussex County. Regional wetlands are associated

with the waters supplying Lake Hopatcong. Examples include:

1. Mountain Inlet

2. Lees Cove watershed

3. Jaynes Brook watershed

4. Weldan Brook watershed

5. Liffy Island waterway

6. Hopatcong Canals/waterways

7. Beaver Brook watershed

8. Great Cove watershed

9. Mt. Arlington Knolls watershed

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Dover, Franklin, Stanhope

Resource Value: O High water quality, for important fish

spawning and public water supply.

 Wildlife habitat for various game and nongame species, including the state

listed barred owl.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Threat of development

Comments: All wetlands associated with the Lake

Hopatcong tributary system are considered part of this priority

listing.

Lamington River (Black River) Watershed

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Roxbury Twp. (Succasunna) to Chester

Twp. (Hacklebarney), Morris County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Chester

Resource Value: Important wildlife habitat for waterfowl

and rails.

O Features state listed species (e.g. Barred owl, American bittern) habitat.

O Rare flora.

Known/Potential

O Threat of water table drawdown by wells Threats to Resource:

and other development pressure to

adjacent uplands.

Name: Little Spruce Swamp

Specific Geographic Area Category:

Mount Olive Twp., Morris County Location:

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Stanhope, Tranquility

Resource Value: o Federally listed plant species.

O Numerous historic records for state

imperiled and rare flora, including at

least one extant record.

O State rare natural community.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

Name: Passaic River Basin

Category: Specific Geographic Areas

Location: Northeastern New Jersey (i.e. Bergen,

Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic,

Somerset, Sussex, Union Counties) and New York (Orange and Rockland Counties).

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Bernardsville, Boonton, Boundbrook,

Caldwell, Chathem, Dover, Franklin, Greenwood Lake, Hackensack, Hamburg, Mendham, Morristown, Newfoundland, Orange, Paterson, Plainfield, Pompton Plains, Ramsey, Roselle, Sloatsburg,

Wanaque, Wawayanda, Weehawkin

Resource Value: O Flood control for major rivers and their

tributaries.

O Recreational lakes and water supplies.

O Important habitat for waterfowl, raptors, passerines, herptiles, furbearers, and fish, including various state and federally listed species.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

 Proposed Passaic River tunnel project New York ACOE.

O Urbanization.

O Routes 46, 10, 80, and 24 run through these wetlands and have had major. impacts.

 Encroachment and the continuation of filling in flood zone areas.

Comments:

This listing applies to all wetlands within the Passaic River Basin except for isolated wetlands which occur outside of the 100 year floodplain, as defined by either the Federal Emergency Management Agency's 100 year flood elevation or the New Jersey 100 year flood elevation, whichever is higher. The Passaic River drains 935 square miles of New Jersey and New York. Average annual population growth is estimated at 0.34% and 2.50% for the upper and lower portions respectively. Note - The Beech Brook, Big Pine Swamp and Washington Valley priority wetlands are located within the boundaries of the Passaic River Basin listing. See these listings for further information.

Name: Washington Valley

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Mendham Twp., Morris County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Mendham

Resource Value: 0 299 acres of palustrine forest,

scrub-shrub, emergent, and open water

wetlands.

O Interspersion of various wetland types and ecotonal diversity between wetland and upland types provides high quality wildlife habitat to various game and

nongame species.
O Public recreation.
O Flood storage.

O Potential management for trout species.

O Provides habitat to several state listed

species (e.g. wood turtles, red-

shouldered hawk)

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Continues to be threatened by proposed

use as a water supply reservcir.

O Adjacent uplands face development

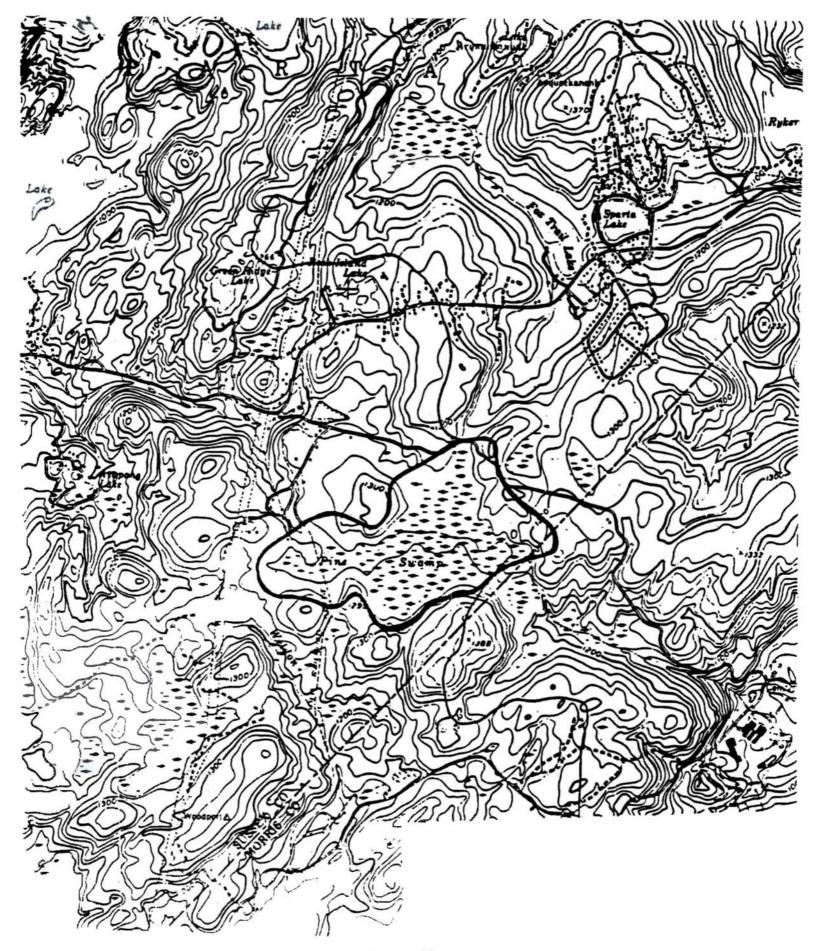
pressure.

Comments: Washington Valley is a component of the

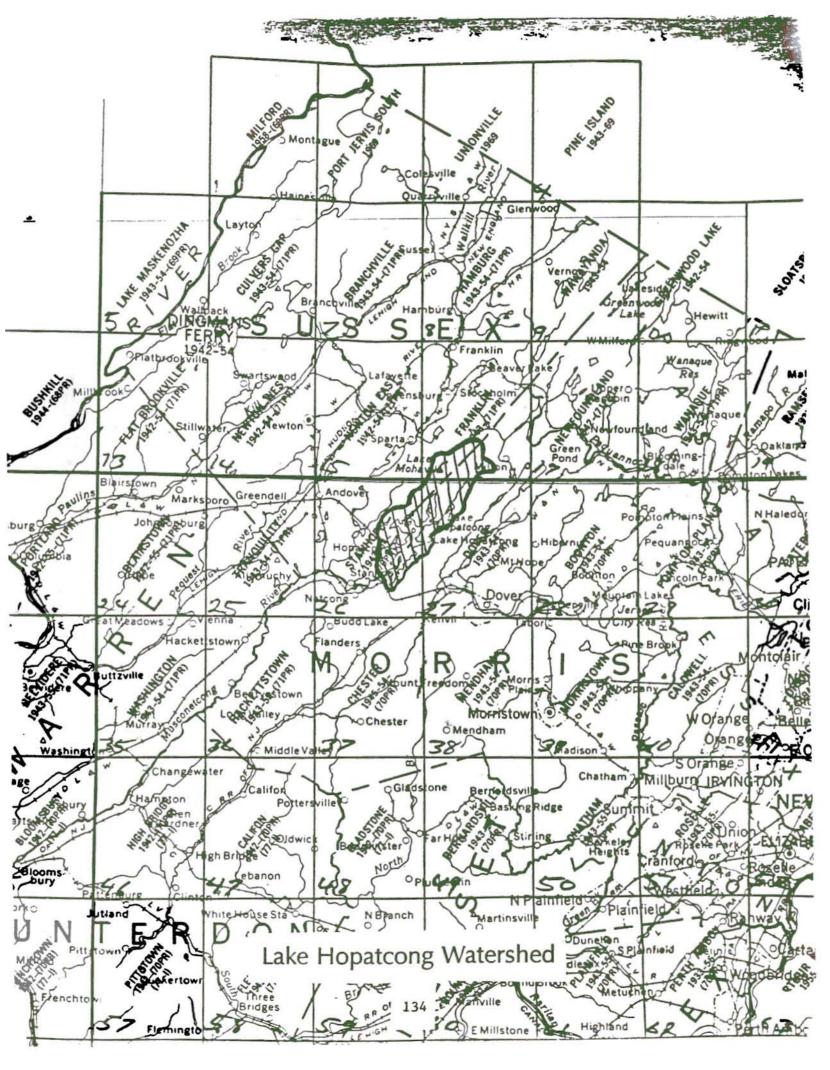
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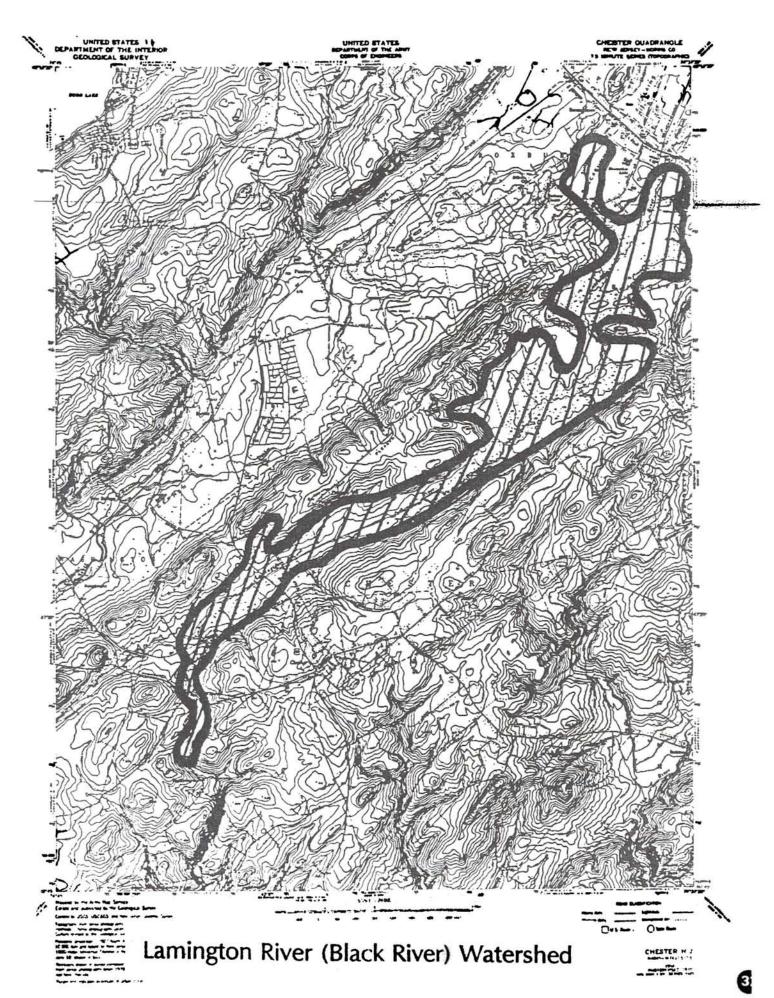
Washington Valley listing are considered

priority wetlands.



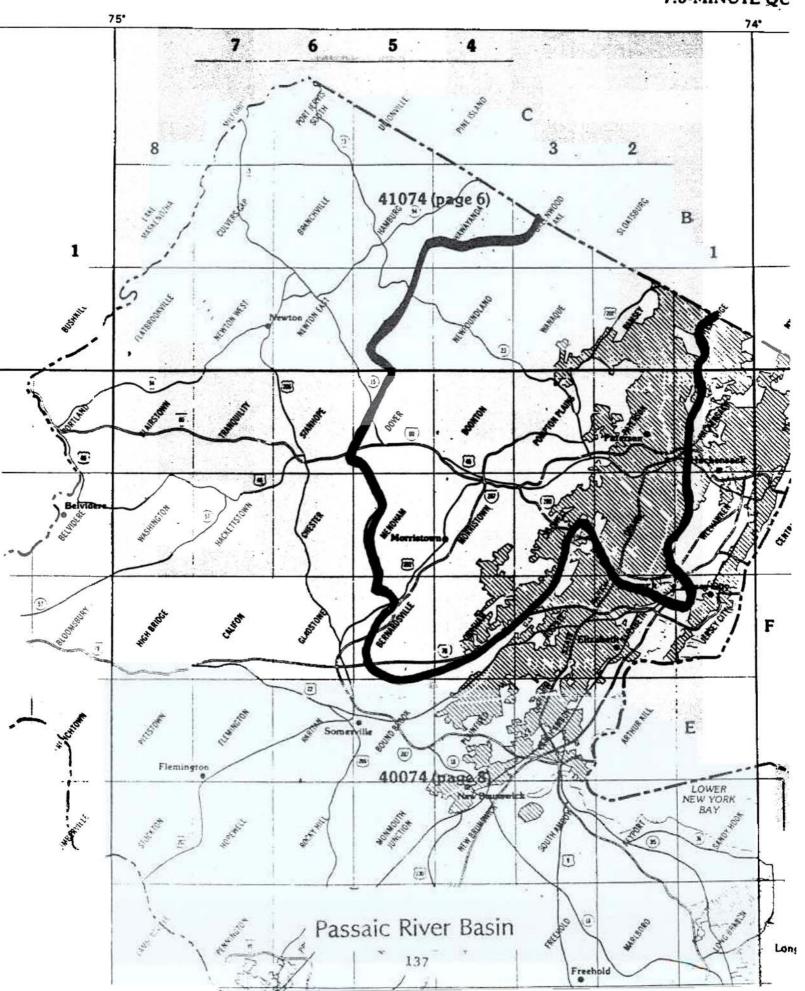
Big Pine Swamp







Little Spruce Swamp





Washington Valley

Ocean County

Name: Barnegat Bay and its Tributaries (Overall System)

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Burlington County, Bass River Twp.,

Monmouth County, Millstone Twp. and Howell Twp., Ocean County, various municipalities. From the Metedeconk River watershed south to Great Bay, including the barrier islands to the

east.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Adelphia, Barnegat Light, Beach Haven,

Brookville, Cassville, Farmingdale, Forked River, Keswick Grove, Lakehurst, Lakewood, Long Beach NE, New Gretna, Oswego Lake, Point Pleasant, Roosevelt, Seaside Park, Ship Bottom, Toms River,

Tuckerton, West Creek, Whiting,

Woodmansie

Resource Value: O Fishery and nursery habitat.

Shellfish nursery and habitat.

Estuarine and palustrine wetlands.

 Wildlife habitat for game and nongame species, including indigenous state listed herptiles (Pine Barrens treefrog,

tiger salamander).

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

O Intense pressure for dredge and fill due

to the popularity of the area.

 Has undergone rapid development, severely threatened by residential and

commercial development.

Comments: All wetlands which are a component of

the Barnegat Bay **tributary** system are considered part of this priority listing. Much of the area of this

listing is within CAFRA jurisdiction and is the subject of a watershed management

plan.

Note - The Manahawkin Swamp, Manahawkin

Lake and Reedy Creek/Herring Point priority wetlands are located within the

boundaries of the Barnegat Bay listing.

See these listings for further

information.

Name: Manahawkin Lake Wetlands

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Stafford Twp., Ocean County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): West Creek

Resource Value: O Supports State endangered Pine Barrens

treefrog.

O Includes State rare flora species.

• Good population of a federally listed

plant species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Severe threat of development, especially

in upstream areas.

Comments: Manahawkin Lake is a component of the

Barnegat Bay priority wetlands. All wetlands within the boundaries of the Manahawkin Lake listing are considered

Name: Manahawkin Swamp

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Stafford Twp., Ocean County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Ship Bottom, West Creek

Resource Value:

o 300 acre site featuring a diversity of wetland habitat interspersed with upland

wetland nabitat interspersed with upl

areas.

.º Provides breeding sites for resident barred owls, red shouldered hawks, hooded and prothonary warblers, and

acadian flycatchers.

O Globally and state rare plant species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Faces development pressure along the

western edge.

Comments: Manahawkin Swamp is a component of the

Barnegat Bay priority wetlands. All wetlands within the boundaries of the Manahawkin Swamp listing are considered priority wetlands. The southern portion

is listed in the National Registry of

Natural Landmarks.

Name: Mullica River wetlands (Overall System)

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, and Ocean

County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Atsion, Brookville, Chatsworth,

Clementon, Egg Harbor City, Green Bank,

Hammonton, Indian Mills, Jenkins,

Medford Lakes, New Gretna, Newtonville, Oceanville, Oswego Lake, Pleasantville, Tuckerton, West Creek, Williamstown,

Woodmansie

Resource Value: O Large areas of estuarine and palustrine

wetlands.

O An area of high water quality

 Used as a restoration area for shellfish, especially for shellfish

depuration.

• Features a diversity of game and nongame

wildlife.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

 Extreme pressure to develop the area south of the bay which may negatively

impact the area.

Geologically within the pinelands.

• Features a high water table and sandy soils. As a result, the groundwater may be subject to contamination, which could

lead to further contamination of

estuary.

Comments:

All tributary wetlands of the Mullica River system are considered part of this priority listing. Much of the drainage

is protected by public lands (e.g. Brigantine NWR, Lebanon and Bass River

State Forests, and the Pinelands

National Reserve.

Note - The Atlantic Goose Ponds and Oswego River priority wetlands are located within the boundaries of the Mullica River Wetlands listing. See these listings for further information

Name: Reedy Creek/Herring Point Wetlands

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Brick Township, Ocean County

U.S.G.8 Quadrangle(s): Point Pleasant

Resource Value:

Provides critical habitat for numerous bird species, including the state listed great blue heron, little blue heron, osprey, cooper's hawk and barred owl. Heavy avian use during fall and summer migration periods.

O Contains federally endangered, and state

protected plant species.

 Provides resident and migratory habitat for between 107-120 species of birds.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource:

Residential development.

Comments:

Contains approximately 1,700 acres of forested and coastal wetlands. interspersed with upland areas, providing numerous ecological communities and diverse wildlife habitat. Developmental pressure is greatest in vicinity of forested wetlands. The Reedy Creek/Herring Point listing is a component of the Barnegat Bay priority wetlands. All wetlands within the boundaries of the Reedy Creek/Herring Point listing are

considered priority wetlands.

Name: Whitesbog

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Pemberton, Burlington County, and

Manchester Twp, Ocean County.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Whiting, Browns Mills

Resource Value: O Contains two globally imperiled plant

species.

O Several occurrences of globally rare

plant and animal species.

O Concentration of state significant plant

and animals.

Known/Potential

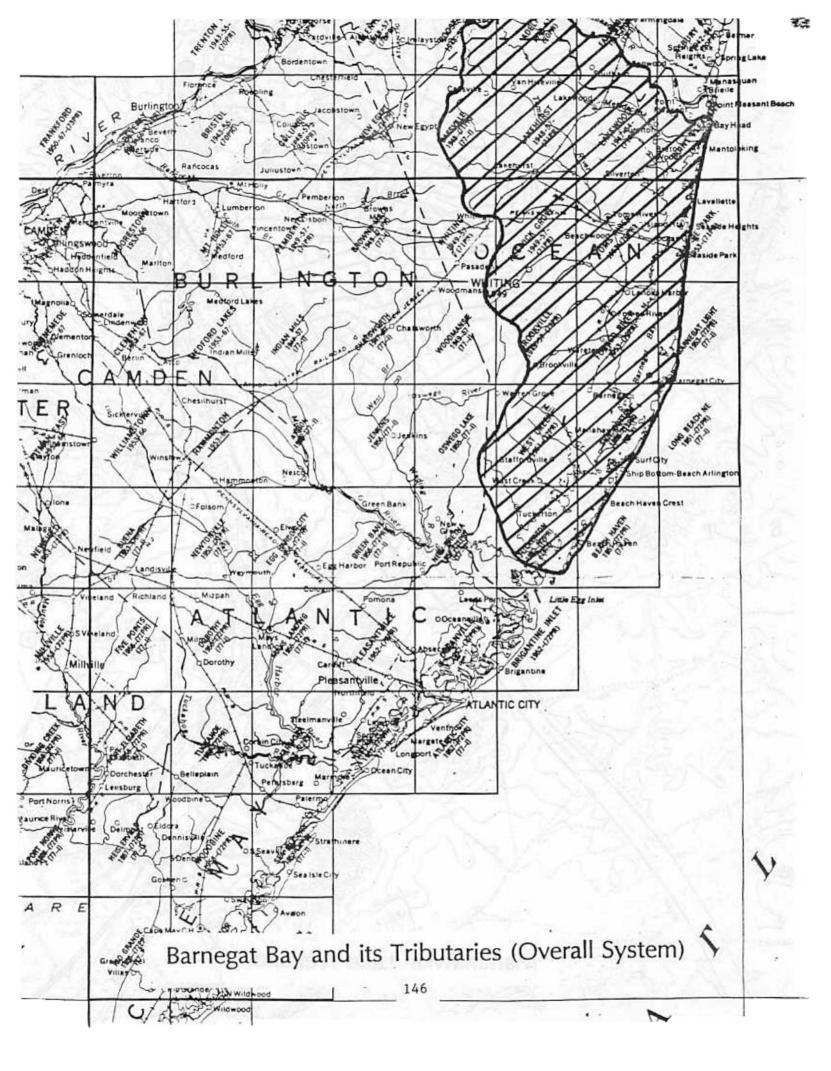
Threats to Resource: O Roadside management.

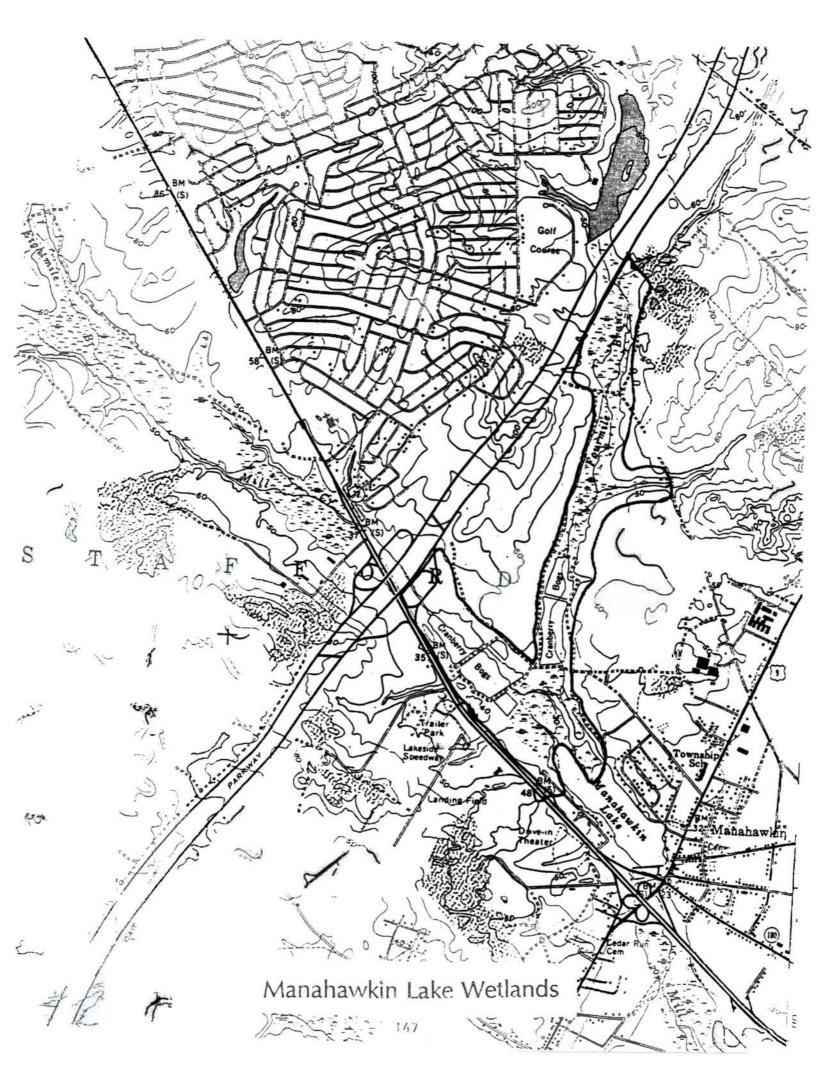
O Recreational development.

O Collecting.

Comments: Located in the Pinelands National

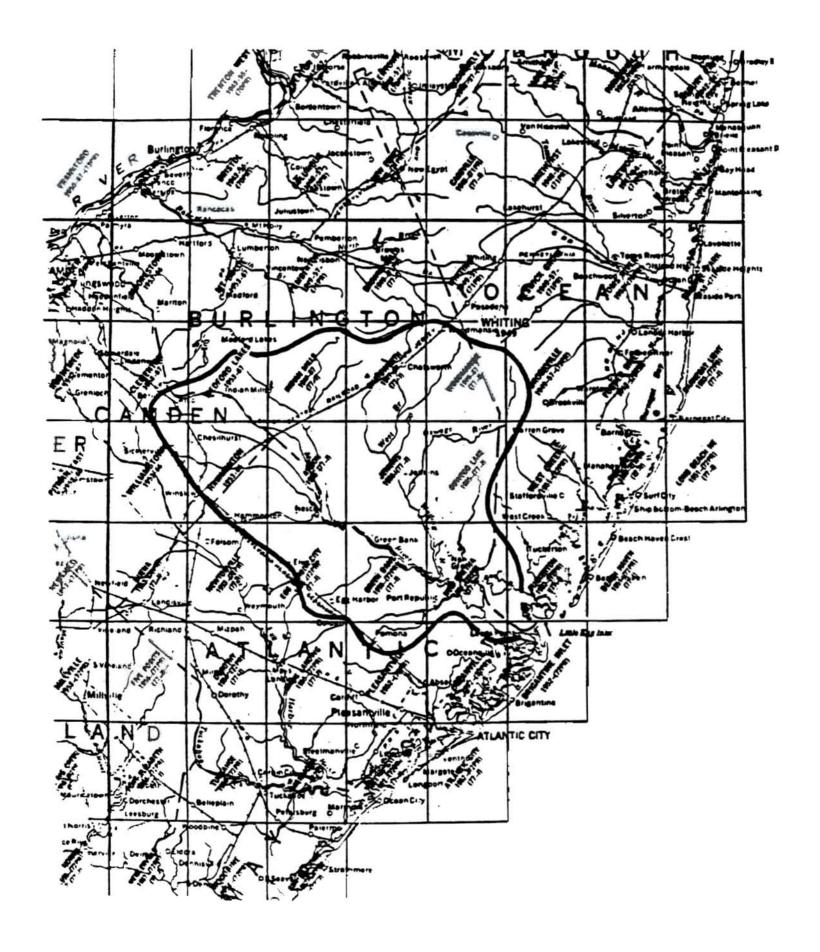
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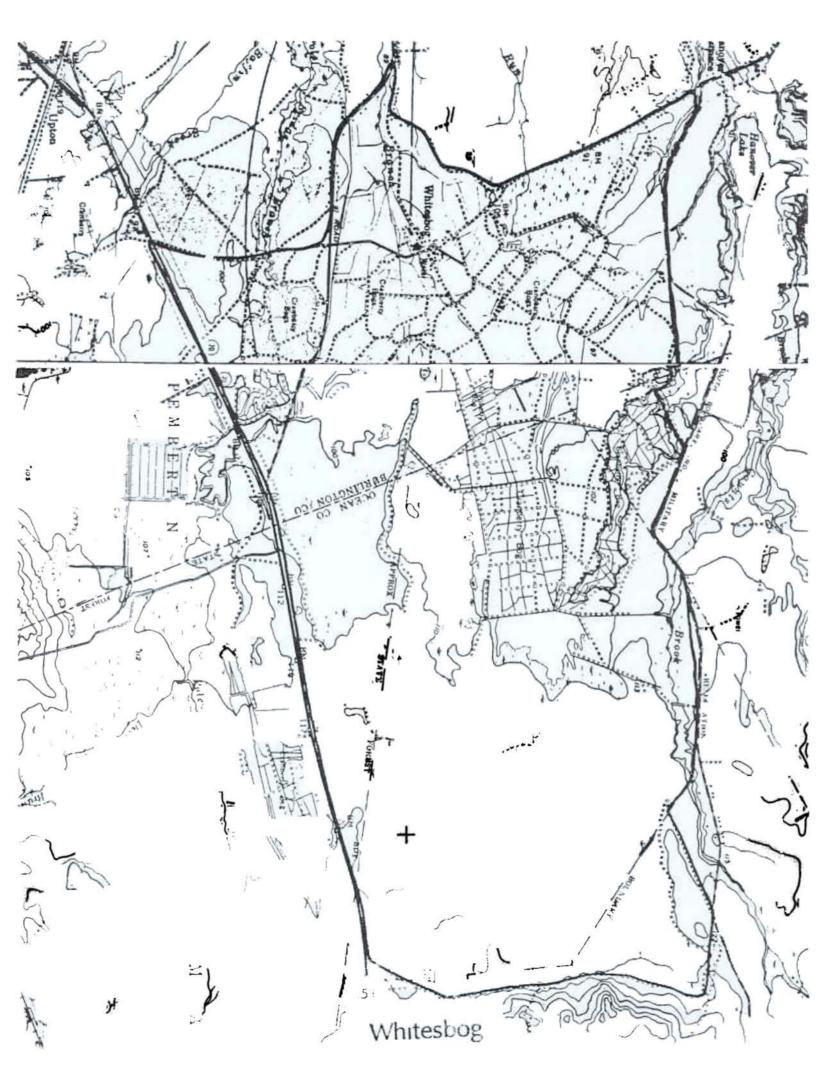




Manahawkin Swamp







Passaic County

Passaic County

Name: Beech Brook Wetlands

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Ringwood Boro and West Milford Twp.,

Passaic County (NJ). Rockland County

(NY).

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Greenwood Lake

Resource Value: O Features a variety of game (bear,

turkey, beaver, otter) and nongame wildlife, including several state listed species (timber rattlesnake, barred owls, Cooper's hawks, and wood

turtles).

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

Comments: Beech Brook is a component of the

Passaic River Basin listing. All wetlands within the boundaries of the

Beech Brook listing are considered

Passaic County

Name: Passaic River Basin

Category: Specific Geographic Areas

Location: Northeastern New Jersey (i.e. Bergen,

Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic,

Somerset, Sussex, Union Counties) and New York

(Orange and Rockland Counties).

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Bernardsville, Boonton, Boundbrook,

Caldwell, Chathem, Dover, Franklin, Greenwood Lake, Hackensack, Hamburg, Mendham, Morristown, Newfoundland, Orange, Paterson, Plainfield, Pompton Plains, Ramsey, Roselle, Sloatsburg,

Wanaque, Wawayanda, Weehawkin

Resource Value: O Flood control for major rivers and their

tributaries.

O Recreational lakes and water supplies.

O Important habitat for waterfowl, raptors, passerines, herptiles, furbearers, and fish, including various

state and federally listed species.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

 Proposed Passaic River tunnel project, New York ACOE.

O Urbanization.

O Routes 46, 10, 80, and 24 run through these wetlands and have had major

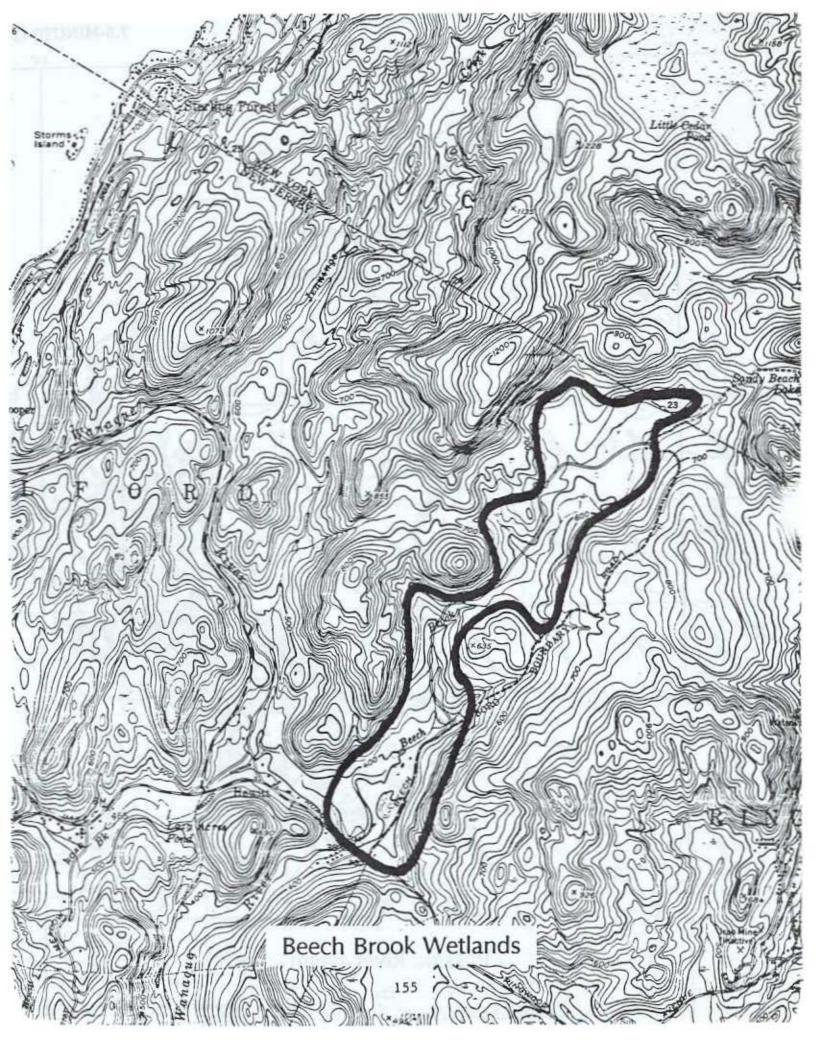
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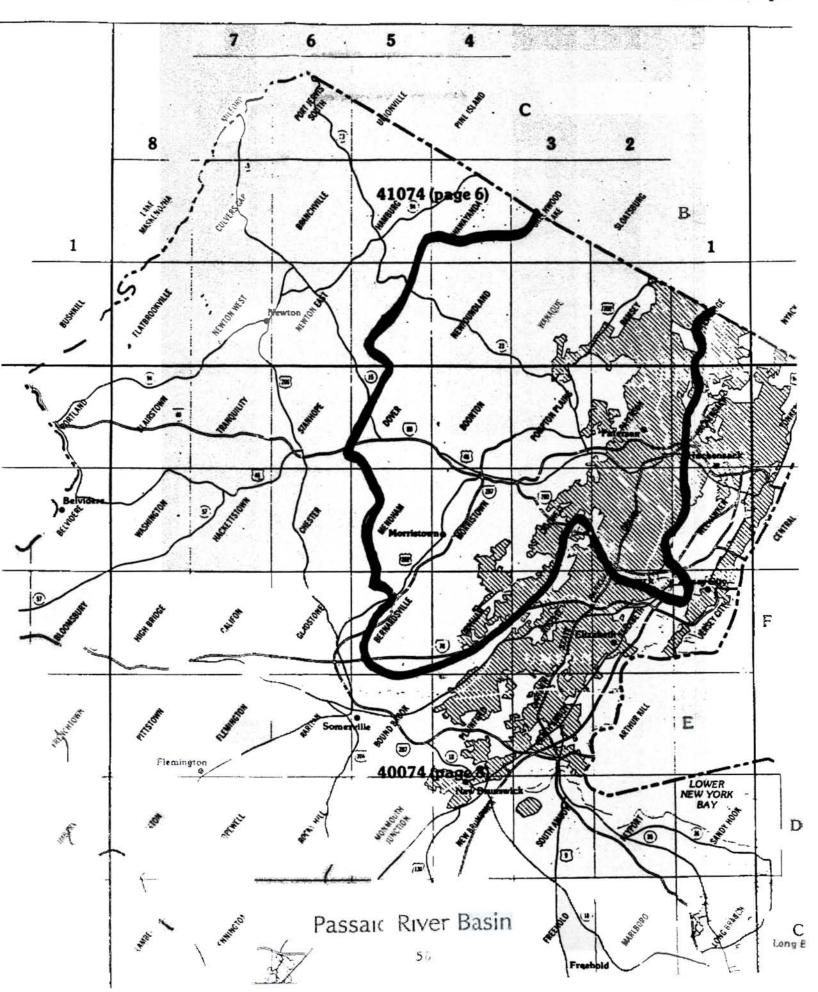
O Encroachment and the continuation of

filling in flood zone areas.

Comments:

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Name: Majors Run

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Mannington Township, Salem County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Penns Grove, Woodstown

Resource Value: O Wetlands support one state critically

imperiled species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

O Agricultural run-off.

Name: Mannington Meadows

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Mannington and Lower Penns Neck Twps

Salem County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Penns Grove, Salem

Resource Value: O Important wintering and breeding bald

eagle area. May soon feature breeding

activity.

Offers important waterfowl habitat.

Features state endangered pied-billed

grebe.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development related impacts from

adjacent communities.

Name: <u>Maurice River System:</u> Maurice River, Manumuskin Creek, Manatico Creek, and Muskee Creek

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, and

Salem Counties. Various municipalities.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Bridgeton, Buena, Cedarville, Dividing

Creek, Elmer, Five Points, Heislerville, Milleville, Newfield, Pitman East,

Pitman West, Port Elizabeth, Port Norris

Resource Value: O Wetlands of this

 Wetlands of this drainage are amongst the most pristine natural areas in New

Jersey.

O Supports major wintering population of the federally endangered bald eagle and provides historically suitable nesting habitat for this species, which is hoped

will once again provide habitat for

additional nesting pairs.

 Other state listed species present include ospreys, red-shouldered hawks,

southern gray and pine barrens treefrogs, and barred owls.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressures and human

encroachment.

Comments: All Tributary wetlands of the Maurice

River system are considered part of this priority listing. Much of the Maurice River and its tributaries have been federally designated as part of the

National Wild and Scenic Rivers system.

Note - The Pole Tavern listing is located within the boundaries of the Maurice River priority wetland. See the

Pole Tavern listing for further

information.

Name: Oldmans Creek

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Logan Twp, Gloucester County and

Oldmans, and Woolrich Twps., Salem

County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Bridgeport, Marcus Hook, Penns Grove,

Woodstown

Resource Value: .0 6500 acres of emergent (fresh tidal) and

palustrine forest wetland.

Important migration stop-over for

pintail ducks and sora rail.

 Includes Pendricktown Impoundment, which features a breeding population of the pied-billed grebe and other waterfowl.

 Provides habitat for migratory, wintering, and recent bald eagle

breeding activity.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Threatened by development.

Name: Pole Tavern

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Upper Pittsgrove Twp., Salem County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Elmer

Resource Value: 0 200 acres palustrine forest.

 Provides habitat for passerines, raptors, American woodcock, deer,

squirrels, opossum, raccoon, and smaller

mammals. *

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Threat of development.

Comments: The Pole Tavern listing is a component

of the Maurice River priority wetlands. All wetlands within the boundaries of the Pole Tavern listing are considered

Name: Riddleton

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Salem County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Alloway

Resource Value: O Contains one globally rare species and

several state rare species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

Name: Salem River Floodplain

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Pilesgrove Twp., Salem County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Woodstown

Resource Value: O Wetlands support state listed bog turtle

and several state rare plants.

O Features an exemplary floodplain forest

natural community.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

O Agricultural run-off.

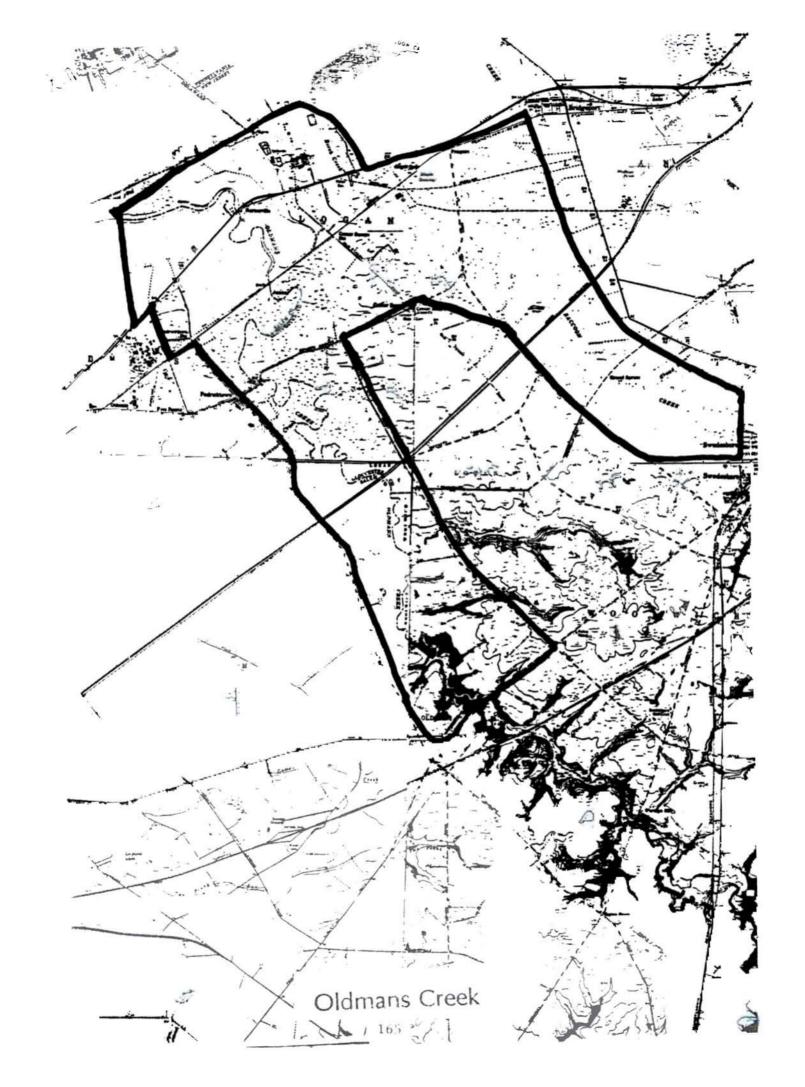


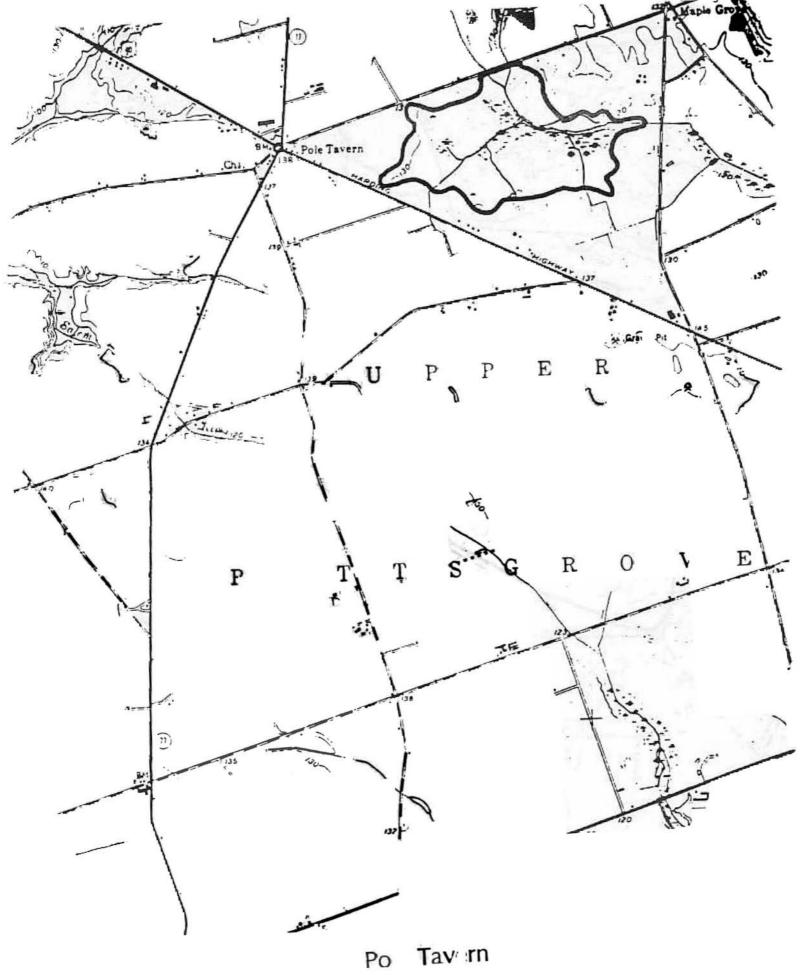


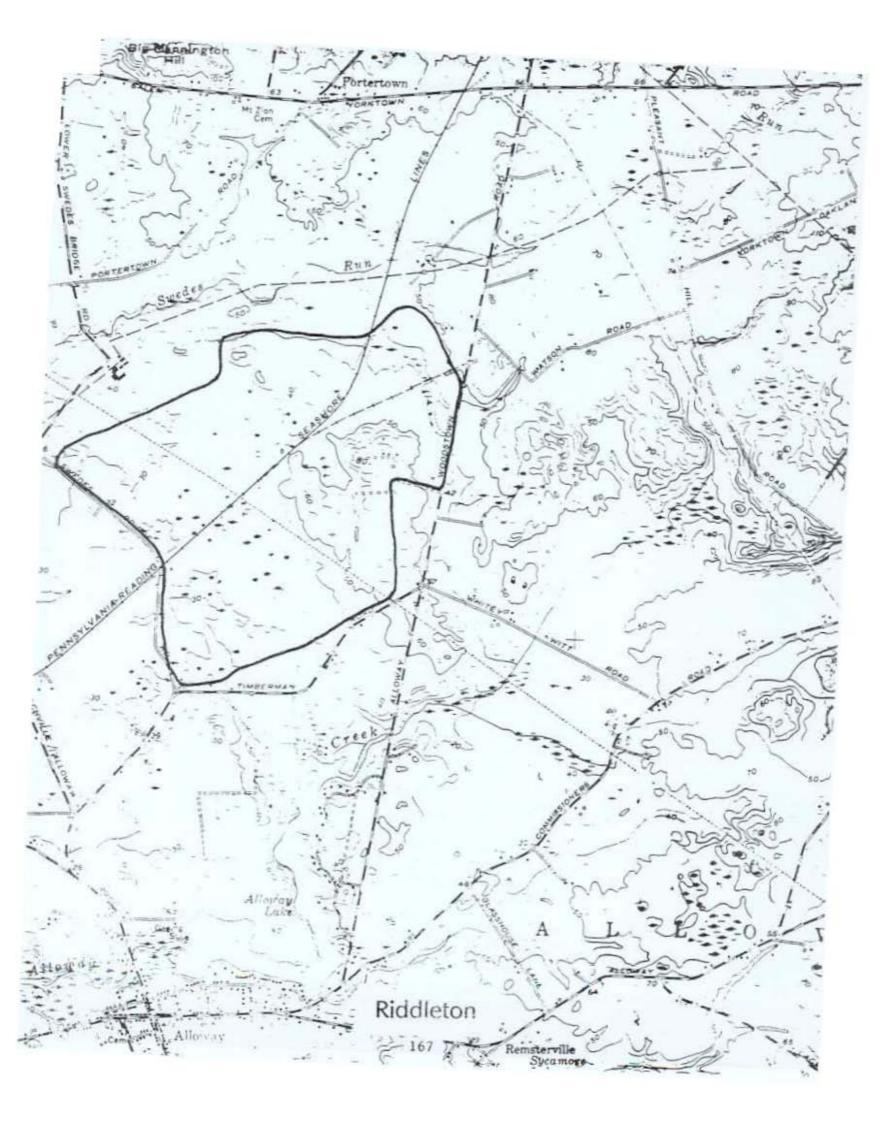
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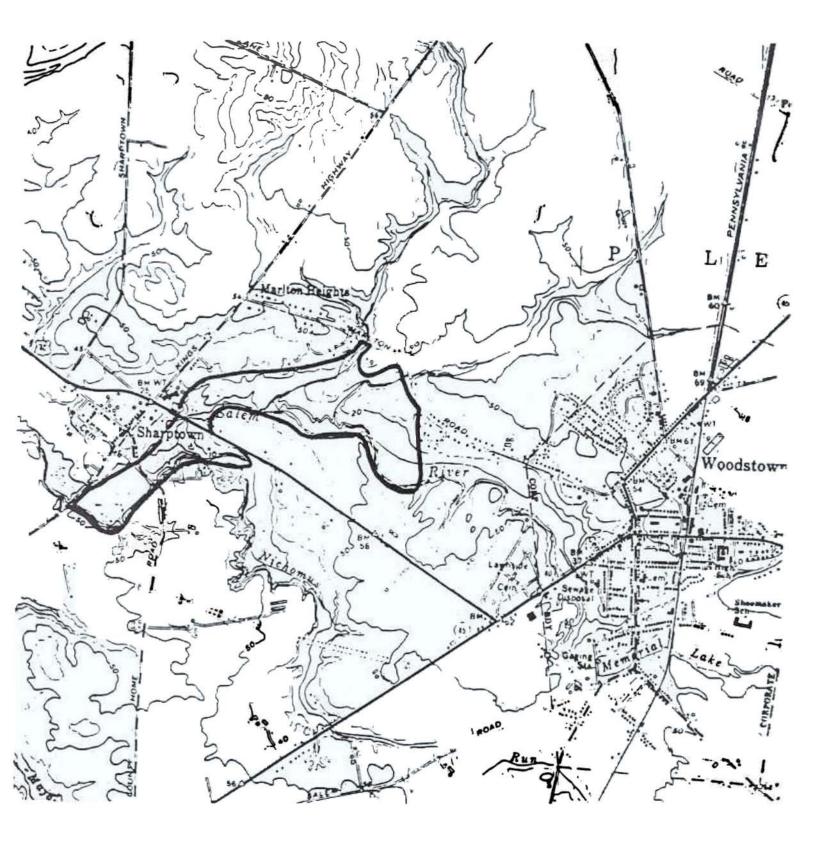


Maurice River System









Salem River Floodplain

Somerset County

Somerset County

Name: Passaic River Basin

Category: Specific Geographic Areas

Location: Northeastern New Jersey (i.e. Bergen,

Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic,

Somerset, Sussex, Union Counties) and New York (Orange and Rockland Counties)

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Bernardsville, Boonton, Boundbrook,

Caldwell, Chathem, Dover, Franklin, Greenwood Lake, Hackensack, Hamburg, Mendham, Morristown, Newfoundland, Orange, Paterson, Plainfield, Pompton Plains, Ramsey, Roselle, Sloatsburg,

Wanaque, Wawayanda, Weehawkin

Resource Value: O Flood control.

O Recreational lakes and water supplies,

water quality maintenance.

O Important habitat for waterfowl, raptors, passerines, herptiles, furbearers, and fish, including various

state and federally listed species.

Known/Potential Threats to Resource:

Proposed Passaic River tunnel project,

New York ACOE.

O Urbanization.

O Routes 46, 10, 80, and 24 run through

these wetlands and have had major

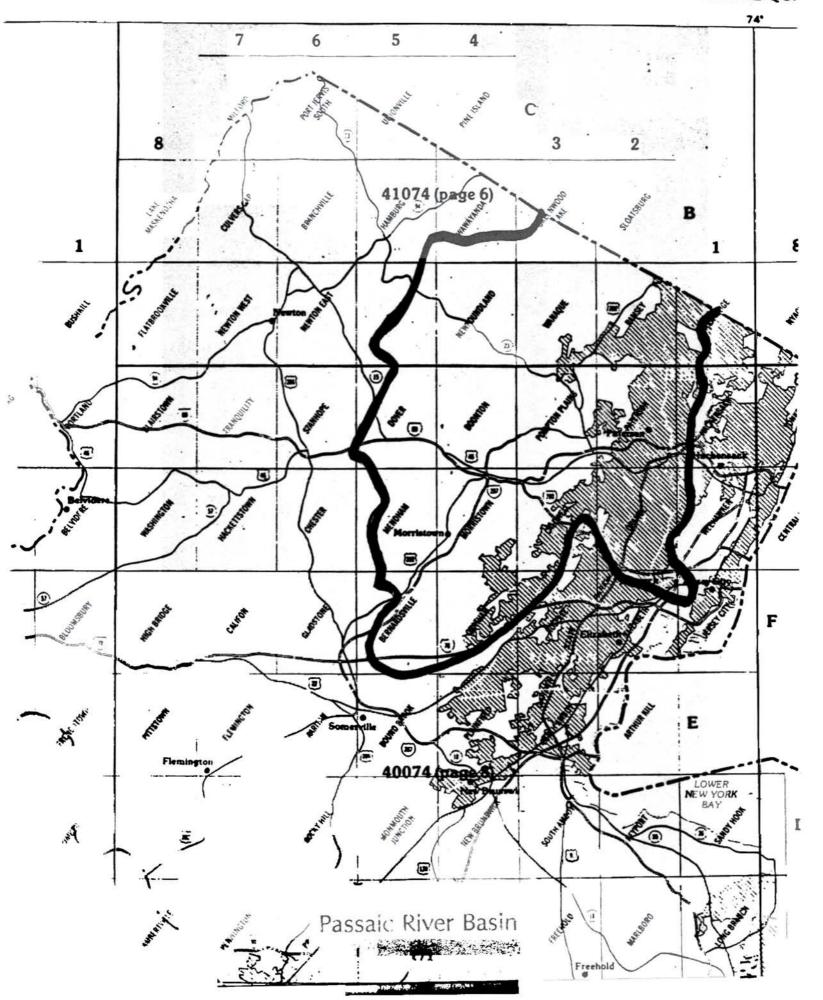
impacts.

O Encroachment and the continuation of

filling in flood zone areas.

Comments:

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Name: Artic Meadows

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Stillwater Twp., Sussex County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Culver's Gap, Newton West

Resource Value: O Exemplary natural community.

O Two state imperiled plant species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

Name: Big Pine Swamp

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Jefferson Township, Morris County;

Sparta Township, Sussex County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Franklin

Resource Value: O Wetland features nesting state listed

Northern goshawks and Barred owls.

O Also features a wide variety of breeding

warblers and other passerines.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Much is part of Jefferson Sparta

Preserve. However, inholdings and fringe wetland areas continue to be

threatened by development.

Comments: Big Pine Swamp is a component of the

Passaic River Basin listing. All wetlands within the boundaries of the Big Pine Swamp listing are considered

Name: Dingmans Ferry Bridge Site

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Sandyston Township, Sussex County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Culvers Gap

Resource Value: O Good example of globally rare wetland

natural community.

O Concentration of state imperilled plant

species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Recreational overuse.

Name: Johnsonburg Swamp

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Frelinghuysen and Green Twps., Sussex

and Warren Counties.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Blairstown, Tranquility

Resource Value: O State listed species (longtailed

salamander).

O Exemplary rare natural community and

several state imperiled flora.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure.

Lake Hopatcong Watershed [REVISED AUGUST 10, 1994] Name:

Specific Geographic Area Category:

Location: Jefferson and Roxbury Twps., and

Hopatcong and Mount Arlington Boros, Morris County and Byram Twp. Sussex

County. Regional wetlands are associated

with the waters supplying Lake Hopatcong. Examples include:

1. Mountain Inlet

2. Lees Cove watershed

3. Jaynes Brook watershed

4. Weldan Brook watershed

5. Liffy Island waterway

Hopatcong Canals/waterways

7. Beaver Brook watershed

8. Great Cove watershed

9. Mt. Arlington Knolls watershed

Dover, Franklin, Stanhope U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s):

 High water quality, for important fish Resource Value:

spawning and public water supply.

 Wildlife habitat for various game and nongame species, including the state

listed barred owl.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Threat of development

Comments: All wetlands associated with the Lake

> Hopatcong tributary system are considered part of this priority

listing.

Name: Mashipicong Island (wetlands in the back channel of the

Delaware River).

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Montague Twp., Sussex County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Milford, Port Jervis South

Resource Value: O Largest forested freshwater wetland on

the New Jersey side of the Delaware

River, north of Trenton.

 Features a diversity of game and nongame wildlife, including several state listed

species.

 Used by wintering bald eagles, a federally endangered species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O The ACOE has proposed to deforest part

of this mature woodland for the Delaware

River Ice Jam Project.

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Category: Specific Geographic Areas

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Wanaque, Wawayanda, Weehawkin

Resource Value: O Flood control.

O Recreational lakes and water supplies,

water quality maintenance.

 Important habitat for waterfowl, raptors, passerines, herptiles, furbearers, and fish, including various

state and federally listed species.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

 Proposed Passaic River tunnel project New York ACOE.

Urbanization.

O Routes 46, 10, 80, and 24 run through these wetlands and have had major

impacts.

Encroachment and the continuation of

filling in flood zone areas.

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Name: Shuster Pond

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Stillwater Twp., Sussex County and

Hardwick Twp., Warren County.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Platbrookville

Resource Value: O The site contains the largest and best

remaining stand of limestone forest in

New Jersey.

O The forest, ponds and limestone sinks provide habitat for a number of rare and

endangered plants.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Heavy development pressure.

O Logging.

Name: Smith Ferry Site

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Wallpack Township, Sussex County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Flatbrookville

Resource Value: O Contains good example of a globally rare

natural community.

O Several state significant plant species

present.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Recreational overuse.

Name: Sussex County Regional Wetlands

Category: Specific Geographic Areas

Location: Andover, Byram, Frankford, Green,
Hampton, LaFayette, Montague, Newton,
Ogdensburg Boro, Sparta, and Vernon

Twps., Sussex County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Branchville, Culvers Gap, Franklin, Hamburg, Newton East, Newton West, Port

Jervis South, Stanhope, Tranquility,

Unionville, Waywayanda

Resource Value: Example areas and associated resource values include:

- 1. Bear Swamp: Important wildlife habitat, preservation of water quality, feeds Lake Owassa and Culver's Lake.
- 2. Culver's Gap Swamp: Water quality preservation, supports sport fishery, adjacent to trout production stream.
- 3: Culver's Gap Causeway: See above.
- 4. Wallkill Valley wetlands: Offers floodwater storage and habitat for various state listed species.
- 5. Wildcat Brook wetlands: Water quality preservation, flood control.
- 6. Upper Wallkill Valley wetlands: Preservation of sole municipal water source.
- 7. Black Creek Swamp: Water quality preservation, flood control.
- 8. Pochuck Swamp: Flood control
- 9. Armstrong Bog: Major bog and wood turtle site.
- 10. Lafayette Meadows: State listed species habitat, flood control, preservation of water quality.

Sussex County Regional Wetlands cont.

- 11. Lubber's Run: Flood control, fish spawning area.
- 12. Mill Brook wetlands: Trout production waters.
- 13. Aeroflex Lake system: Preservation of water quality.
- 14. Big Spring/Muckshaw Pond area: State listed species, rare flora, flood control, preservation of water quality for Pequest Hatchery.
- 15. Spirol Road/Plotts Road Swamp: Preservation of water quality, supplies Paulinskill Lake.
- 16. Upper Paulinskill Lake wetlands: Preservation of water quality, flood control.
- 17. Germany Flats: State listed species, rare flora, important community at Woodruff's Gap, critical aquifer recharge.
- 18. Stillwater Station tributary: Native brown trout population.
- 19. Hyper Humus Swamp: Important wildlife habitat, flood control, preservation of water quality.
- 20. Buckmire Pond: High quality example of a globally rare wetland natural community. Concentration of state imperilled plant species.
- 21. Site 564: Contains an excellent population of a globally imperiled species and numerous state endangered plant species.
- 22. Wolf Lake: Contains state critically imperiled species.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

Most sites face threat from development of adjacent upland areas.

Name: Woodruffs Gap

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Sparta Twp., Sussex County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Newton East

Resource Value: O State endangered bog turt e population.

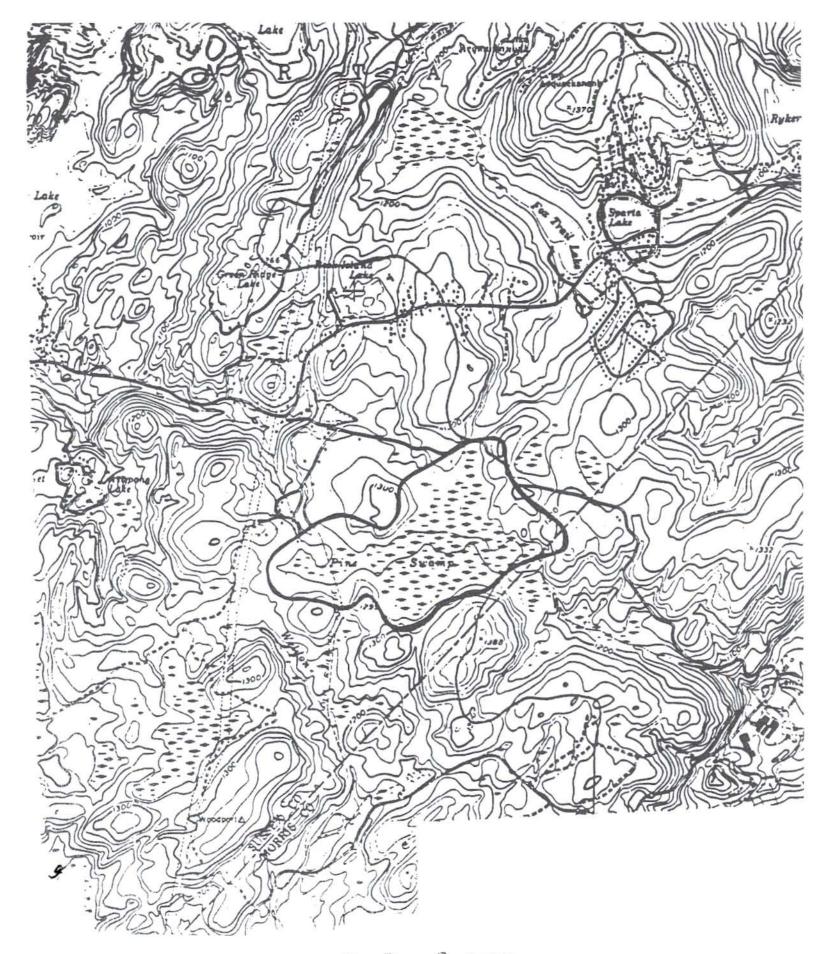
O Globally rare plant.

Known/Potential

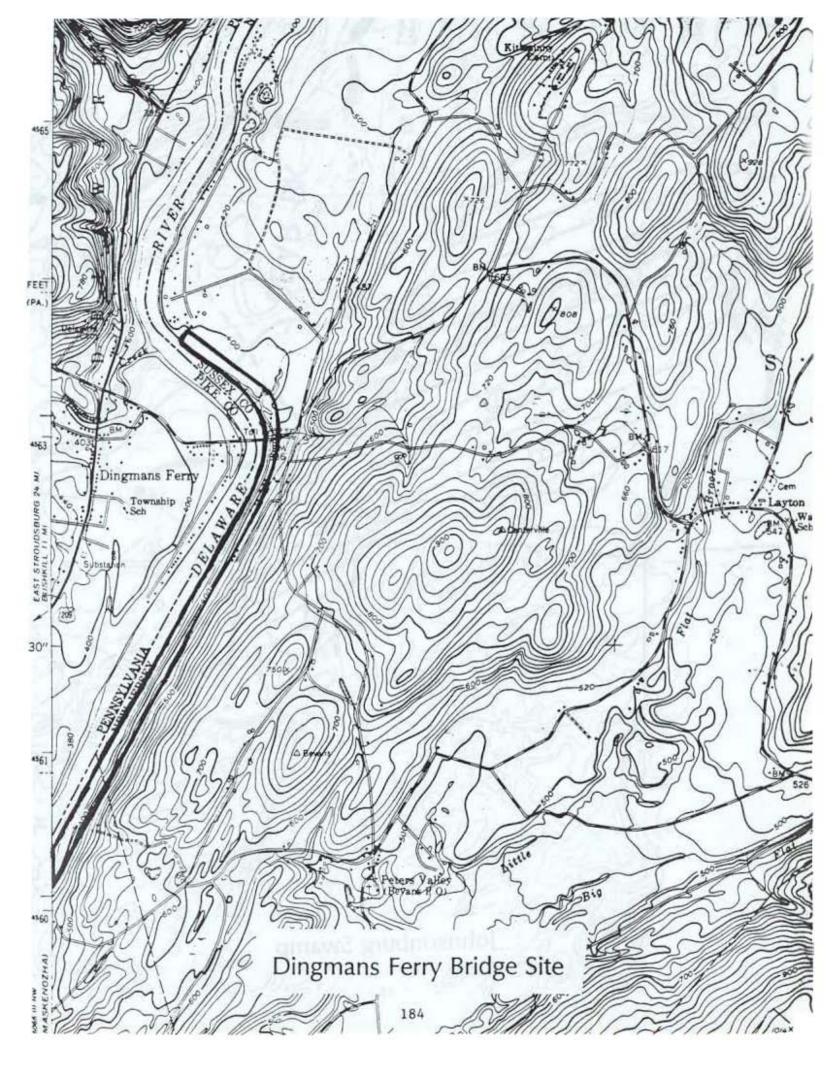
Threats to Resource: O Threatened by adjacent development.

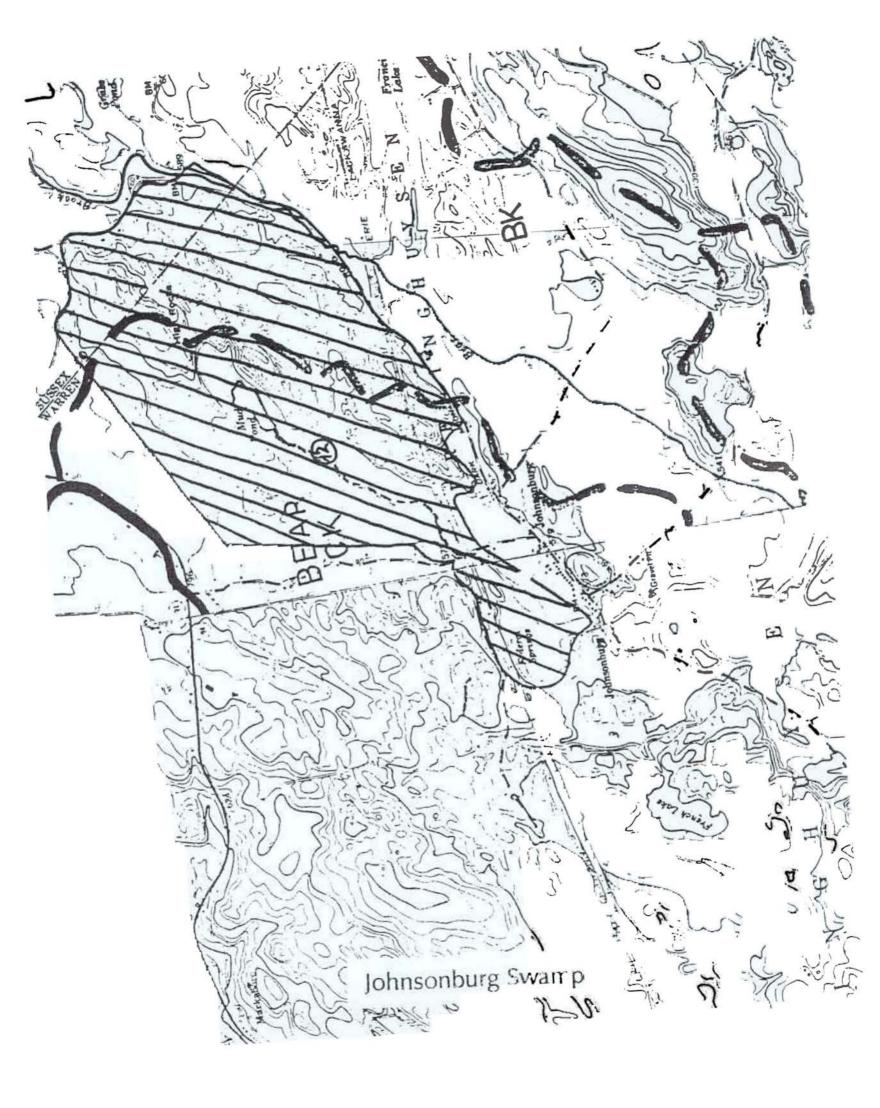


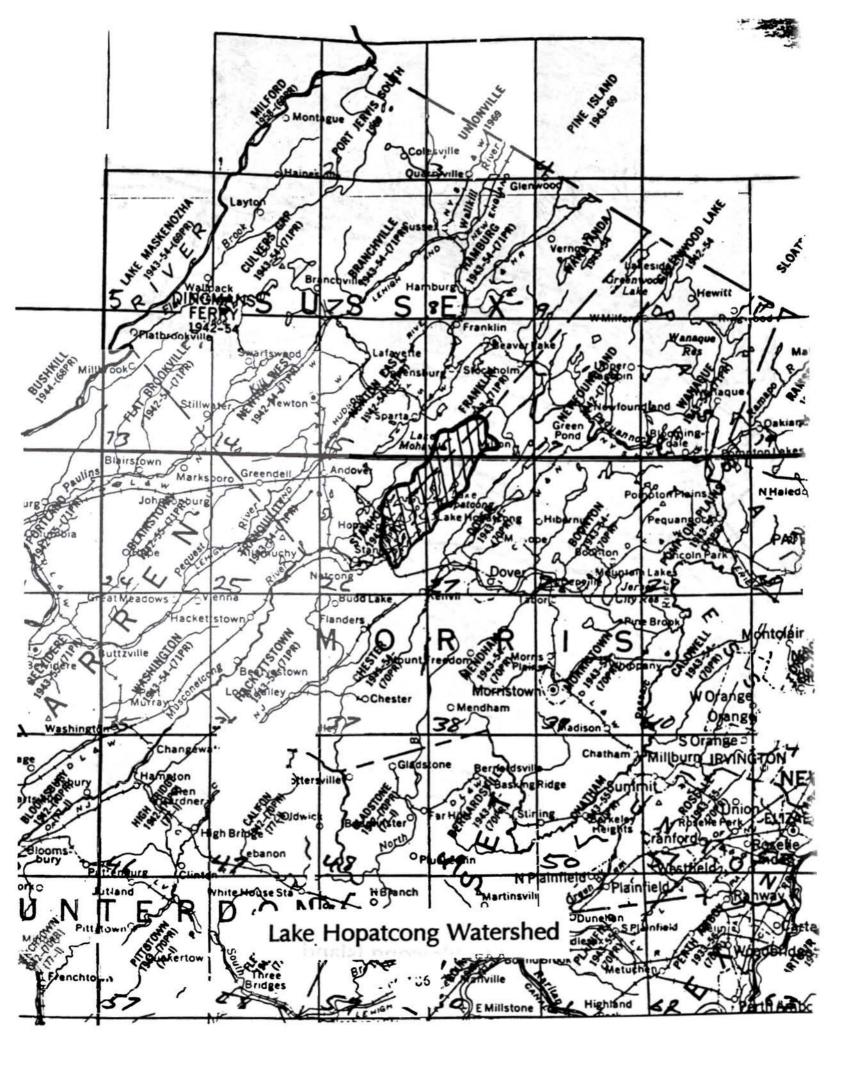
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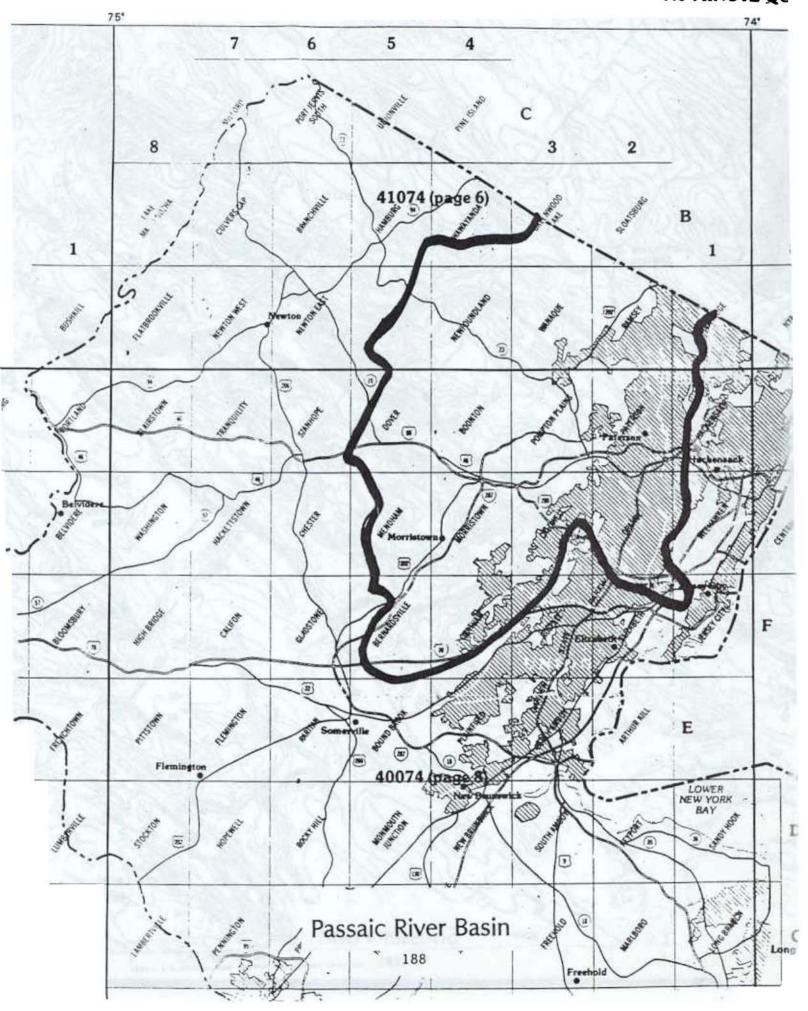
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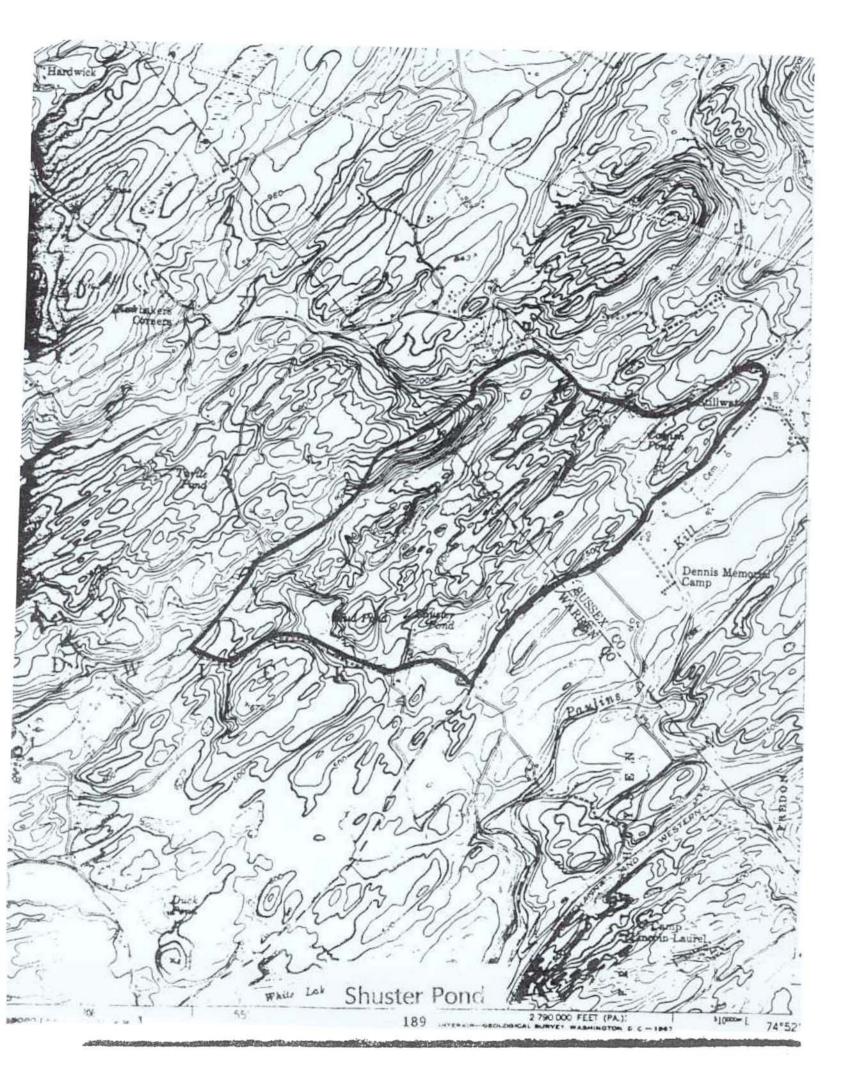




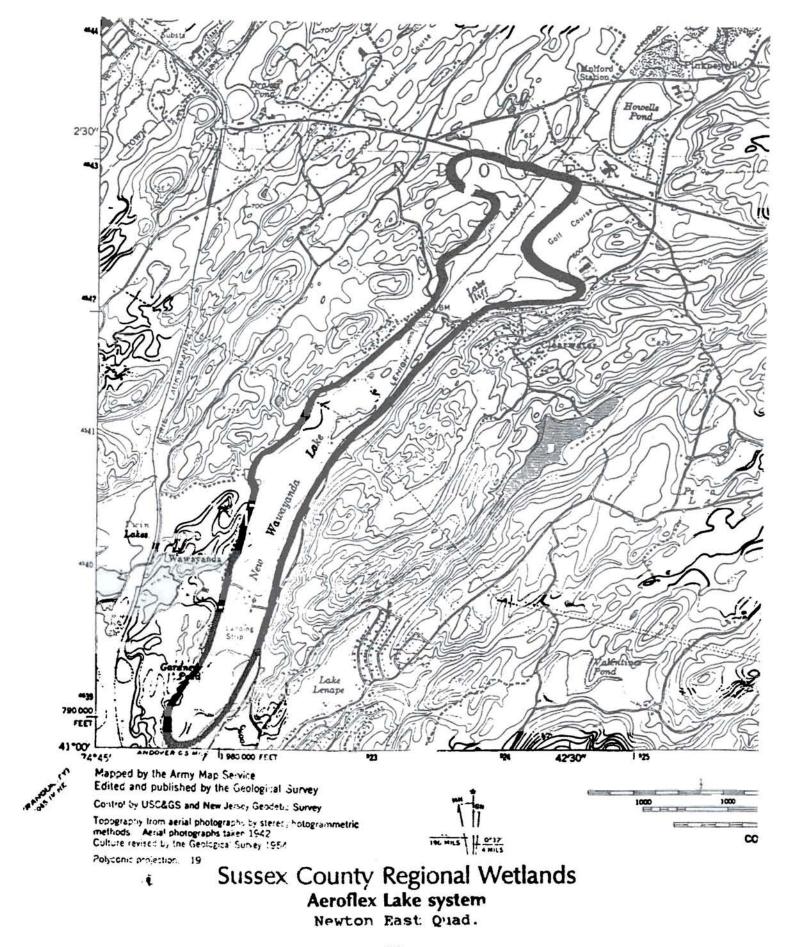


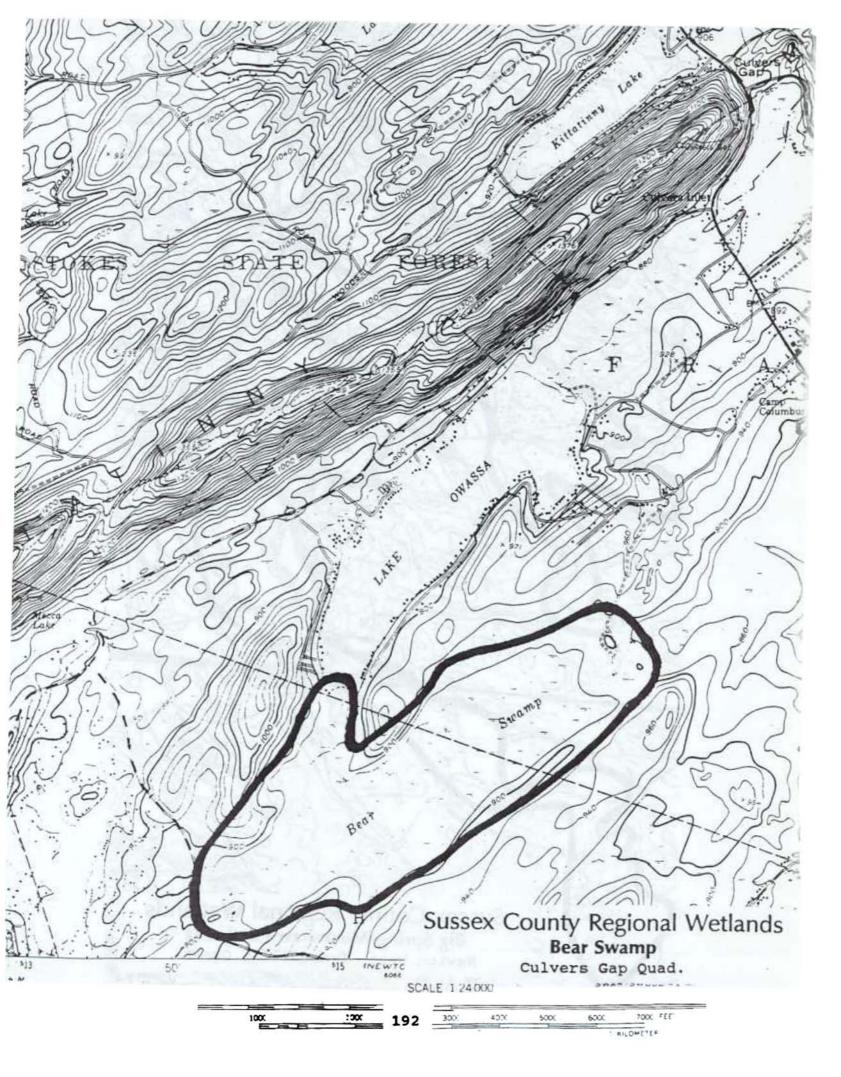


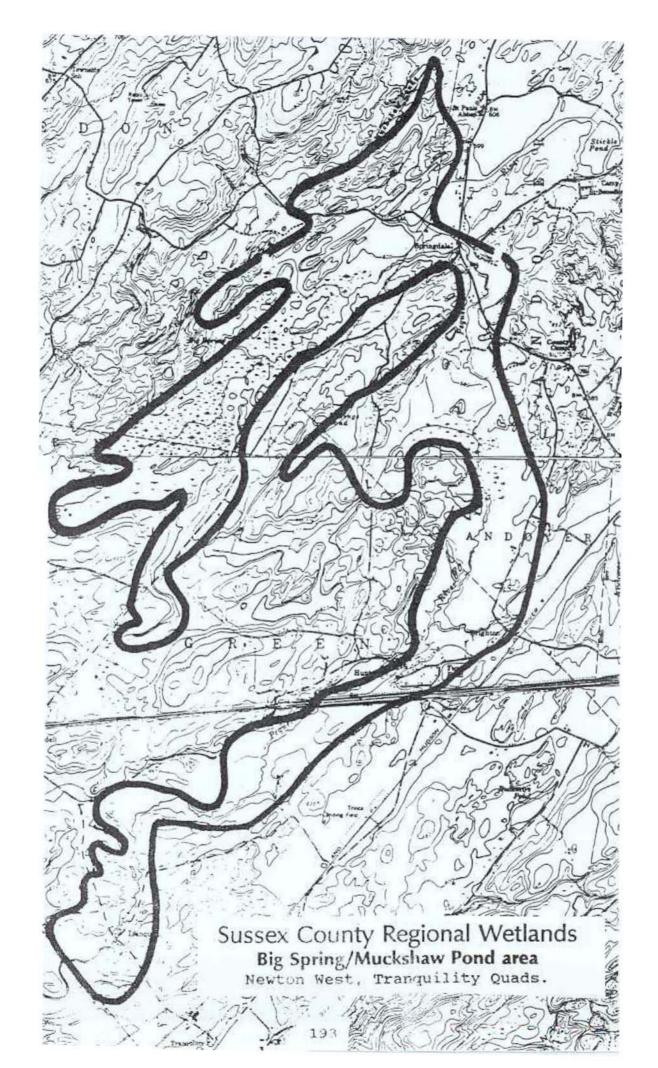


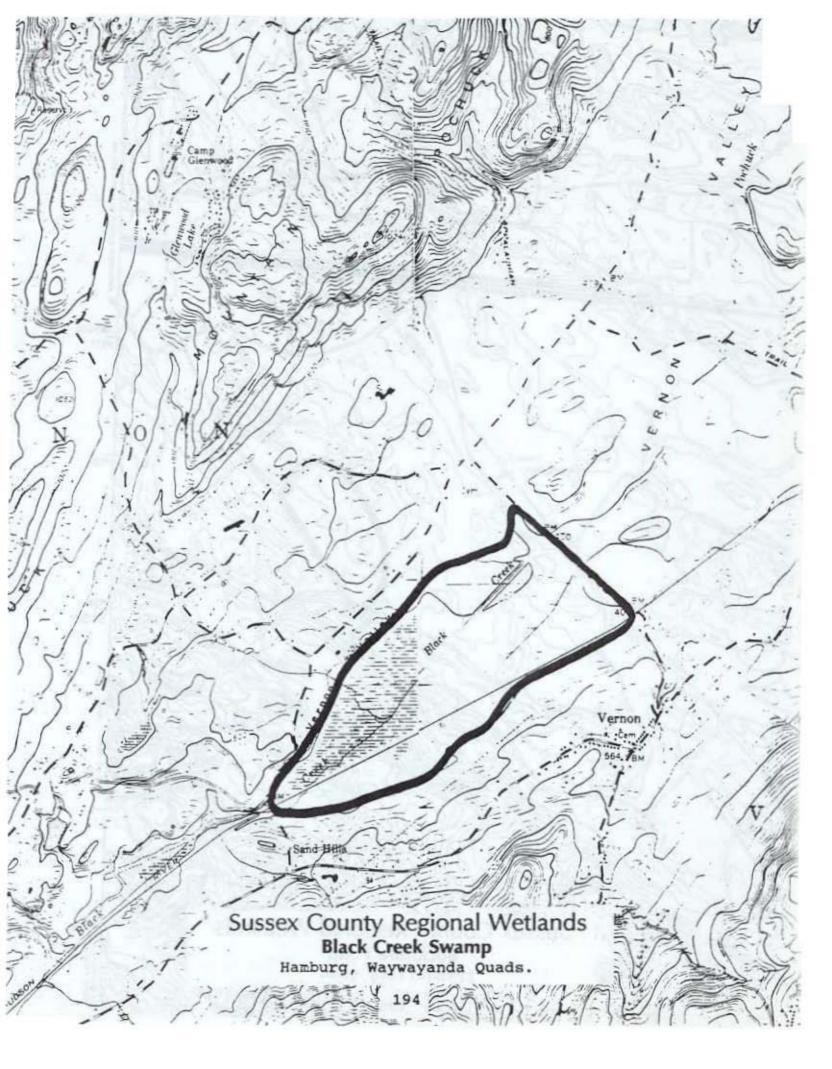


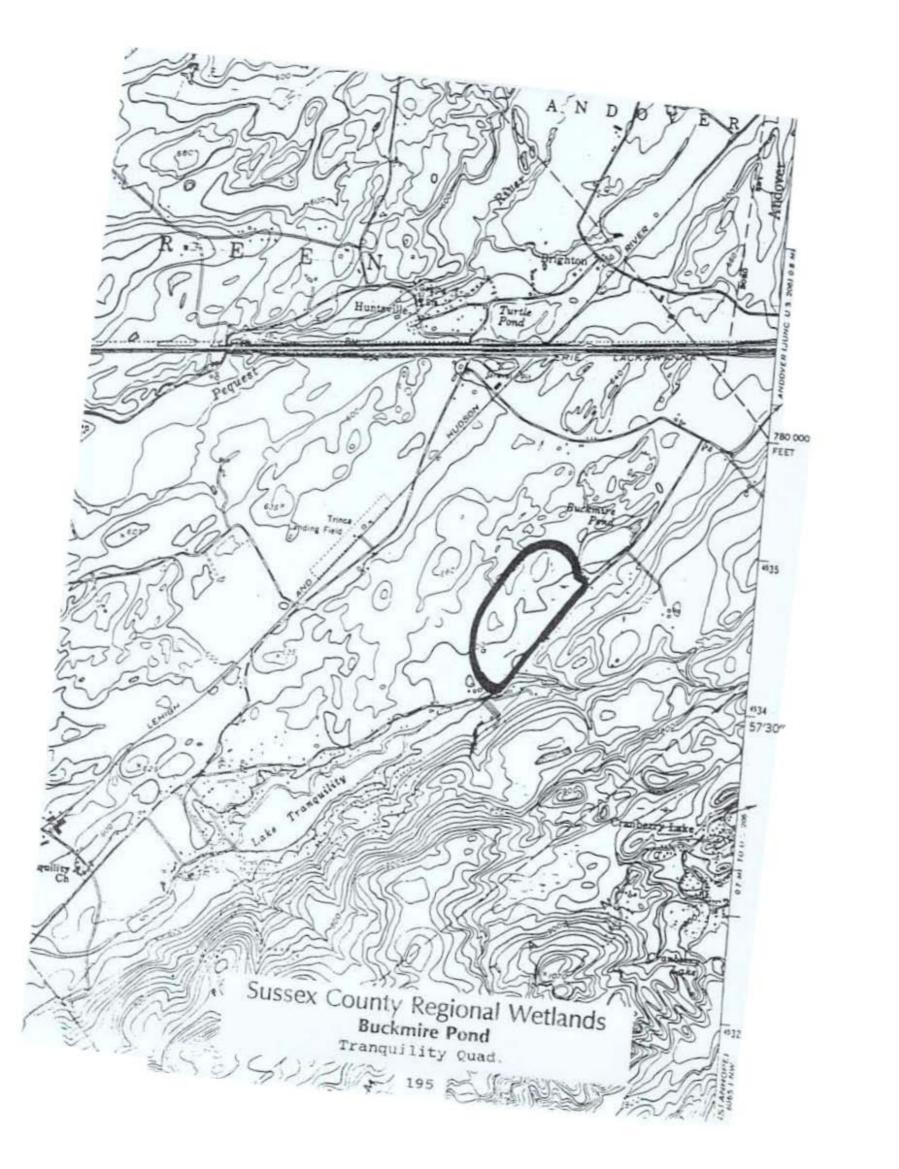


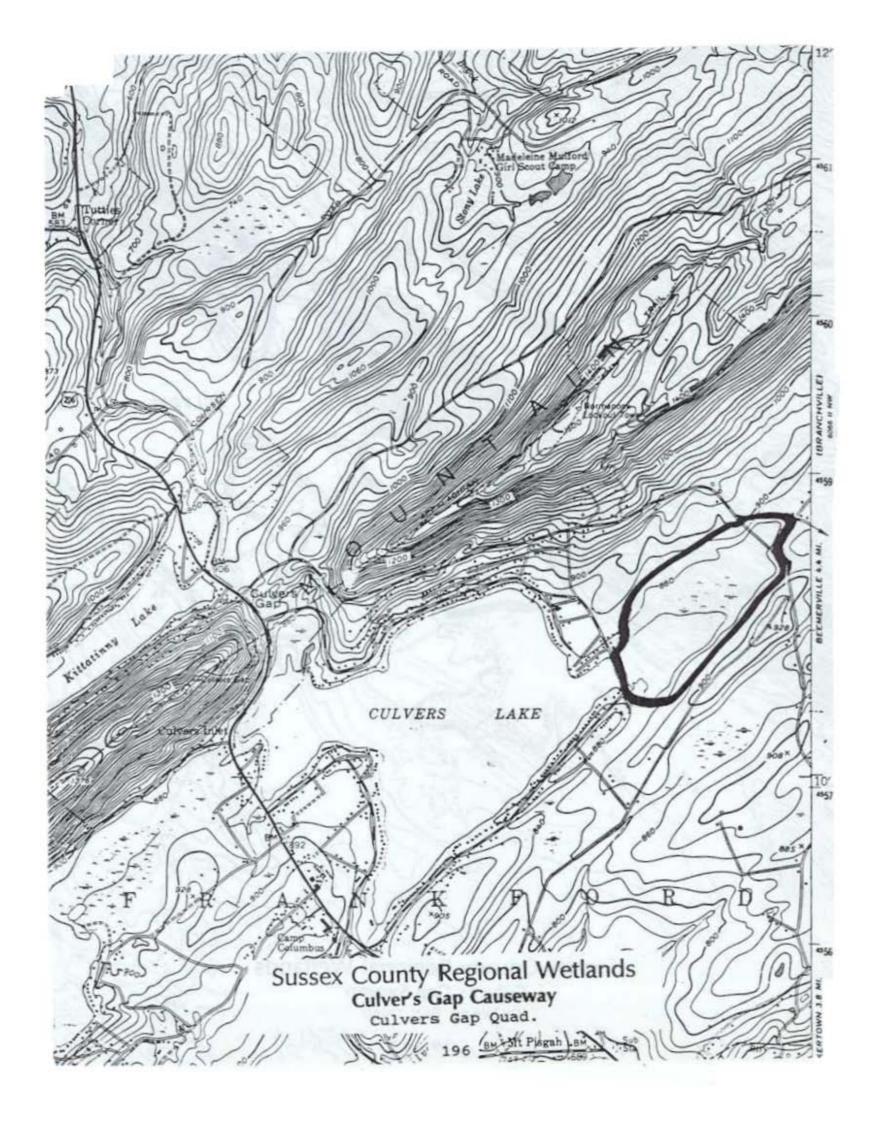


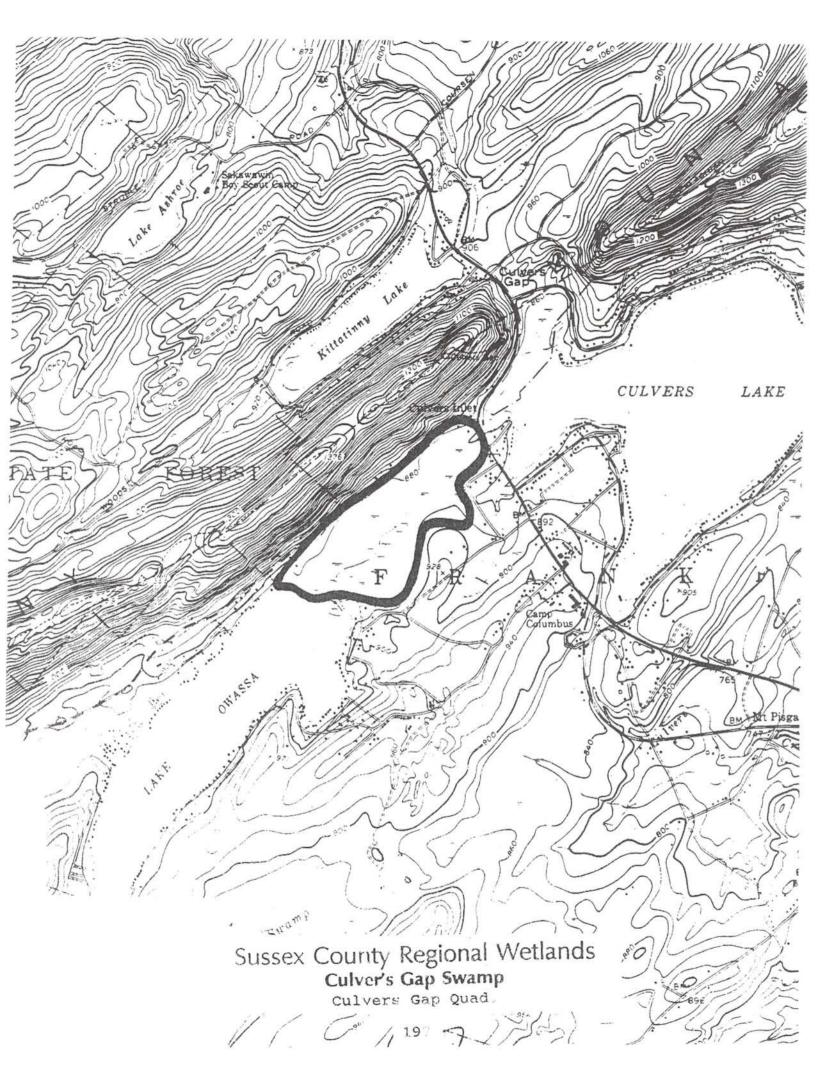


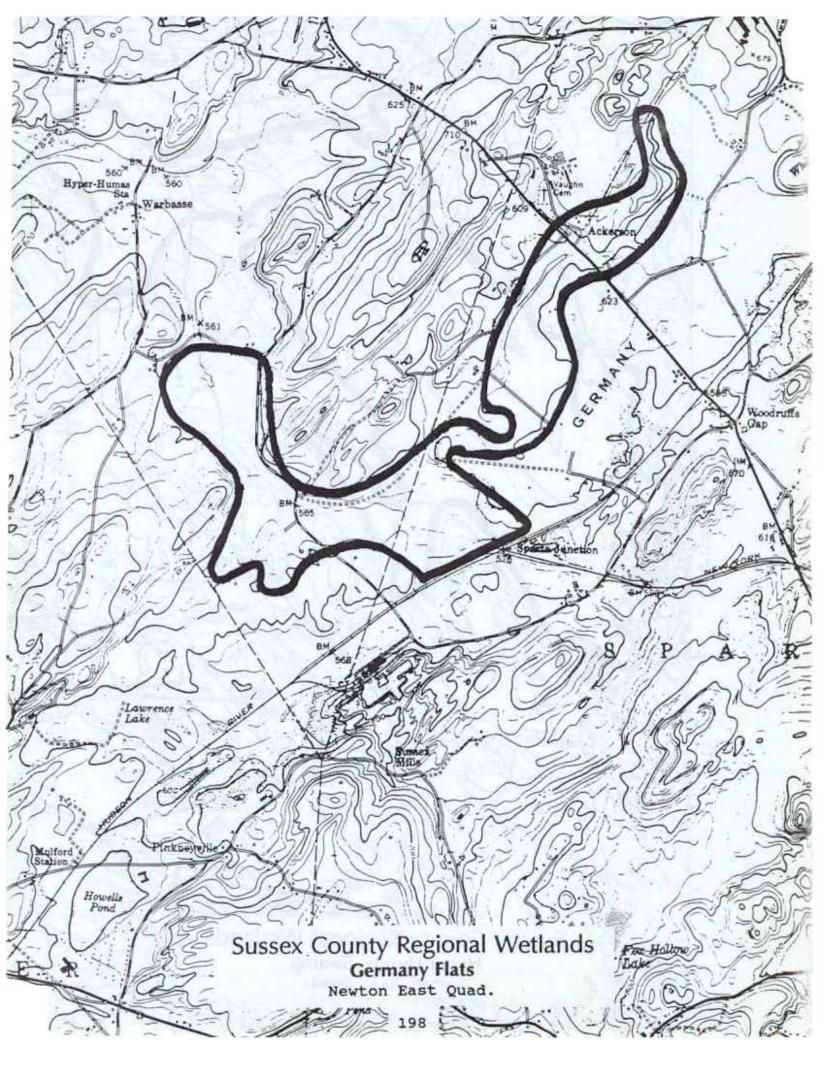


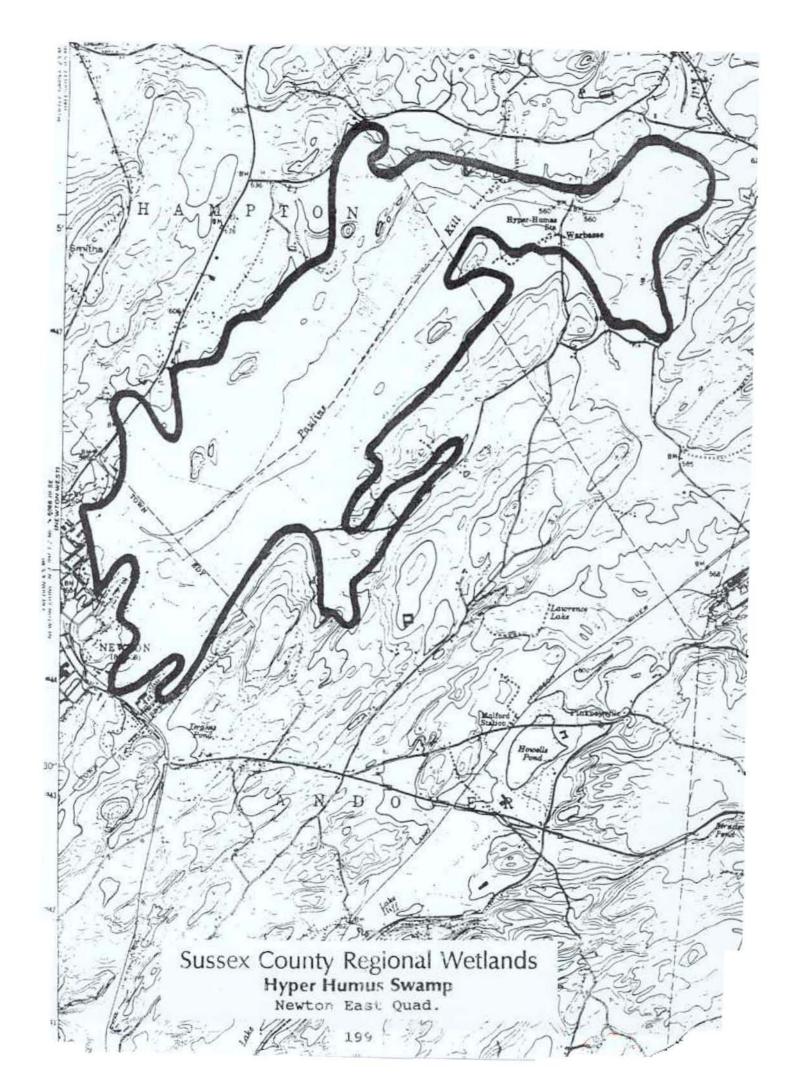


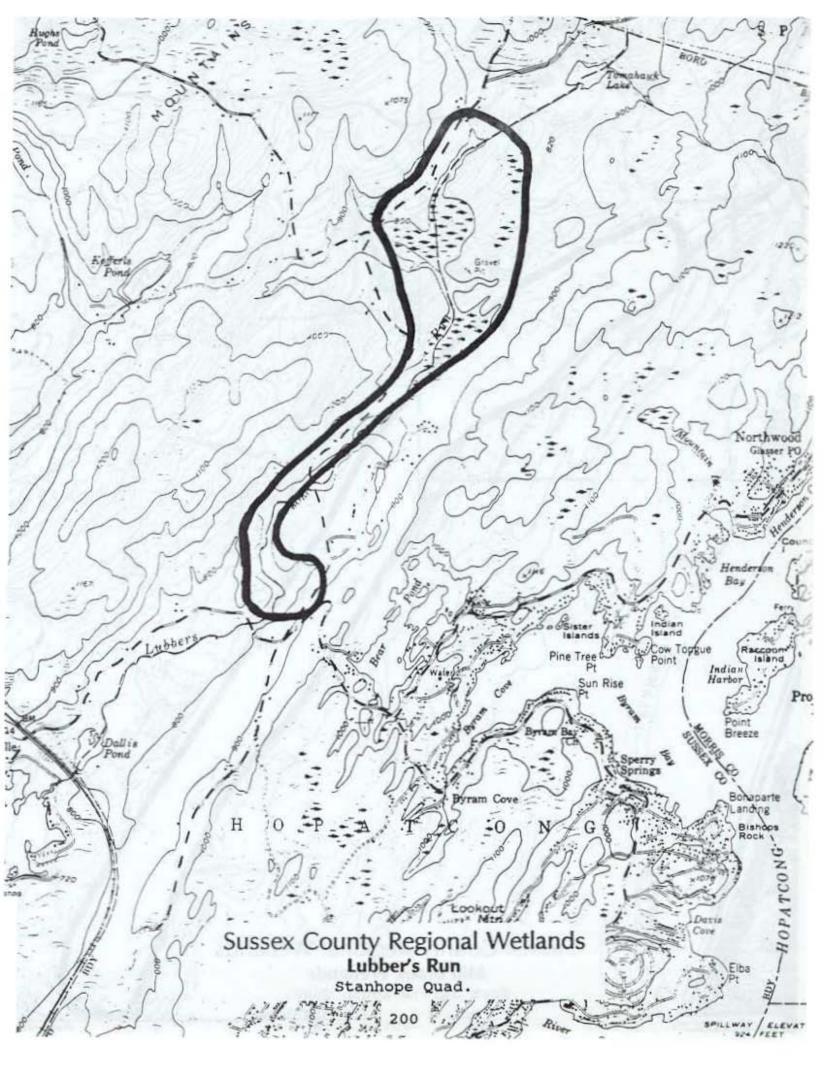


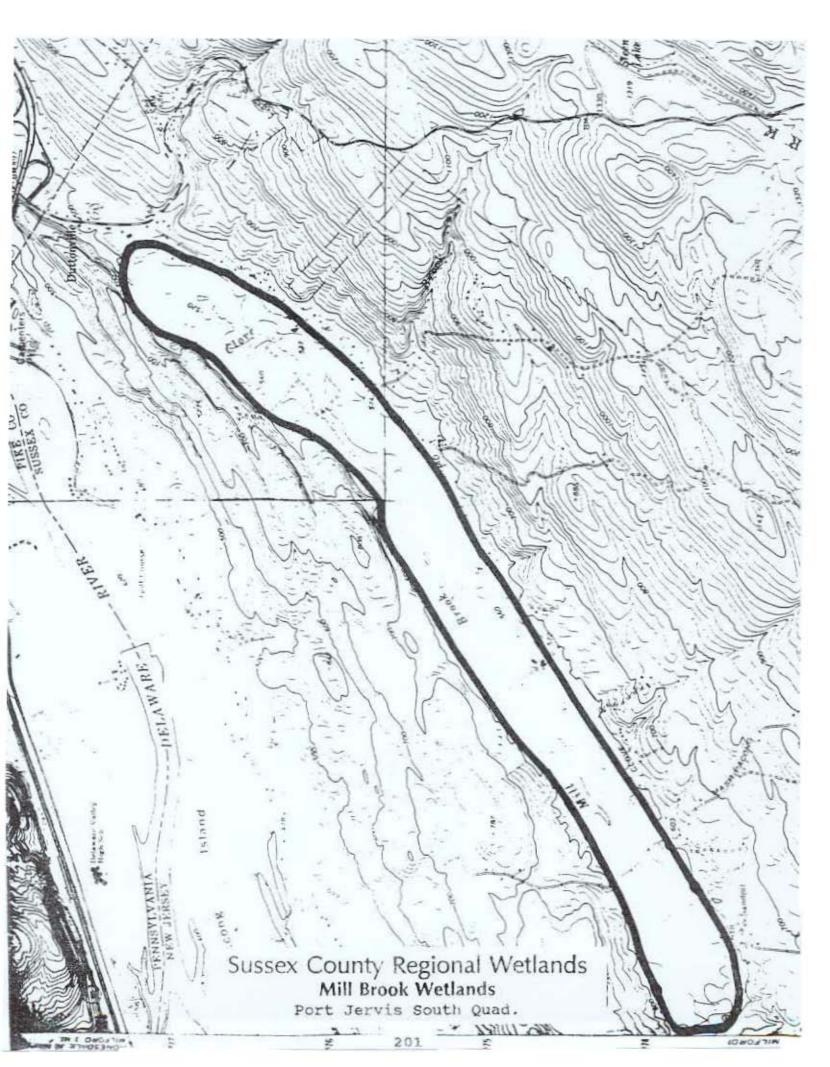


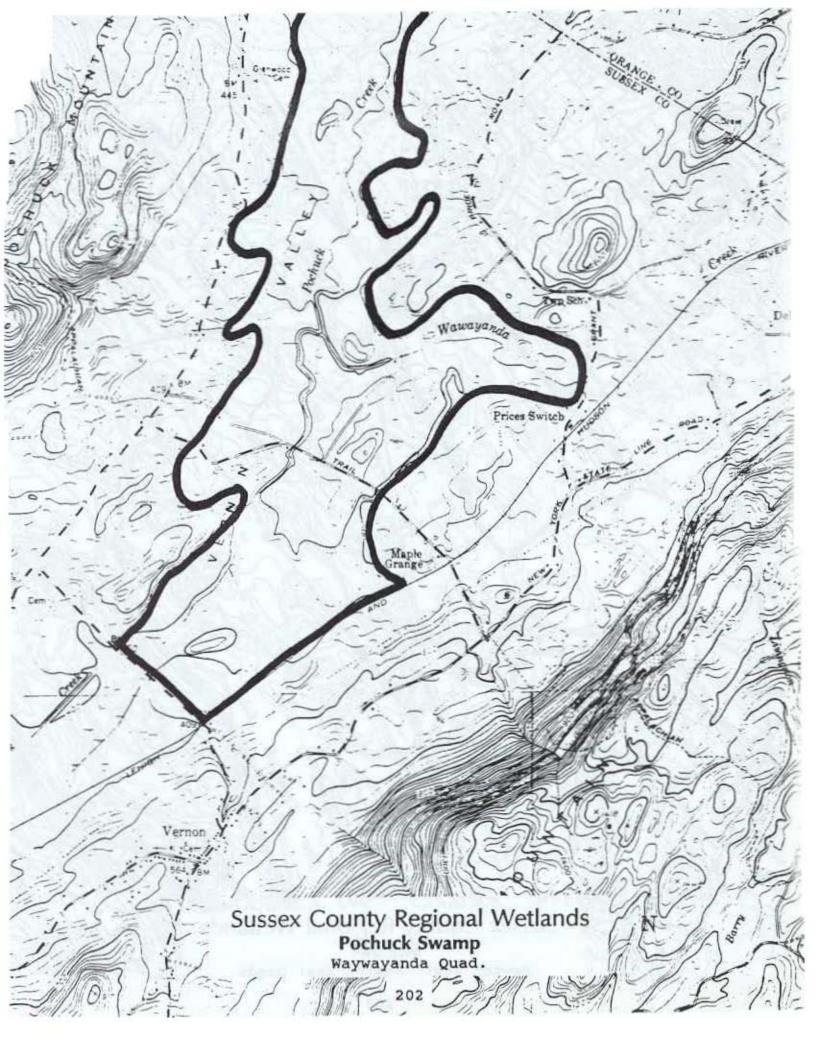


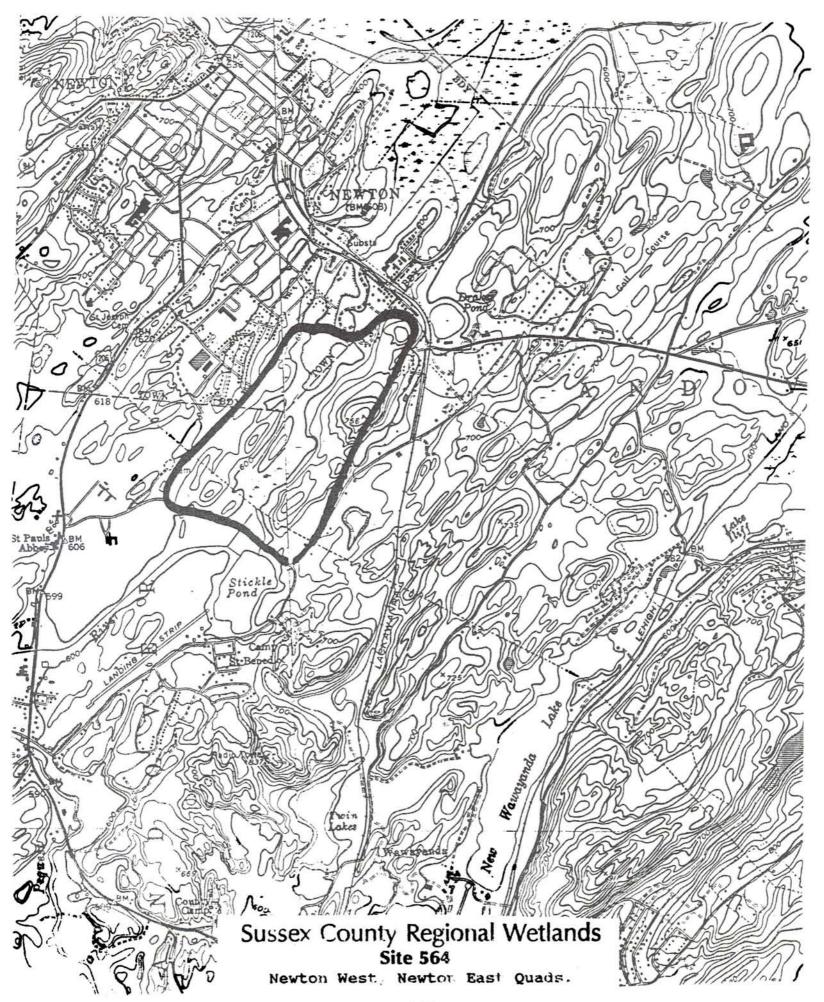


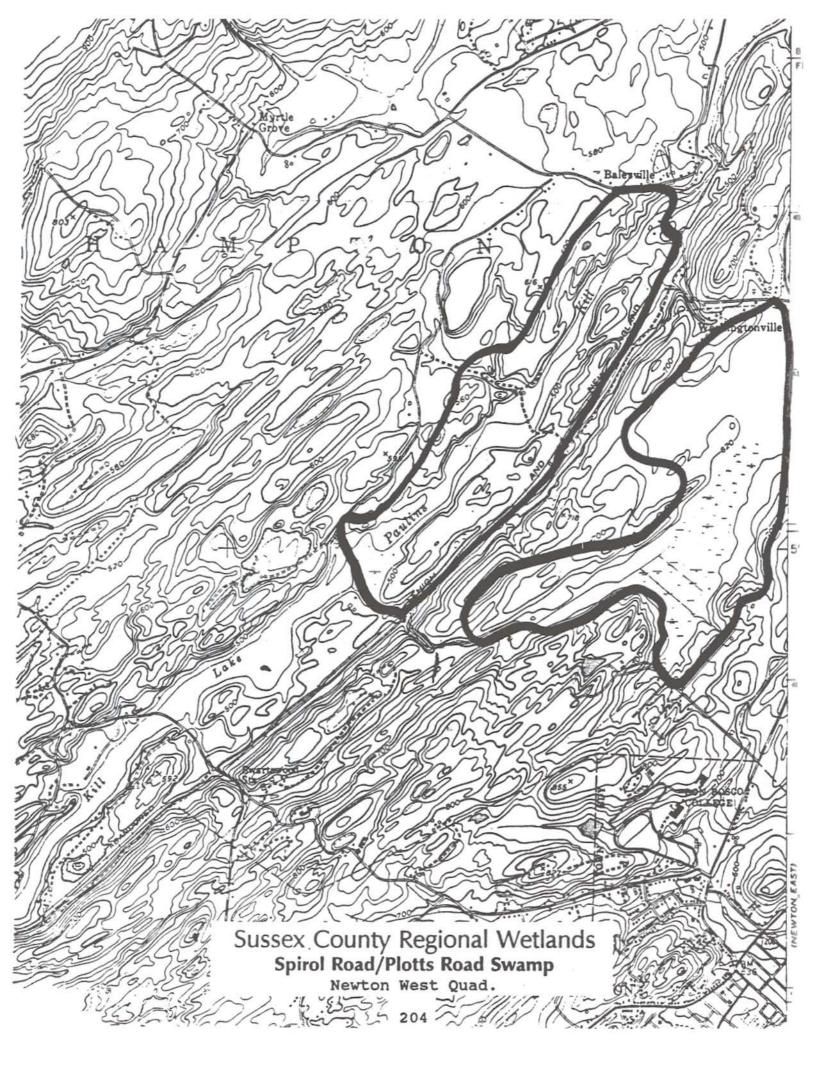


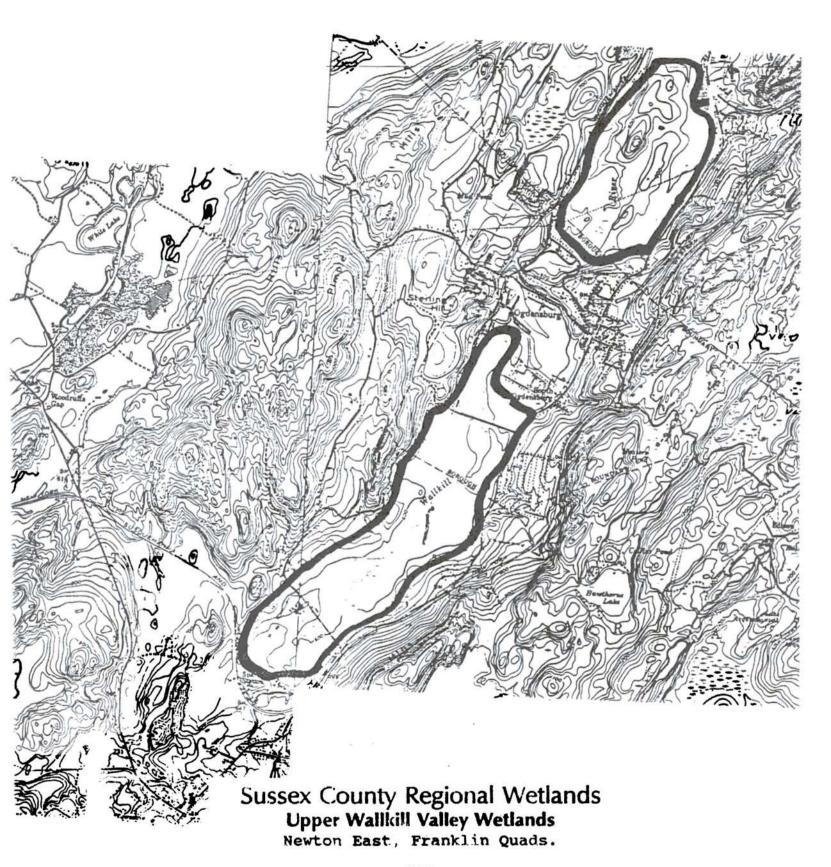


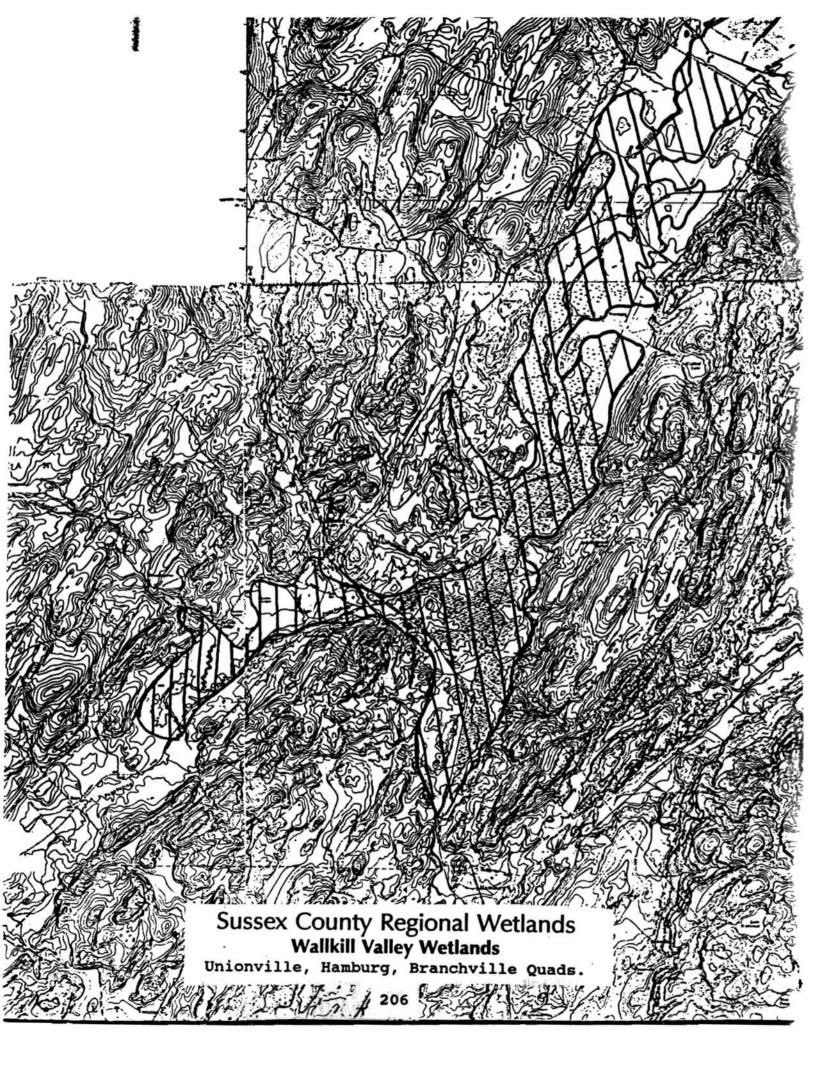


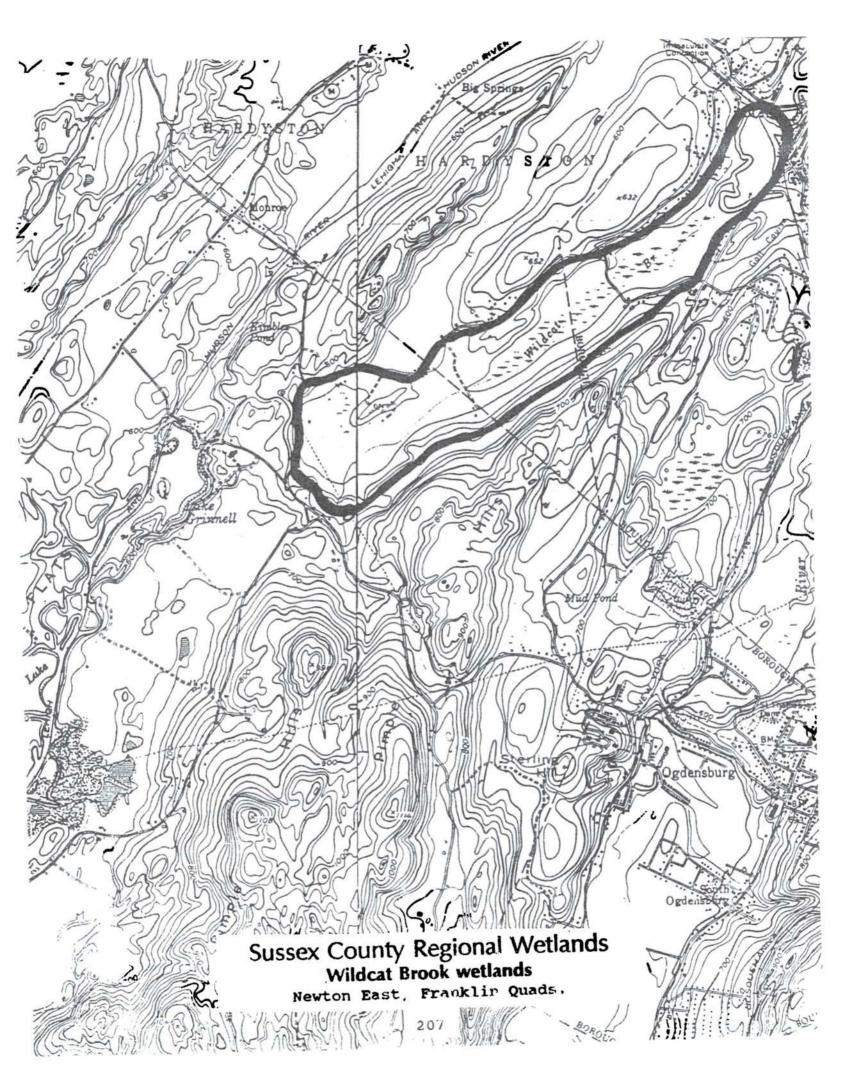


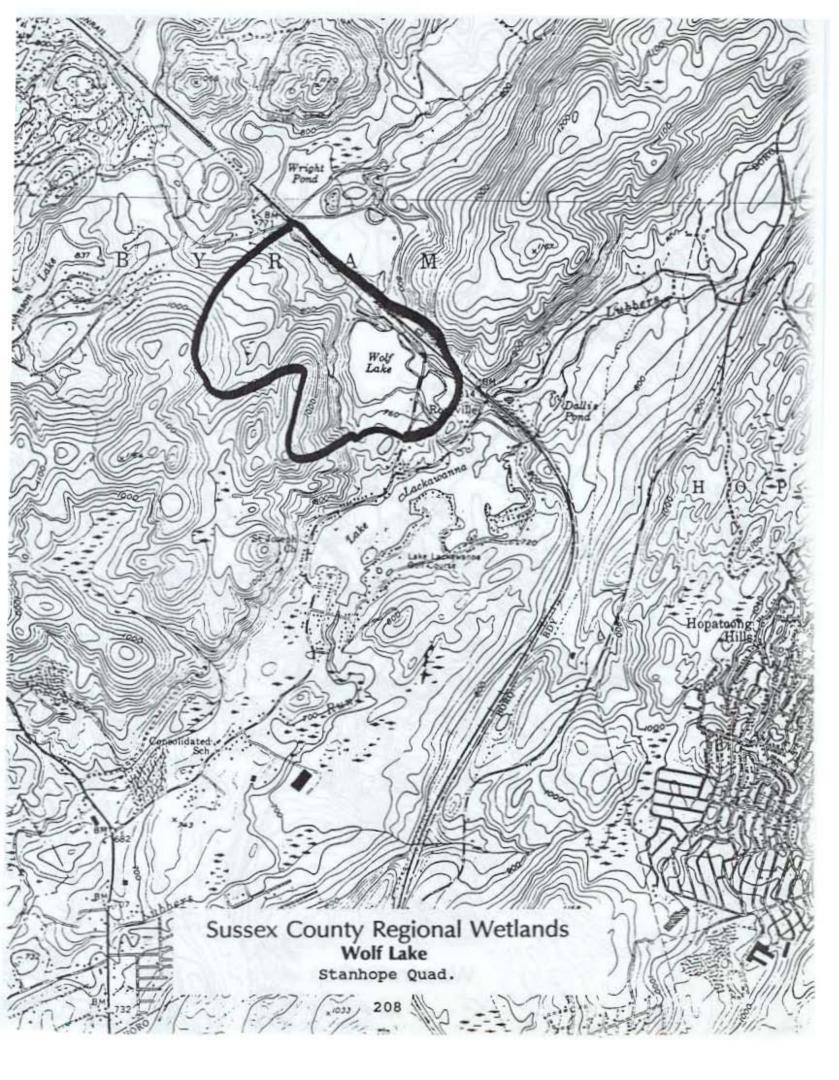














Union County

Union County

Name: Passaic River Basin

Category: Specific Geographic Areas

Location: Northeastern New Jersey (i.e. Bergen,

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Wanaque, Wawayanda, Weehawkin

Resource Value: O Flood control.

O Recreational lakes and water supplies,

water quality maintenance.

 Important habitat for waterfowl, raptors, passerines, herptiles, furbearers, and fish, including various

state and federally listed species.

Known/Potential
Threats to Resource:

Proposed Passaic River tunnel project

New York ACOE.

O Urbanization.

o Routes 46, 10, 80, and 24 run through

these wetlands and have had major

impacts.

O Encroachment and the continuation of

filling in flood zone areas.

Comments:

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Union County

Name: Raritan Bay Estuary Wetlands

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Middlesex, Monmouth, and Union Counties

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Arthur Kill, Elizabeth, Keyport, Long

Branch, Marlboro, New Brunswick, Perth Amboy, Plainfield, Sandy Hook, South

Amboy

Resource Value: Fishery and nursery habitat.

> Important migratory bird habitat for hawks, passerines, waterfowl, loons and

grebes.

O Provides habitat for shorebirds and

federally listed piping plover and

peregrine falcon.

Filtering and absorption of pollutants.

Regional scarcity of estuarine wetlands

in area.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Extreme pressure from commercial and

residential development.

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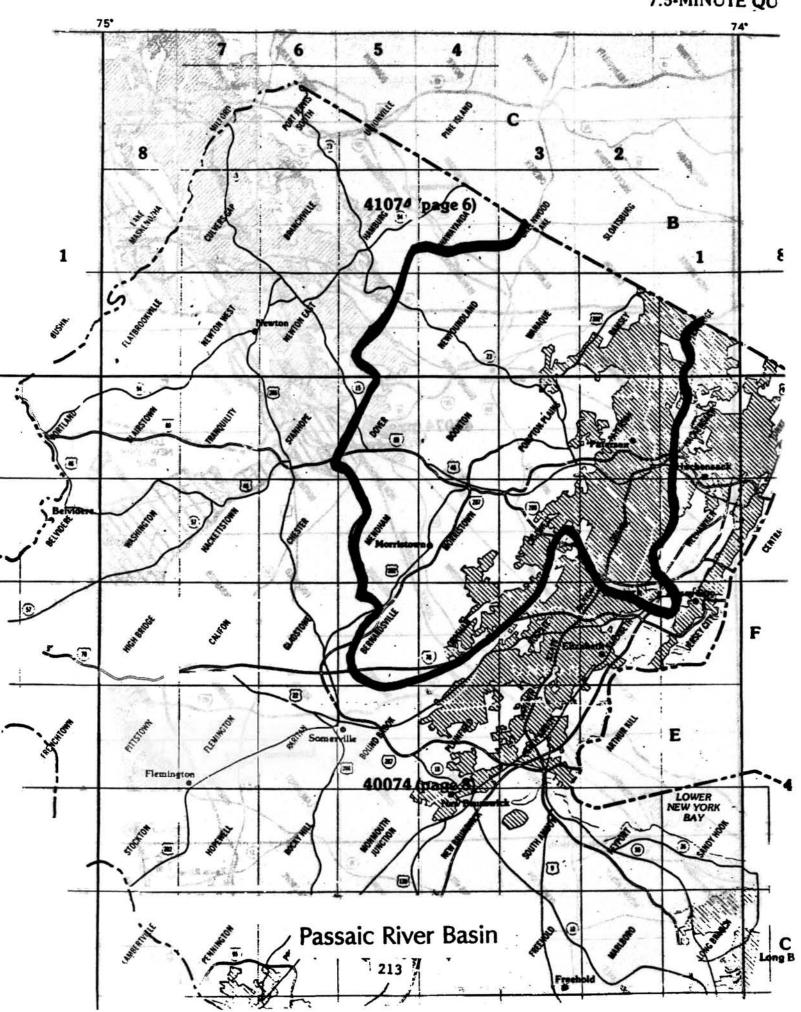
Raritan Bay contains large populations of bluefish, fiddler crabs, killifish and other marine organisms. The Bay's wetlands, located on the east coast flyway, are an important migratory bird resource. All tidally influenced

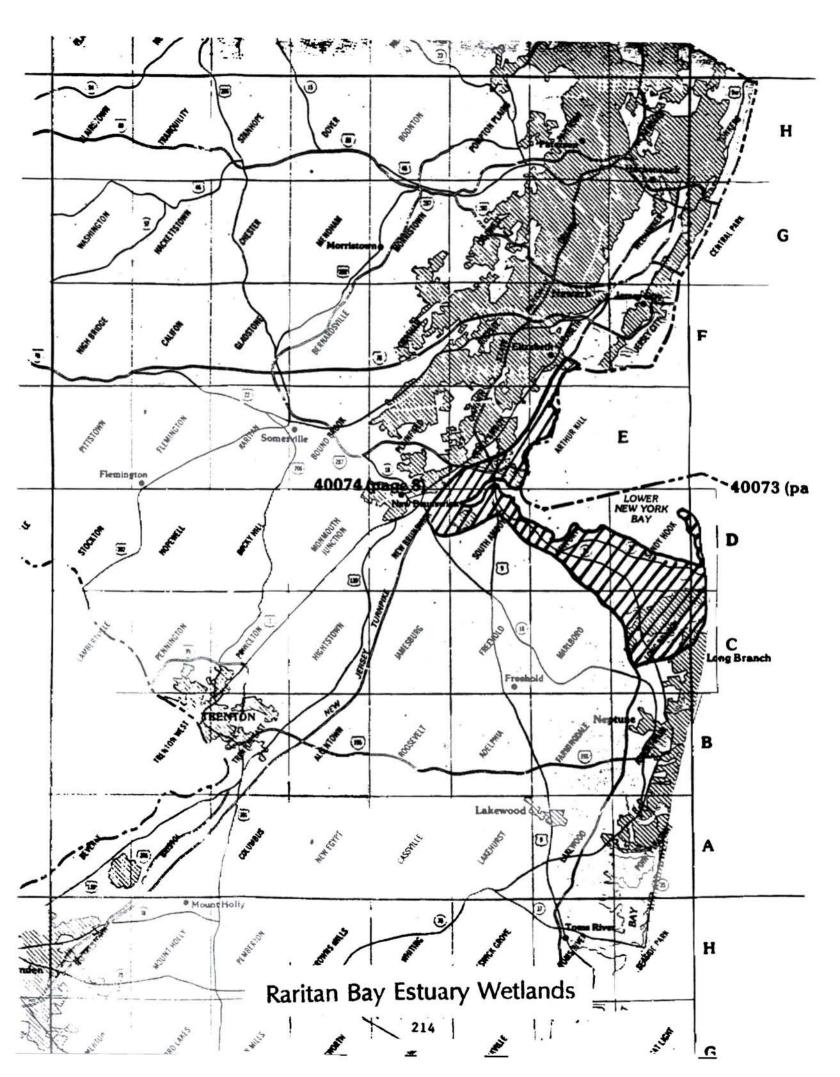
estuarine wetlands within the boundaries of this listing are considered priority

wetlands.

Note - The Raritan Center listing is located within the boundaries of the Raritan Bay Estuary priority wetland. See the Raritan Center listing for

further information.





Name: Johnsonburg Swamp

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Frelinghuysen and Green Twps., Sussex

and Warren Counties.

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Blair town, Tranquility

Resource Value: O State listed species (longtailed

salamander).

Exemplary rare natural community.

O Several state imperiled flora.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure

Name: Mountain Lakes Boq

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Liberty and White Twps., Warren County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Washington

Resource Value: O Wetland complex features the state

listed barred owl, several state rare

plants, and a rare community.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Development pressure on adjacent

uplands.

O Flooding problems by man or beaver.

Name: Phone In Fen/Squires Corner Site

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Hardwick Township, Warren County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Blairstown

Resource Value: O Contains an excellent example of a

globally rare wetland natural community.
• Excellent population of a globally rare

plant species.

O Concentration of state endangered and

special concern plant species.

O Includes one state critically imperiled

species.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Hydrological threat.

O Herbicide threat.

Ditching and filling.

O Development pressure.

Name: Shades of Death Marsh

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Liberty and Independence Twps., Warren

County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Blairstown

Resource Value: O Feeding ground for great blue herons

from the Pequest rookery.

o Pied-billed grebes, common moorhens, and

virginia and sora rails have or do breed

there.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Occasionally drained to irrigate

adjacent agricultural lands.

Name: Shuster Pond

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Stillwater Twp., Sussex County and

Hardwick Twp., Warren County.

U.S.G.S Quadrangle(s): Flatbrookville

Resource Value: O The site contains the largest and best

remaining stand of limestone forest in

New Jersey.

• The forest, ponds and limestone sinks

provide habitat for a number of rare and

endangered plants.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Heavy development pressure.

O Logging.

Name: Tock's Swamp

Category: Specific Geographic Area

Location: Pahaguarry Twp., Warren County

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle(s): Bushkill, Portland

Resource Value: O Rare natural community. Includes more

than 4 state rare plants.

Known/Potential

Threats to Resource: O Excessive, unmanaged recreational use

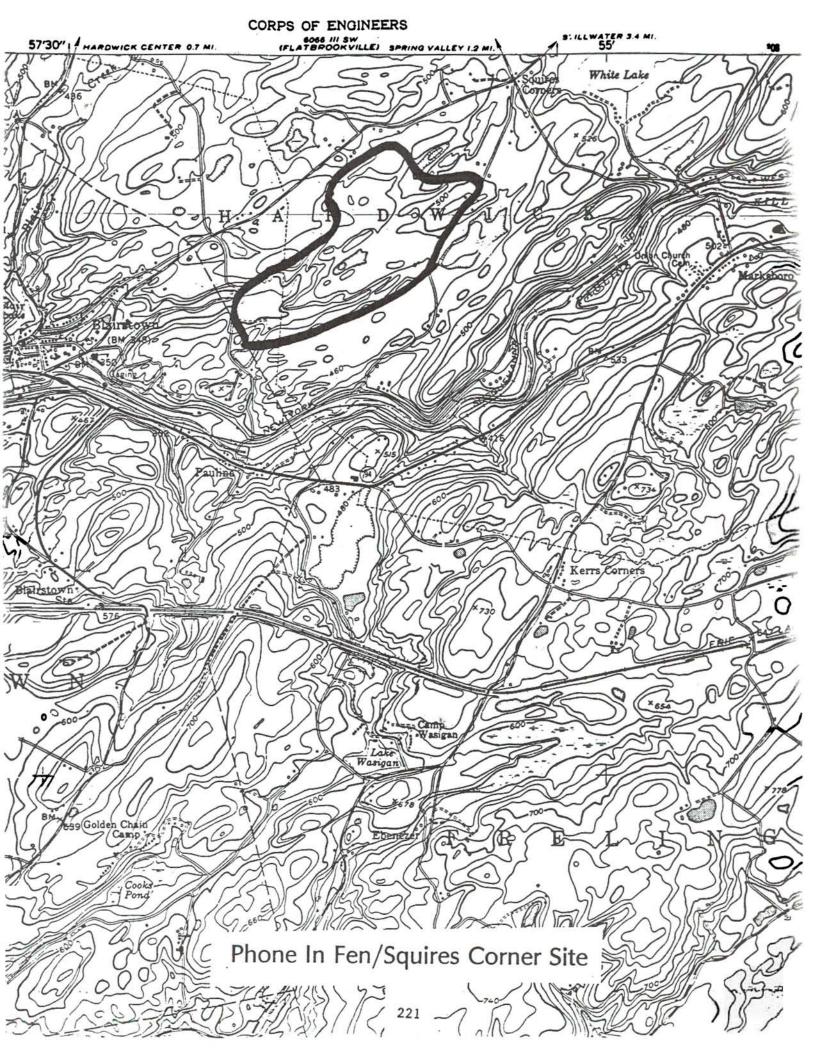
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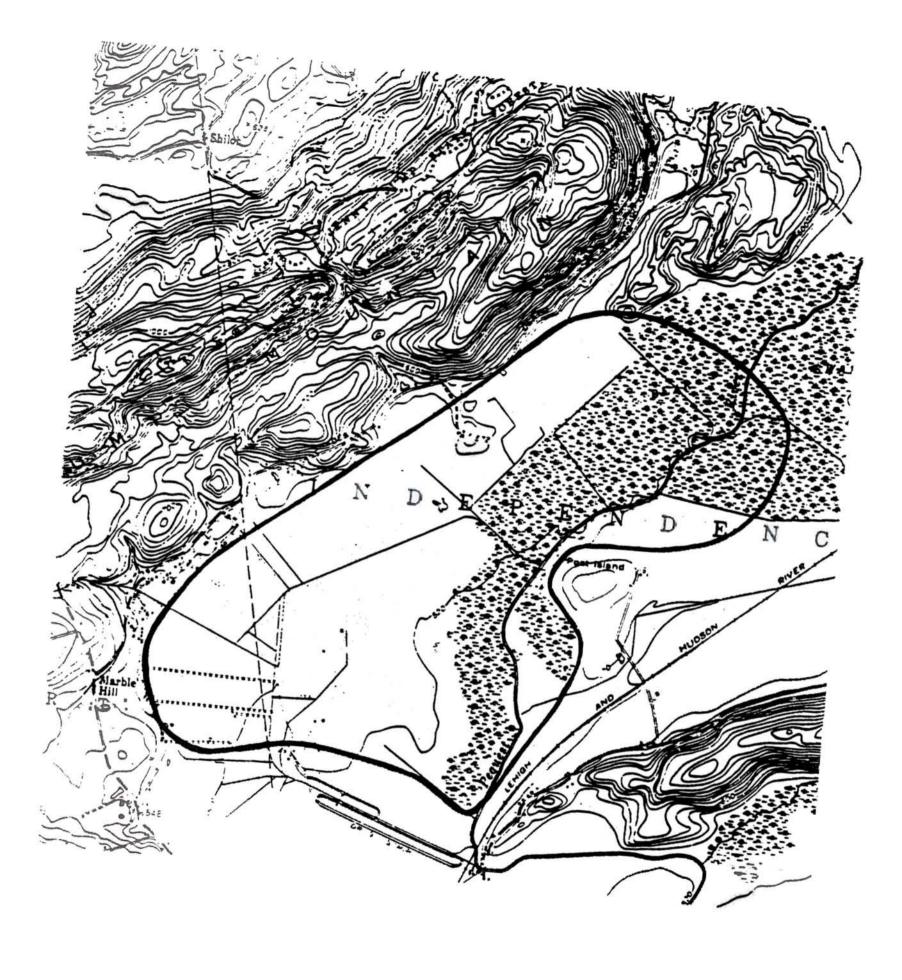
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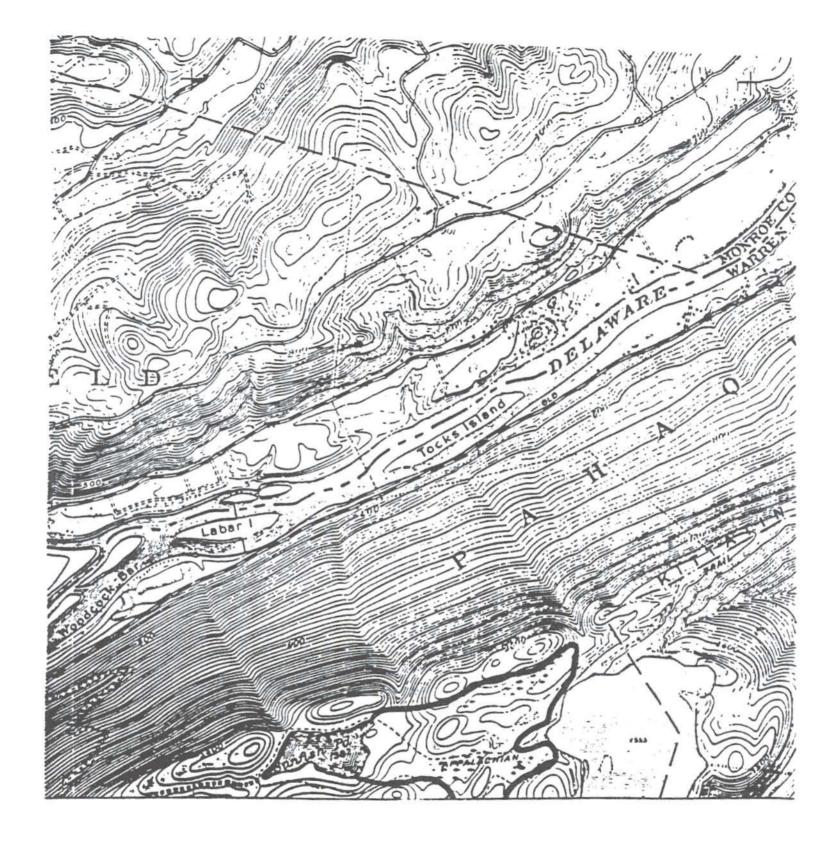
Mountain Lakes Bog





Shades of Death Marsh





Tock Swamp

LOCATION OF NEW JERSEY PRIORITY WETLAND BY U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE

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Adelphia	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries	
Allentown	Walnford Floodplain	
Alloway SIJW n and	Riddleton	
Arthur Kill	Raritan Bay Estuary Wetlands	
Atsion	Mullica River Wetlands	
Barnegat Light	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries	
Beach Haven	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries	
Ben Davis Point	Delaware Bayshore Macrosite	
Bernardsville	Passaic River Basin Wetlands	
Blairstown	Johnsonburg Swamp Phone in Fen/Squires Corner Site Shades of Death Marsh	
Bloomsbury	Spruce Run Reservoir Tributary wetlands	
Boonton	Passaic River Basin Wetlands	
Boundbrook	Passaic River Basin Wetlands	
Branchville	Sussex County Regional Wetlands	
Bridgeport	Oldmans Creek	
Bridgeton af 5	Maurice River Wetlands	
Brookville	Barnegat Bay and Tributaties Mullica River Wetlands	
Browns Mills	Whitesbog	
Buena	Maurice River Wetlands	
Bushkill	Tock's Swamp	
Caldwell	Passaic River Basin Wetlands	

Cape May	Bennetts Bog Cape May Meadows Delaware Bayshore Macrosite Sewell Point wetlands
Cassville	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries
Cedarville	Delaware Bayshore Macrosite Dividing Creek Wetland Complex Lummis Pond Maurice River Wetlands
Chathem	Passaic River Basin Wetlands
Chatsworth	Mullica River Wetlands
Chester	Lamington River Wetlands
Clementon	Beagle Club Woods Lake Pines Mullica River Wetlands Pine Hill BSA Site United States Avenue Site
Culver's Gap	Arctic Meadows Dingmans Ferry Bridge Site Sussex County Regional Wetlands
Dividing Creek	Dividing Creek Wetland Complex Maurice River Wetlands
Dover	Lake Hopatcong Watershed Passaic River Basin Wetlands
Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Goose Ponds Mullica River Wetlands
Elizabeth	Hackensack Meadowlands Raritan Bay Estuary Wetlands
Elmer	Maurice River Wetlands Pole Tavern
Farmingdale	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries Shark River Station Site
Five Points	Maurice River Wetlands
Flatbrookville	Shuster Pond Smith Ferry Site

Forked River	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries
Fortesque	Delaware Bayshore Macrosite Dividing Creek Wetland Complex
Franklin	Big Pine Swamp Lake Hopatcong Watershed Passaic River Basin Wetlands Sussex County Regional Wetlands
Fienchtown	Spruce Run Reservoir Tributary Wetlands
Green Bank	Mullica River Wetlands
Greenwood Lake	Beech Brook Wetlands Passaic River Basin Wetlands
Hackensack	Hackensack Meadowlands Passaic River Basin Wetlands
Hackettstown	Spruce Run Reservoir Tributary Wetlands
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Indian Mills	Mullica River Wetlands
Jamesburg	Helmetta
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Keswick Grove	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries
Keyport	Raritan Bay Estuary Wetlands
Lakehurst Spinsling	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries
Lakewood	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries
Long Beach NE	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries
Long Branch	Raritan Bay Estuary Wetlands

Marcus Hook	Oldmans Creek
Marlboro	Raritan Bay Estuary Wetlands
Marmora	Great Cedar Swamp and Indian Trail Swamp
Mays Landing	Bill Henry Pond Reega
Medford Lakes	Mullica River Wetlands
Mendham	Passaic River Basin Wetlands Washington Valley
Milford	Mashipacong Island
Milleville	Maurice River Wetlands
Monmouth Junction	Pigeon Swamp
Moorsetown	South Valley/Strawbridge
Morristown	Passaic River Basin Wetlands
Mount Holly	Kirbys Mill Site
New Brunswick	Helmetta Pigeon Swamp Raritan Bay Estuary Wetlands
Newfield	Maurice River Wetlands
Newfoundland	Passaic River Basin Wetlands
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Newton West	Arctic Meadows Sussex County Regional Wetlands
Newtonville	Hospitality Branch Mullica River Wetlands
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Paterson	Passaic River Basin Wetlands
Pemberton	Ongs Hat Site
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Pitman West	Maurice River Wetlands
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Plainfield	Dismal Swamp
	Passaic River Basin Wetlands
	Raritan Bay Estuary Wetlands
Pleasantville	Mullica River Wetlands
Point Pleasant	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries
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Roosevelt	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries
Roselle	Passaic River Basin Wetlands
Runnemede	Campus swamp Hidden Lake
Salem	Mannington Meadows
Sandy Hook	Raritan Bay Estuary Wetlands
Sea Isle City	Great Cedar Swamp and Indian Trail Swamp
Seaside Park	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries
Ship Bottom	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries Manahawkin Swamp
Sloatsburg	Passaic River Basin Wetlands
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West Creek	Barnegat Bay and Tributaries Manahaw} n Lake Wetlands Manahawkin Swamp Mullica River Wetlands
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