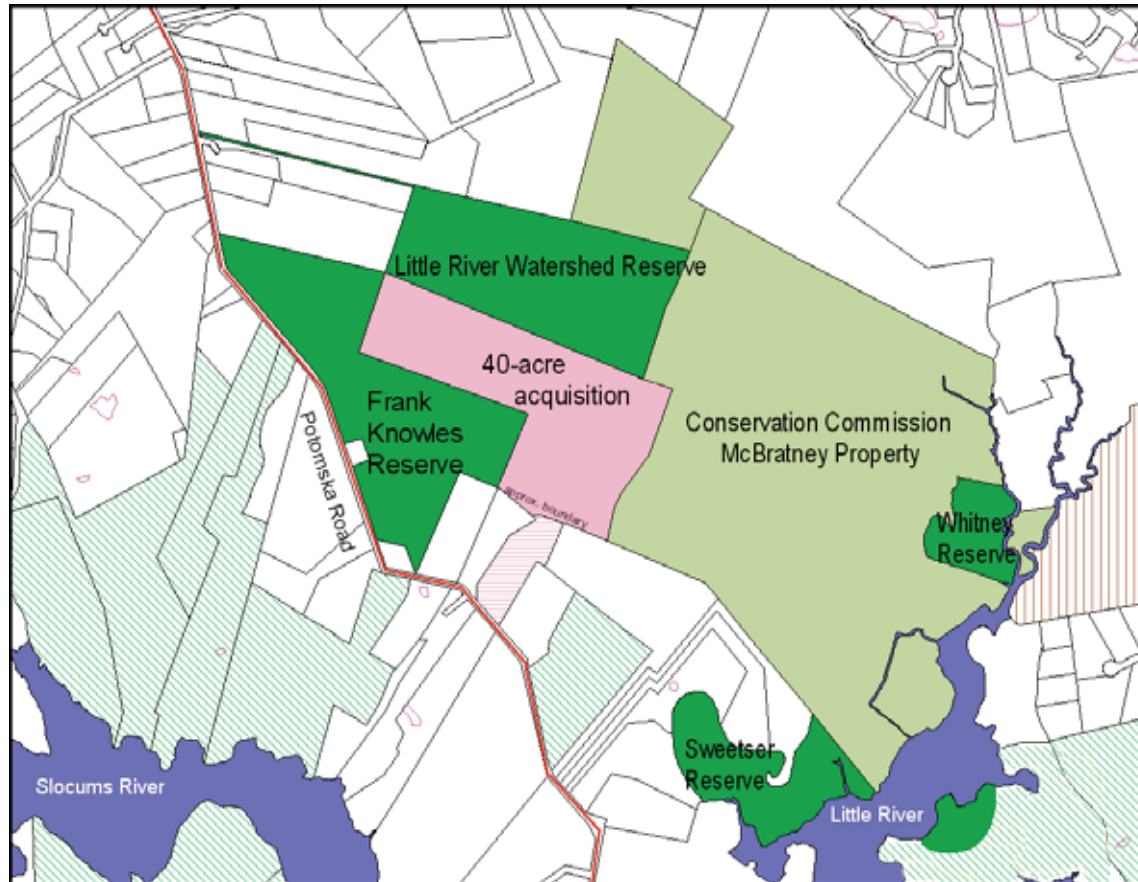


DNRT LITTLE RIVER WATERSHED RESERVE EXPANSION PROJECT

THE MAP TELLS THE STORY

TARGETED FOR ACQUISITION by DNRT

Little River Watershed Reserve Expansion: 40 acres of woodlands and forested wetlands and a stream flowing into Little River. Includes priority habitat for rare species and an extensive network of stonewalls surrounding an historic farmstead site.



DNRT Little River Watershed Reserve (formerly called Ostric-Hopkins property): 38 acres of woodlands.

DNRT Frank Knowles Reserve: 42 acres, including significant wetlands, in Slocum's River watershed.

Conservation Restrictions: Woodlands, wetlands & marsh, protected from development by conservation restrictions held by Massachusetts Audubon Society and DNRT.

Slocum's River: A scenic tidal river flowing from the waterfall in Russell's Mills Village to Buzzards Bay.

DNRT Sweetser Reserve: 37 acres of predominantly salt marsh directly on the Little River.

Little River: Very sensitive estuary of Buzzards Bay with shellfish, fish, birds, & rare species habitat. *Approximately 40% of the land area of the Little River Watershed is conservation land!*

These 5 acres and house to be retained by seller's family.

McBratney Property: 180 acres of mature woods, wetlands & marsh owned by Dartmouth Conservation Commission. Currently has no adequate public access.

Agricultural Preservation Restriction: Protected farmland stretching from Little River to Smith Neck Road, opposite DNRT's 140-acre Smith Farm Reserve.

DNRT Whitney Reserve: 8 acres of salt marsh directly on Little River.

WITH YOUR HELP, DNRT CAN PUT THE MISSING PIECE INTO THIS PUZZLE.



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THE GOAL

To purchase 40 acres of a 45-acre parcel on Potomska Road, thereby doubling the size of the existing DNRT Little River Watershed Reserve and creating a contiguous block of 347 acres of protected land owned by DNRT and the Dartmouth Conservation Commission.



THE COST

\$600,000, including the \$500,000 purchase price and \$100,000 for transaction costs, site clean-up, trail work & creation of a stewardship endowment for on-going site management.

THE URGENCY

By **August 1, 2005**, we must raise enough in gifts or pledges to make the purchase feasible. The closing date is **September 1, 2005**. With frontage on Potomska Road, this property would be highly prized by developers if not protected.

THE BENEFITS

Successful completion of this project will forever...

- preserve a large block of mature forestland;
- protect land designated as Priority Habitat for Rare Species;
- protect water quality in Little River and Buzzards Bay;
- preserve land designated by the Massachusetts Landscape Inventory as important for its natural, scenic and historic features;
- protect and make accessible an historic landscape featuring an extensive network of stonewalls and paddocks around an early 19th Century farmstead;
- provide passive recreational opportunities for the public on nearly 350 acres, including the 180-acre "McBratney Property," for which there is currently no adequate public access.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Help spread the word about this project to friends, neighbors, & Town Meeting members.
- Please give as generously as you can to acquire this important property.

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