



FORM "A"
TO BE COMPLETED BY ANYONE
WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Names of individuals making the presentation:

- Jessica Bradford (Conservation Project Coordinator, Nova Scotia Nature Trust)
- Ross Firth (Director of Conservation, Nova Scotia Nature Trust)

Points to be made:

- Introduction to the Nova Scotia Nature Trust
- Overview of conservation and stewardship work in Southwest Nova
- Collaborative opportunities for Swaines Road Bog

Purpose and any requests that may be forthcoming from the presentation:

The purpose of the presentation will be to introduce the Council to the Nature Trust and some of our current and potential future conservation work within the Municipality of Barrington specifically and Southwest Nova more broadly. We would like to discuss the past, present, and future of the Swaines Road Bog with the Council and explore opportunities for possible collaboration.

Please attach a copy of your written or power point presentation.

Time requested for presentation: 15 minutes _____ 30 minutes X

Signature

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Will you require a projector and computer for your presentation ? Yes

NOTE: Individuals or groups making presentations are required to address their comments and questions to the Chair of the Meeting only. No decision will be made at the same meeting as your presentation.

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Nova Scotia Nature Trust in Southwest Nova

Presentation for the Committee of the Whole Council, Municipality of the District of Barrington
Aug. 12, 2019 | Municipal Office, 2447 Highway 3, Barrington
Jessica Bradford & Ross Firth, Nova Scotia Nature Trust

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OUTLINE

About the Nature Trust

Conservation & stewardship work
in:

- SWNS
- Municipality of Barrington

Future opportunities?

Discussion & questions



WHO ARE WE?

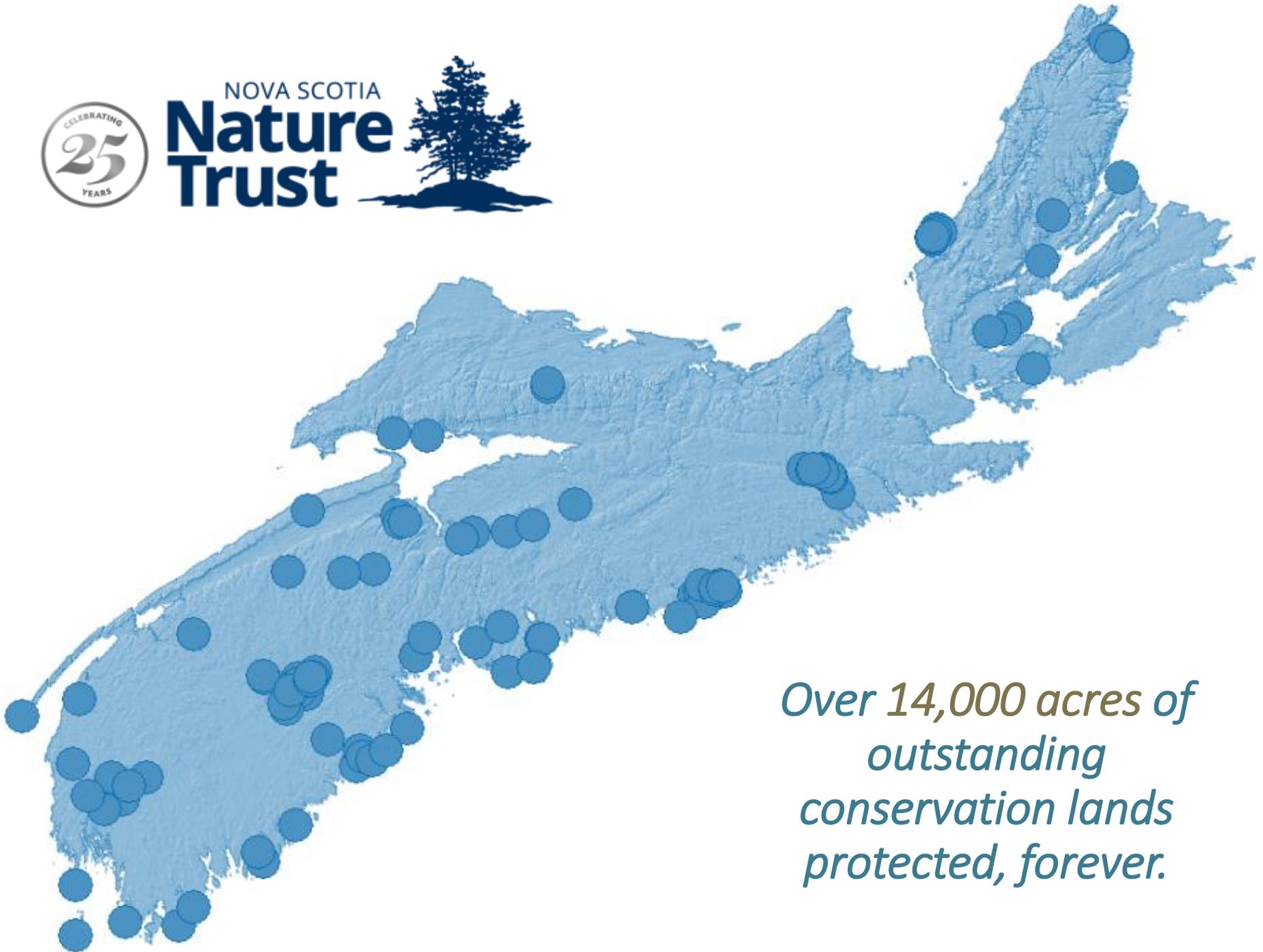


Founded in 1994, the Nova Scotia Nature Trust is a registered charity focused on the conservation of privately owned lands of ecological significance in Nova Scotia.





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*Over 14,000 acres of
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HOW DO WE CONSERVE PRIVATE LANDS?



Donation



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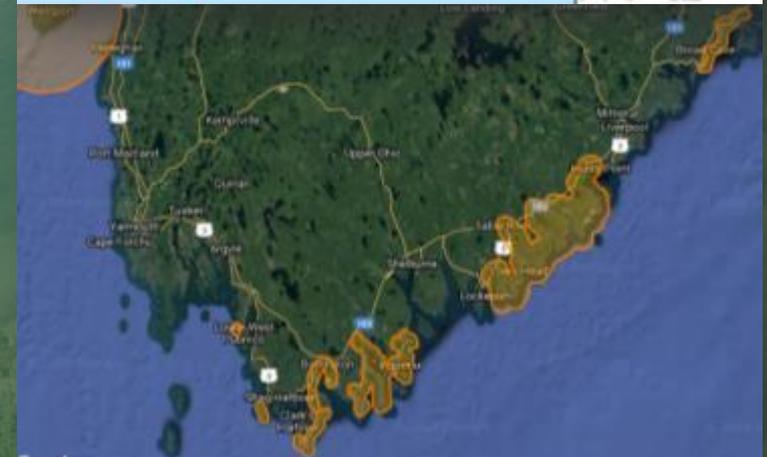
Conservation
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Conservation Options

REGIONAL CONTEXT

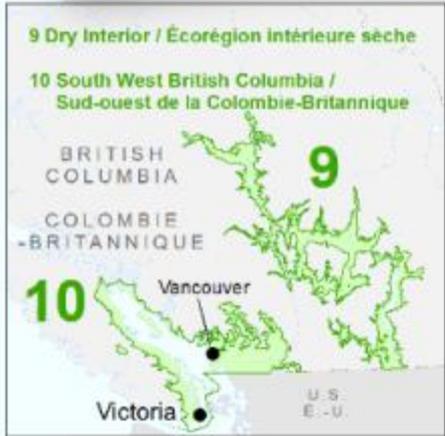
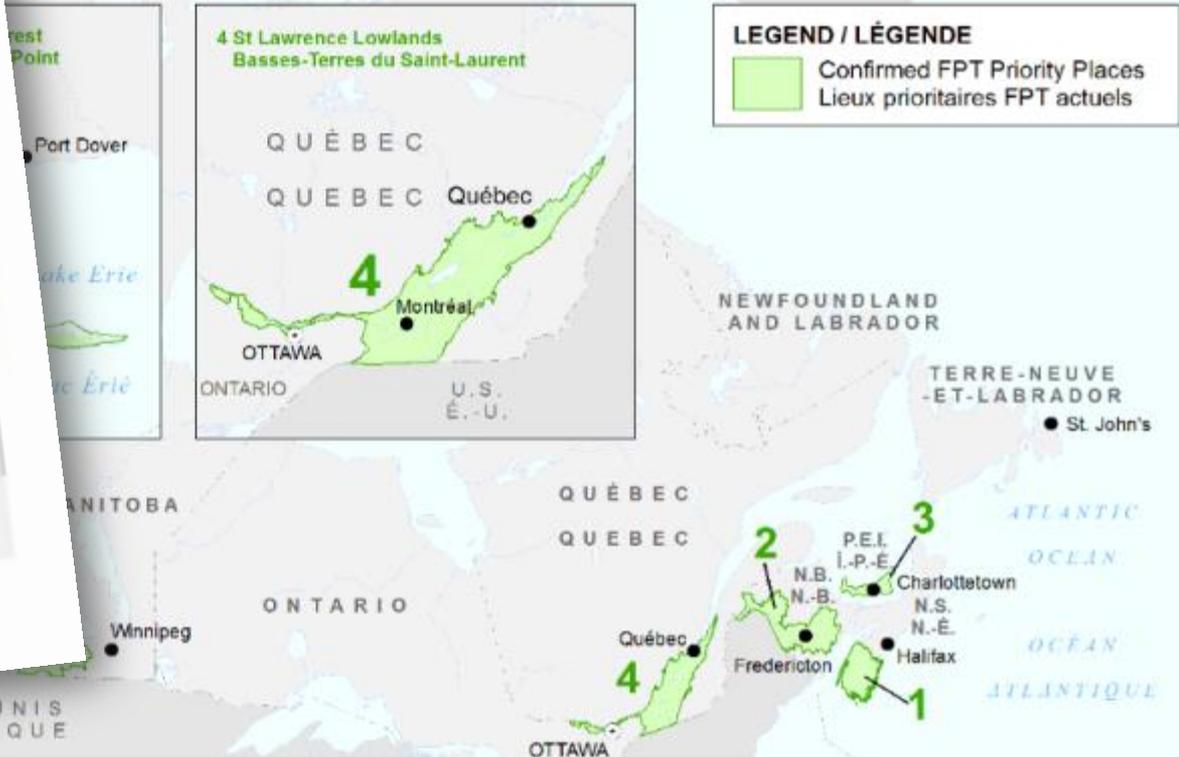
- SWNS region is a biodiversity hotspot and home to many rare/at-risk species (e.g. Atlantic Coastal Plain Flora such as Thread-leaved sundew, Blanding's Turtle, Eastern Ribbonsnake, Piping Plover & more)
- UNESCO Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve
- Four federal Migratory Bird Sanctuaries and eight Important Bird Areas (IBAs)
- *Kespukwitk*, a Mi'kmaq district meaning 'lands' end', aligns with the bioregion
- Canada Nature Fund/Pathway to Target 1 - SWNS recently named 1 of 11 'Priority Places' for conservation across the country





PAN-CANADIAN APPROACH TO TRANSFORMING SPECIES AT RISK CONSERVATION IN CANADA

LEGEND / LÉGENDE
 Confirmed FPT Priority Places / Lieux prioritaires FPT actuels



NATURE TRUST IN SWNS

- Active in private land conservation, stewardship, and education in SWNS since the 1990s
- Began with outreach to private landowners with ACPF species (e.g. Pink Coreopsis and Plymouth Gentian) habitat along their lakeshore properties
- Now protect and steward 43 conservation lands in the region



N.S. landowner transfers land to trust to help protect snakes, wildflowers

HALIFAX (CP) — A landowner in southwestern Nova Scotia has transferred 14 hectares to a nature trust to provide wetland habitat for a rare wildflower and one of

western Nova Scotia, and the eastern ribbon snake, an endangered species unique to Nova Scotia and parts of southern Ontario.

Land donation a natural fit for actor

By BRIAN MEDEL
Yarmouth Bureau

YARMOUTH — The Nova Scotia Nature Trust has acquired a 14.5-hectare wilderness property in a remote part of Yarmouth County making it the first permanently protected wetland habitat containing one of Canada's rarest wildflowers, the Plymouth gentian.

The property on Gillfillan Lake was owned until Friday by stage and television actor Jeanne Lange.

The land was transferred under a new land conservation tool called split receipting, which provides tax benefits for landowners who sell property to the nature trust at well below market value, said Duncan Bayne of the trust.

Such tax benefits are a



The Plymouth gentian, shown with a crab spider in residence, is one of the rarest flowers in Canada. The flower is among the valuable flora on a 14.5-hectare property in Yarmouth County that was recently donated to the Nova Scotia Nature Trust.

new split receipting method. "The principle is that the land would have a fair market value and if the owner sells it well below that value then they get a tax benefit for the difference which is deemed a gift," said Mr. Bayne.

"It's not been used before in Nova Scotia. This is the first one," he said.

"It's only for land that will be protected forever by a body like the nature trust. This is our first permanent protection."

The unimproved property on Gillfillan Lake was purchased by Ms. Lange and her husband David Haskell in 1973 when both New York actors came to Nova Scotia after reading about the province in National Geographic magazine.

"We saw this article and the pictures and said, 'We need to go there,'" she said Monday from her home in Encino, Calif. Ms. Lange has been out of the entertainment industry since 1998. She acted on Broadway as one of the original Godspell cast members and has worked in film and television, including the daytime soap Another World.

During the summer of 1973 the couple embarked on a Nova Scotia camping trip, bought their lakefront land and spent many more happy summers and

autumns at the lake. Mr. Haskell died unexpectedly in 2000.

But the couple had learned a lot about the property early on. "We found out that there were quite a number of endangered plants that were quite prolific along this quarter of a mile of lakefront," said Ms. Lange. That helped her make up her mind to sell to the nature trust.

"I'm very much an environmentalist... and I looked financially at what was possible for me," she said.

Ms. Lange said she wanted the land protected and was willing to sell it at a discounted price.

The Atlantic coastal plain flora are found along a small number of lakeshores and bogs only in southwestern Nova Scotia, the nature trust says.

Eleven plant species are formally designated as species at risk in Canada.

The greatest threat to Atlantic coastal plain habitat, says a nature trust backgrounder, is from human activity including lakeshore development, all-terrain vehicle use along lakeshores, water pollution, damming and improper logging and farming practices.

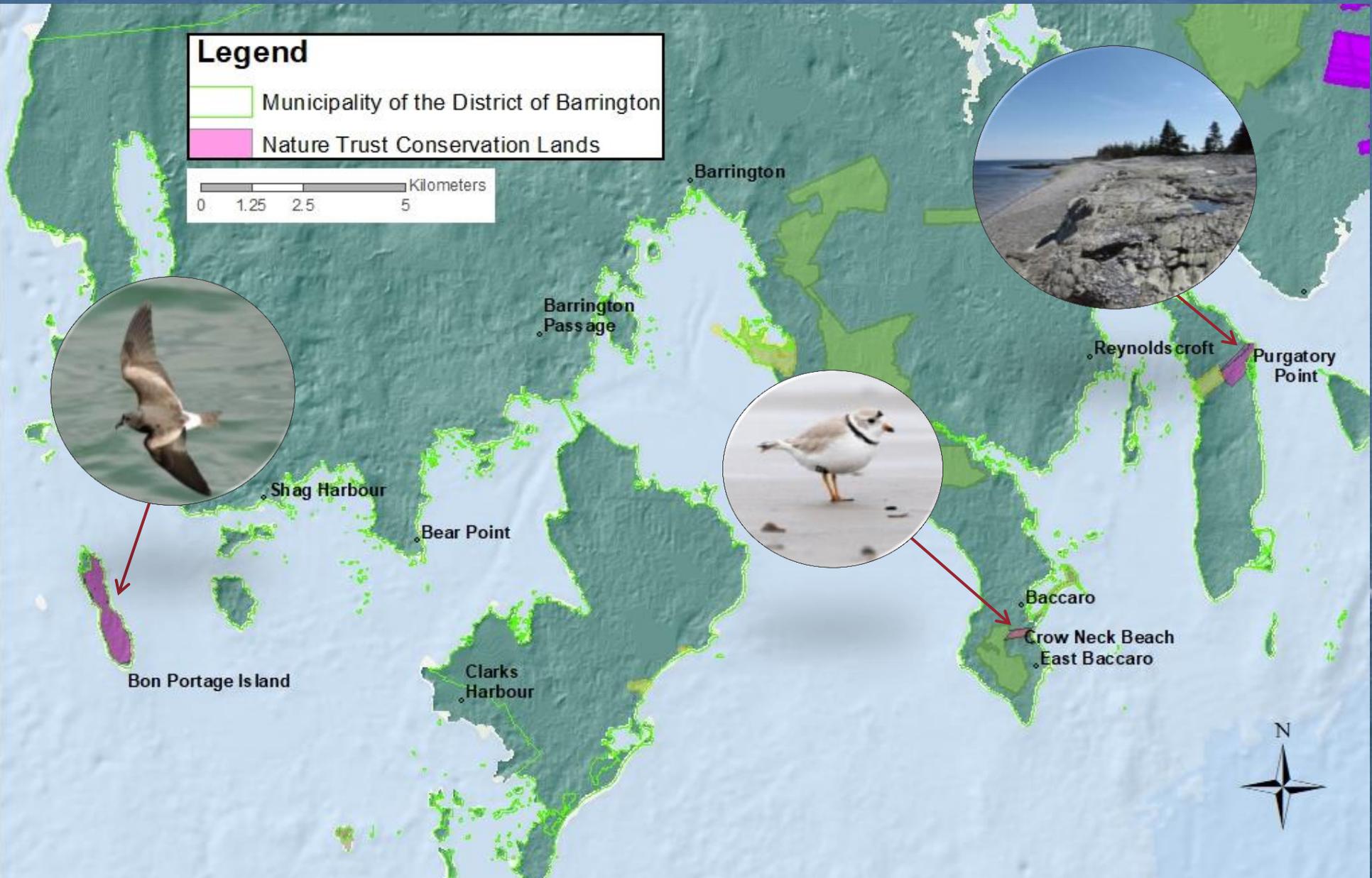
The Nova Scotia Nature Trust is the only province wide land conservation organization based in Nova Scotia.

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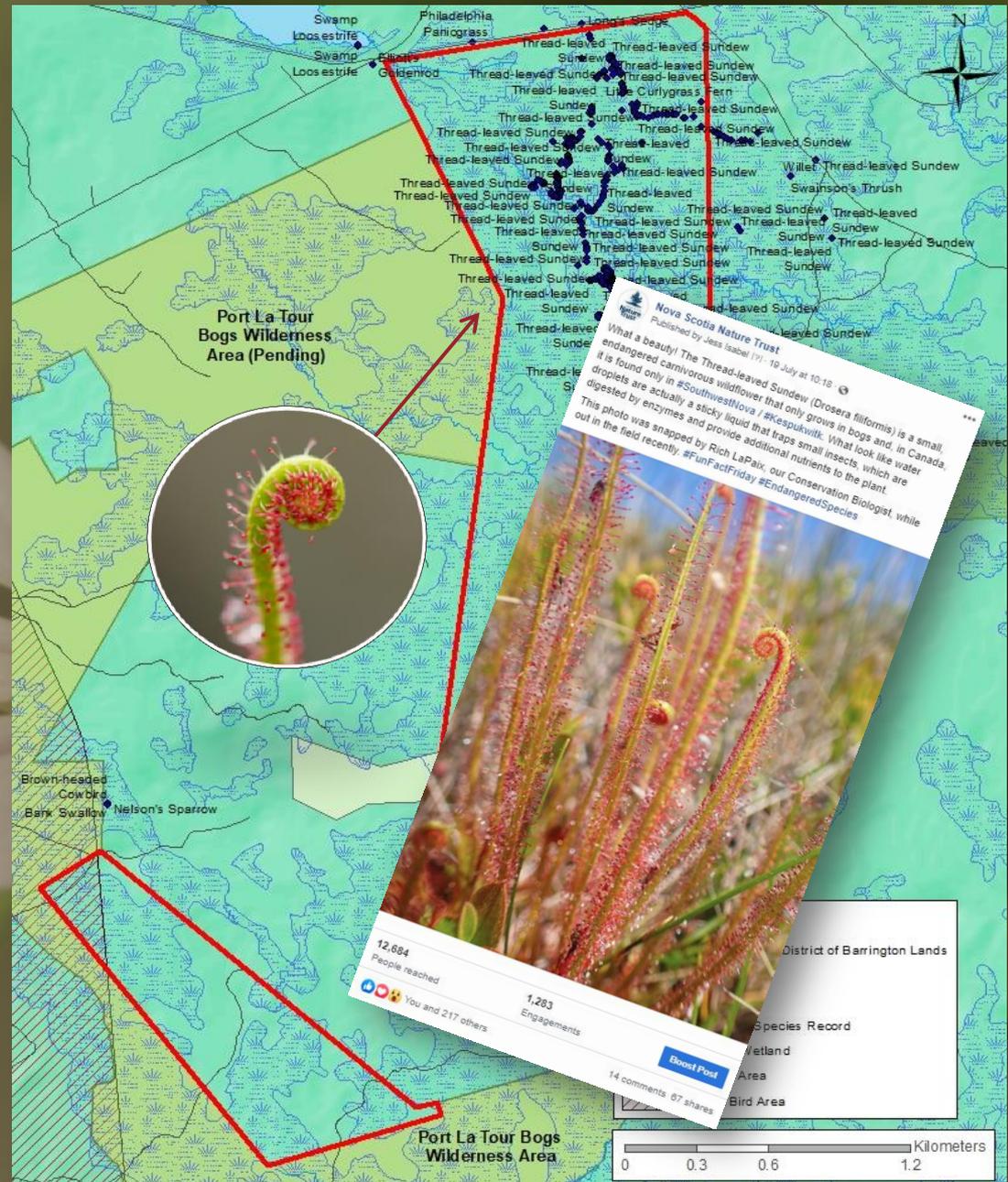


NATURE TRUST CONSERVATION LANDS IN BARRINGTON MUNICIPALITY



FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES?

- Swaines Road / Port La Tour Bog area
- Nationally-significant due to large concentration of endangered Thread-leaved Sundew (*Drosera filiformis*)
- Large acreage could contribute to Canada Target 1
- Connectivity with Port La Tour Bogs Wilderness Area
- Opportunity for municipal-NGO partnership for conservation (e.g. Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve)



THANK YOU.

QUESTIONS?

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