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## Casco Bay Watershed Fish Barrier Priorities Atlas: Falmouth

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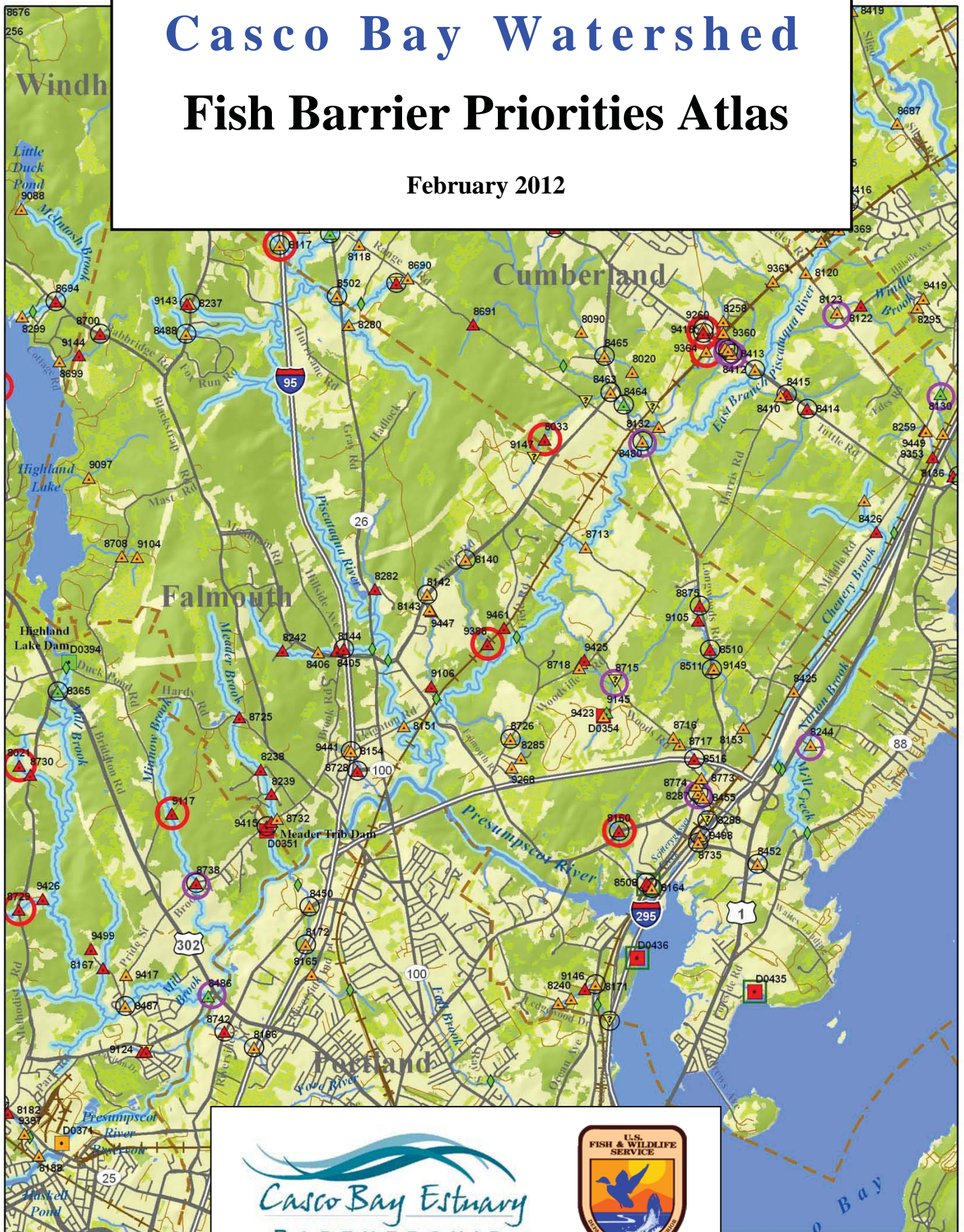
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## Fish Barrier Priorities Atlas

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### Background

This atlas was created to help guide restoration of streams affected by road-stream crossings and dams acting as barriers to fish passage in the Casco Bay watershed as part of a project coordinated by the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership (CBEP) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Gulf of Maine Coastal Program (USFWS-GOMCP). The 42 individual town maps of the atlas contain crossings, dams and a small number of natural barriers identified during field surveys<sup>1</sup> of perennial streams in 2009 and 2010, and mapped using a geographic information system (GIS). Sites have been classified by the degree of restriction they represent for fish passage, and additional related data such as high priority stream habitat and flood hazards are shown in the maps to help identify priority sites. Data have been compiled into a database for use in analysis and mapping.

Although habitat needs for fish are best understood at the scale of whole streams, which bear little relationship to town boundaries, this atlas was created primarily for use by municipal public works employees and other staff and representatives focusing on local road systems. Therefore, each map page represents a town or city, and is shown at a scale suitable to include the entire community on one page. An index map shows the location of each town within the watershed, and a legend page provides explanation of symbols used on individual maps. Barriers from outside the Casco Bay watershed are shown where data are available, but masked to focus on the towns and portion of towns which are within the watershed.

### Fish Barriers

Road-stream crossings are shown with SiteID numbers to help identify them in the barrier database. Dams, in most cases, have labels both of SiteID and the dam's common name, if one is known. *Severe* barriers are defined as those road/stream crossings where fundamental physical barriers exist at either the inlet or outlet of the crossing, including inlets or outlets "perched" above the stream channel, and inlets blocked at least 50%, usually by debris. *Potential* barriers cover a wide spectrum of road-stream crossing situations where fish passage problems are likely to exist at some flows for some species or age groups of fish, and passage of other aquatic organisms such as amphibians and macroinvertebrates is likely also limited. Sites that were inaccessible to survey crews, and therefore not surveyed, are shown as unsurveyed, but are included in our analysis as *Potential* barriers. Dams are classified by whether or not they have effective facilities in place to provide upstream fish passage. Natural barriers, including waterfalls, debris jams (including woody debris or rock and fine sediments), and beaver dams were assessed when in close proximity to surveyed crossings and dams, and are mapped as well.

### Priority Streams

USFWS-GOMCP and CBEP staff consulted with state fisheries biologists to identify streams with important fish habitat, primarily for brook trout or Atlantic salmon, or both. These *priority streams* are highlighted on the maps. The scope of the road/stream crossing barrier assessment was limited to perennial streams, those with continuous flow year round. Although intermittent streams were not surveyed, fish using priority streams also rely on connectivity with intermittent tributaries at various times of year. There are likely to be additional barriers on important intermittent streams that have not been assessed.

### Flood Hazards

The maps present data from Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) and CBEP to show where flood hazards are likely to overlap with fish barriers. CCEMA, in cooperation with towns, has identified many road crossings as flood hazards based on past flood events. CCEMA sites are marked by purple circles, and do not always coincide with barrier survey sites because they may be located on intermittent streams or larger rivers crossed by bridges, which are generally passable for fish but may still entail flood hazards.

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<sup>1</sup> Field surveys were conducted based on protocols from the *Maine Road-Stream Crossing Survey Manual* ([http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/fpm/water/docs/stream\\_crossing\\_2008/MaineRoad-StreamCrossingSurveyManual2008.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/fpm/water/docs/stream_crossing_2008/MaineRoad-StreamCrossingSurveyManual2008.pdf)).

Where these sites do coincide with barriers, the combination of flood hazard with fish passage problems should place them high on any town's priority list for replacement.

A second set of flood hazard sites was derived from the barrier survey data by CBEP Director Curtis Bohlen. In CBEP's analysis, the capacity of each crossing was compared to the expected flows for that specific crossing during a 25-year flood event. Where sufficient crossing data exists, flows were calculated based on the relationship between drainage area above the crossing, and the proportion of the drainage area occupied by National Wetland Inventory-defined wetlands. CBEP flood hazard sites are shown as red circles, and represent all crossing sites where the capacity of the crossing was less than 50% of the expected 25-year flood value. This is meant as a general indication of flood risk, but may be incorrect in some locations based on site-specific factors. As with CCEMA sites above, where these sites coincide with barrier sites, the combination of flood hazard with fish passage problems should place them high on any town's priority list for review and possible replacement.

### **Other Data**

Land use and wetland data are mapped to provide helpful landscape information, with upland forested areas distinguished from wetland, open, or developed areas. Public and private roads and railroads are included, as are all streams in the watershed, both perennial and intermittent. Relief shading is provided to help make reading the topography of the maps somewhat more intuitive. Tidal crossings, due to the increased complexity involved with crossing designs for two-way flow and maintenance of coastal wetlands, are denoted separately on the maps. Any town or other entity with plans to replace culverts at tidal crossings is invited to contact CBEP to explore partnership and grant funding opportunities. Town-based data summary tables for all barrier sites classified as *Severe* or *Potential* on high priority streams are provided following the maps. Each town has a two-page summary of key attributes from the database to provide information on location, dimensions and site conditions.

### **Data Sources**

The data used to create this atlas came from a variety of sources. CBEP and USFWS-GOMC funded field surveys, with significant volunteer assistance from Trout Unlimited. Many resources were supplied by USFWS-GOMCP, including software, hardware, and data. Most barrier data was developed by USFWS-GOMCP from field survey data, though some was provided by the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, which conducted surveys in the easternmost portion of the watershed. Flood hazard data is from either CCEMA, or from Curtis Bohlen's CBEP flood hazard analysis. Priority streams data was developed by USFWS-GOMCP, MDIFW, and the Maine Department of Marine Resources based on survey data of fish occurrences and habitat surveys. Basemap data, including relief shading, roads, town boundaries and most watershed polygons were supplied by the Maine Office of Geographic Information Systems. The roads data mapped is primarily from the Maine Department of Transportation dataset. Dam data is modified from original data from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Hydrography data came from high resolution National Hydrography Dataset (NHD).

### **Disclaimer**

Please be aware that the data contained in the maps and tables of this atlas may contain errors, and represents the best information available at the time of publication. Note that crossing surveys were conducted in 2009 and 2010, and some sites surveyed may have undergone important changes based on flood events, maintenance or even entire replacement of a crossing. Likewise, flood hazard sites identified by CCEMA may have been modified based on previously planned work to lessen flooding problems.

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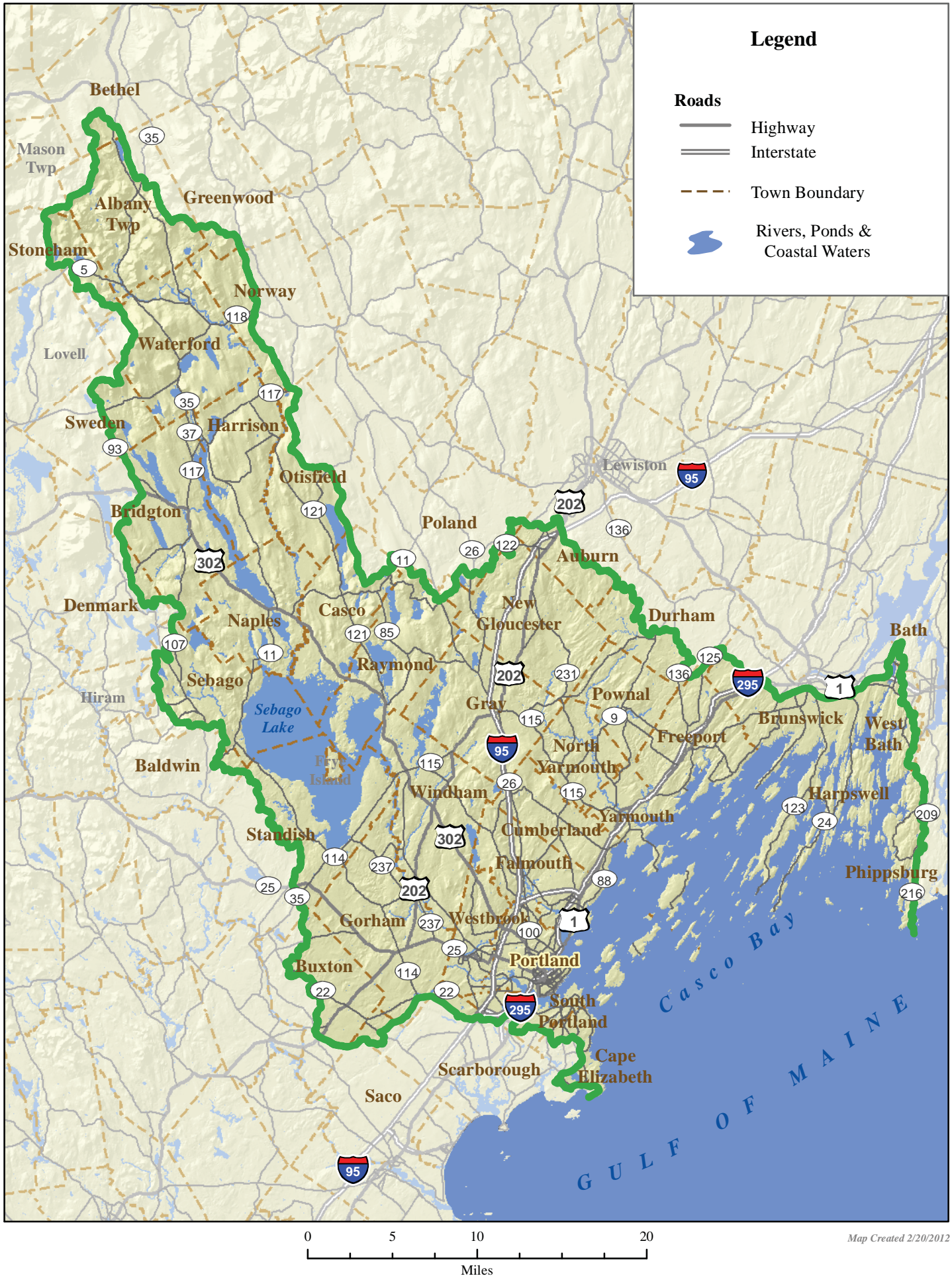
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## Casco Bay Barriers by Town

## Index Map





# Casco Bay Barriers by Town

## Legend

### Crossing Barrier Type with SiteID

- 8235 ▲ Severe
- 8049 ▲ Potential
- 8731 ▲ Passable
- 9112 ▼ Unknown

### Dams

- No Upstream Fish Passage
- Planned Upstream Fish Passage
- Upstream Fish Passage

- ◆ Bridge (Passable)
- Debris/Beaver Dam (Impassable)
- ⚡ Waterfall (Impassable)
- MDOT Crossing
- Tidal Site
- Flood Hazard - Cumberland County EMA
- Flood Hazard - CBEP Analysis
- ~ Priority Stream

### Roads

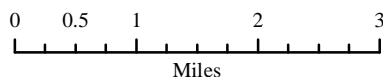
- Private
- Public
- Highway
- Interstate

- Railroad
- Town Boundary
- Wetland
- Perennial Stream
- Intermittent Stream
- Rivers, Ponds & Coastal Waters
- Watershed Boundary
- Forested Lands
- Open or Developed Lands

These maps are created primarily with 1:24,000 scale basemap data, with landcover data added to provide general distinctions between open and forested lands. Areas outside of the Casco Bay watershed are masked to obscure them.



Scale Varies by Town  
See scale bar at bottom of each map





# Casco Bay Barriers by Town

# Falmouth



## Severe and High Priority Potential Barriers by Town

Site ID	Town	Habitat Priority	Basic Structure Type	Barrier Class	Survey Date	Road Name	Road Type & Class	Stream	UTM East	UTM North	Stream Type	Number Of Culverts	Material	Condition
8700	Falmouth	High	Multiple Culverts	Severe	7/1/2009	Babbage Rd	State / Paved	Unnamed	391622	4849078	Perennial	2	Metal	Rust
9143	Falmouth	High	Multiple Culverts	Severe	7/7/2009	Blackstrap Rd	Private / Unpaved	Unknown	392836	4849498	Perennial	3	Metal	Rust
8488	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Potential	7/7/2009	Blackstrap Rd	State / Paved	Unnamed	392826	4849080	Perennial	1	Metal	
8771	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Severe	7/15/2009	Blackstrap Rd	State / Paved	Unnamed	392085	4850743	Perennial	1	Metal	
8732	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Potential	6/10/2009	Brook Rd	Town / Paved	Meador Brook	394104	4842266	Perennial	1	Plastic	
8282	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Severe	8/3/2009	Eastern Ave	Town / Paved	Unnamed	395475	4845491	Perennial	1	Plastic	
9447	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Severe	7/22/2009	Eureka Rd	Town / Paved	North Branch	396266	4845181	Perennial	1	Metal	
8160	Falmouth		Culvert	Severe	6/25/2009	Falmouth Rd	State / Paved	Unnamed	398900	4842089	Perennial	1	Plastic	
8725	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Severe	7/20/2009	Hardy Rd	Town / Paved	Meador Brook	393578	4843694	Perennial	1	Concrete	
8238	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Severe	7/20/2009	Heritage Rd	Town / Paved	Meador Brook	393877	4842954	Perennial	1	Concrete	
8239	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Severe	7/20/2009	Heritage Way	Town / Paved	Meador Brook	394026	4842610	Perennial	1	Concrete	
8405	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Severe	7/20/2009	Hillside Rd	Town / Paved	Unnamed	394943	4844627	Perennial	1	Concrete	
8237	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Potential	7/7/2009	Hunter Way	State / Paved	Unnamed	392877	4849505	Perennial	1	Metal	Rust
8144	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Severe	7/20/2009	I-295	State / Paved	Unnamed	395041	4844649	Perennial	1	Concrete	
8516	Falmouth		Culvert	Severe	9/10/2009	I-95	State / Paved	Scitengusset Creek	399566	4843104	Perennial	1	Concrete	
8728	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Severe	9/10/2009	I-95	State / Paved	Unknown	395230	4842937	Perennial	1	Metal	
8425	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Potential	8/31/2009	Johnson Rd	Town / Paved	Chenery Brook	401353	4844051	Perennial	1	Concrete	
9144	Falmouth	High	Multiple Culverts	Severe	7/1/2009	Lakeside Drive	Private / Paved	Unnamed	391329	4848776	Perennial	2	Concrete	
8151	Falmouth	High	Multiple Culverts	Potential	6/18/2009	Leighton Rd	Town / Paved	Piscataqua River	395883	4843563	Perennial	2	Metal	
8510	Falmouth		Culvert	Severe	8/4/2010	Longwoods Rd	State / Paved	Mill Creek	400182	4844639	Perennial	1	Metal	Rust
8875	Falmouth		Culvert	Severe	8/31/2009	Longwoods Rd	State / Paved	Unknown	400037	4845255	Perennial	1	Metal	
8508	Falmouth		Multiple Culverts	Severe	6/25/2009	Middle Rd	State / Paved	Unnamed	399287	4841363	Perennial	2	Plastic	
8406	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Potential	7/20/2009	Mountain Rd	Town / Paved	Unknown	394677	4844605	Perennial	1	Concrete	
8244	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Potential	8/31/2009	North Brook Drive	Town / Paved	North Brook	401587	4843303	Perennial	1	Concrete	
9146	Falmouth		Multiple Culverts	Severe	6/4/2009	Rebeccas Way	Private / Paved	Unknown	398420	4839871	Perennial	2	Metal	
8280	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Potential	6/18/2009	Schuster	Town / Paved	Unnamed	395110	4849203	Perennial	1	Metal	
8242	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Severe	7/20/2009	Susan Ln	Town / Paved	Unknown	394181	4844629	Perennial	1	Metal	Rust
9106	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Severe	8/3/2009	Twin Ponds Rd	Private / Unpaved	N Br. Piscataqua R	396266	4844123	Perennial	1	Concrete	
8713	Falmouth	High	Multiple Culverts	Potential	7/22/2009	Woodville Rd	Town / Paved	E Br. Piscataqua R	398435	4846078	Perennial	2	Metal	
9105	Falmouth		Culvert	Severe	8/31/2009		Private / Driveway	Unknown	400010	4845048	Perennial	1	Plastic	
9395	Falmouth		Culvert	Severe	6/25/2009		Railroad	Unknown	399316	4841333	Tidal	1	Metal	Rust
9425	Falmouth	High	Multiple Culverts	Severe	7/16/2009		Private / Driveway	Unknown	398417	4844494	Perennial	2	Plastic	
D0354	Falmouth		Dam	Severe	7/16/2009		NA	unknown	398684	4843706	Perennial		Wood	
9388	Falmouth	High	Culvert	Severe	10/1/2009		Railroad	Unnamed	397054	4844718	Perennial	1	Stone	



## Severe and High Priority Potential Barriers by Town

Site ID	Specific Structure Type	Inlet Condition	Inlet Blocked	Primary Inlet Span FT	Crossing Structure Length FT	Outlet Condition	Outlet Drop FT	Crossing Substrate	Fill Height FT	Estimated Stream Width FT	Upstream Miles to Next Barriers	Up-Stream Barriers	Total Upstream Miles	Down-stream Barriers	Dam Name	Hydraulic Height FT
8700	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	2.6	44.3	Perched	0.2	None		4.6	0.348	0	0.348	3		
9143	Round Culvert	At Grade	100%	2.1	40.2	Perched	0.3	None		9.9	0.364	0	0.364	2		
8488	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	3.1	45.6	At Grade		None		6.9	0.624	0	0.624	1		
8771	Round Culvert	At Grade	75%	2.6	46.8	Perched/Cascade	1.6	None		9.3	0.203	0	0.203	2		
8732	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	7.5	121.4	At Grade		None		3.7	0.214	3	2.110	0		
8282	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	4.3	54.8	Perched/Cascade	0.6	None		13.1	0.900	0	0.900	1		
9447	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	3.1	32.8	Perched	0.3	None		10.4	0.334	0	0.334	1		
8160	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	2.3	54.8	Perched/Cascade	0.3	None		8.2	0.406	0	0.406	2		
8725	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	3.1	62.2	Perched	1.9	None		2.6	1.022	0	1.022	3		
8238	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	4.4	41.3	Perched	0.7	None		23.1	0.621	1	1.643	2		
8239	Box Culvert	At Grade	No	12.1	52.3	Perched	1.2	None		5.4	0.253	2	1.896	1		
8405	Box Culvert	At Grade	No	6.6	56.4	Perched	0.0	None		7.4	0.168	2	1.117	2		
8237	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	3.6	48.9	At Grade		None		14.7	0.024	1	0.389	1		
8144	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	6.2	196.9	Perched	0.3	None		5.4	0.062	3	1.179	1		
8516	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	4.3	180.4	Perched	0.5	None		6.8	0.596	0	0.596	0		
8728	Round Culvert	At Grade	100%	2.4	167.3	Perched	0.7	Unknown		2.8	0.350	0	0.350	0		
8425	Box Culvert	At Grade	No	9.2	131.2	At Grade		None		5.3	2.379	2	3.426	0		
9144	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	4.5	63.0	Cascade		Comparable		2.6	0.331	1	0.679	2		
8151	Pipe Arch Culvert	At Grade	No	14.8	73.5	At Grade		Unknown		2.4	15.832	39	35.066	0		
8510	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	3.4	72.2	Perched	0.3	None		6.4	0.308	2	0.719	0		
8875	Round Culvert	At Grade	75%		89.2	At Grade		Comparable		4.7	0.273	0	0.273	2		
8508	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	3.3	74.5	Perched/Cascade	2.1	None		13.3	0.540	1	0.945	1		
8406	Box Culvert	At Grade	No	9.0	75.5	At Grade		Comparable		7.7	0.374	1	0.949	3		
8244	Round Culvert	At Grade	25%	3.8	100.1	At Grade		Comparable		14.9	1.090	0	1.090	0		
9146	Pipe Arch Culvert	At Grade	No	4.9	49.2	Cascade		None		10.2	0.476	0	0.476	0		
8280	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	4.0	48.2	At Grade		None		23.1	0.377	0	0.377	0		
8242	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	5.1	70.9	Perched	2.5	None		6.5	0.574	0	0.574	4		
9106	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	3.9	76.8	Perched/Cascade	0.7	None		4.2	0.703	1	1.037	0		
8713	Pipe Arch Culvert	At Grade	No	11.2	59.1	At Grade		Unknown		11.6	1.710	14	30.117	0		
9105	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	1.6	22.0	Perched	0.4	None		15.1	0.138	1	0.411	1		
9395	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	6.0	100.4	Perched	0.9	None		9.9	0.026	2	0.971	0		
9425	Round Culvert	At Grade	No	4.3	42.7	Cascade		None		6.9	1.898	1	2.247	0		
D0354										13.9	0.349	0	0.349	1	Unnamed	1.6
9388	Box Culvert	At Grade	No	3.4	124.7	Cascade		None		5.1	1.113	0	1.113	0		