

## **Big River Management Area USGS Wetland Study Sites**

A. Locus maps and access descriptions

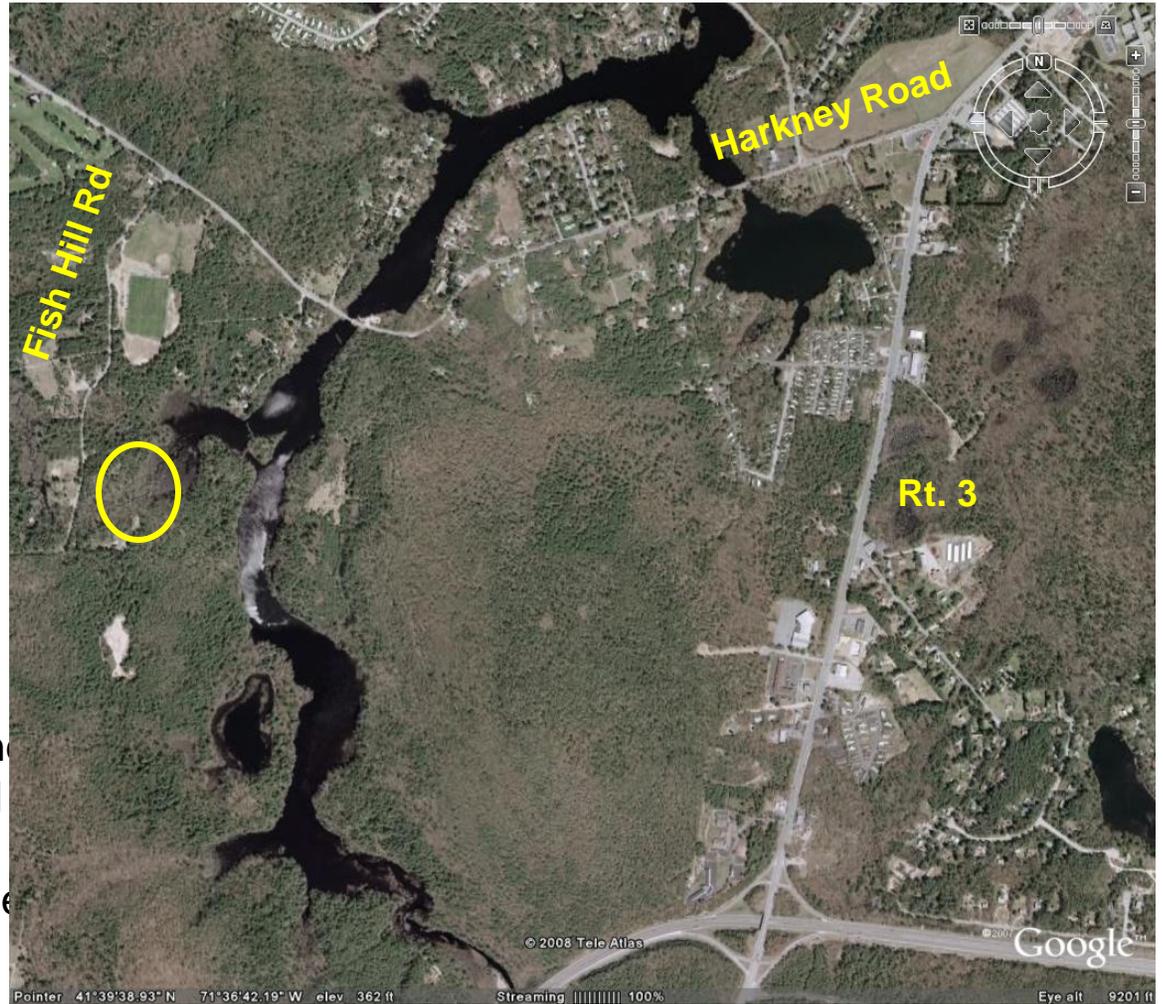
1. Bear Swamp
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B. Contact phone numbers

## Bear Brook

### locus map

- From Route 95, take RT 3 north about 1.3 miles.
- Turn left at lights onto Harkney Hill Rd.
- After about 1 mile you will cross a bridge over Big River Reservoir, continue on another 0.4 miles, and take the second left onto Fish Hill Rd.
- Follow the road to where it crosses Bear Brook, about 0.6 mi. after crossing Bear Brook, the road takes a very sharp turn towards the right. There are two access roads on the left.
- Enter the first (northernmost) access road – the gate is a chain with no lock.



## Bear Brook site access

- Follow the dirt road into the woods. After about 70 yards there is a clearing on the left. Park in the clearing or in the small pull off (ATV trail) on the right.
- The trail to the study site enters the woods to the north at the edge of the clearing. The trail is marked with pink flagging.

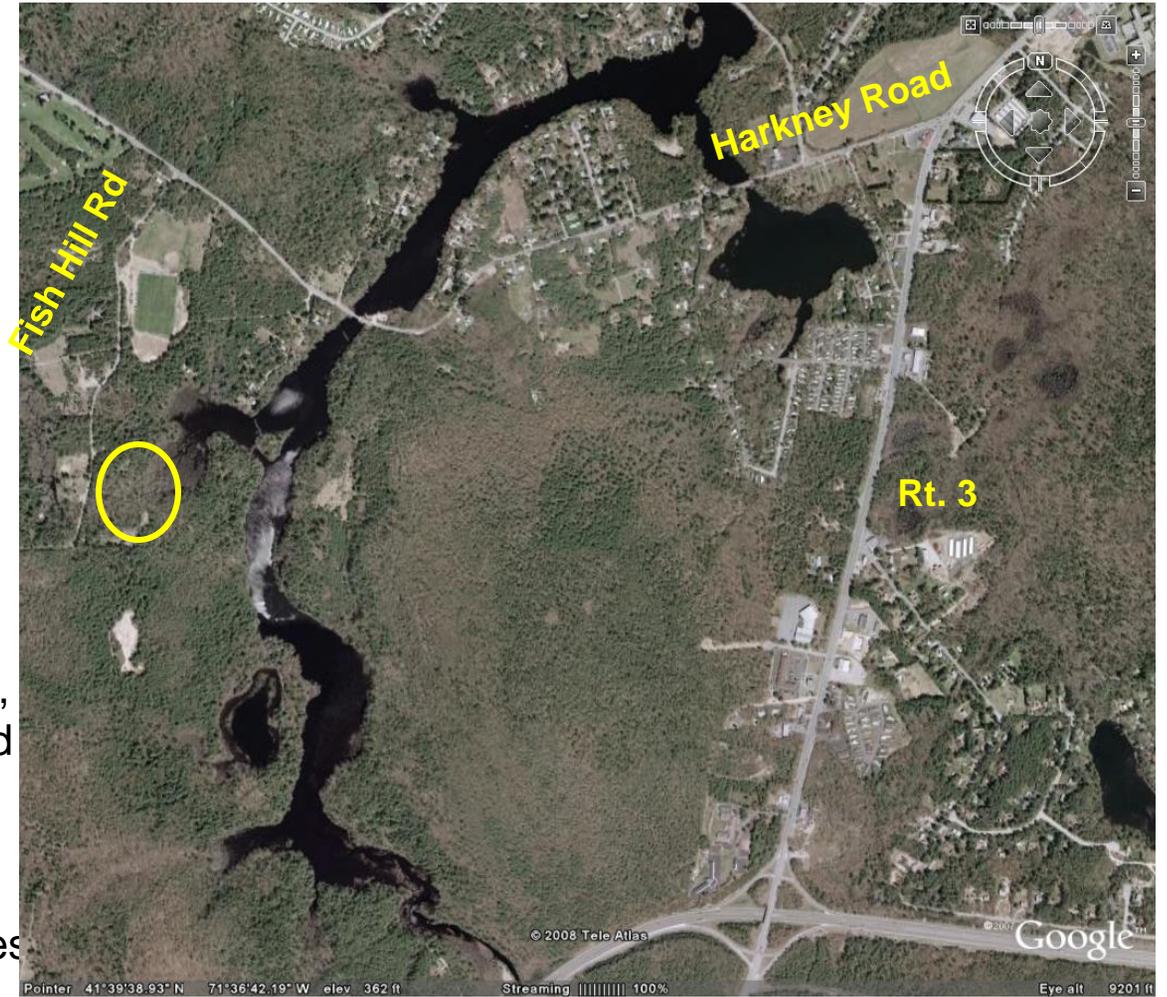


- Follow the flagging north toward Bear Brook. The wetland study site and gaging station are located less than 100 yards to the north, before you cross Bear Brook. The gaging station is about 20 yards south of Bear Brook.

## Reynolds Pond

### locus map

- From Route 95, take RT 3 north about 1.3 miles.
- Turn left at lights onto Harkney Hill Rd.
- After about 1 mile you will cross a bridge over Big River Reservoir, continue on another 0.4 miles, and take the second left onto Fish Hill Rd.
- Follow the road to where it crosses Bear Brook, about 0.6 mi. after crossing Bear Brook, the road takes a very sharp turn towards the right. There are two access roads on the left.
- Enter the second (southernmost) access road – the gate is a steel gate with a lock that requires a Big River Management Area key.



## Reynolds Pond site access

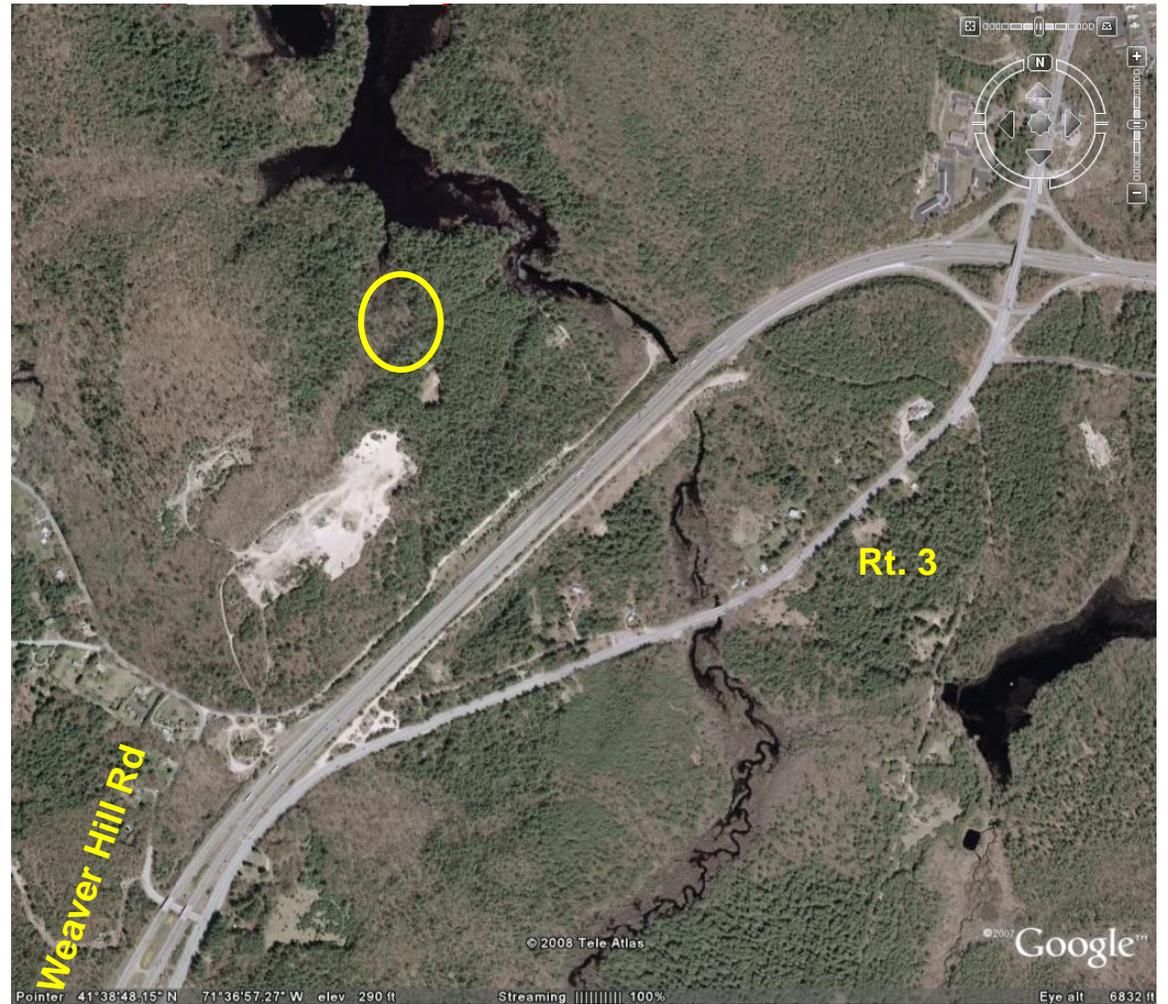
- Follow the dirt road eastward, after about 300 yards there is a gravel pit on the left. Continue on another 200 yards, and take a right at the second road on the right.
- Follow this road for about 100 yards. The wetland study site is directly off the road on the left. If you pass what looks like a large metal bucket in the woods on the left you have gone too far.



- The wetland study site is located between the road and the eastern edge of the wetlands that are at the southwest end of Reynolds Pond.
- The gaging station is located about 100 yards to the east of the road.

## Cedar Swamp locus map

- From Route 95, take RT 3 south about 1.3 miles.
- Take a right at Weaver Hill Rd, crossing under Rt 95. After about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile there is a sharp turn to the left and a large dirt pulloff on the right with an access gate.
- Enter the gate. The gate is a steel gate with a lock that requires a Big River Management Area key.



## Cedar Swamp site access

- Follow the access road for about ½ mile parallel to Rt. 95 to a Second access road on the left, where there is another locked gate (also requiring a Big River Management Area key).

- Enter the gate and follow the road for about 300 yards, passing a large clearing on the left until you reach a small grassed opening with an old fire pit and a frying pan hanging on a tree. Park in the clearing.

- The trail to the study sites enters the woods to the northwest, at the right side of the clearing about 10 yards past the frying pan. The trail is marked with pink flagging.

- Follow the trail about 100 yards to where the trail crosses a small stream. There are some boards in the trail in wet areas.

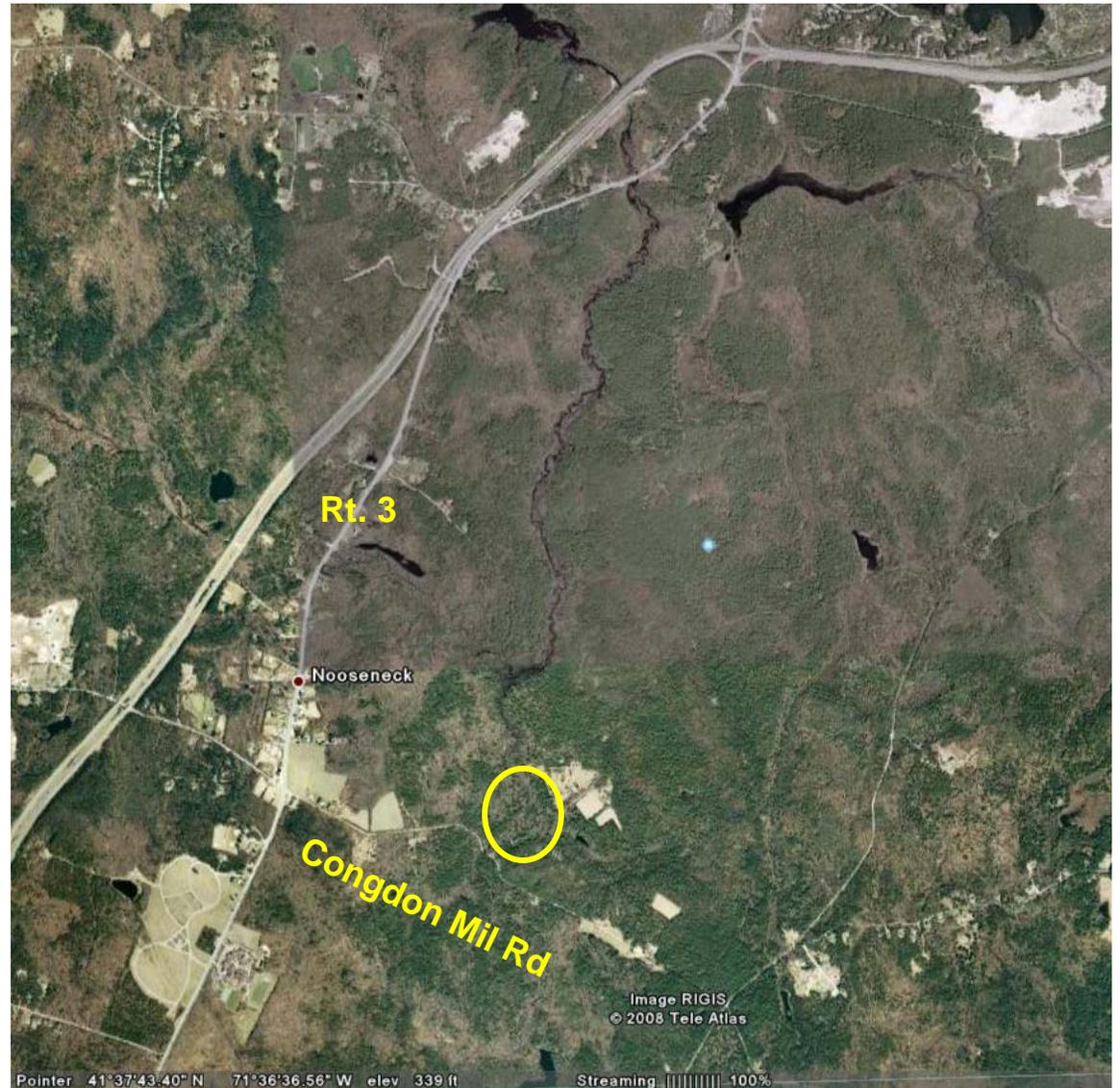
- After crossing the stream, the trail jogs left crossing another stream and then right, follow the trail to the wetland study site and gaging station, about 20 -30 yards into the wetland.



## Congdon Mill Swamp

### locus map

- From Route 95, take RT 3 south about 3 miles down and up a hill. At the top of the hill, take a left before the fire station onto Congdon Mill Rd.
- Follow Congdon Mill Rd down the hill for about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. Immediately after crossing the one lane bridge over the Congdon River, there is a parking area and access road on the left. The gate is a steel gate with a lock that requires a Big River Management Area key.



## Congdon Mill Swamp site access

- Go through the gate and follow the dirt road for about 500 ft. The trail to the study site is on the left. Look for a large white pine tree and pink flagging marking the trail to the study site. If the road bends sharply left or you pass some fields you have gone too far. Park along the road on the left.

- The trail to the study site goes down a short steep embankment and then heads to the north toward the Congdon River. There are some boards in the trail crossing small ditches and in wet areas.

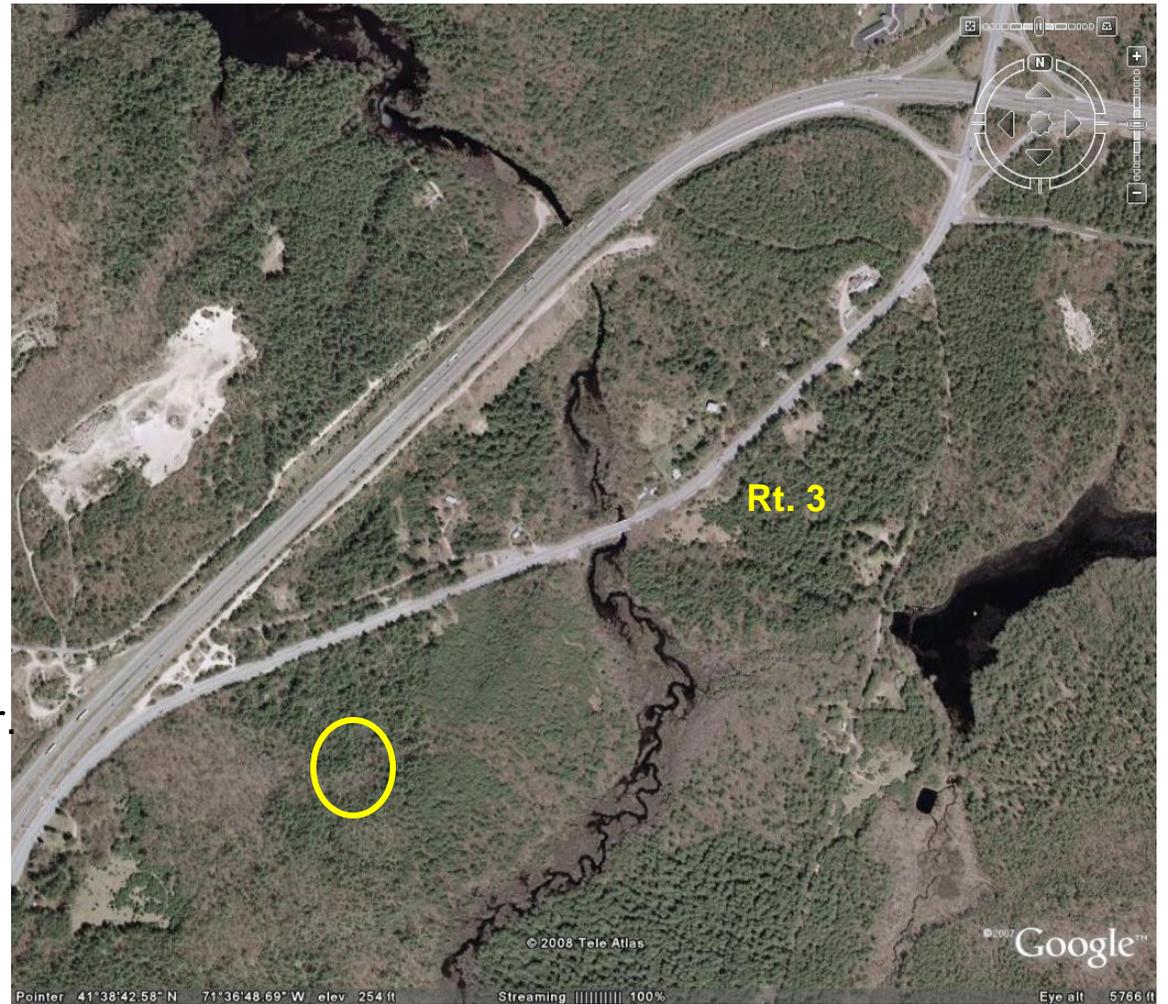
- The gaging station is located about 100 yards to the north-northwest of the road before you cross the river.



## Scarboro Swamp

### locus map

- From Route 95, take RT 3 south about 0.8 mile to a slightly overgrown clearing on the left (east side of Rt. 3). The clearing is located about 0.2 miles south of where Rt. 3 crosses the Big River.
- The site is easy to miss, if you get to Weaver Hill Road you have gone too far. (Coming back from the south, the clearing is about 0.5 mi north of Weaver Hill Road, and there is a green bike trail sign on the right, just before the clearing).
- Park at the back of the clearing, (watching for potholes).



## Scarboro Swamp site access

- Access to the study site is along an old woods road. The woods road, which is perpendicular to Rt. 3, starts a few hundred yards SW of the clearing along Rt. 3. Or, there is a trail from the back right hand side of the clearing that heads south-southeast through the woods and cuts off the corner to the woods road.
- Follow the woods road to the south. After about 200 yards the road crosses a small intermittent stream, where there are remnants of a washed-out plank bridge. Cross the stream and continue on about 20 feet past the bridge to an unmarked deer trail on the right.
- This trail heads into the woods to the southwest, along the base of the hill parallel to the stream (heading upstream). Follow the trail for about 100 yards. The wetland study site will be on the right, marked by pink flagging. The gaging station is about 50 feet toward the stream and is visible from the trail.

