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GAVIIFORMES S Common Loon	Gavia immer	P	н	
PODICIPEDIFORMES Horned Grebe Pied-billed Grebe	Colymbus auritus Podílymbus podiceps	P P	н	R
PELECANIFORMES Double-crested Cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus		н	R
<u>CICONIIFORMES</u> Great Blue Heron Little Blue Heron Louisiana Heron	Ardea herodias Florida caerulea Hydranassa tricolor	P P P	н	R
Great Egret Snowy Egret Cattle Egret Black-crowned Night Her.	Casmerodius albus Egretta thula Bubulcus ibis Nycticorax nycticorax	P P P	H H H	R R R
Yellow-crowned NightHer. Green Heron Ss Least Bittern American Bittern	Nyctanassa violacea Butorides striatus Ixobrychus exilis Botaurus Intiginosus	P P P P	H H	R
Glossy Ibis <u>ANSERIFORMES</u>	Plegadis falcinellus	P	н	÷
Mute Swan Snow Goose Canada Goose Brant	Cygnus olor Chen hyperborea Branta canadensis B. bernicla	Р Р Р	н	R* R
Amer. Black Duck Gadwall Mailard Common Pintail	Anas rubripes A. strepera A. platyrhynchos A. acuta	P P P P	H H	R R R
American Widgeon Eurasian Widgeon Wood Duck	A. americana A. penelope Aix sponsa	P P P	R	R

	Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata	Ρ		R
	Blue-winged Teal	A. discors	P		R
	Green-winged Teal	A. crecca	ŧ.		R
	Oldsquaw	Clangula hyemalis	P		11
	Canvasback	Aythya valissineria	P		
	Redhead	A. americana	P		
		A. collaris			R
	Ring-necked Duck	A. affinis	Ρ		п
	Lesser Scaup		P		R'
	Greater Scaup	A. marila Rucenhole, clengula	P		R
	Common Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	P		•
	Bufflehead	B. albeola	P		R
	Ruddy Duck	Oxyura jamaicensis			R
	Common Merganser	Mergus merganser	P		R
	Red-breasted Merganser	M. serrator	P		R
	Hooded Merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus	P		R
F٨	LCONIFORMES				
<u></u>	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus	Р	н	R
Q	Cooper's Hawk	A. cooperii	P	••	R
Ŭ	Northern Goshawk	A. gentilis	P		••
тŧ	Northern Harrier	Circus cyaneus	Р	н	R
	Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	P	н	R
Tt	Red-shouldered Hawk	B. lineatus	P*	• •	R'
	Broad-winged Hawk	B. platypterus	•		R
•	Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos			R*
	-	Pandion haliaetus	Р	н	R
	Osprey Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	P		R
	American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	P	н	R
	Merlin	F. columbarius	P [*]	Н	п
	Memi		•		
<u>G/</u>	ALLIFORMES				
	Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbellus	Ρ*		
	Ring-necked Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus	Ρ	Н	R
6	RUIFORMES				
<u> (</u>	American Coot	Fulica americana	Ρ	н	R
	Virginia Rail	Rallus limicola	, P*		11
	Clapper Rail	R. longirostris	Р*		
	Sora Rail	Porzana carolina	P		R
			•		••
CH	HARADRIIFORMES				
	Semipalmated Plover	Charadrius semipalmatus	Ρ	Н	
	Killdeer	C. vociferous	P	Н	R
	American Woodcock	Philohela minor	Ρ		
	Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	Ρ	Н	R
	Lesser Yellowlegs	T. flavipes	P	н	R
	Solitary Sandpiper	T. solitaria	Ρ*		R

Sanderling Pectoral Sandpiper Dunlin Spotted Sandpiper Least Sandpiper Semipalmated Sandpiper White-rumped Sandpiper	Calidris alba C. melantos C. alpina Actitis macularia Calidris minutilla C. pusilla C. fuscicollis	P P P P P P P P P P	н	R
Herring Gull Ring-billed Gull	Larus argentatus L. delawarensis	P	H H	R R
Great Black-backed Gull Laughing Gull Bonaparte's Gull	L. marinus L. atricilla L. philadelphia	P P P	Н	R
Ee Little (Least) Tern Tt Common Tern	Sterna albifrons S. hirundo	, P P	н	
Black Skimmer	Rynchops niger	Ρ'	••	
COLUMBIFORMES Mourning Dove Rock Dove	Zenaida macroura Columba livia	P P	H H	R R
CUCULIFORMES Yellow-billed Cuckoo Black-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus C. erythropthalmus			R* R*
<u>STRIGIFORMES</u> Common Screech Owl Great Horned Owl Ss Barn Owl Snowy Owl	Otus asio Bubo virginianus Tyto alba Nyctea scandiaca	P P P P		R R
CAPRIMULGIFORMES Ss Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	P	н	R
APODIFORMES Chimney Swift V Ruby-throated Hummbrd.	Chaetura pelagica Archilochus colubris	Ρ		R R
CORACIIFORMES Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle alcyon	P	н	R
PICIFORMES Red-headed Woodpecker Pileated Woodpecker Common Flicker Red-bellied Woodpecker Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Melanerpes erythrocephalus Dryocopus pileatus Colaptes auratus Melanerpes carolinus Sphyrapicus varius	ዋ ዋ ዋ ዋ ዋ	н	R R R R R

Downy Woodpecker V Hairy Woodpecker	Picoides pubescens P. villosus	P P	н	R R
PASSERIFORMES				
Tyrannidae-Flycatchers Eastern Kingbird Great Crested Flycatcher Ash-throated Flycatcher Eastern Phoebe Eastern Pewee Acadian Flycatcher Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Least Flycatcher	Tyrannus tyrannus Myiarchus crinitus M. cinerascens Sayornis phoebe Contopus virens Empidonax virescens E. flairventris E. minimus	6 6 <u>6</u> 6 6 6 6	н	R R R R R
Hirundinidae-Swallows Cliff Swallow Barn Swallow Tree Swallow Rough-winged Swallow Bank Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonata Hirundo rustica Iridoprocne bicolor Stelgidopteryx ruficollis Riparia riparia	6 6 7 7 7 7 7 7	H H	R R R
Corvidae-Jays, Crows Fish Crow American (Common) Crow Blue Jay	Corvus ossifragus C. brachyrhynchos Cyanocitta cristat	P P P	H H H	R R
Paridae- Titmice Black-capped Chickadee Tufted Titmouse	Parus atricapillus P. bicolor	P P	н н	R R
Sittidae-Nuthatches White-breasted Nuthatch Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis S. canadensis	P P	н	R R
Certhiidae-Creepers Brown Creeper	Certhia familiaris	Р		R
Troglodytidae- Wrens House Wren Winter Wren Carolina Wren Marsh Wren Sedge Wren	Troglodytes aedon T. troglodytes Thryothorus ludovicianus Cistothorus palustris C. platensis	ዮ ዮ ዮ ዮ	н н	R R R
Mimidae-Mimic Thrushes Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum	Ρ	н	R

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Gray Catbird Northern Mockingbird	Dumetella carolinensis Mimus polygiottos	P P	H H	R R
Turdidae-Thrushes Ss Eastern Bluebird American Robin Gray-Cheeked Thrush Swainson's Thrush Hermit Thrush Veery Wood Thrush Fieldfare	Sialia sialis Turdus migratorius Catharus minimus C. ustulatus C. guttatus C. fuscescens Hylocichla mustelina Turdus pilaris	<u>የ</u> የ የ የ የ የ	н н н н н н н	R R R R R R
Sylviidae - Kinglets,Gnatcatchers: Ruby-crowned Kinglet Golden-crowned Kinglet Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Regulus calendula R. satrapa Polioptila caerulea	P P P	H H	R R R
Motacillidae - Pipets etc.: Water (American) Pipet	Anthus spinoletta	P*		
Bombycillidae - Waxwings: Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	Ρ	н	R
Sturnidae - Starlings: European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	Ρ	н	R
Vireonidae-Vireos Red-eyed Vireo Warbling Vireo Yellow-throated Vireo Solitary Vireo	Vireo olivaceus V. altiloquus V. flavifrons V. solitarius	P	н	R R R R
Parulidae - Wood Warblers: Northern Parula Warbler Black-throated Green War. Black & White Warbler Blackpoll Warbler Black-throated Blue War. Magnolia Warbler Yellow-rumped Warbler Canada Warbler Canada Warbler Cape May Warbler Chestnut-sided Warbler Blackburnian Warbler American Redstart Prairie Warbler	Parula americana Dendroica virens Mniotilta varia Dendroica striata D. caerulescens D. magnolia D. coronata Wilsonia canadensis Dendroica tigrina D. pensylvanica D. fusca Setophaga ruticilla Dendroica discolor	₽₽₽ ₽₽₽₽₽₽₽₽		RRRRRRR RRRR

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Palm Warbler Blue-winged Warbler V Yellow Warbler	Dendroica palmarum Vermivora pinus Dendroica petechia	P P P	н н	R R R	
Worm-eating Warbler	Helmitheros vermivorus	P		R	
Tennessee Warbler	Vermivora peregrina	P		R	
S Wilson's Warbler	Wilsonia pusilla	Р	Н	R	
Nashville Warbler Mourning Warbler	Vermivora ruficapilla Oporornis philadelphia	P P			
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	P	н	R	
Yellow-breasted Chat	Icteria verens	Р			
Northern Waterthrush	Seiurus noveboracensis	Р		_	
Louisiana Waterthrush Ovenbird	S. motacilla	P P		R R	
Ovenbird	S. aurocapillus	F		п	
Ploceidae - Weaver Finches:					
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	Р	Н	R	
Icteridae - Blackbirds, Orioles:					
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	P	Н	R	
Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater	P	Н	R	
Rusty Blackbird	Euphagus carolinus	P		R	
Common Grackle	Quiscalus guiscula	P	Н	R	
Bobolink V Eastern Meadowlark	Dolichonyx oryzivorous Sturnella magna	P	H H		
Orchard Oriole	Icterus spurius	P	п	R	
Northern Oriole-Baltimore	l. galbula	P	Н	R	
Threwsides Tenegore					
Thraupidae - Tanagers: Scarlet Tanager	Piranga olivacea	Р		R	
obaliet rullage,	i indiga cirracoa	•		••	
Fringillidae - Finches, Sparrows:		_		_	
Northern Junco	Junco hyemalis	P	Н	R	
Snow Bunting Northern Cardinal	Plectrophenax nivalis Cardinalis cardinalis	P P	н	R	
House Finch	Carpodacus mexicanus	P	н	R	
Purple Finch	C. purpureus	P	••	R	
Evening Grosbeak	Hesperiphona vespertina	P*		R	
American Goldfinch	Carduelis tristis	P	Н	R	
Pine Siskin	C. pinus	P		R	
Indigo Bunting Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Passerina cyanea Pheucticus ludovicianus	P	Н	R R	
Rufous-sided Towhee	Pipilo erythrophthalmus	P	н	R	
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	P	Н	R	
White-crowned Sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophrys	P	R	_	
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina	P	Н	R	
Field Sparrow	S. pusilla Melospiza georgiana	P P		R	
Swamp Sparrow	merospiza yeurgiana	Г			

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American Tree Sparrow	Spizella arborea	P		R	
s Grasshopper Sparrow	Ammodramus savannarum	Р			
Fox Sparrow	Passerella iliaca	P	н	R	
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	Р	Н	R	
Ss Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus	P			
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	Р			

Sources: PREMIUM COMPLEX LWRP 1986, 6 bird lists (1967 thru 1990), Consultant 1992-1993.

HOMMOCKS COMPLEX LWRP 1986 list, Walk Book (1979), Consultant 1993.

RESERVOIR COMPLEX

LWRP 1986 list, 2 Walk Books (1984 and 1986), Bird Lists 1970-1991, Consultant 1992.

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BIOLOGICAL INVENTORY FOR 3 FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITATS

KEY:

P = Premium River-Pine Brook Wetlands Complex and adjacent lands H = Hommocks Marsh Complex

- R = Reservoir-Sheldrake-Leatherstocking Complex

MAMMALS

Little Brown Bat	Myotis lucifugus lucifugus		R	
Eastern Chipmunk	Tamias striatus	Р	HR	
White-tailed Deer	Odocoileus virginianus	Р	HR	
Red Fox	Vulpes fulva		R	
Common Eastern Mole	Scalopus aquaticus	Р	HR	
White-footed (Deer) Mouse	Peromyscus leucopus	P	HR	
Muskrat	Ondratra zibethicus	P	ΗR	
Opossum	Didelphis marsupialis	Р	HR	
	D. virginiana		R	
Eastern Cottontail Rabbit	Sylvilagus floridanus		HR	
Racoon	Procyon lotor	Ρ	HR	
Brown (Norway) Rat	Rattus norvegicus		HR	
Short-tailed Shrew	Blarina brevicauda		ΗR	
Striped Skunk	Mephitis monax	P	HR	
Eastern Gray Squirrel,	Sciurus carolinensis	Р	ΗR	
Black Squirrel	S. niger	Р	H R	
North Amerivan Field Vole	Microtus pennsylvanicus	P	HR	
Woodchuck	Marmota monax		HR	
REPTILES Red Salamander	Plethodon cinereus cinereus		R	
Black Rat Snake	Elaphe obsoleta obsoleta		R	
Eastern Milk Snake	Lampropeltis triangulum		R	
Eastern Wilk Shake	triangulum		п	
Smooth Green Snake	Opheodrys vernalis		R	
Northern Diamondback	Opheodrys vernalis		n	
Terrapin	Malaclemys terrapin		н	
Box Turtle	Terrapene carolina		R	
Painted Turtle	Chrýsemis picta picta		R	
Snapping Turtle	Chelydra serpentina		R	
s Spotted Turtle	Clemmys guttata		R	
	Sichnings guildin			
AMPHIBIANS				
Red Eff	Diemictylus virideseens		R	
Bull Frog	Rana catesheiano	P	HR	
Green Frog	R. clamitans	P	HR	
Pickerel Frog	R. palustris		R	
Northern Leopard Frog	R. pipiens		R	
Wood Frog	R. sylvatica		R	
Spring Peeper	Hyla crucifer		R	

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AMPHIBIANS- cont. Gray Tree Frog Spotted Salamander Red-Backed Salamander Lead-Backed Salamander Red-Spotted Newt American Toad	Hyla versicolor Ambystoma maculatum Plethodon cinereus cinereus P. cinereus cinereus Notophthalmus viridescens Bufo americanus	P	н	R R R R R R
<u>INSECTS</u> Damselfly Dragonfly Praying Mantis Common Blue Small White Cabbage Mourning Cloak Monarch Butterfly Spicebush Swallowtail Tiger Swallowtail Common Sulphur Viceroy	Icaricia icarioides Artogeia rapae Nymphalis antiopa Danaus plexippus Pterourus troilus P. glaucus Colias philodice Basilarchia archippus	P P P	ттт	R R R R R R R R R R R

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AQUATIC SPECIES Marsh Snail Mud Snail		P	H H	
Fiddler Crab	Uca spp.	P	H	
Marsh Crab		P	Н	
Horseshoe Crab	Limulus polyphemus	P	Н	
Ribbed Mussel	Geukensia demissa	P	Н	
Naiad (freshwater mussel)	Unio spp.			R
FISH				
Alewives	Alosa pseudoharengus	Р	н	
Large-mouth Bass	Micropterus salmoides			R
Striped Bass	Morone saxatilis	Р	н	
Bluefish	Pomatomus saltatrix	P	H	
Carp	Cyprinus carpio	·	• •	R
Brown Bullhead Catfish	Ictalurus nebulosus			R
American Eel	Anguilla rostrata	٩	н	R
Flounder, winter	Pseudopleuronectes americanus	P	Н	
Goldfish	Carassius auratus			R
Killifish	Fundulus spp.	P	н	
Mackeral	Scomber scombrus	Р	н	
Menhaden	Brevoortia tyrannus	P	н	
Yellow Perch	Perca flavescens	-		R
Porgy		P	н	
Shiner	Notropis cornutus	•.		R
Silversides	Menidia spp.	Р	н	
Sunfish	Centrachidae family	•		R
Tautog (Blackfish)	Tautoga onitis	р	н	
i aatog (bidonion)	i watoga orano	•	• •	

Other important coastal species are found along the rocky shores, tidepools, beaches and harbors of Note: Larchmont, as follows:

Redbeard Sponge	Mussels: Blue, Ribbed	
Deadman's fingers	Atlantic Bay Scallop	
Jellyfish: Comb, Moon	Jingle Shell	
Sea Anemones	Eastern Oyster	
Worms: Ribbon, sand, sea	Cockle	
Starfish, Sea Star	Clams: Northern Q	
	Softshell, Razor	
Sandhoppers: Amphipods	Shipworm	
Barnacles: Rock	Sea Snails:Limpet, Moo	
Shrimp: Mantid, Brine	Slipper Periwinkle: Si	
•	rough, common	
American Lobster	Mud Snail	
Crahe: Hormit Blue Green	Atlantia oveterdrill	

Crabs: Hermit, Blue, Green, Rock, Calico, Fiddler

Scallop er Quahog, thern or mpet, Moon winkle: Smooth, non Atlantic oysterdrill Whelk: Knobbed, Channeled

BOTANICAL INVENTORY- RESERVOIR-SHELDRAKE-LEATHERSTOCKING COMPLEX

TREES

Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven) Alder, Smooth Alder, Speckled Apple Ash, Mountain Ash. White Basswood, American (Linden) Beech, American Birch, Black Birch, Gray Birch. White Cedar, Northern White Cedar, Eastern Red Cherry, Black Chestnut, American Cottonwood. Eastern Elm. American Hawthome, spp. Hemlock, Eastern Hickory, Butternut Hickory, Pignut Hickory, Shaobark Hornbeam, American Larch (Tamarack) Locust, Black Locust, Honey Magnolia, Cucumber Maple, Ash-leaved (Box elder) Maple, Norway Maple, Red Maple, Sugar (Silver) Mulberry, Red Oak, Black Oak, Pin Oak, Red Oak, Scrub Oak, Swamp Oak, White Pine, Austrian Pine, Eastern white Sassafras Shadbush Spruce, Norway Sweetgum Sycamore, American Tulip tree (Yellow poplar)

Ailanthus altissima Alnus serrulata A. rugosa Malus pumila Sorbus americana Fraxinus americana Tilia americana Fazus grandifolia Betula lenta B. populifolia B. papyrifera Thuja occidentalis Juniperus virginiana Prunus serotina Castanea dentata Populus deltoides Ulmus americana Craetegus spp. Tsuga canadensis Carva cordiformis C. glabra C. ovata Carpinus caroliniana Larix larieina Robinia pseudoacacia Gleditsia triacanthos Magnolia acuminata Acer negundo A. platanoides A. rubrum A. saccharum Morus rubra Quercus velutina Q. palustris Q. rubra (borealis) Q. ilicifolia Q. bicolor Q. alba Pinus nigra P. strobus Sassafras albidum Amelanchier canadensis Picea abies Liquidambar stypaciflua Platanus occidentalis Liriodendron tulipfera

BOTANICAL INVENTORY- RESERVOIR-SHELDRAKE-LEATHERSTOCKING COMPLEX

TREES- cont.

Tupelo, Black Weeping Willow Witchhazel

SHRUBS

Arrow-wood Barberry, Japanese Bayberry Bladdernut Blueberry, Low Blueberry, Low Bush Blueberry, High Bush Burning Bush Brambles Cranberry, High Bush Current/Gooseberry Forsythia spp. Honeysuckie, Japanese Knotweed, Japanese Pepperbush, Sweet or Coast Rhododendron spp. Rose, Multiflora Sassafras Spicebush Sumac, Smooth Sumac, Winged Poison Ivy Viburnum, Maple-Leaf Witch Hazel Yew, American

WILDFLOWERS, PLANTS & HERBS

Alyssum, Hoary Arrowhead, Broad-leaved Aster, Heart-leaved Aster, New York Aster, White wood Avens, White Baneberry, White Bindweed, Hedge Black-eyed Susan Bloodroot Bluecurls Boneset Bugleweed Burdock Nyssa sylvatica Salix badylonica Hamamelis virginiana

Viburnum recognitum Berberis thunbergii Myrica spp. Staphylea trifolia Vaccinium vacillans V. angustifolium V. corybosum Euonymus atropurpureus Rubus spp. Viburnum trilobum Ribes spp.

Lonicera japonica Polygonum cuspidatum Clethra alnifolia

Rosa multiflora Sassafras albidum Lindera benzoin Rhus glabra R. copailina R. radicans Viburnum acerifolium Hamamelis virginiana Taxus canadensis

Berteroa incoma Sagittaria latifolia Aster cordifolius A. novae-belgii A. divaricatus Geum canadense Actaea pachypoda Convolvulus sepium Rudbeckia hirta Sanguinaria canadensis Trichostema dichotomum Eupatorium perfoliatum Lycopus virginicus Arctium minus

BOTANICAL INVENTORY- RESERVOIR-SHELDRAKE-LEATHERSTOCKING COMPLEX

WILDFLOWERS, PLANTS & HERBS- cont.

Buttercup, Common Tali Campion, Starry Catnip Celandine Celandine, Lesser Celandine, Poppy Chickweed, Mouse-eared Cinquefoil, Dwarf Clover, White Cohosh. Blue Coltsfoot Columbine Cress, Winter, (Yellow Rocket) Daisy, Ox-eye Dandelion, Common Deadnettie, Purple Dogbane, Spreading **Dutchman's Breeches Evening Lychnis** Everlasting, Sweet (Catfoot) **Field Pussytoes** Gall-of-the-earth Geranium, Wild Gill-over-the-ground (Ground-ivy) Goldenrod, Erect Goldenrod, Blue-stemmed Grasses Groundnut Heal-all Horse-baim Horsetails Hawkweed, Orange (Devil's Paintbrush) Indian-pipe Iris, Blue-Flag Jack-in-the-Pulpit Jewelweed (Spotted Touch-Me-Not) Joe-Pye Weed Knotweed, Japanese Knotweed, Long-bristled Smartweed Knotweed, Virginia (Jumpseed) Lamb's quarters (Pigweed) Lettuce, Blue Lettuce, White Lettuce, Tall-white Lily, Trout Lily, Yellow Pond (Bullhead, Spatterdock)

Ranunculus acris Silene stellata Nepeta cataria Chelidonium majus Ranunculus ficata Stylophorum diphyllum Cerastium arvense Potentilla canadensis Trifolium repens Caulophyllum thalictroides Tussilago farfara Aquilegia canadensis Barbarea vulgaris Chrysanthemum leucathemum Taraxacum officinale Lamium purpureum Apocymum androsaemifolium Dicentra cucullaria Lychnis alba Gnaphalium obtusifolium Antennaria neglecta Prenanthes trifoliata Geranium maculatum Glechoma hederacea Solidago altissima S. caesia Gramineae spp. Apios americana Prunella vulgaris Collinsonia canadensis Equisetum spp. Hieracium aurantiacum Monotropa uniflora Iris versicolor Arisaema dracontium Impatiens capensis Eupatorium spp. Polygonum cuspidatum P. cespitosum Tovara virginiana Chenopodium alba Lactula spp. Prenanthes alba P. altissima Erythronium americanum Nuphar variegatum

BOTANICAL INVENTORY- RESERVOIR-SHELDRAKE-LEATHERSTOCKING COMPLEX

WILDFLOWERS, PLANTS & HERBS- cont.

Loosestrife, Purple Loosestrife, Fringed Loosestrife, Swamp (Water-willow) Mallow, Swamp Rose Mallow, Crimson-eyed Marigold, Marsh Mayflower, Canada Meadowrue, Early Milkweed, Common Milkweed, Purple Mugwort Mullein, Common Mullein, Moth Mullein, Pink Mustard Garlic Nettle, False Nettle, Stinging Nightshade, Enchanter's Oats. Wild Periwinkle Pineapple Weed Pink, Deptford Plantain, Common Pokeweed Primrose, Common Evening Queen Anne's Lace Ragweed, Common Ragweed, Great Rue, Anemone Rue, Tall Meadow St. Johnswort, Common Sarsaparilla Sarsaparilla, Bristly Saxifrage, Early Spikenard Shepherd's purse Skunk Cabbage Snakeroot Snapdragon, Lesser Solomon's Seal Solomon's Seal, False Sow-thistle, Common Speedwell, Field Speedwell, Thyme-leaved Spring-beauty Strawberry, Wild

Lythrum salicaria Lysimachia ciliata Decodon verticillatus Hibiscus palustris H. palustris peckii Caltha palustris Maianthemum canadense Thalictrum dioicum Asclepias syriaca A. purpurascens Artemisia vulgaris Verbascum thapsus V. blattaria Lychnis coronaria Alliaria officinalis Boehmeria cylindrica Utrica dioicia Circaea quadrisulcata Uvularia sessifolia Vinca minor Matricaria matricariodes Dianthus armeria Plantago major Phytolacca americana Oenothera biennis Daucus carota Ambrosia artemisiifolia A. trifida Anemonella thalictroides Thalictrum polygamum Hypericum perforatum Aralia spp. A. hispida Saxifraga virginiensis A. racemosa Capsella bursa-pastoris Symplocarpus foetidus Sanicula spp. Antirrhinum orontium Polygonatum biflorum Smilacina racemosa Sonchus oleraceus Veronica arvensis V. serpyllifolia Claytonia virginica Fragaria virginiana

BOTANICAL INVENTORY- RESERVOIR-SHELDRAKE-LEATHERSTOCKING COMPLEX

WILDFLOWERS, PLANTS & HERBS- cont.

Sunflower, Thin-leaved Thistle, Bull Turtlehead Violet, Common blue Violet, Smooth Yellow Violet, Sweet White Watercress, Alien Wintergreen, Spotted Yarrow

VINES

Bindweed, Hedge Bittersweet, Asiatic Cucumber, Bur Dodder Grape, Wild Greenbrier (Catbrier) Honeysuckle, Japanese Nightshade (Bittersweet) Porcelainberry Virginia Creeper

FERNS & FERN ALLIES

Broad Beech Marginal Shield Christmas Cinnamon Field Horsetail Hayscented Interrupted Lady Maidenhair Marsh Ostrich New York Rock Polypody Sensitive Shining Clubmoss Helianthus decapetalus Cirsium vulgar Chelone glabra Viola papilionacea V. pensylvanica V. lauceolata Nasturtium officinale Chimophila maculata Achillea millefolium

Convolvulus sepium Celastrus orbiculatus Sycios angularis Cuscuta gronovii Vitis spp. Smilax rotundifolia Lonicera japonica Solanum dulcamara Ampelopsis brevipedinculata Parthenocissis quinquefolia

Dryopteris hexagonoptera D. marginalis Polystichum acrostichoides Osmunda cinnamomea Equisetum arvense Dennstaedtia punctilobula Osmunda claytoniana Athyrium filix-femina Adiantum pedatum Telypteris palustris Matteuccia struthiopteris Thelypteris noveboracensis Polypodium vulgare Onoclea sensibilis Lycopodium lucidulum

Sources:

2 Walk Books (1984 and 1986), Wallace Irwin Jr., Edward Frankel, Mary Anne Johnson. Consultant Stephen Coleman (1992).

COMPILATION OF BIRD LISTS FOR THE RESERVOIR-SHELDRAKE-LEATHERSTOCKING COMPLEX

(Sources: LWRP 1986 Appendix A, Irma Volk, Paul Lehman, James and Mary Anne Johnson)

KEY:

- 1 Occasional or rare
- 2 Consultant Stephen Coleman- Observations March November 1992
- * Nesting in R-S-L CEA- Confirmed by Consultant
- ** Nests on Bonnie Briar
- E ENDANGERED SPECIES NY STATE DEC LIST (1983)
- S SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN
- **T** THREATENED SPECIES
- V VULNERABLE SPECIES
- e,s,t NY STATE DEC LIST (1987)

PODICIPEDIFORMES

Pied-billed grebe²

Podilymbus podiceps

Phalacrocorax auritus

PELECANIFORMES Double-crested Cormorant₂

CICONIIFORMES

Great Blue Heron² Great Egret² Snowy Egret² Black-crowned Night Heron² Green Heron^{2,*}

ANSERIFORMES

Mute Swan^{2,*} Snow Goose¹ Canada Goose^{2,*} Amer. Black Duck² Mallard^{2,*} Common Pintail^{1,2} American Wigeon² Wood Duck^{2,} Northern Shoveler² Blue-winged Teal Green-winged Teal Ring-necked Duck² Greater Scaup^{1,2} Bufflehead² Ruddy Duck² Common Merganser^{1,2} Red-breasted Merganser² Hooded Merganser²

FALCONIFORMES

Sharp-shinned Hawk^{2,*} Cooper's Hawk² Ardea herodias Casmerodius albus Egretta thula Nycticorax nycticorax Butorides striatus

Cygnus olor Chen hyperborea Branta canadensis Anas rubripes A. platyrhynchos A. acuta A. americana Aix sponsa Anas clypeata A. discors A. crecca Aythya collaris A. marila Bucephala albeola Oxyura jamaicensis Mergus merganser M. serrator Lophodytes cucullatus

Accipiter striatus A. cooperii

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- Tt Northern Harrier² Red-tailed Hawk^{2,*}
- Tt Red-shouldered Hawk¹ Broad-winged Hawk²
- e Golden Eagle¹ Tt Osprey² Turkey Vulture² American Kestrel

GALLIFORMES Ring-necked Pheasant^{1,2,*}

<u>GRUIFORMES</u> American Coot^{1,2} Sora Rail²

CHARADRIIFORMES Killdeer^{2,*} Greater Yellowlegs Lesser Yellowlegs Solitary Sandpiper Spotted Sandpiper^{2,*} Herring Gull² Ring-billed Gull² Laughing Gull²

COLUMBIFORMES Mourning Dove^{2,*} Rock Dove^{2,*}

CUCULIFORMES Yellow-billed Cuckoo¹ Black-billed Cuckoo¹

STRIGIFORMES Great Horned Owl^{2,*} Screech Owl^{2,*}

CAPRIMULGIFORMES Ss Common Nighthawk^{2,*}

APODIFORMES

- Chimney Swift
- V Ruby-throated Hummingbird^{1,2,*}

CORACIIFORMES Belted Kingfisher^{2,*} Circus cyaneus Buteo jamaicensis B. lineatus B. platypterus Aquila chrysaetos Pandion haliaetus Cathartes aura Falco sparverius

Phasianus colchicus

Fulica americana Porzana carolina

Charadrius vociferous Tringa melanoleuca T. flavipes T. solitaria Actitis macularia Larus argentatus L. delawarensis L. atricilla

Zenaida macroura Columba livia

Coccyzus americanus C. erythropthalmus

Bubo virginianus Otus asio

Chordeiles minor

Chaetura pelagica Archilochus colubris

Megaceryle alcyon

COMPILATION OF BIRD LISTS FOR THE RESERVOIR-SHELDRAKE-LEATHERSTOCKING COMPLEX

PICIFORMES

Red-headed Woodpecker¹ Pileated Woodpecker^{2,*} Common Flicker^{2,*} Red-bellied Woodpecker^{2,*} Yellow-bellied Sapsucker² Downy Woodpecker^{2,*}

V Hairy Woodpecker^{2,*}

PASSERIFORMES Tyrannidae-Flycatchers Eastern Kingbird^{2,*} Great Crested Flycatcher^{2,*} Eastern Phoebe^{2,*} Eastern Pewee^{2,*} Yellow-bellied Flycatcher² Least Flycatcher

Hirundinidae-Swallows Barn Swallow² Tree Swallow^{2,*} Rough-winged Swallow Bank Swallow

Corvidae-Jays, Crows American (Common) Crow^{2,*} Blue Jay^{2,*}

Paridae- Titmice Black-capped Chickadee^{2,*} Tufted Titmouse^{2,*}

Sittidae-Nuthatches White-breasted Nuthatch^{2,*} Red-breasted Nuthatch²

Certhiidae-Creepers Brown Creeper²

Troglodytidae- Wrens House Wren^{2,*} Winter Wren Carolina Wren^{2,*}

Mimidae-Mimic Thrushes Brown Thrasher^{2,*} Gray Catbird^{2,*} Melanerpes erythrocephalus Dryocopus pileatus Colaptes auratus Melanerpes carolinus Sphyrapicus varius Picoides pubescens P. villosus

Tyrannus tyrannus Myiarchus crinitus Sayornis phoebe Contopus virens Empidonax flairventris E. minimus

Hirundo rustica Iridoprocne bicolor Stelgidopteryx ruficollis Riparia riparia

Corvus brachyrhynchos Cyanocitta cristat

Parus atricapillus P. bicolor

Sitta carolinensis S. canadensis

Certhia familiaris

Troglodytes aedon T. troglodytes Thryothorus Iudovicianus

Toxostoma rufum Dumetella carolinensis

COMPILATION OF BIRD LISTS FOR THE RESERVOIR-SHELDRAKE-LEATHERSTOCKING COMPLEX

Northern Mockingbird^{2,*}

Turdidae-Thrushes American Robin^{2,*} Gray-cheeked Thrush² Swainson's Thrush² Hermit Thrush² Veery^{2,*} Wood Thrush^{2,*}

Sylviidae - Kinglets, Gnatcatchers: Ruby-crowned Kinglet² Golden-crowned Kinglet^{1,2} Blue-gray Gnatcatcher^{2,**}

Bombycillidae - Waxwings: Cedar Waxwing²

Sturnidae - Starlings: European Starling^{2,*}

Vireonidae-Vireos Red-eyed Vireo^{2,*} Warbling Vireo² Yellow-throated Vireo Solitary Vireo²

Parulidae - Wood Warblers: Northern Parula Warbler Black-throated Green Warbler² Black & White Warbler^{2,*} Blackpoll Warbler² Black-throated Blue Warbler Magnolia Warbler² Yellow-rumped Warbler² Canada Warbler² Chestnut-sided Warbier² Blackburnian Warbler American Redstart² Prairie Warbler^{2,*} Palm Warbler² Blue-winged Warbler^{2,*} V Yellow Warbler^{2,*}

Worm-eating Warbler^{2,*} Tennessee Warbler

S Wilson's Warbler²

Mimus polyglottos

Turdus migratorius Catharus minimus C. ustulatus C. guttatus C. fuscescens Hylocichla mustelina

Regulus calendula R. satrapa Polioptila caerulea

Bombycilla cedrorum

Sturnus vulgaris

Vireo olivaceus V. gilvus V. flavifrons V. solitarius

Parula americana Dendroica virens Mniotilta varia Dendroica striata D. caerulescens D. magnolia D. corónata Wilsonia canadensis Dendroica pensylvanica D. fusca Setophaga ruticilla Dendroica discolor D. palmarum Vermivora pinus Dendroica petechia Helmitheros vermivorus Vermivora peregrina Wilsonia pusilla

COMPILATION OF BIRD LISTS FOR THE RESERVOIR-SHELDRAKE-LEATHERSTOCKING COMPLEX

Common Yellowthroat^{2,*} Louisiana Waterthrush^{2,*} Ovenbird^{2,*}

Ploceidae - Weaver Finches: House Sparrow

Icteridae - Blackbirds, Orioles: Red-winged Blackbird^{2,*} Brown-headed Cowbird^{2,*} Rusty Blackbird Common Grackle^{2,*} Orchard Oriole Northern Oriole-Baltimore^{2,*}

Thraupidae - Tanagers: Scarlet Tanager^{2,*}

Fringillidae - Finches, Sparrows: Northern Junco² Northern Cardinal^{2,*} House Finch^{2,*} Purple Finch² Evening Grosbeak^{1,2} American Goldfinch^{2,*} Pine Siskin² Indigo Bunting^{1,2,*} Rose-breasted Grosbeak^{2,*} Rufous-sided Towhee^{2,*} White-throated Sparrow² White-crowned Sparrow² Chipping Sparrow^{2,*} Field Sparrow^{2,*} American Tree Sparrow² Fox Sparrow² Song Sparrow^{2,*}

Geothlypis trichas Seiurus motacilla S. aurocapillus

Passer domesticus

Agelaius phoeniceus Molothrus ater Euphagus carolinus Quiscalus guiscular icterus spurius I. galbula

Piranga olivacea

Junco hyemalls Cardinalis cardinalis Carpodacus mexicanus C. purpureus Hesperiphona vespertina Carduelis tristis C. pinus Passerina cyanea Pheucticus Iudovicianus Pipilo erythrophthalmus Zonotrichia albicollis Z. leucophrys Spizella passerina S. pusilla S. arborea Passerella iliaca Melospiza melodia

COMPILATION OF BIRD LISTS FOR THE PREMIUM RIVER-PINE BROOK WETLANDS COMPLEX

1 Identified in Chester Place Woods (May 1967-July 1969) by T. Waller.

Pryer Manor Marsh, Premium River/marshes, Mill Pond and adjacent lands:

2 1970-1973 3 October 1978-1985 4 1987-1988 5 March 11, 1989 6 1972-1990 7 June '92; Jan-July '93 * Occasional or rare. ** Nesting	Sidney Bahrt <u>et al</u> . Mary Anne Johnson <u>et al</u> . Audubon Christmas Count & PPPA monitors (partial). John Moyle Bird Walk. James Coe Life List & Bird Walk 10/14/90. Consultant Stephen Coleman	
E NY State list-1983 S T V e,s,t	ENDANGERED SPECIES SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN THREATENED SPECIES VULNERABLE SPECIES NY STATE DEC LIST-1987	
GAVIIFORMES		
Gaviidae - Loons: S Common Loon	Gavia immer	3
PODICIPEDIFORMES Podicipedidae - Grebes: Horned Grebe Pied-billed Grebe PELECANIFORMES Phalacrocoracidae - Cormorants: Double-crested Cormorant	Colymbus auritus Podilymbus podiceps Phalacrocorax auritus	3,4,5,6 3,6 7
<u>CICONIIFORMES</u> Ardeidae - Herons: Great Blue Heron Little Blue Heron Louisiana Heron Great Egret Snowy Egret Cattle Egret Black-crowned Night Her. Yellow-crowned Night Her. Green Heron Ss Least Bittern American Bittern	Ardea herodias Florida caerulea Hydranassa tricolor Casmerodius albus Egretta thula Bubulcus ibis Nycticorax nycticorax Nyctanassa violacea Butorides striatus Ixobrychus exilis Botaurus lentiginosus	3,4,6,7 6 2*,4* 2,3,4,6,7 2,3,4,6,7 2* 3,4,6,7 3* 1,2,3,6,7** 1 2,3,7**
Threskiornithidae - Typical Ibises: Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	1,3

<u>ANSERIFORMES</u> Anatidae - Cygninae - Swans:		
Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	2,3,4,5,6,7**
Anatidae - Anserinae - Geese:		
Snow Goose	Chen hyperborea	3,4
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	2,3,4,5,6,7**
Brant	B. bernicla	4,6,7
Anatidae - Anatinae - Marsh Ducks	8:	
Amer. Black Duck	Anas rubripes	2,3,4,6,7
Gadwall	A. strepera	3,4,6,7
Mallard	A. platyrhynchos	1,2,3,4,5,6,7**
Common Pintail	A. acuta	3*
American Widgeon	A. americana	2,3,4,5,6,7
Eurasian Widgeon	A. penelope	2,3*,4,6
Wood Duck	Aix sponsa	2,3*,7
Northern Shoveler	Anas ciypeata	3,4,6,7
Blue-winged Teal	A. discors	6
Anatidae - Aythyinae - Diving Duck		
Oldsquaw	Clangula hyemalis	5
Canvasback	Aythya valissineria	2,3,4,5,6
Redhead	A. americana	6
Lesser Scaup	A. affinis	3,4,6,7
Greater Scaup	A. marila	3,4,5,6,7
Common Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	3,6
Bufflehead	B. albeola	3,4,5,6,7
Anatidae - Oxyurinae - Stiff-Tailed		
Ruddy Duck	Oxyura jamaicensis	3,6,7
Anatidae - Merginae - Mergansers:		
Common Merganser	Mergus merganser	3,6,7
Red-breasted Merganser	M. serrator	3,4,5,6
Hooded Merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus	3,6,7
FALCONIFORMES		
Accipitridae - Hawks etc.:		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus	4,5,6,7
s Cooper's Hawk	A. cooperii	6
Northern Goshawk	A. gentilis	5
Tt Northern Harrier	Circus cyaneus	3,6
Buteoninae - Eagles etc.:		
Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	3,5,6,7
Tt Red-shouldered Hawk	B. lineatus	3

Pandionidae - Ospreys: Tt Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	3,6
Cathartidae - American Vultures: Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	3,7
Falconinae - Falcons: American Kestrel Merlin	Falco sparverius F. columbarius	2,3,6 3
GALLIFORMES Tetraonidae - Grouse etc.: Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbellus	1,3*
Phasianidae - Pheasants: Ring-necked Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus	1,2,3,4,5,6,7**
<u>GRUIFORMES</u> Rallidae - Duck-like swimmers: American Coot Virginia Rail Clapper Rail Sora	Fulica americana Rallus limicola R. longirostris Porzana carolina	2,3,6 3* 3* 6
CHARADRIIFORMES Charadriidae - Plovers: Semipalmated Plover Kiildeer	Charadrius semipalmatus C. vociferous	2*,6,7 1,2,3,5,6,7**
Scolopacidae - Sandpipers etc.: American Woodcock Greater Yellowlegs Lesser Yellowlegs Solitary Sandpiper Sanderling Pectoral Sandpiper Dunlin Spotted Sandpiper Least Sandpiper Semipalmated Sandpiper White-rumped Sandpiper	Philohela minor Tringa melanoleuca T. flavipes T. solitaria Calidris alba C. melantos C. alpina Actitis macularia Calidris minutilla C. pusilla C. fuscicollis	3,6 2,3,6 2,3,6 2 2 2 3 * 3,6 2 2,3 2,3 2
Laridae - Larinae - Guils: Herring Gull Ring-billed Gull Great Black-backed Gull Laughing Gull	Larus argentatus L. delawarensis L. marinus L. atricilla	1,2,3,5,6,7 3,4,5,6,7 2,3,4,5,6,7 3,4,6,7

Bonaparte's Gull	L. philadelphia	6
Laridae - Sternidae - Terns: Ee Least (Little) Tern Tt Common Tern	Sterna albifrons S. hirundo	3,6 3
Rynchopidae - Skimmers: Black Skimmer	Rynchops niger	3*
<u>COLUMBIFORMES</u> Columbidae - Pigeons, Doves: Mourning Dove Rock Dove	Zenaida macroura Columba livia	1,2,3,4,5,6,7** 1,2,3,4,5,6,7**
<u>STRIGIFORMES</u> Tytonidae - Barn Owls: Ss Barn Owl	Tyto alba	3
Strigidae - Typical Owls: Common Screech Owl Great Horned Owl Snowy Owl	Otus asio Bubo virginianus Nyctea scandiaca	3,7** 3,6 3*
<u>CAPRIMULGIFORMES</u> Caprimulgidae - Goatsuckers: Ss Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	3,7
APODIFORMES Trochilidae - Hummingbirds: V Ruby-throated Hummbrd.	Archilochus colubris	1,2,3,6,7
<u>CORACIIFORMES</u> Alcedinidae - Kingfishers: Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle aicyon	2,3,5,6,7
PICIFORMES Picidae - Woodpeckers: Red-headed Woodpecker Pileated Woodpecker Common Flicker Red-bellied Woodpecker Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Downy Woodpecker V Hairy Woodpecker	Melanerpes erythrocephalus Dryocopus pileatus Colaptes auratus Melanerpes carolinus Sphyrapicus varius Picoides pubescens P. villosus	1,3 3 1,2,3,4,6,7 3,4,7 2,3 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 1,2,3,6,7

PASSERIFORMES Tyrannidae - Flycatchers: Eastern Kingbird Great Crested Flycatcher Ash-throated Flycatcher Eastern Phoebe Eastern Pewee Acadian Flycatcher Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Tyrannus tyrannus Myiarchus crinitus M. cinerascens Sayornis phoebe Contopus virens Empidonax virescens E. flairventris	1,2,3,6,7** 2,6,7 2* 1,3,6,7 2,3 1 1
Hirundinidae - Swallows: Cliff Swallow Barn Swallow Tree Swallow Rough-winged Swallow Bank Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonata Hirundo rustica Iridoprocne bicolor Stelgidopteryx ruficollis Riparia riparia	1 2,3,6,7 3,6,7 1,2,6 2,3
Corvidae - Jays, Crows: Fish Crow American (Common) Crow Blue Jay	Corvus ossifragus C. brachyrhynchos Cyanocitta cristat	3,6,7 1,2,3,5,6,7 1,2,3,4,5,6,7
Paridae - Titmice: Black-capped Chickadee Tufted Titmouse	Parus atricapillus P. bicolor	1,2,3,4,5,6,7 1,2,3,4,5,6,7**
Sittidae - Nuthatches: White-breasted Nuthatch Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis S. canadensis	1,2,3,4,5,6,7** 3,6
Certhiidae - Creepers: Brown Creeper	Certhia familiaris	1,2
Troglodytidae - Wrens: House Wren Winter Wren Carolina Wren Marsh Wren Sedge Wren	Troglodytes aedon T. troglodytes Thryothorus ludovicianus Cistothorus palustris C. platensis	1,3,6,7** 3 3,6,7 1,3 1
Mimidae - Mimic Thrushes: Brown Thrasher Gray Catbird Northern Mockingbird	Toxostoma rufum Dumetella carolinensis Mimus polyglottos	1,2,3,4,6 2,3,4,6,7** 2,3,4,5,6,7
Turdidae - Thrushes: Ss Eastern Bluebird	Sialia sialis	1,2,4

American Robin Swainson's Thrush Hermit Thrush Veery Wood Thrush Fieldfare	Turdus migratorius Catharus ustulatus C. guttatus C. fuscescens Hylocichla mustelina Turdus pilaris	1,2,3,4,6,7 1,6 4,6 6 1,3,7 3*
Sylviidae - Kinglets,Gnatcatchers: Ruby-crowned Kinglet Golden-crowned Kinglet Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Regulus calendula R. satrapa Polioptila caerulea	1,2,3,4,6 6 3
Motacillidae - Pipets etc.: Water (American) Pipet	Anthus spinoletta	3*
Bombycillidae - Waxwings: Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	2,3*,6,7
Sturnidae - Starlings: Eurasian Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	1,2,3,4,6,7
Vireonidae - Vireos: Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	3,7
 Parulidae - Wood Warblers: Northern Parula Warbler Black-throated Green War. Black & White Warbler Black-throated Blue War. Magnolia Warbler Black-throated Blue War. Magnolia Warbler Yellow-rumped Warbler Canada Warbler Canada Warbler Cape May Warbler Chestnut-sided Warbler Blackburnian Warbler Blackburnian Warbler American Redstart Prairie Warbler Palm Warbler Blue-winged Warbler V Yellow Warbler Worm-eating Warbler Tennessee Warbler S Wilson's Warbler Nashville Warbler Mourning Warbler Common Yellowthroat Yellow-breasted Chat 	Parula americana Dendroica virens Mniotilta varia Dendroica caerulescens D. magnolia D. coronata Wilsonia canadensis Dendroica tigrina D. pensylvanica D. fusca Setophaga ruticilla Dendroica discolor D. palmarum Vermivora pinus Dendroica petechia Helmitheros vermivorus Vermivora peregrina Wilsonia pusilla Vermivora ruficapilla Oporornis philadelphia Geothlypis trichas Icteria verens	6 1,6 1,2,3,6,7 6 1,6 1,2,3,6 1 1,2,6,7 6 2,6 3,6,7** 1,2,3,6,7 6 1 1,2,3,6,7 1 1,2,3,6,7 1 1,2,3,6,7 1

Northern Waterthrush Louisiana Waterthrush Ovenbird	Seiurus noveboracensis S. motacilla S. aurocapillus	1 1,7 1,3,6,7
Ploceidae - Weaver Finches: House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	1,2,3,5,6,7
 Icteridae - Blackbirds, Orioles: Red-winged Blackbird Brown-headed Cowbird Rusty Blackbird Common Grackle Bobolink V Eastern Meadowlark Orchard Oriole Northern Oriole (Baltimore) 	Agelaius phoeniceus Molothrus ater Euphagus carolinus Quiscalus guiscula Dolichonyx oryzivorous Sturnella magna Icterus spurius I. galbula	1,2,3,5,6,7 ^{**} 1,2,3,6,7 1 1,2,3,5,6,7 2,6 2,3 2,6 1,2,3,6,7
Thraupidae - Tanagers: Scarlet Tanager	Piranga olivacea	1,2,3,7
Fringillidae - Finches, Sparrows: Northern Junco Snow Bunting Northern Cardinal House Finch Purple Finch Evening Grosbeak American Goldfinch Pine Siskin Indigo Bunting Rose-breasted Grosbeak Rufous-sided Towhee White-throated Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow Chipping Sparrow Field Sparrow Swamp Sparrow American Tree Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow Fox Sparrow Song Sparrow Ss Vesper Sparrow	Junco hyemalis Plectrophenax nivalis Cardinalis cardinalis Carpodacus mexicanus C. purpureus Hesperiphona vespertina Carduelis tristis C. pinus Passerina cyanea Pheucticus Iudovicianus Pipilo erythrophthalmus Zonotrichia albicollis Z. leucophrys Spizella passerina S. pusilla Melospiza georgiana Spizella arborea Ammodramus savannarum Passerella iliaca Melospiza melodia Pooecetes gramineus Passerculus sandwichensis	1,2,3,4,6 6 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 1,2,3,5,6,7 1,3,6 3^* 2,3,6,7 $3^*,6$ 6,7 1,2,3,6 1,2,3,4,6,7 2,3,4,5,6,7 1,3^*,6 1,6,7 2,6,7 6 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 1,2,3,6,7 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 ^{**} 1,2,6 2,6

BOTANICAL INVENTORY- HOMMOCKS MARSH COMPLEX

TREES

Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven) Ash, Green Birch, Black Birch, White Cedar, Northern White Cedar, Eastern Red Cherry, Black Cottonwood, Eastern Elm. American Elm, Slippery Hawthorne, spp. Hickory, Mockernut Hickory, Pignut Locust, Black Locust, Honey Maple, Norway Maple, Sugar (Silver) Mulberry, Red Oak, Pin Oak, Post Oak, Swamp Oak, White Pine, Red Pine, Scotch Pine, Eastern white Sassafras Spruce, Norway Tupel Willow, Weeping Willow, Silky

SHRUBS & VINES

Barberry, Japanese Bindweed, Field Bittersweet, Asiatic Brambles Cherry, Choke Current/Gooseberry Dogwood, Silky Dogwood, Flowering Elder, Red-berried Elder, Marsh Grape, Fox Green-brier, Common Green-brier, Bristly Hazelnut, American

Ailanthus altissima Fraxinus pennsylvanica lanecolata Betula lenta B. papyrifera Thuja occidentalis Juniperus virginiana Prunus serotina Populus deltoides Ulmus americana U. fulva Craetegus spp. Carya tomentosa C. glabra Robinia pseudoacacia Gleditsia triacanthos A. platanoides A. saccharum Morus rubra Quercus palustris Q. stellata Q. bicolor Q. alba Pinus resinosa P. svivestris P. strobus Sassafras albidum Picea abies Nyssa sylvatica Salix babylonica S. sericea

Berberis thunbergii Convolvulus arvensis Celastrus orbiculatus Rubus spp. Prunus virginiana Ribes spp. Cornus amonum C. florida Sambucus spp. Iva frutescens Vitis labrusca Smilax glauca S. hispida Corylus americana

BOTANICAL INVENTORY- HOMMOCKS MARSH COMPLEX

SHRUBS & VINES- cont. Honeysuckle, Canadian Honeysuckle, Japanese Morning Glory, Common Nightshade, Bittersweet Olive, Russian Poison Ivy Rose, Sweet Brier Rose, Multiflora St. Johnswort, Shrubby Sea Lavender Sumac, Smooth Sumac, Winged

Viburnum, Maple-Leaf Virginia Creeper, Woodbine Witch Hazel

WILDFLOWERS, GRASSES, FERNS

<u>DFLOV</u> Alfalfa

Alyssum, Hoary Anemone, Rue Asparagus, Wild Aster, Heart-leaved Aster, New York Aster. White wood Avens, White Baneberry, White Bindweed, Hedge Bindweed, Field Bluebells, Virginia Burdock, Common Buttercup, Common Tall Butter-and-Eggs Catnip Celandine Chickweed, Mouse-eared Chicory Clover, White Clover, Red Clover, Yellow Hop Daisy, Ox-eye Dandelion, Common Dock, Curled Dogbane, Spreading **Evening Lychnis** Fern, Marsh Fern, Sensitive

Lonicera sempervirens L. japonica Ipomoea purpurea Solanum dulcamara Elaeagnus angustifolia R. radicans Rose, MultifloraRosa multiflora Rosa eglanteria R. multiflorta Hypericum spp. Limonium nashii Rhus glabra R. copallina Viburnum acerifolium Parthenocissus quinquefolia Hamamelis virginiana

Medicago sativa Berteroa incana Anemonella thalictoides Asparagus officinalis Aster cordifolius A. novae-belgii A. divaricatus Geum canadense Actaea pachypoda Convolvulus sepium C. arvensis Mertensia virginica Arctium minus Ranunculus acris Linaria vulgaris Nepeta cataria Chelidonium majus Cerastium arvense Cichorium intybus Trifolium repens T. pratense T. agrarium Chrysanthemum leucathemum Taraxacum officinale Rumex crispus Apocymum androsaemifolium Lychnis alba **Telypteris** palustris Onoclea sensibilis

BOTANICAL INVENTORY- HOMMOCKS MARSH COMPLEX

WILDFLOWERS, GRASSES, FERNS- cont.

Fleabane, Daisy Foxtail, Meadow Geranium, Wild Goldenrod, Seaside Goldenrod, Lance-Leaved Goldenrod, Slender Grass, Blue Grass. Cord Grass, Reed Canary Hawkweed, Mouse-Ear Heal-all Horsetails Jack-in-the-Pulpit Jewelweed (Spotted Touch-Me-Not) Joe-Pye Weed Knotweed, Japanese Knotweed, Virginia (Jumpseed) Lamb's quarters (Pigweed) Lettuce, Tall Blue Loosestrife, Purple Milkweed. Common Mullein, Common Mullein, Moth Mustard Garlic Nettle, Stinging Nightshade, Bittersweet Nightshade, Enchanter's Phlox, Wild Blue Phragmites **Pineapple Weed** Plantain, Common Pokeweed Queen Anne's Lace Ragweed, Common St. Johnswort, Common Saxifrage, Early Sedges Smartweed Solomon's Seal Sorrel, Wood Star-Grass. Yellow Strawberry, Wild Thistle, Bull Vetch, Blue Vetch, Crown Violet, Common blue

Erigeron annuus Alopecurus spp. Geranium maculatum Solidago sempervirens S. graminifolia S. erecta Poa pratensis var. Spartina pectinata Phalaris arundinacea Hieracium pilosella Prunella vulgaris Equisetum spp. Arisaema dracontium Impatiens capensis Eupatorium spp. Polygonum cuspidatum Tovara virginiana Chenopodium alba Lactula biennis Lythrum salicaria Asclepias syriaca Verbascum thapsus V. blattaria Alliaria officinalis Utrica dioicia Solanum dulcamara Circaea quadrisulcata Phlox divaricata Phragmites spp. Matricaria matricariodes Plantago major Phytolacca americana Daucus carota Ambrosia artemisiifolia Hypericum perforatum Saxifraga virginiensis Cyperus spp. Polygonum pensylvanicum P. pubescens Oxalis stricta Hypoxis hirsuta Fragarla virginiana Chelone glabra Vicia cracca Coronilla varia Viola papilionacea

BOTANICAL INVENTORY- HOMMOCKS MARSH COMPLEX

WILDFLOWERS, GRASSES, FERNS- cont.

Violet, Smooth Yellow Violet, Sweet White Waterleaf, Virginia V. pensylvanica V. lauceolata Hydrophyllum virginianum

Source:

Consultant Stephen Coleman 1992-1993.

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BIRD SPECIES - HOMMOCKS SALT MARSH COMPLEX

KEY:

- 1 Consultant Stephen Coleman 1992-1993
- * Occasional or rare
- NY State DEC list (1983)
- S SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN
- T THREATENED SPECIES
- **V VULNERABLE SPECIES**

e, s, t NY State DEC list (1987)

GAVIIFORMES

S Common Loon

Gavia immer

PODICIPEDIFORMES Horned Grebe

Colymbus auritus¹

PELECANIFORMES Double-crested Cormorant

<u>CICONIIFORMES</u>

Great Blue Heron Great Egret Snowy Egret Black-crowned Night Her. Green Heron American Bittern Glossy Ibis

ANSERIFORMES

Mute Swan Canada Goose Amer. Black Duck Mallard

FALCONIFORMES

Sharp-shinned Hawk Tt Northern Harrier

- Red-tailed Hawk Tt Osprey American Kestrel
 - Merlin
- GALLIFORMES Ring-necked Pheasant

<u>GRUIFORMES</u>

American Coot

Ardea herodias¹ Casmerodius albus¹ Egretta thula¹ Nycticorax nycticorax¹ Butorides striatus¹ Botaurus lentiginosus Plegadis falcinellus

Phalacrocorax auritus¹

Cygnus olor¹ Branta canadensis¹ Anas rubripes¹ A. platyrhynchos¹

Accipiter striatus¹ Circus cyaneus Buteo jamaicensis¹ Pandion haliaetus¹ Falco sparverius F. columbarius

Phasianus colchicus¹

Fulica americana¹

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CHARADRIIFORMES

Semipalmated Plover Killdeer Greater Yellowlegs Lesser Yellowlegs Spotted Sandpiper Herring Gull Ring-billed Gull Laughing Gull Common Tern

COLUMBIFORMES

Tt

Mourning Dove Rock Dove

CAPRIMULGIFORMES Ss Common Nighthawk

CORACIIFORMES Belted Kingfisher

PICIFORMES Common Flicker Downy Woodpecker

PASSERIFORMES

Tyrannidae-Flycatchers Eastern Phoebe

Hirundinidae-Swallows Barn Swallow Tree Swallow

Corvidae-Jays, Crows Fish Crow American (Common) Crow Blue Jay

Paridae- Titmice Black-capped Chickadee Tufted Titmouse

Sittidae-Nuthatches White-breasted Nuthatch Charadrius semipalmatus¹ C. vociferous¹ Tringa melanoleuca¹ T. flavipes Actitis macularia Larus argentatus¹ L. delawarensis¹ L. atricilla¹ Sterna hirundo

Zenaida macroura¹ Columba livia¹

Chordeiles minor¹

Megaceryle alcyon¹

Colaptes auratus¹ Picoides pubescens¹

Sayornis phoebe¹

Hirundo rustica¹ Iridoprocne bicolor¹

Corvus ossifragus¹ C. brachyrhynchos¹ Cyanocitta cristat¹

Parus atricapillus¹ P. bicolor¹

Sitta carolinensis¹

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Troglodytidae- Wrens House Wren Carolina Wren

Mimidae-Mimic Thrushes Brown Thrasher Gray Catbird Northern Mockingbird

Turdidae-Thrushes Ss Eastern Bluebird American Robin Gray-Cheeked Thrush Swainson's Thrush Wood Thrush

Sylviidae - Kinglets, Gnatcatchers: Ruby-crowned Kinglet Golden-crowned Kinglet

Bombycillidae - Waxwings: Cedar Waxwing

Sturnidae - Starlings: European Starling

Vireonidae-Vireos Red-eyed Vireo

Parulidae - Wood Warblers: Northern Parula Warbler Black-throated Green War Black & White Warbler Black-throated Blue War. Magnolia Warbler Yellow-rumped Warbler Chestnut-sided Warbler American Redstart Blue-winged Warbler

V Yellow Warbler S Wilson's Warbler Common Yellowthroat

Ploceidae - Weaver Finches: House Sparrow Troglodytes aedon¹ Thryothorus ludovicianus¹

Toxostoma rufum Dumetella carolinensis¹ Mimus polyglottos¹

Sialia sialis^{*} Turdus migratorius¹ Catharus minimus C. ustulatus Hylocichla mustelina¹

Regulus calendula R. satrapa¹

Bombycilla cedrorum¹

Sturnus vulgaris¹

Vireo olivaceus¹

Parula americana Dendroica virens¹ Mniotilta varia¹ Dendroica caerulescens D. magnolia D. coronata¹ D. pensylvanica¹ Setophaga ruticilla¹ Vermivora pinus¹ Dendroica petechia¹ Wilsonia pusilla Geothlypis trichas¹

Passer domesticus¹

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Icteridae - Blackbirds, Orioles: Red-winged Blackbird Brown-headed Cowbird Common Grackle Bobolink V Eastern Meadowlark

V Eastern Meadowlark Northern Oriole-Baltimore

Fringillidae - Finches, Sparrows: Northern Junco Northern Cardinal House Finch American Goldfinch Indigo Bunting Rufous-sided Towhee White-throated Sparrow Chipping Sparrow Fox Sparrow Song Sparrow Agelaius phoeniceus¹ Molothrus ater¹ Quiscalus guiscula¹ Dolichonyx oryzivorous Sturnella magna Icterus galbula¹ APPENDIX G

> Junco hyemalis¹ Cardinalis cardinalis¹ Carpodacus mexicanus¹ Carduelis tristis¹ Passerina cyanea¹ Pipilo erythrophthalmus¹ Zonotrichia albicollis¹ Spizella passerina¹ Passerella iliaca¹ Melospiza melodia¹

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BIOLOGICAL INVENTORY - HOMMOCKS SALT MARSH COMPLEX

MAMMALS

Eastern Chipmunk White-tailed Deer Common Eastern Mole White-footed Deer Mouse Muskrat Opossum Eastern Cottontail Rabbit Racoon Brown (Norway) Rat Short-tailed Shrew Striped Skunk Eastern Gray Squirrel Black Squirrel North Amerivan Field Vole Woodchuck

REPTILES

Northern Diamondback Terrapin

AMPHIBIANS

Gray Tree Frog Bull Frog Green Frog American Toad

INSECTS

Damselfly Dragonfly Praying Mantis

AQUATIC SPECIES

Horseshoe Crab Fiddler Crab Marsh Snail Ribbed Mussel

<u>FISH</u>

Alewives Striped Bass Bluefish American Eel Flounder, winter Killifish Mackeral Menhaden Porgy Silversides Tautog (Blackfish) Tamias striatus¹ Odocoileus virginianus¹ Scalopus aquaticus¹ Peromyscus leucopus¹ Ondratra zibethicus¹ Didelphis marsupialis¹ Sylvilagus floridanus¹ Procyon lotor¹ Rattus norvegicus¹ Blarina brevicauda¹ Mephitis monax¹ Sciurus carolinensis¹ S. niger Microtus pennsylvanicus¹ Marmota monax¹

Malaclemys terrapin

Hyla versicolor¹ Rana catesheiano¹ R. clamitans¹ Bufo americanus¹

Limulus polychamus¹ Uca minor¹ Amnicola spp.¹ Geukensia demissa

Alosa pseudoharengus Morone saxatilis Pomatomus saltatrix Anguilla rostrata Pseudopleuronectes americanus Fundulus spp. Scomber scombrus Brevoortia tyrannus

Menidia spp. Tautoga onitis

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HOMMOCKS SALT MARSH COMPLEX¹

by Stephen W. Coleman, Environmental Consultant, December 1993

Field observations of the Hommocks Salt Marsh Complex were conducted from March through November 1993. The Hommocks Salt Marsh Complex consists of a mixture of habitats including open fields, woods and meadows, salt marsh, intertidal flats and open water. The water depth tends to be shallow and consists mostly of salt or brackish water. Land use throughout the area includes a mixture of residential and commercial developments.

Management recommendations for the Hommocks Salt Marsh Complex follow standard operating practices used in natural area management. The eventual implementation of these management recommendations will require someone familiar with plant identification to oversee that proper restoration and maintenance strategies are performed correctly.

I. PRESENT PROBLEMS AND/OR THREATS

A. VISITOR ACCESSIBILITY AND PERCEPTIONS

The Hommocks Conservation Area is not clearly identified for the first time visitor. Trail signs are absent and once they find the area, it is not entirely clear where one should park and where the trail begins and ends.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Paint all wood posts a consistent color that helps identify that each entrance location is part of the same area. "Brown paint with Yellow or White Lettering" is often used throughout other Westchester sites.

2. Maintain erected signs with appropriate signage that identifies the area as the Hommocks Conservation Area.

3. Garbage cans that are located at each entrance should be maintained on a regular basis and if possible replaced with newer ones that have a locking cover. They should also be placed in areas that are easier for maintenance crews to maintain on a regular basis.

4. Parking along the road is not an ideal situation. Cars parked along the road can be a nuisance to residents, passing motorists, and a potential safety hazard for visitors. A new parking area could be created at the corner of Hommocks Road and Oak Lane for up to 6 vehicles. A parking area in this location would serve to create a definable entrance to the Hommocks Conservation Area, remove parking from Hommocks Road, and create for the

¹ The complete, detailed Management Report may be seen at the Town of Mamaroneck Conservation Department. Appendix H is an excerpt of that report.

visitor a clearly marked beginning point to the trail system. The periphery of the parking area could be screened with vegetation that is native to the site. An evergreen border with some deciduous shrubs would be appropriate. Included within the new parking area should be a trail kiosk that would provide information for visitors about the Hommocks Conservation Area, a large trail map, registration and other informational materials.

B. TRAIL SYSTEM

The present trail system needs some major repairs to improve the safety and overall experience for the visitor. The present layout of the trails is confusing in two areas: the field/meadow trail section and the lower trail nearest Hommocks Road. In addition, all of the boardwalks are in need of maintenance and stabilization.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Make necessary repairs to the boardwalk sections of the trails.

2. At the junction of the main boardwalk where it goes out into the marsh and terminates was probably designed to serve as an area to allow easier access to the salt marsh. This could be re-built and expanded to serve as a sampling area for educational groups studying the salt marsh environments.

3. Where the trail ends at the school playing field, it would be desirable to visually demonstrate that the trail continues to the other end of the school playing field. Either marking the trail edge or creating a trail inside the edge of the playing field would solve this problem for visitors.

4. The trail within the field/meadow area needs to have a marking system to visibly show visitors that the trail goes around the edge of the field/meadow.

5. If the recommendation for creating a new parking area is adopted, the following improvements should also be made to the existing trail system:

a. The trail should begin and end at the new parking lot area.

b. The trail layout should be designed to be a one-way loop.

c. The trail entrances along Hommocks Road should be removed, posts should be taken out or chained with a sign indicating the direction for the new entrance area. The trail section for each entrance should be changed to be one continuous loop and marked with a sign, or vegetation planted to discourage their use by visitors and residents.

d. Garbage cans should only be present at the new parking area.

e. At the far edge of the salt marsh by the school playing field, it may be appropriate to install an informational sign/shelter that explains the Hommocks Conservation Area.

II. HABITAT MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION

The Hommocks Salt Marsh Complex represents an ecological system that has been significantly altered due to internal and external influences. The Hommocks Conservation Area consists of approximately five distinct habitat types. These include a mixture of woodland habitats, an open field/meadow area, a salt marsh, intertidal flats within the salt marsh area, and an open water environment. Each habitat area has shown the adverse impacts of land use practices and encroachment from adjacent land use activities. The management recommendations that follow are designed to help restore and improve the natural functioning of this unique and very important ecological resource.

A. WOODLANDS/FOREST

The woodland habitat present within the Hommocks Salt Marsh Complex primarily refers to the areas adjacent to Hommocks Road. This wooded section provides a distinct transition zone between the residential homes and golf course on one side and the salt marsh complex on the other side. In many instances, this wooded section helps to serve as a corridor for wildlife species to move between habitat zones.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Asiatic bittersweet has aggressively become established throughout the woodland habitat. This aggressive vine needs to be pruned back at its roots in successive years until the majority of it has been weakened and starts to die back.

2. Japanese Barberry and Japanese Honeysuckle should be spot cut and removed from the site to favor some of the more indigenous species.

3. Additional pruning of shrubs and vines should occur to keep them out of the trail areas and where they are encroaching other more sensitive native species.

4. Ailanthus and Locust trees should be cut immediately from the site. Ailanthus has become well established and will continue to take over the site and drastically change the transition zone between the forest edge and the salt marsh.

5. Introduced cultivated species like Blue Spruce should be cut and removed from the site. There is only one individual of this species present on the study area.

6. Several trees have been removed recently along the Hommocks Road adjacent to the golf course. This has served to alter the corridor that was present for wildlife species. In addition, these changes will encourage the introduction of more aggressive invasive species.

Periodic surveys of what species become established will need to be monitored.

B. <u>FIELD/MEADOW</u>

The field/meadow habitat has a relatively good diversity of species and its small size allows the opportunity to create a more self-sustaining system with minimal management and maintenance. Species commonly associated with a farm/agricultural operation can be observed within the field/meadow. This is representative of former land use practices within this particular area. The field/meadow site has a minimal transition area to the salt marsh environment and consists of species that have adapted well to the limitations of the site. This area could be restored to demonstrate and reveal typical successional stages within a natural plant community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. The trail around the edge of the field/meadow should be mowed frequently during the growing season. Poison Ivy (<u>Rhus radicans</u>) should be pulled out along the edges of the trail as needed.

2. All tree, shrub and vine saplings and shoots should be cut back within the open meadow area once per year.

3. The open meadow area should not be mowed every season as is currently the practice. Instead the meadow should be mowed every 3-4 years as long as step # 2 above is being done on an annual basis.

4. To restore the diversity of species present within the meadow it is advisable to add new plants on an annual basis. This will serve to increase diversity and in the long run help sustain the plant community. Perennial native wildflowers and grasses should be planted every spring or fall. This practice should continue for 3 -5 years.

5. Along the Hommocks Road border, a new corridor should be established to isolate the road and golf course from the field/meadow area. This should be done in two layers. First a layer of trees followed by a layer of shrubs to create two distinct zones of vegetation. Tree species should be native species. Evergreen trees would be ideal to create more of a screen from the golf course area. The shrub layer should consist of native species, preferably berry and seed producing species that are preferred by wildlife.

6. The screening border along the edge of the salt marsh should be maintained. Some pruning of the lower branches should be done to create a few more layered vistas from the field/meadow trail area into the salt marsh. All vines that are growing around these trees should be cut and later removed.

C. <u>SALT MARSH</u>

The Salt Marsh appears to be relatively stable with the plant community fairly well established, especially the shrub layer. Species present are representative of other salt marsh communities. The loss of tidal flow throughout this area more than likely has influenced the growth of monotypic stands of salt marsh shrub species. A significant amount of pollution is evident within the salt marsh environment. Garbage and debris is readily found along with evidence of petroleum remains at the base of many of the plants.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. The phragmites have taken over the area between the two boardwalks and has virtually eliminated any other species. They should be cut and removed to encourage a more open growth pattern and establishment of other marsh grass species. Phragmites cannot be eradicated, however, a judicious cutting and removal a few times a year can have a pronounced effect on its aggressiveness.

2. If possible, a planting program to establish more diversity of salt marsh grasses would greatly improve the value of this area. Cord grass (<u>Spartina pectinata</u>), is readily available from many nursery sources. The key criteria would be to have the personnel to implement this type of project.

3. The edge of the salt marsh adjacent to the school field could be planted with a shrub and tree border to screen this area from the school field and create a more permanent buffer between these two areas.

D. <u>INTERTIDAL FLATS</u>

The intertidal flats habitat zone is well represented and provides plenty of suitable area for salt marsh species. There appears to be a limited abundance and activity by salt marsh organisms. Few crabs were observed in the area. Observed use by wildlife species appeared to be infrequent and these areas were not functioning as a principal feeding area. Wildlife species were observed using the area but were not actively exhibiting feeding behavior. The amount of intertidal habitat appears average for the site and relatively free from encroachment by shrub species. Through time, due to less tidal flushing action, it is likely that the amount of this particular habitat will begin to diminish in area.

<u>RECOMMENDED ACTION</u>

No specific recommendations at this time.

E. OPEN WATER

A large section of open water habitat is present within the salt marsh complex. The open water

area is relatively shallow and appears to remain relatively consistent. At entry points there is evidence of siltation that is helping to reduce the amount of open water habitat available. A lot of debris is evident in the water. The water is murky and has a lot of suspended solids. Aquatic vegetation is minimal. Considerable use by wildlife species was observed, however, it appeared to be mainly for resting and loafing.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. A monitoring program should be established to determine the inflow of siltation into the salt marsh area from upstream entry point sources and the influence of sewer system and storm water discharge.

2. The water should be tested to determine the presence of any leachate material from the former landfill site or the leaf mulch operation.

3. More rip-rap material should be placed along the edges to minimize shoreline erosion and increased sedimentation.

4. Installation of a permanent siltation barrier should be investigated for the leaf mulch operation and for the present development project adjacent to the school. Further testing needs to be conducted to determine whether this type of device would assist with minimizing potential impacts to the salt marsh habitats.

5. The impact of the old barge remains within the salt marsh area requires further analysis to determine its contributive effect on the environment. Unless an educational value is associated to the old barge, it should be removed and disposed of properly.

III. EDUCATIONAL VALUE AND POTENTIAL USES

The Hommocks Salt Marsh Complex provides a wealth of potential for educating residents and visitors about the values of preserving and restoring natural areas. The proximity to the school and easy accessibility for visitors enables this site to serve as a major outreach service to the residents and area school children. Expansion of the informational materials provided about the site could enhance people's understanding about the Town's natural resources and why these critical areas have been preserved.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. A new trail map should be developed for the Hommocks Conservation Area. This should be designed to be part of a brochure that includes information about the Town's Conservation Areas and related programs and services.

2. A trail kiosk should be built that includes within its design a place to exhibit brochures and additional literature about the site.

3. A self guided brochure could be developed in conjunction with making the trail system into a self-guided trail. To accentuate the interpretive value and interest level of visitors the self-guided trail and brochure should not exceed 10-12 stations.

4. If the recommendation for a new parking area is implemented, it would be a good time to restructure the trail system as outlined above. These improvements could be packaged together to help communicate to residents the exciting plans that are being put into place to restore and enhance the area for their enjoyment and use.

5. The CAC or CZMC should create an informative newsletter or brochure that talks about the Town's Critical Environmental Areas to educate the residents and visitors about these unique resources. It also may help residents to understand that these areas require management and maintenance and are not areas where people can dispose of their lawn clippings and other trash. It also could be a source to advertise for volunteer or community support to carry out some of the management initiatives outlined in this report.

6. Efforts should be made to interest local science teachers in utilizing the Hommocks Salt Marsh Complex for teaching environmental science and as a living laboratory for applying classroom concepts. Students could get involved in water testing, siltation studies, planting trees, shrubs and wildflowers, and many other experiential learning exercises. The boardwalk could be redesigned or modified to include a sampling station area.

MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE RESERVOIR-SHELDRAKE-LEATHERSTOCKING CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREA (RSL-CEA)

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I. <u>OVERVIEW</u>

Field Observations of the Reservoir-Sheldrake-Leatherstocking Critical Environmental Area (RSL-CEA) were conducted from February through November 1992. The RSL's main ecological habitats and communities consists of the 60 acre Larchmont Reservoir, sections of the West Branch of the Sheldrake River, the Bonnie Briar and Winged Foot Golf Courses (totaling over 421 acres) and the Sheldrake-Leatherstocking Conservation Area (comprising 55 acres). The Sheldrake Watershed and its tributaries provide the connecting links for the majority of habitats found within the RSL-CEA.

The importance of the RSL-CEA cannot be understated. The area due to its configuration of residential properties, private golf courses, and Town and Village Conservation areas provides a critical mass of open spaces resources. It is this extensive mosaic network of open space and natural resources which help contribute to the unique beauty and character of Mamaroneck and Larchmont. The values of the RSL-CEA are well documented within the LWRP and will not be mentioned in detail here.

The long history of existing land use patterns within the RSL-CEA and development in surrounding communities have created an extensive "green" corridor. The configuration of these properties and existing road systems have created a critical--though fragmented---"stable"--corridor for local wildlife populations. The RSL has an extensive sampling of most ecological communities typical of the Westchester region. Several stages of wooded communities are present, along with several wetlands, streams, ponds, meadows and fields.

II. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

A. OPEN SPACE RESOURCES

The value to the TOM of open space resources provided within the RSL-CEA represent irreplaceable resources that could not be re-created. Based upon field observations and data provided as part of the recommendations submitted on the proposed development of the Bonnie Briar Country Club, they support the establishment of a new zoning district designated as **Recreation Zone.** The Bonnie Briar Country Club, The Winged Foot Country Club and a portions of the Hampshire Country Club should be included within this zone.

B. WATER RESOURCES

A majority of the fresh water resources within the TOM are located in the RSL-CEA. These include several wetland communities consisting of reservoirs, streams, wooded

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swamps, wet meadows, and ephemeral ponds. The Sheldrake Watershed and its tributaries are the major water resource.

Natural surface water drainage patterns are still evident throughout the site, especially in the two golf courses, even though the natural contours of the landscape have been modified. The history of flooding within the golf courses, primarily Bonnie Briar, reflect that prior drainage patterns are still functioning to some degree despite present land use patterns.

Natural buffers adjacent to the Sheldrake River and its tributaries are basically non-existent, which further contributes to the intensity of siltation and erosion of the stream and its banks. The proper placement of vegetative buffer strips would help alleviate some of the problems from increased surface water runoff.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>

The following recommendations would provide greater protection and enhancement of existing water resources. It is important that any protective or improvement strategy adopted, bear in mind, that for enhancement measures to be successful, will require a long-term program. Several years are often needed to rehabilitate or improve the functioning of water resources.

1. Any development projects under consideration should require as part of the subdivision plan the cumulative effects of upstream development on the proposed new project and its impact on present water resources at the site and those downstream.

2. The Town of Mamaroneck should adopt a "no net loss" policy regarding its water resources especially wetlands or wetland habitats. All mitigation measures should be considered to avoid impacts to existing wetland resources with the exception of the common mitigation technique of replacing existing wetlands with the creation of new wetlands in other areas of a development project. Creating wetlands is not an exact science and in a majority of the cases, the results have not come even close to duplicating the natural features and functioning of an existing wetland system. All attempts be made to restore and enhance rather than replace a wetland.

3. Vegetative buffers should be established for all water resources within the RSL-CEA. They are as follows:

a. Ephemeral Ponds- Temporary, seasonal flooded areas which should have a minimum buffer of 50 feet. This is necessary to provide sufficient terrestrial habitat for those animals directly associated with this type of community. Ephemeral ponds or vernal ponds, are located at the Larchmont Reservoir, within the Sheldrake-Leatherstocking Conservation Area near Knollwood Drive, the Bonnie Briar and Winged Foot Country Clubs.

b. Wooded Swamps- A buffer should be established of a minimum of 100

feet with a goal to extend them to 300 - 400 feet. These wetlands are located throughout the area. During field investigation, another wooded swamp was identified on the northeastern section of Bonnie Briar. This area probably represents remnants of wetlands that were once adjacent to the Sheldrake that is now piped underground and channeled.

c. Sheldrake River and its Tributaries--within Bonnie Briar where the lower Sheldrake traverses the property, the natural ability of this system to slow down the rate of runoff is severely limited. A vegetative buffer strip extending out a minimum of 20 feet with a mixture of meadow grasses that are allowed to grow taller and maintained at different heights and cut in different directions, would help trap sediments and filter some of the surface water runoff. If these buffers are properly designed it should have minimal impact on the fairways.

4. The placement of rip-rap along the bank of the Sheldrake combined with planting of meadow grasses would be another approach to trap and hold sediments longer before entering the river.

5. A long-term strategy would be to recommend the installation of circulation pumps/filtration devices to minimize the build-up of nutrients combined with periodic draining of the ponds themselves.

6. Sediment traps properly placed along the Sheldrake would help minimize some of the downstream pollution that occurs during major storms. In addition, water detention systems could be installed to hold back some of the storm water discharge.

7. Managing the harmful impacts from pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers is a major concern that is not restricted only to the RSL-CEA. Because the RSL-CEA has a high percentage of steep slopes, and the bedrock is close to the surface throughout the Sheldrake Watershed, the impact from chemicals is of major significance on surface and ground water resources.

a. The Town should require that an integrated pest management plan be developed for each of the golf courses to encourage or mandate adoption of an "organic" approach to golf course management. The plan should include a surface and ground water monitoring program.

b. The Town should have the annual ground water recharge rate tested to help predict what the current overall impact of nitrate compounds are within the groundwater supplies.

c. The use of synthetic fungicides which are often used to kill most weeds and insects should be discouraged.

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d. An overall monitoring program that reviews annual phosphorous and nitrogen loads would enable a more accurate prediction of what the Sheldrake Watershed's natural retention capabilities are.

e. The golf courses should be encouraged to consider the use of native grasses and a cutting rotation that allows grasses to grow longer. This will enable grasses to develop a stronger root system which in turn makes the plants stronger and less susceptible to disease; hence, less need for fungicides and herbicides.

C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Due to the long history of existing land use practices, wildlife populations are well represented with a good diversity of species present. The area is primarily second growth forests with various successional stages. The composition of plant communities and species is average with a good diversity of trees, shrubs and wildflowers typical of most Westchester naturalized environments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Town should adopt a "no net loss approach" to habitat management. This would imply that if any habitats are altered due to development or land use changes, that the areas altered should be replaced, with the exception of wetlands as previously noted.

2. All efforts should be made to minimize habitat fragmentation and if possible, expanding the size of these corridors would be preferred, especially in areas where there are gaps in the corridors.

3. A more thorough study should be conducted that looks at the relationship between wildlife populations, habitat suitability and productivity, to document the potential impacts on species composition and survivability from land use changes.

4. Periodic follow-up surveys should be conducted to document changes over time of species distribution throughout the RSL-CEA.

5. Applied management (for example, mechanical removal of Japanese Knotweed and Black Locust) should be implemented in dealing with the encroachment of exotic plant or animal species within the RSL-CEA.

D. SHELDRAKE--LEATHERSTOCKING CONSERVATION AREA

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The entrance signs at all points should be improved. Painting of the signs to make them

more visible would help people notice the area and increase usage.

2. The current Walk Books should be revised and simplified. The interpretive trail markers are in a state of disrepair and should either be removed or replaced to avoid confusion to visitors.

3. A new trail information kiosk should be erected at the major entrances to the trail system. Materials that could be displayed would include a registration book, trail maps, walk books, information on other Town programs, a blown-up laminated map of the entire trail system and rules and regulations. This would require regular maintenance but would help create a more active utilized look to the area.

4. Actual trail improvements appear to be under control by summer work crews and should continue.

5. More extensive improvements could be made to the trail system but would require additional resources and would require a more careful analysis than possible within this report.