

Beginning with Habitat: Questions for Online Map Viewer

- What are the water resources on the map?
 - Streams, lakes, riparian areas, aquifers, etc.
- Where in my town are the most important areas for habitat connectivity?
 - Riparian areas, riparian and block connectors, large habitat blocks, conserved lands
- Where in my town are the largest habitat blocks?
 - Undeveloped block layer
- Where do I begin?
 - You can pick your hometown and zoom into your backyard (keep in mind, there is a limit on how far you can zoom in)
 - Or, you could start with a large-scale feature like a Focus Area and zoom in from there
- How can I plan for climate resiliency?
 - Current features: large habitat blocks, riparian areas, block and riparian connectors; also, occurrence data for species and habitats vulnerable to climate change (e.g., marsh-associated species and habitats; high elevation species and habitats [although, not likely an interest for this region of Maine])
 - Coming this summer: The Nature Conservancy's climate resilient lands, climate flow, and climate carbon models; also, marsh migration and other layers as available
- Where can I see everything for my town together?
 - Try the co-occurrence model, which will be added to the online map later this summer. Right now, these maps are located by town here (search for your town name then click on 'cooccur') <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fish-wildlife/wildlife/beginning-with-habitat/maps/database/index.html>
 - These models show an overlay of many important habitat features within a town weighted by relative biodiversity value (e.g., large intact areas get more points than smaller areas).
- Which at-risk species are in my town?
 - Endangered species layer, rare plants and natural communities