

# IDENTIFYING SPECIAL PLACES IN NL

As a central part of SAM's mission we work to identify and assess conservation potential of provincial lands that support significant biodiversity and are important to us culturally.



Significant Wetlands



Freshwater Shorelines & Riparian Buffers



Atlantic Salmon Rivers



Coastal Estuaries & Beaches



Unique Forest Habitats



Limestone Barrens



Habitats of Species at Risk

The Stewardship Association of Municipalities (SAM) is an incorporated, non-profit organization. Its members have each formally committed to conserving wildlife habitat in Newfoundland and Labrador. Much of our work is undertaken in partnership with the members of the Eastern Habitat Joint Venture. In particular, SAM works in close partnership with the Province's Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, Wildlife Division to identify significant wildlife habitat found within municipal planning boundaries and to encourage municipalities to seek a balance between development and conservation of this land.



Committed to the conservation, enhancement, and stewardship of wildlife habitat across Newfoundland and Labrador



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# CONSERVING HABITAT



SAM's primary role is to promote habitat conservation by bringing together the entities with jurisdiction over land namely, municipal councils, the provincial government and private landowners. A formal agreement is signed between the parties agreeing to conserve important wildlife habitat and a conservation plan developed.

We seek, together with our members and partners, to find a balance between preservation of biodiversity values, and economic and social development opportunities.

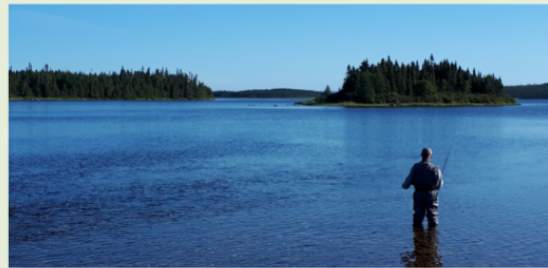


# ENHANCING HABITAT

SAM continues to support and facilitate the relationship between agreement signatories, often by engaging members in habitat restoration or enhancement projects.

Examples of Work Include:

- ✓ Restoring wetlands
- ✓ Planting native species
- ✓ Building nesting structures
- ✓ Stabilizing shorelines
- ✓ Establishing trail networks
- ✓ Installing interpretive signage



# STEWARDSHIP

SAM helps communities, developers and landowners become more aware of the value of wildlife habitat within their jurisdictions, to help build a shared sense of responsibility and to empower participants to conserve and enhance these areas. To achieve this goal we seek to engage members and the public in environmental education and ongoing community stewardship activities. SAM municipal members meet biannually to discuss conservation successes and challenges, and to share and seek options to solve issues of mutual concern.

