

## CONCEPTUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN #3

### GREAT EDDY ISLAND

**LOCATION:** Skowhegan (Town Map 5 Lot 121), island in Kennebec River at downstream end of the Great Eddy. Parcel #3 on SWT map.

**SIZE:** 2.50 acres.

**LAND COVER:** Sparse hardwood and herbaceous plants subject to periodic flooding and high velocity flows.

**FEATURES/PUBLIC VALUES:**

1. Island in Kennebec River.
2. Public scenic resource that is highly visible from Coburn Park, Governor Coburn Drive (Route 2), and elsewhere.
3. Educational potential as example of effect of high velocity flood waters on geological features and plant communities.
4. May have unique plant communities present.
5. Entirely within Skowhegan Shoreland Zoning Resource Protection District according to Skowhegan Code Enforcement Officer, even though not so indicated on Shoreland Zoning Map.
6. IF&W Beginning with Habitat Maps identify island as containing Riparian buffer, Undeveloped Habitat Block, and Wetlands.

**FOCUS SPECIES:**

1. None at present.

**CONCERNS:**

1. Need to publicize as being SWT property.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Leave undisturbed as a natural and scenic resource.
2. Contact MNAP/New England Wildflower Society about possibility of rare plants being present and of any interest in surveying the island regarding them.
3. Determine if management for Focus Species is appropriate.
4. Contact MHPC, IF&W, and MNAP to see if they have any interest in or recommendations regarding this property.
5. Make known to public that this island is owned by SWT (e.g., website; newsletter; brochure; interpretive panels along proposed Riverwalk trail).