





## Mayo Mill Dam and Appurtenant Facilities Feasibility & Alternatives Study

for the Town of Dover-Foxcroft



### **Project Summary:**

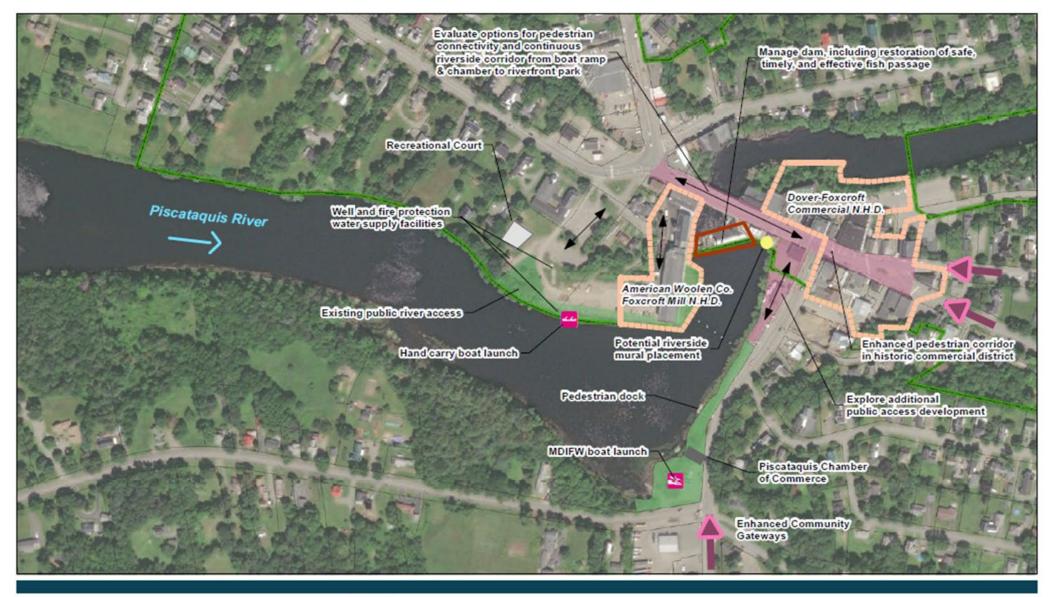
The Town owns the Mayo Mill Dam on the Piscataquis River and needs to meet state and federal compliance regulations. The Town is partnering to with ASF & TNC to complete a community-based feasibility study to determine a viable solution at the Mayo Mill Dam in downtown Dover-Foxcroft.

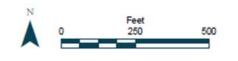


Funding for the report is provided by NOAA Fisheries through the Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act.

# Background

- 1920 Dam built
- 1980 Dam replaced
- 1982 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) exemption issued
- 2000 Atlantic salmon listed under Endangered Species Act
- 2009 Piscataquis River in final ESA designated critical habitat for Atlantic salmon
- 2007 Mill closed, and property conveyed to the Town
- 2010 Community Visioning Process for site completed
- 2010-2021 FERC Amendment + evaluation by engineers & turbine suppliers
- 2021 No economically viable retrofit identified, encouraging town to....
- 2022 Town posts Request for Proposals in May
  - ASF, TNC, & Interfluve is only proposal submitted in June
  - Interview in August
  - Partnership Agreement finalized in October
  - FERC withdrawal & reevaluate submittal in December
- 2023 Convene & Kickoff with Town appointed committee





#### Legend

National Historic District Dover-Foxcroft Historic

District Boundary

Pedestrian Access Enhancements

Parcel Boundaries

Ped. Circulation Enhancement

Public Access

Revitalizing Mayo Mill Dam Dover-Foxcroft, Maine Site Plan

## **Project Process**

#### **Community Visioning Process**

- 1. Establish goals & objectives with town committee for the dam connected structures, & riverfront areas near the dam.
- 2. Full participation from the community is <u>essential</u>.

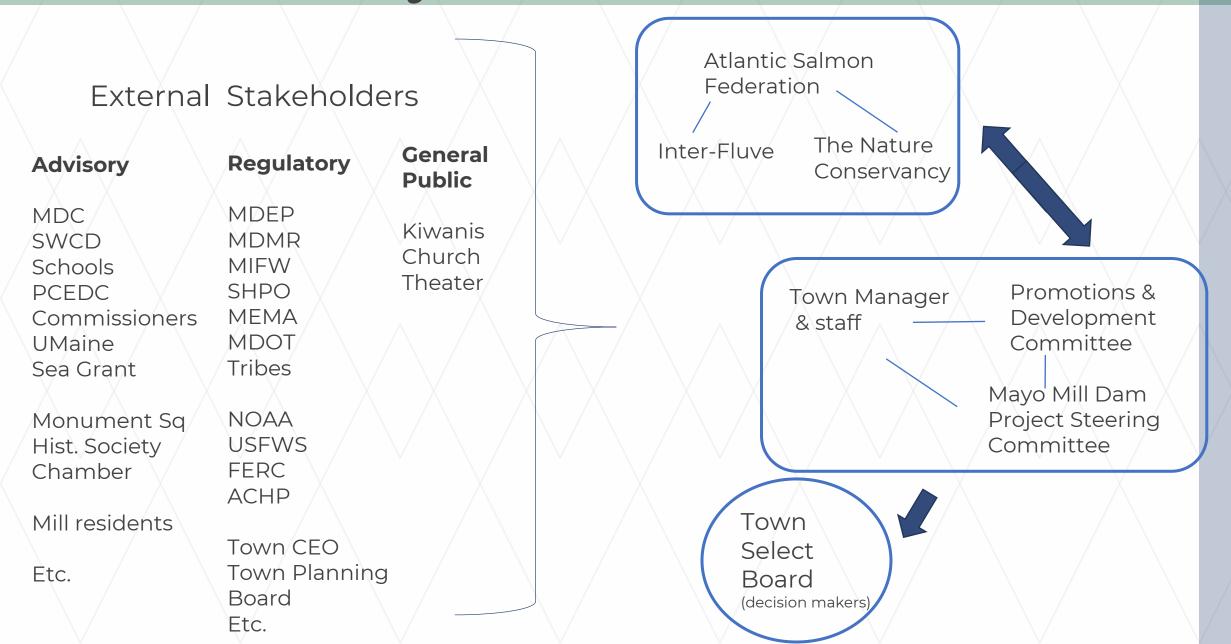
#### **Feasibility and Alternatives Evaluation**

- 1. Establish a baseline for existing conditions.
- 2. Define goals & objectives with stakeholders.
- 3. Establish measurements of evaluation with stakeholders.
- 4. Develop feasible alternatives that could meet the goals & objectives and screen the alternatives based on the measurements of evaluation.

#### **Community Decision**

- 1. A final study report including detailed screening of project alternatives is provided.
- 2. Town Committee selects recommendation.
- 3. Selectboard chooses a solution set.

## **Project Team Structure**



## **Project Schedule**

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Task	2022									-	20	)23	-				
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Interview with Town Promotions and Development Committee	$\checkmark$			$( \ )$							$\land$						
Town Select Board Approval and Agreements Execueted		$\checkmark$							$\land$			$\backslash$					$\langle \rangle$
Kickoff Meeting			<b>&gt;</b>		X	X				Х		X				Х	$\boldsymbol{\times}$
Community Engagement and Outreach		$\vee$				$\checkmark$											
Project Coordination and Progress Meetings																	
Review of Existing Studies and Data provided by the Town																	
Feasibility Study Baseline Development	$\mathbf{X}$																$\mathbf{X}$
Feasibility and Alternatives Analysis			$\left( \right)$		$\langle \ \rangle$												
Detailed Screening of Project Alternatives draft report		$\sim$						/	$\vee$		$\bigvee$		$\sim$			$\sim$	
Selection of the Locally Preferred Project Alternative				$\left( \right)$							$\land$						
Final Study Report																	

### **Project Schedule for 2023**

#### **Town – Appointed Steering Commitee**

- Monthly meetings at the Town office
  - January kickoff
  - February public outreach planning
  - March partnership potential
  - April basemap and flooding
  - May field trips
  - June review of prelim matrix (potentially public event)
  - July TBD
  - August TBD
  - September review draft feasibility and alternatives report
  - October review draft feasibility and alternatives report
  - November Decision Recommendation to the Selectboard
  - December Final Report Presentation

### **Project Schedule for 2023**

#### **Engineer/Technical**

- March basemap of existing conditions
- April preliminary hydraulic modeling of existing conditions
- June draft preliminary screening matrix table of feasible options
- September final existing conditions report
- October draft feasibility and alternatives report
- November steering committee will select a preferred option
- December final report submitted to Select Board
- December -compliance report to FERC

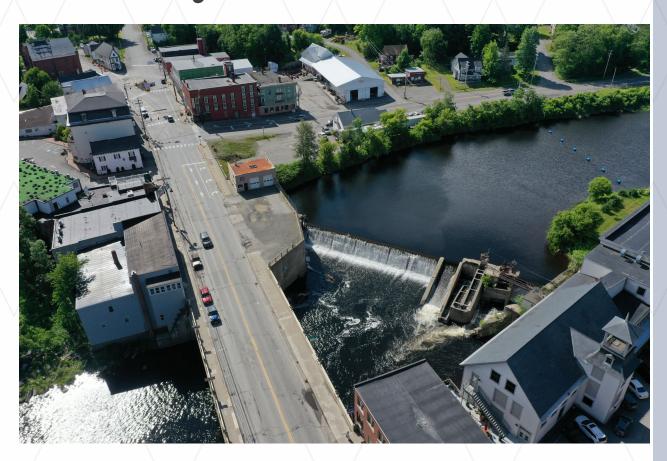
### **Draft Evaluation Topics**

- Public safety & liability
- Technical/construction challenges
- Initial project cost and life span costs
- Likely long-term operation and maintenance obligation
- Hydropower generation
- Consistency with established downtown planning goals
- Water level impacts
- Estimated fish passage efficiency

- Future flooding resilience
- Water quality
- Regulatory compliance
- Likely availability of external funding
- Historical resources compliance
- Public/recreational access and amenity
- Educational Value
- Aesthetics
- Economic development potential
- Impacts to adjacent facilities/intakes/bridges

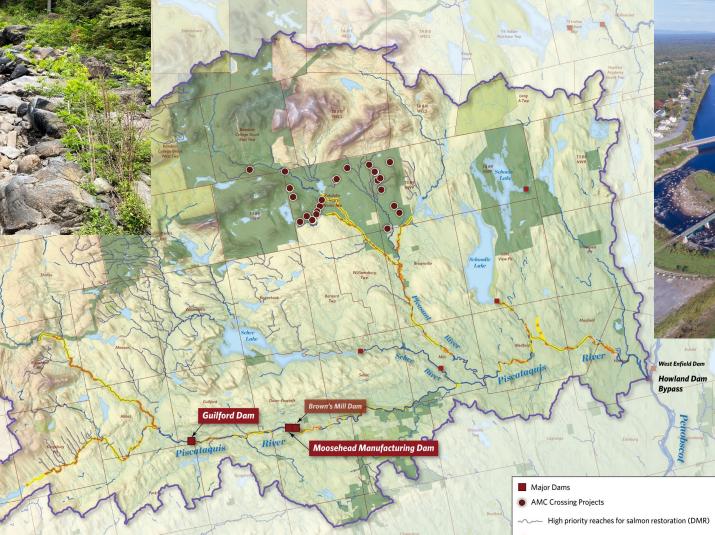
## **Connection to Resiliency**

- River Restoration and fish passage
- Flooding, public safety, liability



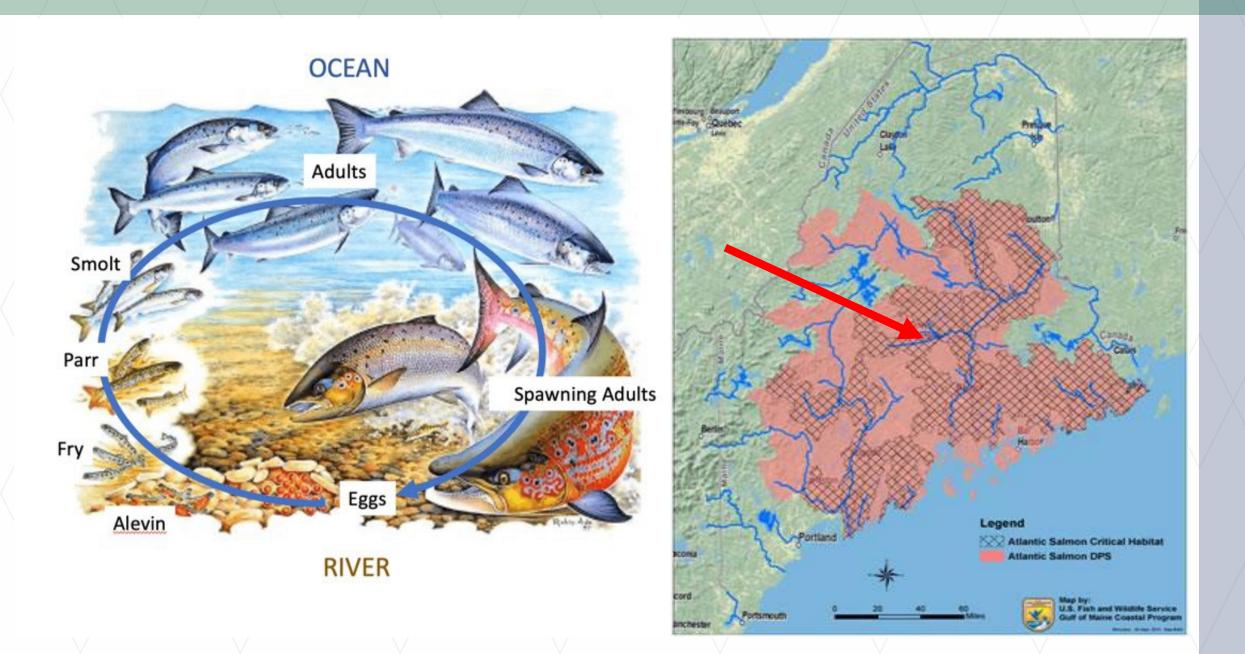


ADVANCING THE RESTORATION OF SEA-RUN FISHERIES IN THE PENOBSCOT WATERSHED Piscataquis Watershed Projects

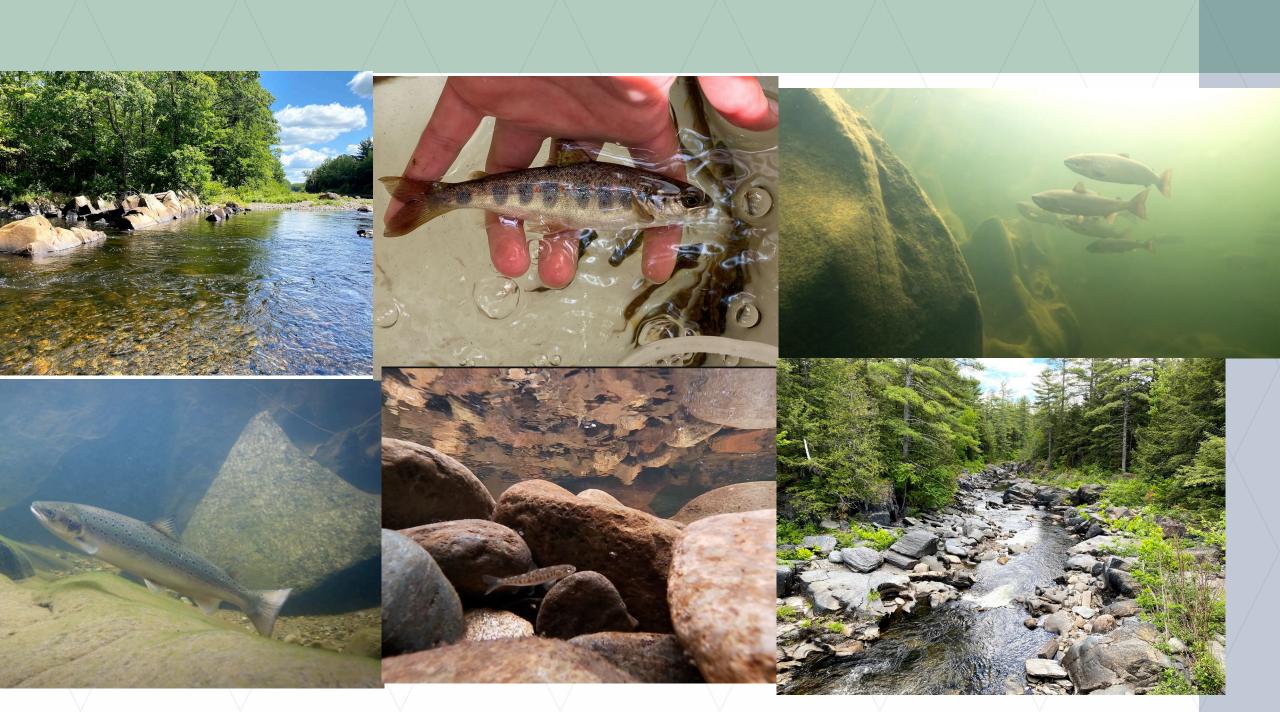


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Atlantic Salmon Spawning Habitat Atlantic Salmon Spawning Habitat (Limited) Atlantic Salmon Rearing Habitat

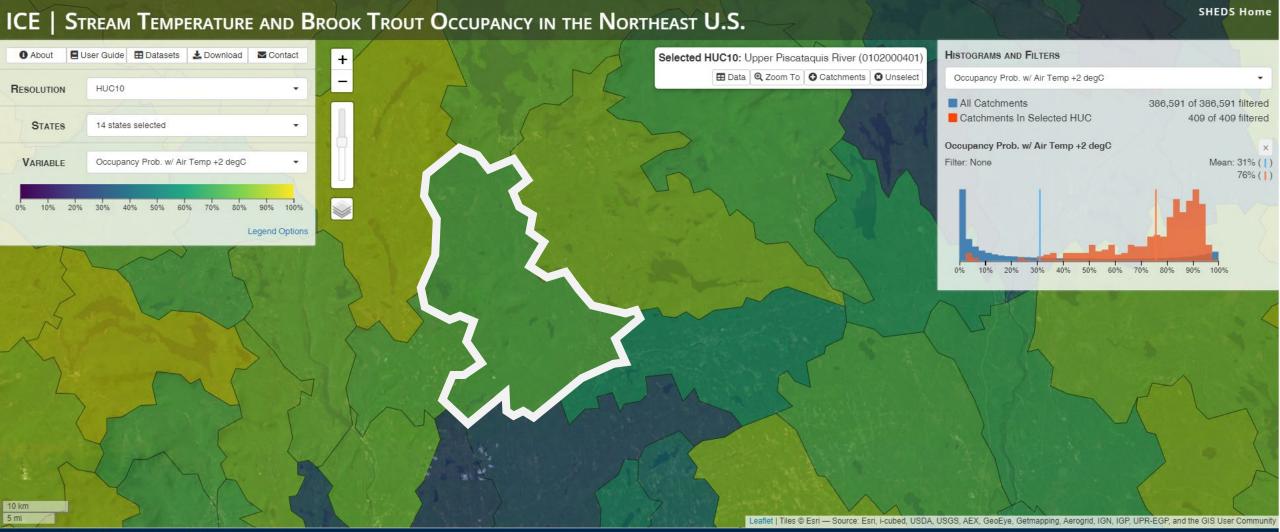






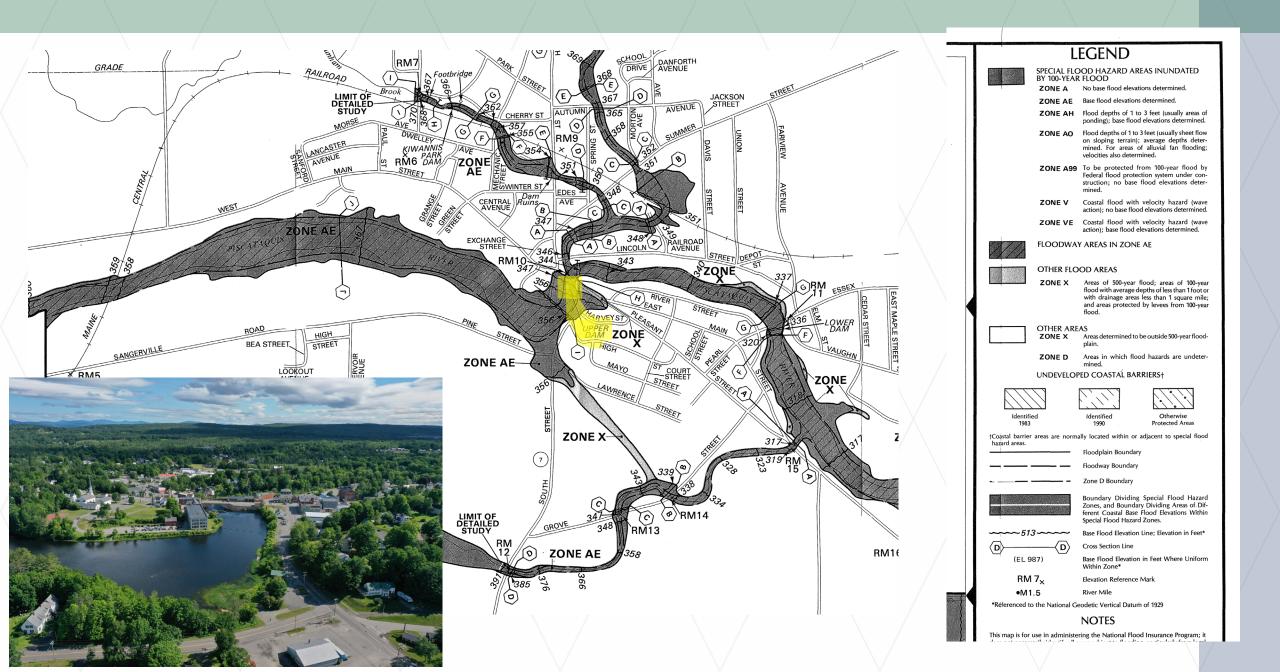
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