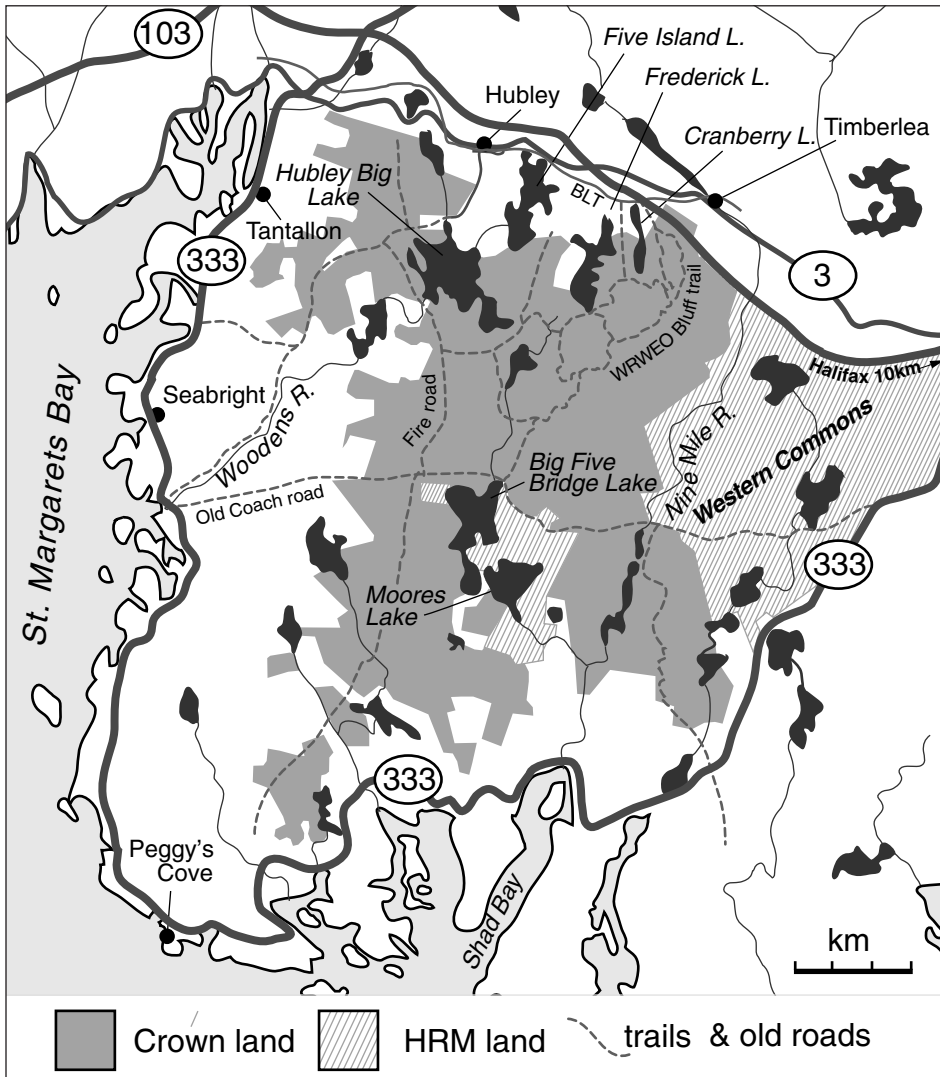


A Seven-Point Strategy for Preservation and Management of Public Land on the Chebucto Peninsula*

An invitation from the Five Bridge Wilderness Heritage Trust for public input



The map shows the western part of the Chebucto Peninsula, including most of the area bounded by highways 103 and 333. The seven management strategies mentioned here are designed for most of the public land shown on the map, namely 22,000 acres of Crown Land and the HRM land surrounding Moores Lake. However, the same seven strategies could serve as a model for community management of other public lands in the province of Nova Scotia.

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* see map on last page

The Strategies

- 1. *Work with governments to protect the natural habitat, watersheds, and wildlife on the public lands of central Chebucto Peninsula***
What is the best way for non-government organizations to work with government to ensure that the public plays an ongoing role in the management of public lands?
- 2. *Promote low-impact recreational activities***
How can we best preserve the long-standing recreational activities and encourage eco-tourism activities on public lands without damaging the land?
- 3. *Promote responsible off-road-vehicle use; but restrict use on public lands with wilderness values***
Should off-road-vehicles be allowed to range freely on public lands? What is the best way to encourage responsible, off-road-vehicle use?
- 4. *Encourage study of the land so we can help maintain its ecological integrity***
What scientific monitoring programs based in the central part of the Chebucto Peninsula (see map) will help us to learn more about the effects of urbanization and climate change?
- 5. *Establish educational and interpretative programs for school children, residents and tourists***
What can we do to help students and others learn more about the “urban wilderness” now found in the central part of the Chebucto Peninsula (see map)?
- 6. *Encourage and support preservation of special places that have natural, historical, or cultural significance***
What places of natural and cultural significance must be preserved to understand better how our ancestors used and cared for the land?
- 7. *Implement and coordinate a community-based Management Plan so those who use the land can become stewards of the land***
How can individuals and community organizations best plan and work together to promote their vision of public stewardship of public lands?

A call for public input

If you are concerned about the future of public lands on the Chebucto Peninsula, attend one or both of the public meetings planned and hosted by the Five Bridge Wilderness Heritage Trust. The meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Seabright Legion (11169 Peggy’s Cove Rd.) on January 20 and at the White’s Lake Legion (corner of Highway 333 and Prospect Bay Rd.) on 27 January, 2004. Come to discuss the strategies outlined above and to add your important voice to the citizens of this area (and the entire province) who want the remaining public lands on this peninsula preserved so that our children and grandchildren can use and enjoy them in the same way that we have. Contact **Allan Shatford at 823-2585** for additional information.

Comments?

Bring this sheet to one of the two meetings and record your opinions in the space below. If you cannot attend, we still need to know how you feel about these issues. Send your comments to **Five Bridge Wilderness Heritage Trust, P.O. Box 53, Lakeside, N.S. B3T 1M6**. If you would like us to keep you informed of our progress, or if you wish to volunteer to help implement these strategies, please give us your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address (if you have email).

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