

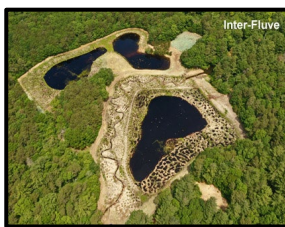
## DID YOU KNOW?

- In the 1800s, the Childs River was known as a world-class salter brook trout river
- The Falmouth Rod & Gun Club initiated and managed the transformation that took place from 2014 (initial discussions) to present
- A private-public partnership was formed that involved the towns of Falmouth and Mashpee as well as local, state, and federal organizations / agencies
- With a focus on the environment and conservation, the partnership rechanneled the river for trout propagation and survival, and converted abandoned cranberry bogs to wetlands for other wildlife to thrive
- Once again, the river has become a coldwater fishery, a wildlife sanctuary, and a site for recreational viewing and environmental education

### Before Construction - 2018



### After Construction - 2021



South Mill Pond

North Mill Pond

Farley Bog

Garner Bogs

## What Happened Here?

- Cranberry bogs were acquired from the towns of Falmouth and Mashpee
- Earthen dam at the southern mill pond was dismantled
- Non-functional fish ladder near the southern pond was covered
- Culvert beneath Carriage Shop Road was replaced
- Water control structures throughout the project were removed
- River was rechanneled through the bogs and ponds
- Cranberry bogs were restored to natural wetlands by removing sand and filling irrigation ditches
- Shallow ponds were created in the wetland areas for migratory waterfowl and other wildlife
- Native plantings and woody materials were added to shade the river, improve native ecosystems, and assist the hydrologic and geomorphic processes



Before Video



Transformation

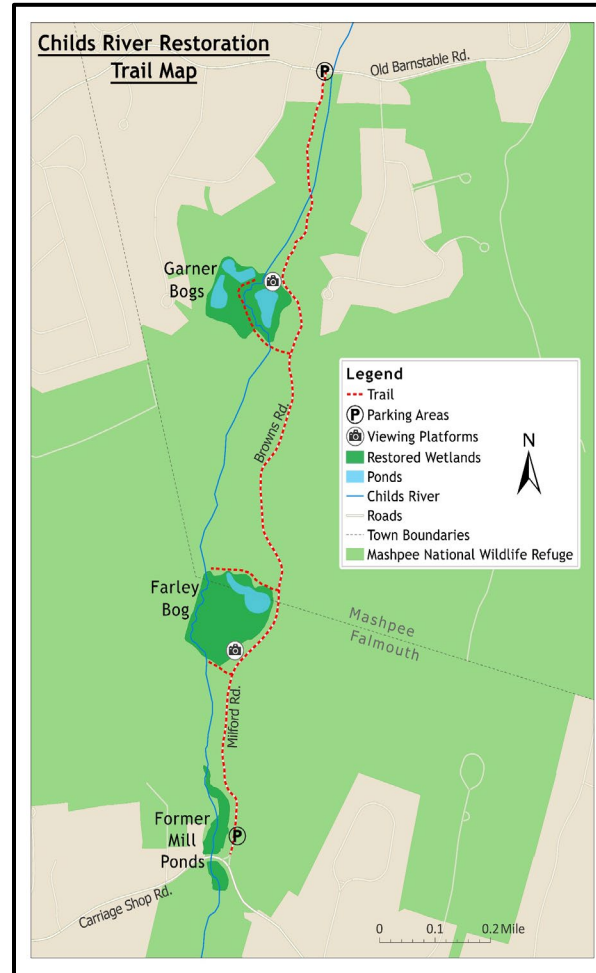
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## Partners:

- Association to Preserve Cape Cod
- Department of Conservation & Recreation
- Department of Fish and Game
- Division of Ecological Restoration
- Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
- Ducks Unlimited
- EPA
- Essex Horticulture
- Falmouth CPC
- Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge
- Inter-Fluve, Inc
- Living Observatory
- Luciano's Excavation, Inc.
- Mashpee CPC
- Massachusetts Environmental Trust
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Restore America's Estuaries
- SSCEF
- The Cape Cod Foundation
- Tighe & Bond
- Town of Falmouth
- Town of Mashpee
- Trout Unlimited
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
- Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration
- Woodwell Climate Research Center

## Grants / Funding (Approx. \$3M):

- National Coastal Wetlands Conservation
- Southeast New England Program Watershed
- US Fish and Wildlife Service – US Highways
- Falmouth CPC
- Falmouth DPW – Chapter 90 Highway Funds
- Mashpee CPC
- Falmouth Rod & Gun Club, SSCEF
- Massachusetts Environmental Trust
- Cape Cod Foundation
- Trout Unlimited
- Ducks Unlimited
- Public Donations
- Membership Donations
- In-kind Support



## For your and other's safety:

- Watch your step at all times
- Follow / obey all signs
- Stay on the trail as marked
- Use caution during hunting season
- In the case of an emergency, call 911
- Take your trash with you

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## The Upper Childs River Restoration Project



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