

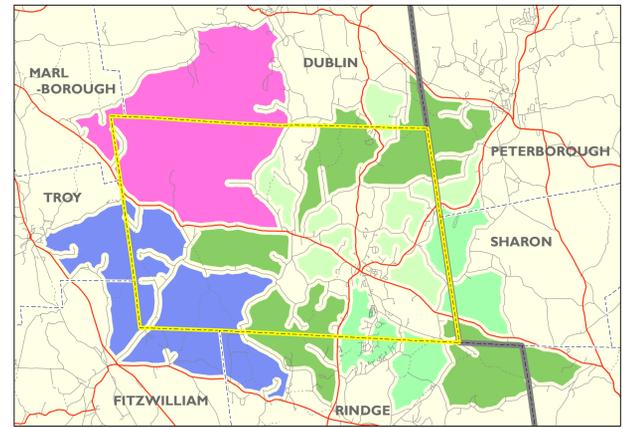
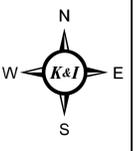
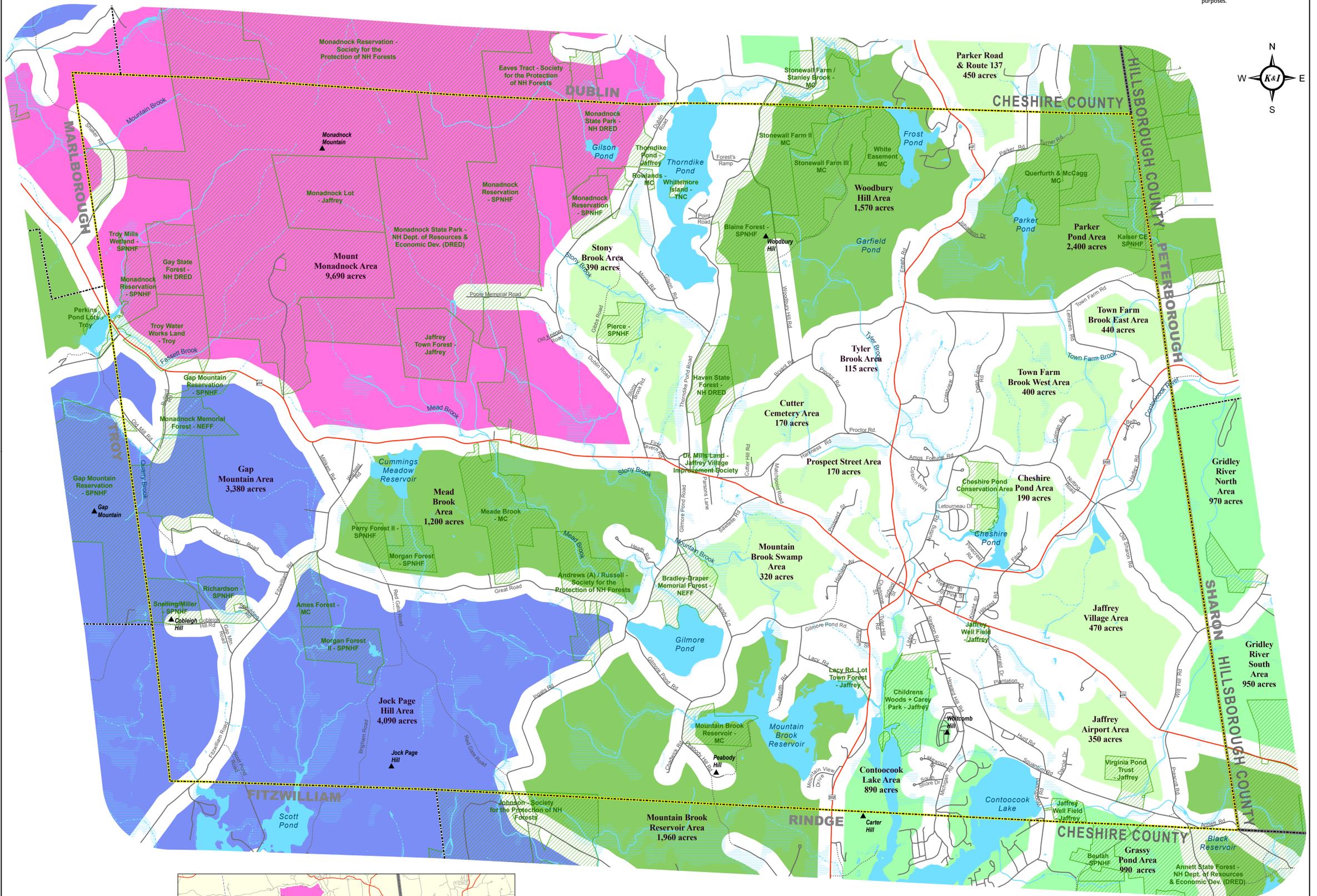
UNFRAGMENTED LANDS

Jaffrey, New Hampshire



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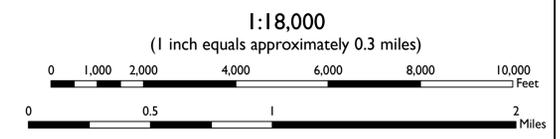


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 This unfragmented lands analysis illustrates the degree of natural resource fragmentation in Jaffrey. Undeveloped land becomes fragmented over time as new roads and intensive human land use convert and divide the natural landscape. To create this dataset, regularly traveled roadways were identified (those roads which are paved or in regular use as well as the roads and runways associated with the Jaffrey Airport; unmaintained and class VI roads are assumed to have minimal fragmenting effects). Next, a 500-foot buffer was applied to identified roads to account for frontage development and traffic impacts (noise, pollution, etc.). These buffers were then erased from the surrounding land mass.

The result of this analysis is a set of unbroken blocks of land, largely in natural land cover including forests, open lands, wetlands, or open water. These blocks provide important core habitat for plants, animals, and natural communities and areas for recreation and timber production.

Blocks here are displayed by their total acreage (irrespective of town boundaries); broadly speaking, larger blocks provide more habitat and are more resilient to disturbance and are thus more likely to be viable habitat over the long term.

The map to the left shows the entire extent of unfragmented blocks in Jaffrey.



NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY
 This map is part of a series produced as part of a natural resource inventory for the Jaffrey, NH Conservation Commission. The inventory gives a comprehensive illustration of Jaffrey's natural, cultural, and historic resources to inform land and resource use decisions. The various resources are described in detail in the accompanying document *A Natural and Cultural Resource Inventory and Land Conservation Plan*, produced by Kane and Ingraham and available from the Jaffrey Conservation Commission.

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