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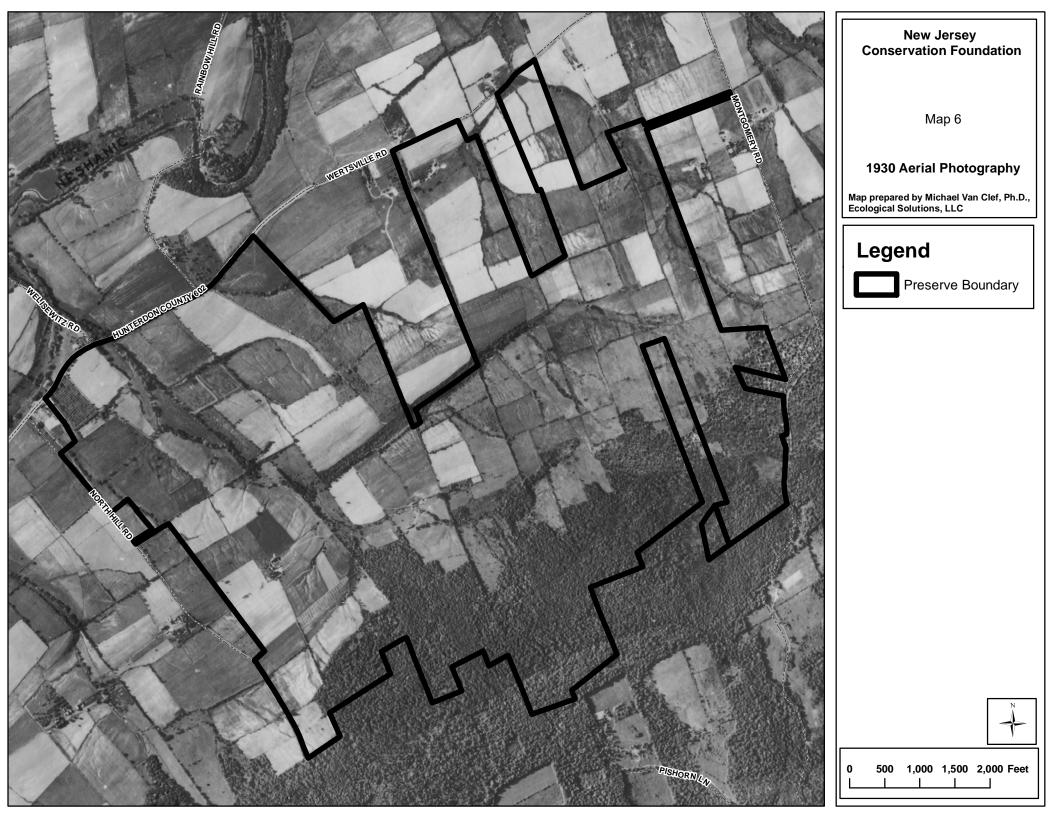
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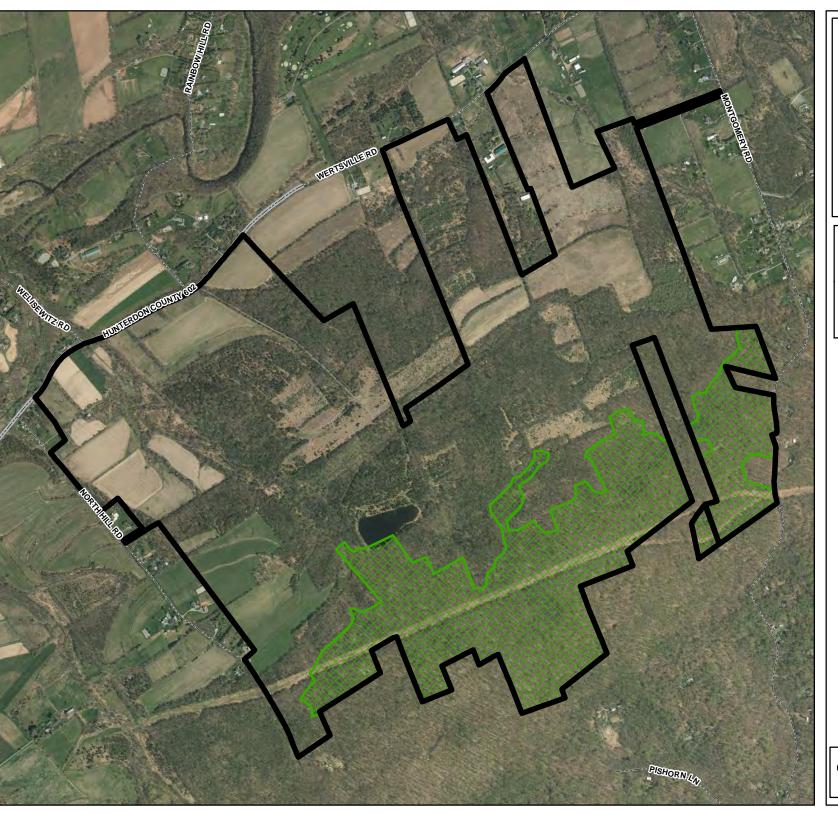
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Legend

Preserve Boundary







Map 7

1930 Forest Cover Over 2015 Aerial Photography

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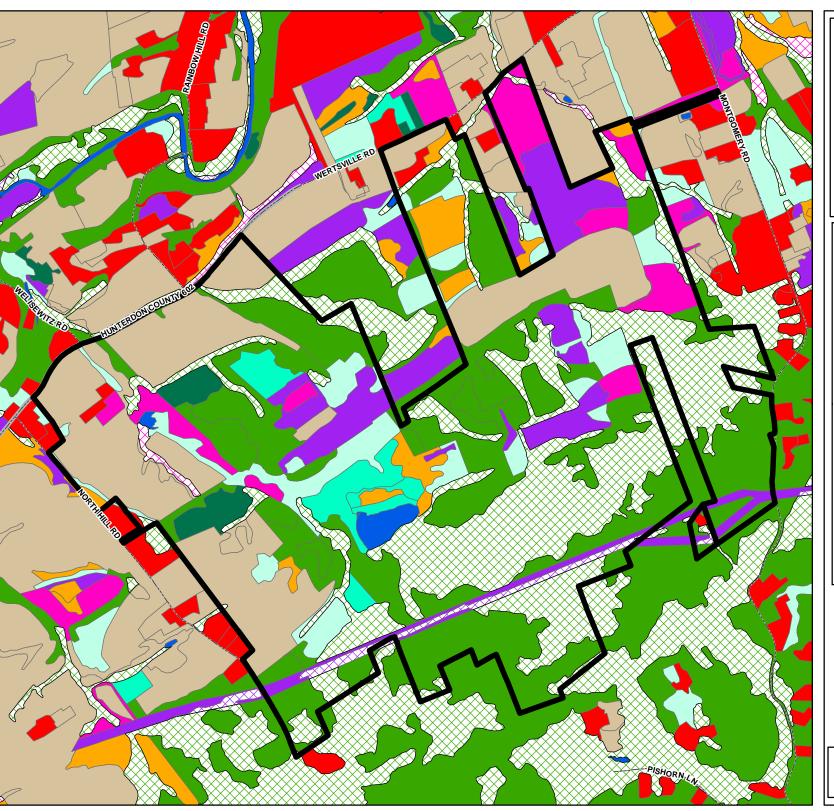
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Preserve Boundary



1930 Forest Cover





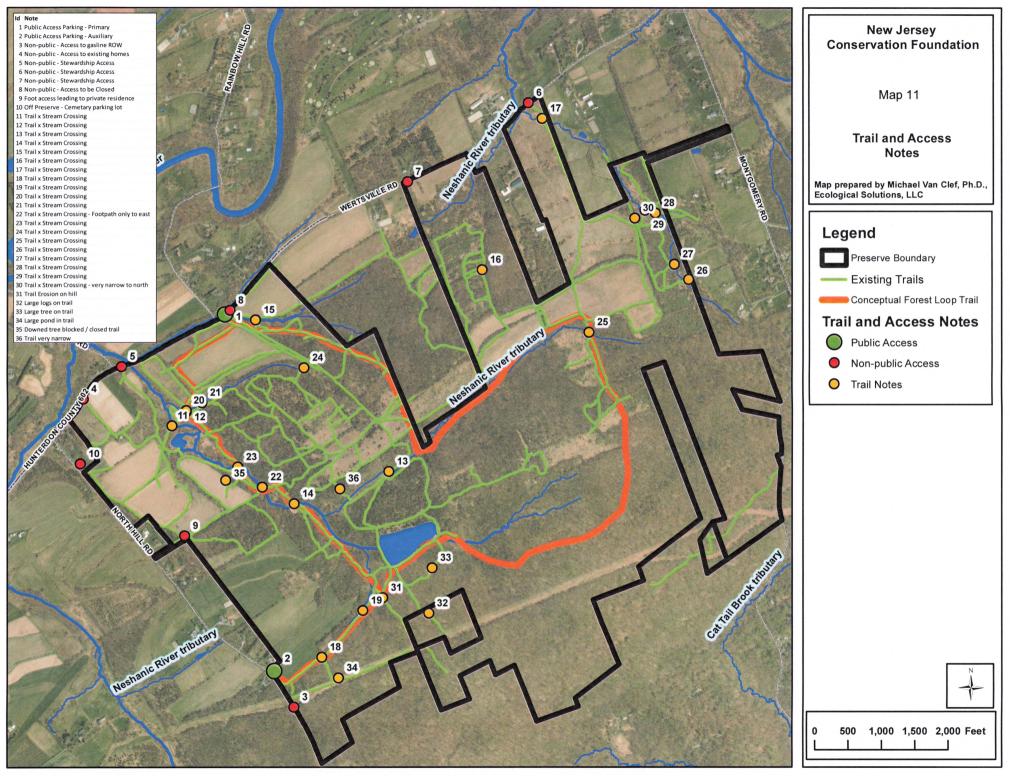
Map 9

2012 Land Cover Types - Preserve

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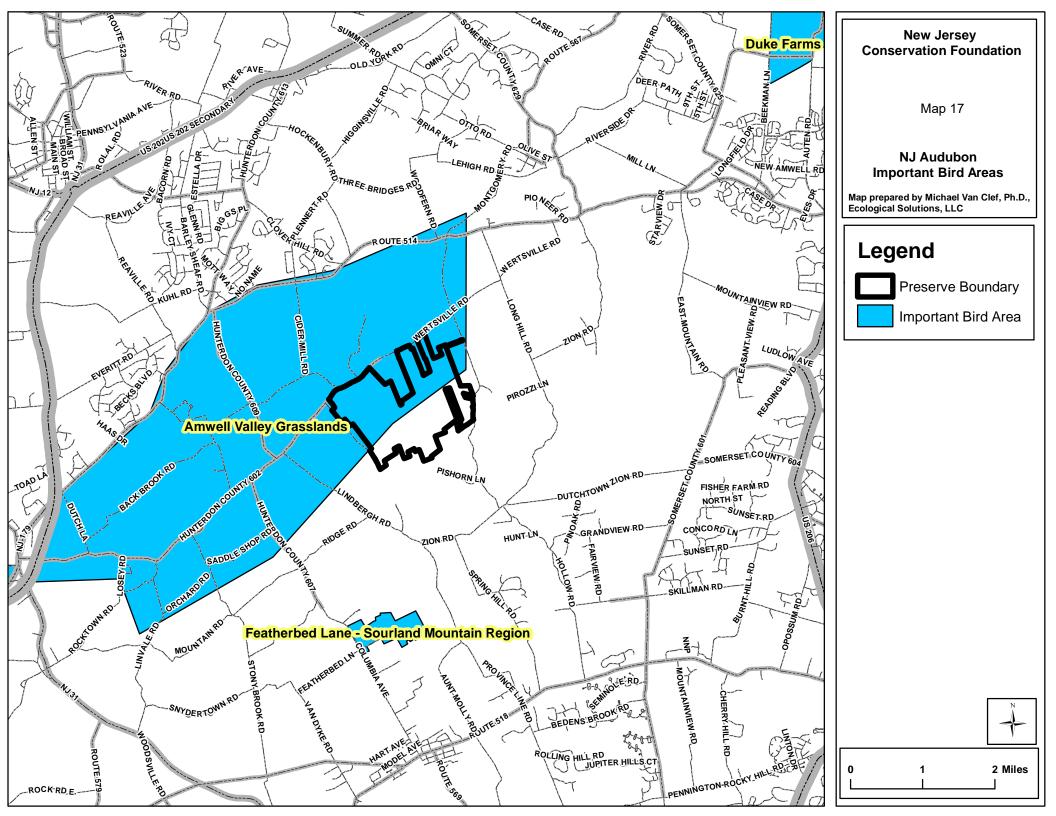
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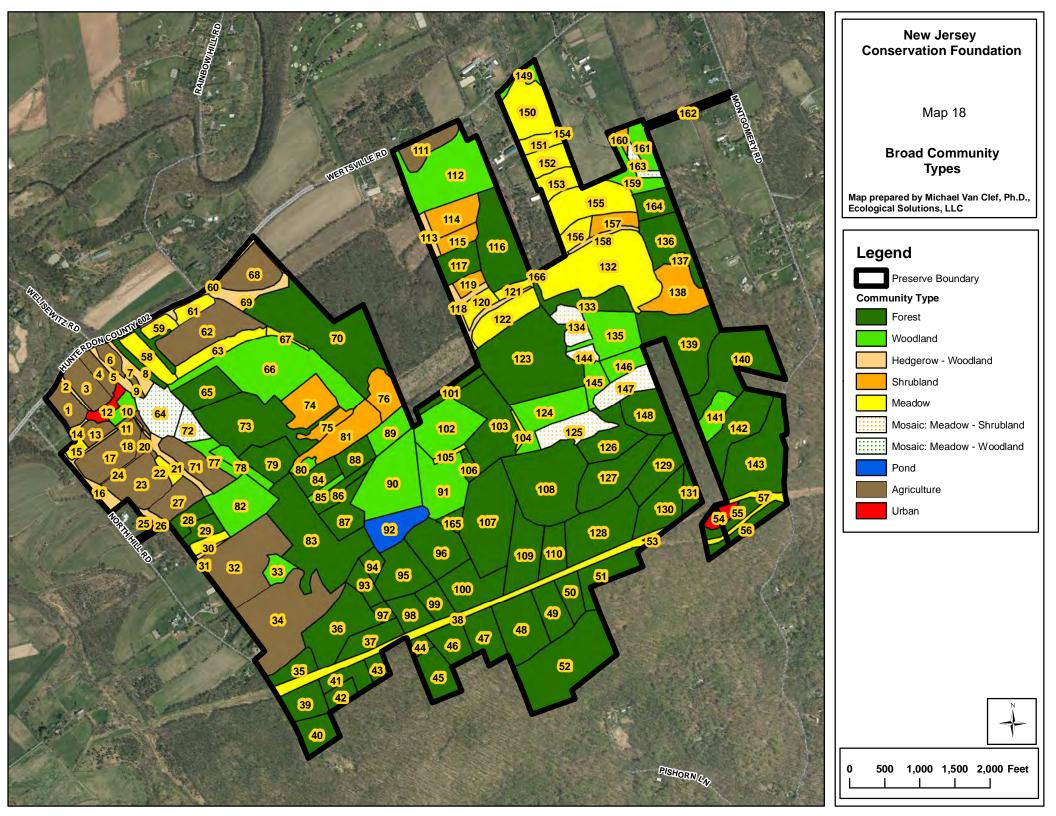
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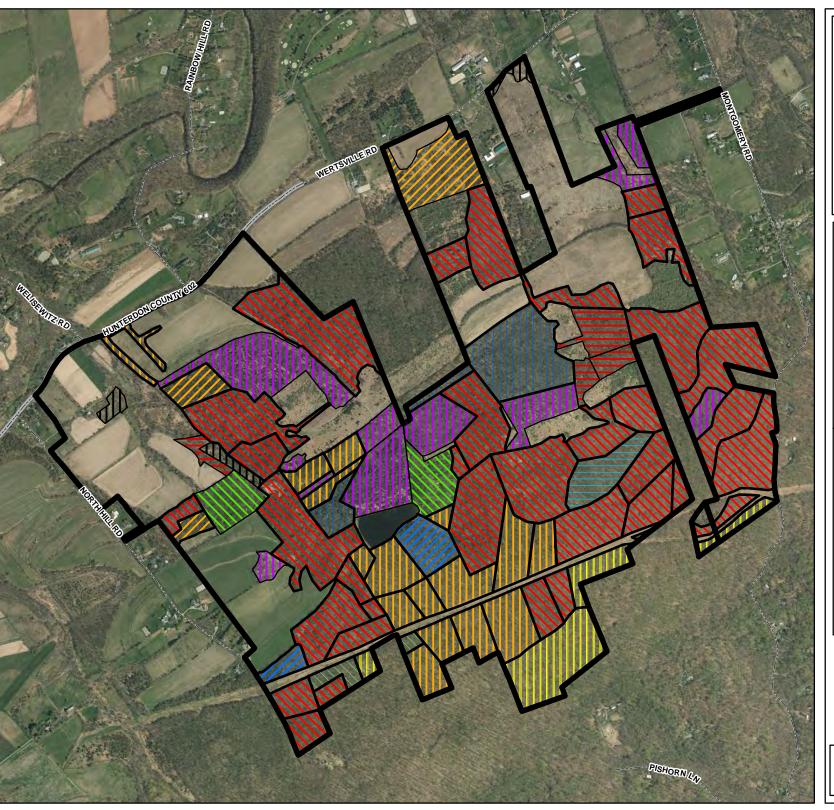
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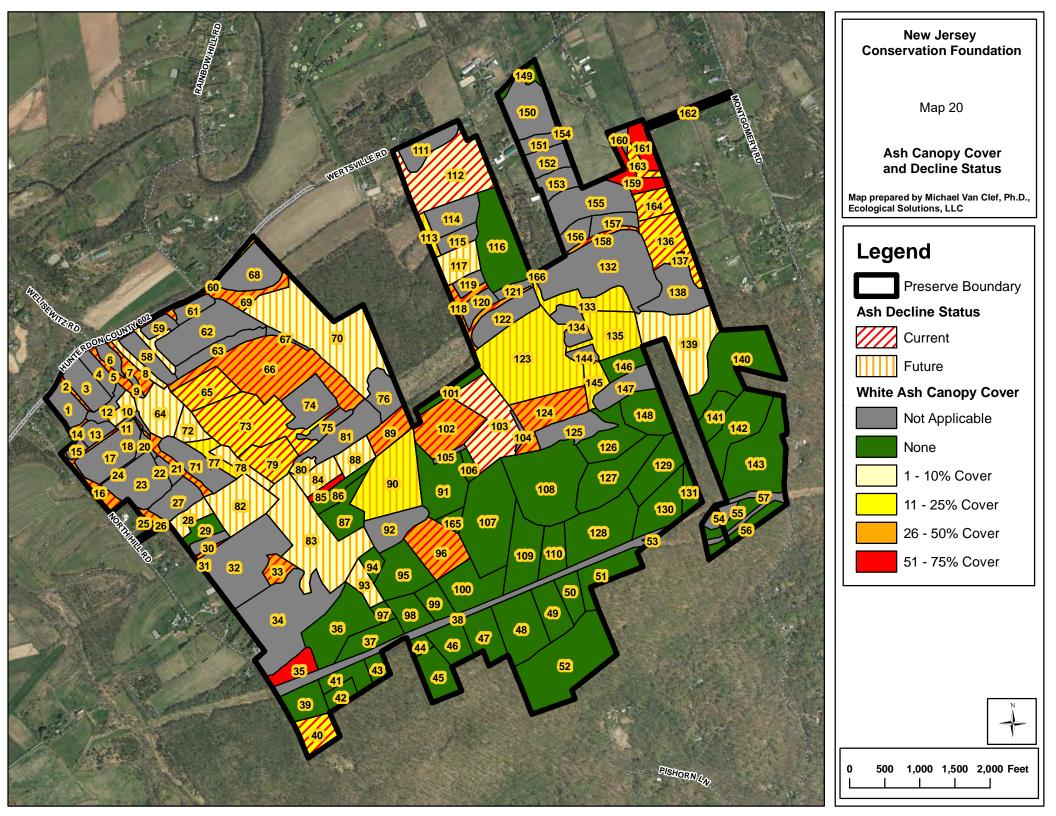
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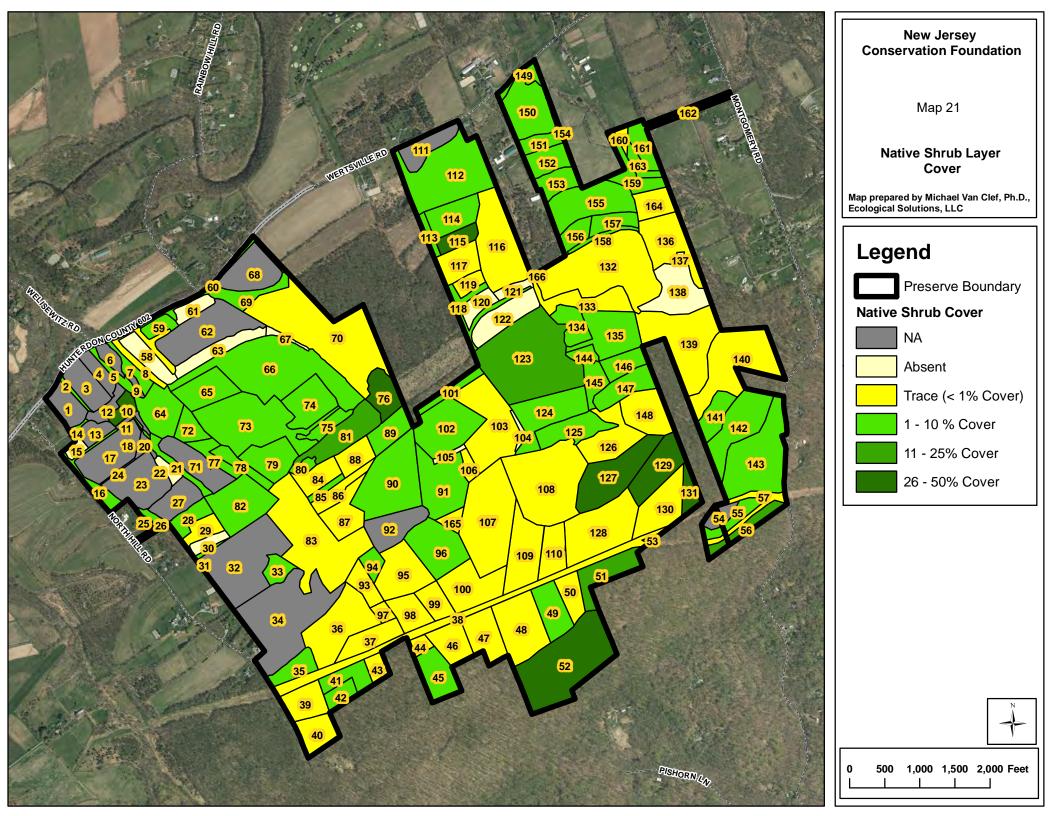
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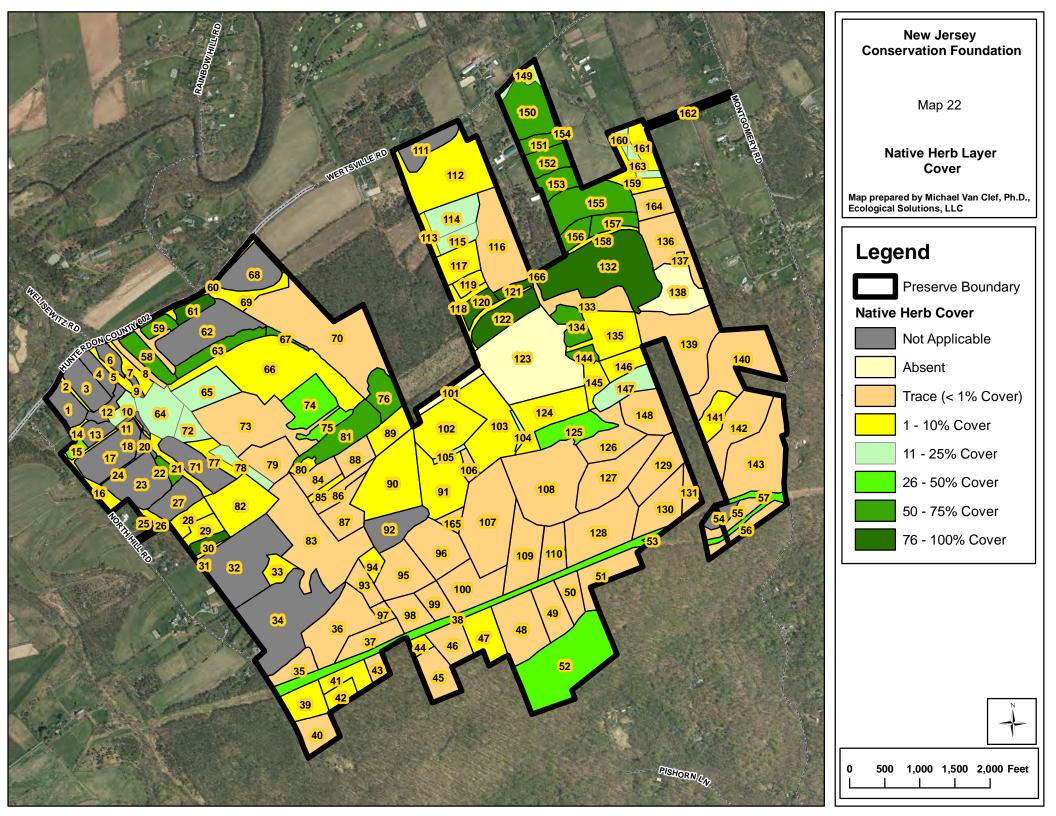
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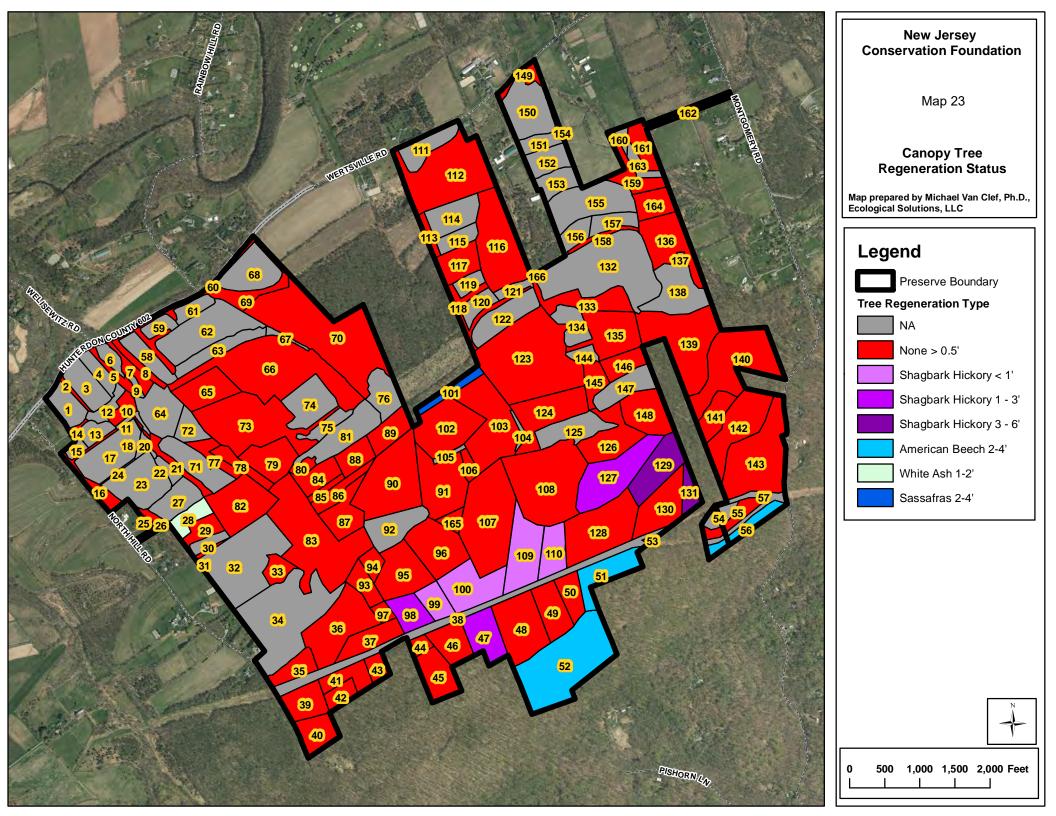


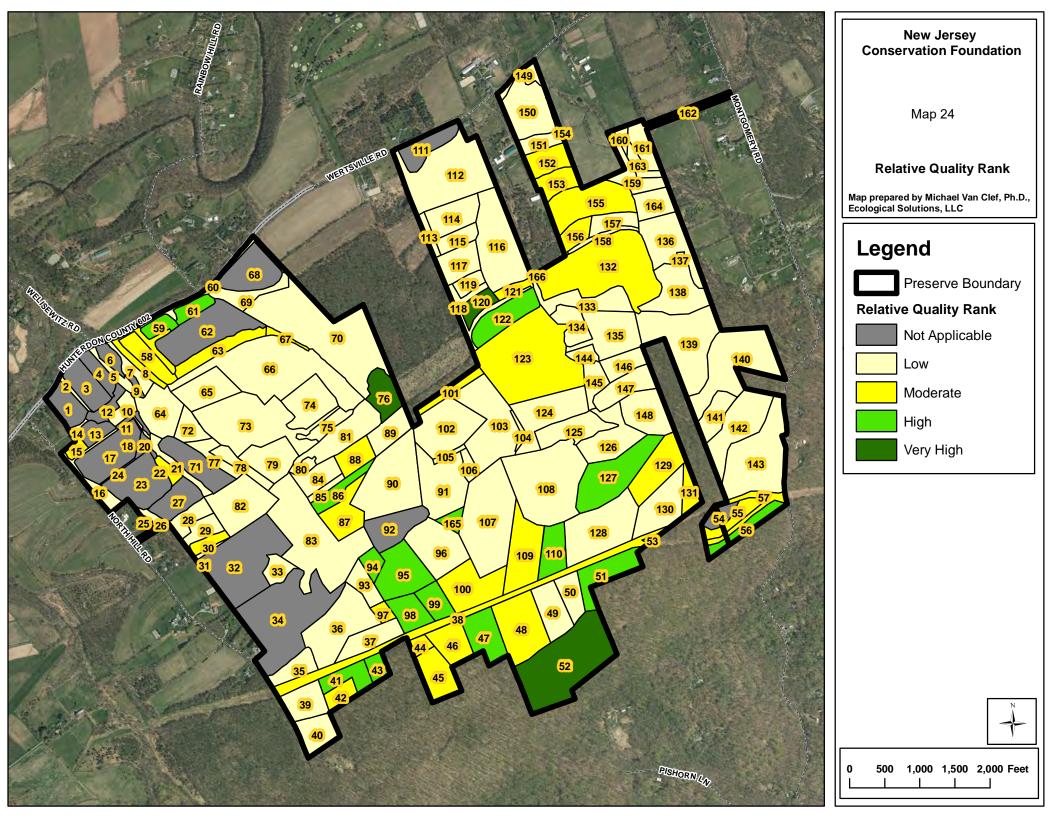


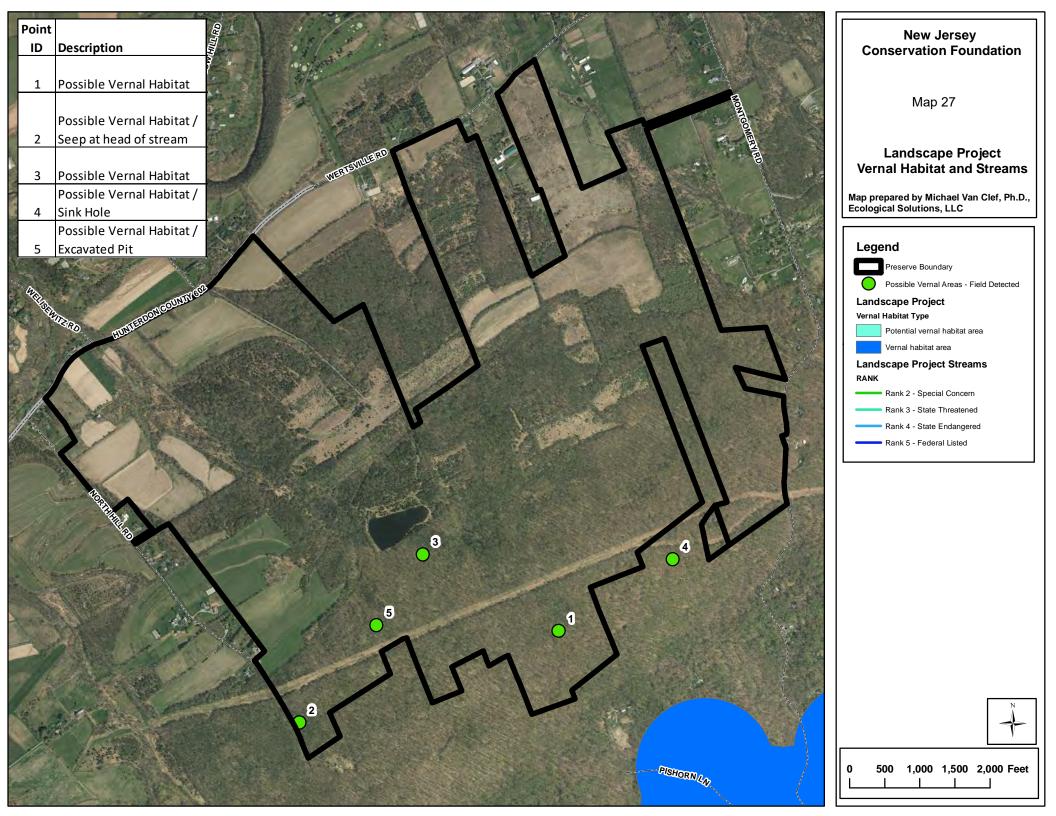


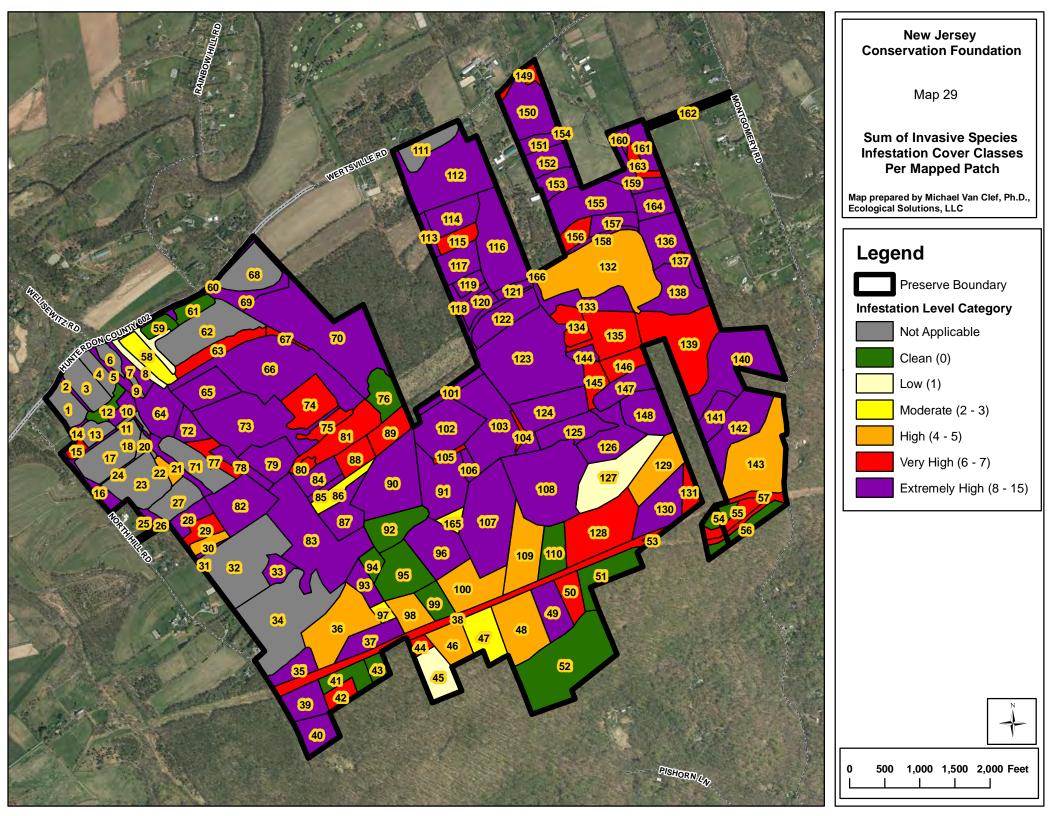


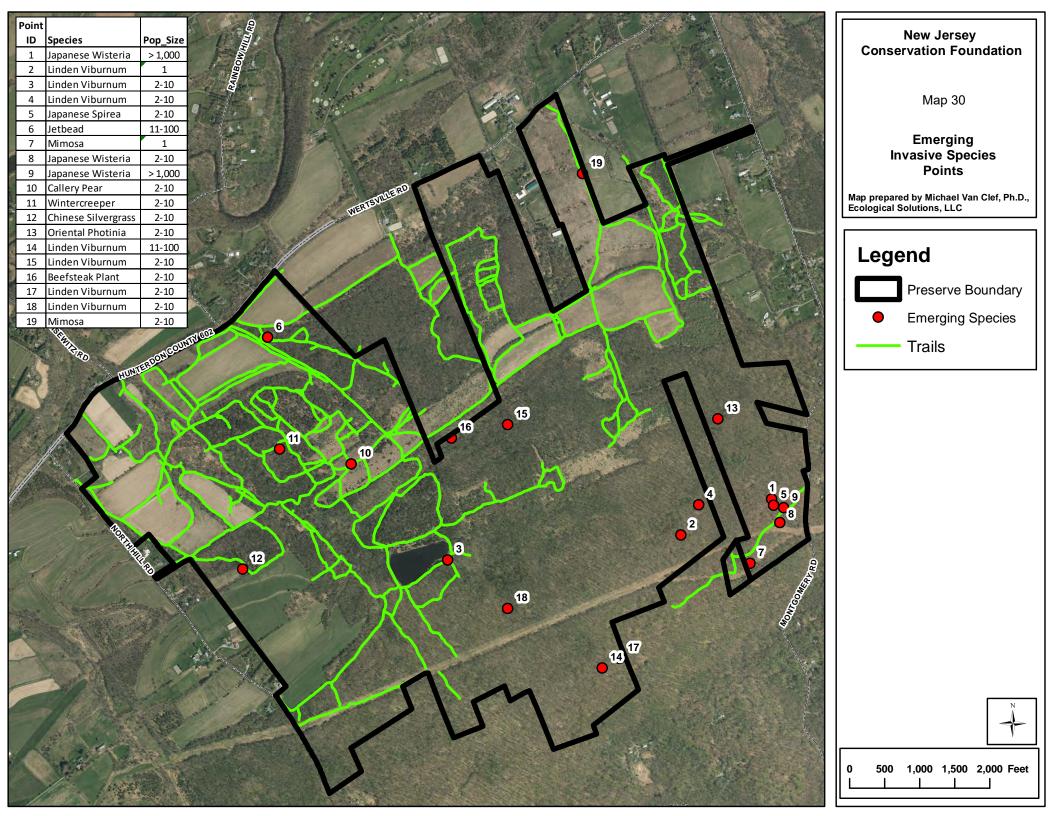


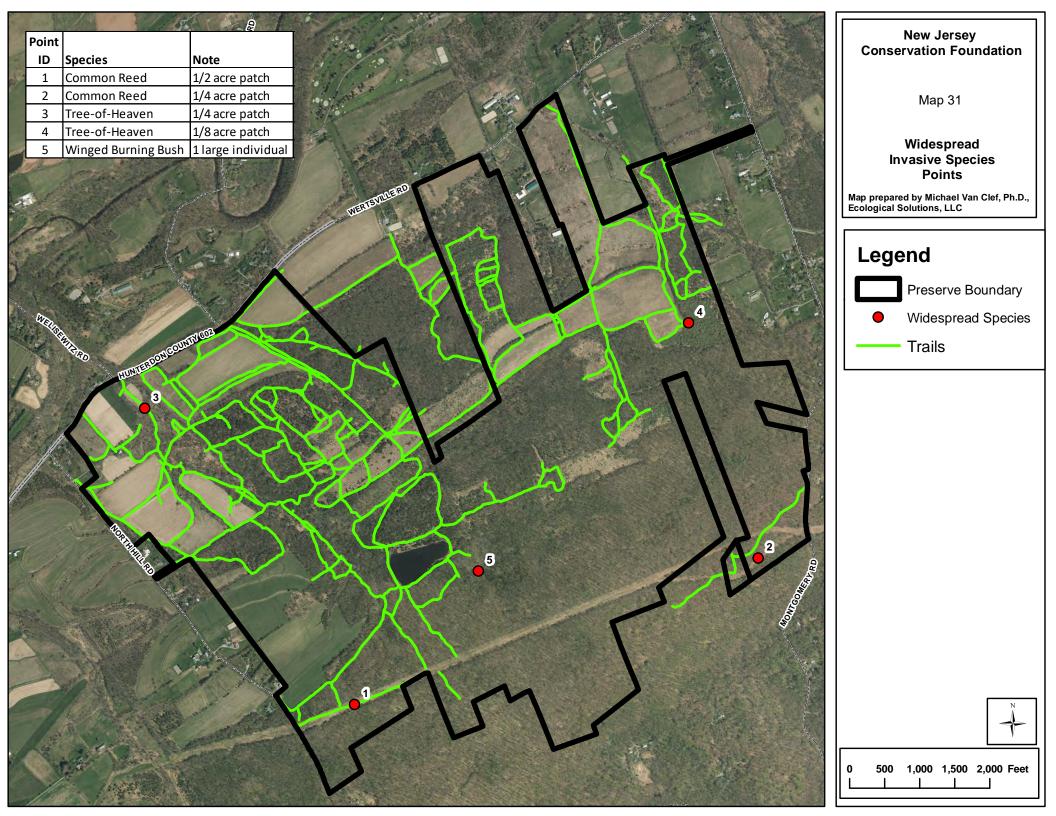


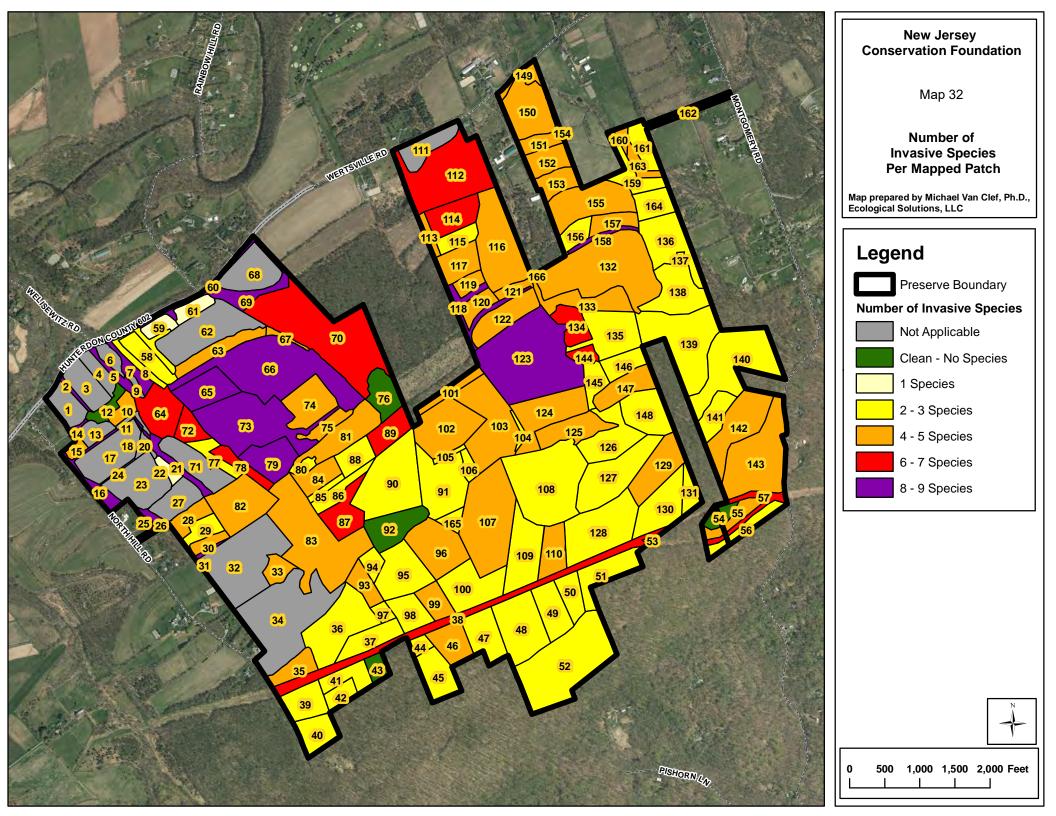


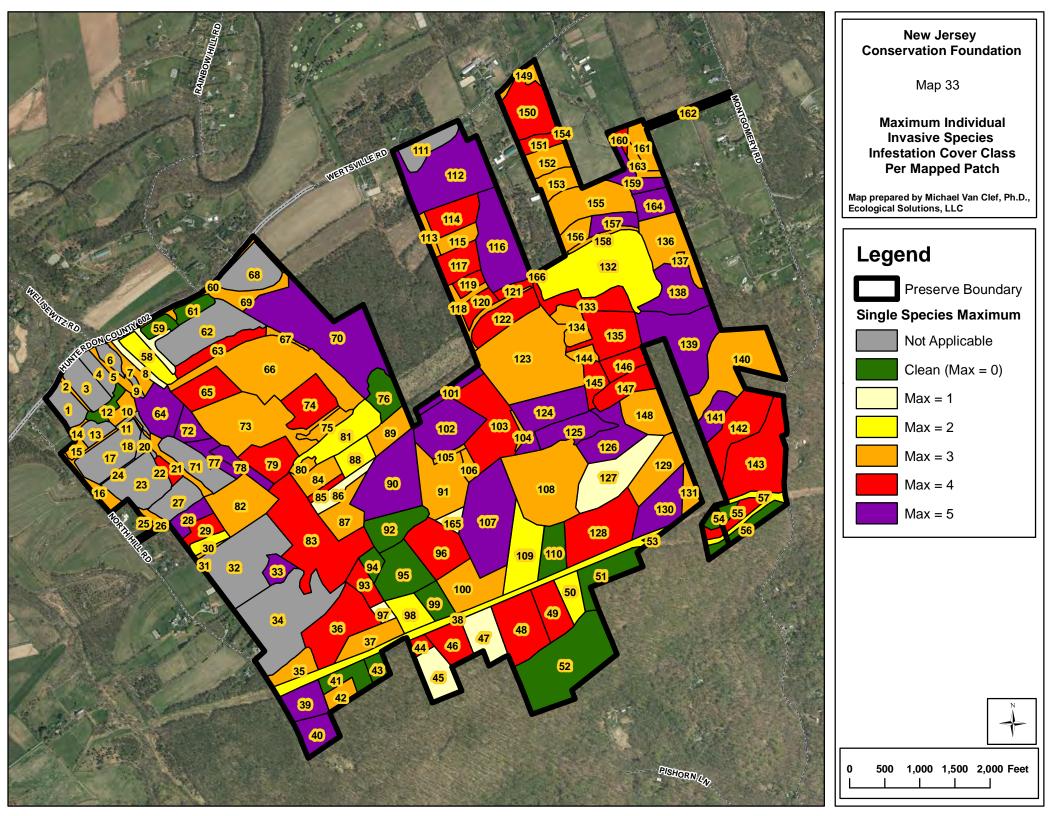














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September 20, 2018

Michael Van Clef Ecological Solutions 9 Warren Lane Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Re: NJCF North Hill Preserve

East Amwell and Hillsborough Townships, Hunterdon County

East Amwell: Bl. 35

L. 2, 3, 10, 12, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 65

Hillsborough: Bl. 169

L. 4.02, 4.03, 5.02, 5.03, 5.04, 6.02, 6.03, 7.07, 14, 15, 18 - 23, 24.01 and 25

Dear Mr. Van Clef:

Thank you for your data request regarding rare species information for the above referenced project site.

Searches of the Natural Heritage Database and the Landscape Project (Version 3.3) are based on a representation of the boundaries of your project site in our Geographic Information System (GIS). We make every effort to accurately transfer your project bounds from the topographic map(s) submitted with the Natural Heritage Data Request Form into our Geographic Information System. We do not typically verify that your project bounds are accurate, or check them against other sources.

We have checked the Landscape Project habitat mapping and the Biotics Database for occurrences of any rare wildlife species or wildlife habitat on the referenced site. The Natural Heritage Database was searched for occurrences of rare plant species or ecological communities that may be on the project site. Please refer to Table 1 (attached) to determine if any rare plant species, ecological communities, or rare wildlife species or wildlife habitat are documented on site. A detailed report is provided for each category coded as 'Yes' in Table 1.

We have also checked the Landscape Project habitat mapping and Biotics Database for occurrences of rare wildlife species or wildlife habitat in the immediate vicinity (within ¼ mile) of the referenced site. Additionally, the Natural Heritage Database was checked for occurrences of rare plant species or ecological communities within ¼ mile of the site. Please refer to Table 2 (attached) to determine if any rare plant species, ecological communities, or rare wildlife species or wildlife habitat are documented within the immediate vicinity of the site. Detailed reports are provided for all categories coded as 'Yes' in Table 2. These reports may include species that have also been documented on the project site.

The Natural Heritage Program reviews its data periodically to identify priority sites for natural diversity in the State. Included as priority sites are some of the State's best habitats for rare and endangered species and ecological communities. Please refer to Tables 1 and 2 (attached) to determine if any priority sites are located on or in the immediate vicinity of the site.

A list of rare plant species and ecological communities that have been documented from the county (or counties), referenced above, can be downloaded from http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/heritage/countylist.html. If suitable habitat is present at the project site, the species in that list have potential to be present.

Status and rank codes used in the tables and lists are defined in EXPLANATION OF CODES USED IN NATURAL HERITAGE REPORTS, which can be downloaded from http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/heritage/nhpcodes_2010.pdf.

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Beginning May 9, 2017, the Natural Heritage Program reports for wildlife species will utilize data from Landscape Project Version 3.3. If you have questions concerning the wildlife records or wildlife species mentioned in this response, we recommend that you visit the interactive web application at the following URL, https://njdep.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0e6a44098c524ed99bf739953cb4d4c7, or contact the

Division of Fish and Wildlife, Endangered and Nongame Species Program at (609) 292-9400.

For additional information regarding any Federally listed plant or animal species, please contact the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, New Jersey Field Office at http://www.fws.gov/northeast/njfieldoffice/endangered/consultation.html.

PLEASE SEE 'CAUTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON NHP DATA', which can be downloaded from http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/heritage/newcaution2008.pdf.

Thank you for consulting the Natural Heritage Program. The attached invoice details the payment due for processing this data request. Feel free to contact us again regarding any future data requests.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Cartica Administrator

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Table 2: Vicinity Data Request Search Results (6 possible reports)

Report Name	<u>Included</u>	Number of Pages
1. Immediate Vicinity of the Project Site Based on Search of Natural Heritage Database: Rare Plant Species and Ecological Communities Currently Recorded in the New Jersey Natural Heritage Database	Yes	1 page(s) included page removed to protect rare species location
2. Natural Heritage Priority Sites within the Immediate Vicinity	No	0 pages included
3. Rare Wildlife Species or Wildlife Habitat Within the Immediate Vicinity of the Project Site Based on Search of Landscape Project 3.3 Species Based Patches	Yes	2 page(s) included
4. Vernal Pool Habitat In the Immediate Vicinity of Project Site Based on Search of Landscape Project 3.3	Yes	1 page(s) included
5. Rare Wildlife Species or Wildlife Habitat In the Immediate Vicinity of the Project Site Based on Search of Landscape Project 3.3 Stream Habitat File	No	0 pages included
6. Other Animal Species In the Immediate Vicinity of the Project Site Based on Additional Species Tracked by Endangered and Nongame Species Program	No	0 pages included

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Rare Wildlife Species or Wildlife Habitat Within the Immediate Vicinity of the Project Site Based on Search of Landscape Project 3.3 Species Based Patches

Class	Common Name	Scientific Name	Feature Type	Rank	Federal Protection Status	State Protection Status	Grank	Srank
Aves								
	American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	Nest	3	NA	State Threatened	G5	S2B,S2N
	Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Foraging	4	NA	State Endangered	G5	S1B,S2N
	Barred Owl	Strix varia	Breeding Sighting	3	NA	State Threatened	G5	S2B,S2N
	Barred Owl	Strix varia	Non-breeding Sighting	3	NA	State Threatened	G5	S2B,S2N
	Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	Breeding Sighting	3	NA	State Threatened	G5	S2B,S3N
	Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum	Breeding Sighting	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
	Canada Warbler	Wilsonia canadensis	Breeding Sighting	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
	Cooper's Hawk	Accipiter cooperii	Breeding Sighting	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
	Cooper's Hawk	Accipiter cooperii	Nest	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
	Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	Breeding Sighting	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S3N
	Grasshopper Sparrow	Ammodramus savannarum	Breeding Sighting	3	NA	State Threatened	G5	S2B,S3N
	Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	Foraging	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
	Hooded Warbler	Wilsonia citrina	Breeding Sighting	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
	Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris	Breeding Sighting	3	NA	State Threatened	G5	S2B,S3N
	Kentucky Warbler	Oporornis formosus	Non-breeding Sighting	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S3N

Rare Wildlife Species or Wildlife Habitat Within the Immediate Vicinity of the Project Site Based on Search of **Landscape Project 3.3 Species Based Patches**

Class	Common Name	Scientific Name	Feature Type	Rank	Federal Protection Status	State Protection Status	Grank	Srank
	Red-headed Woodpecker	Melanerpes erythrocephalus	Non-breeding Sighting	3	NA	State Threatened	G5	S2B,S2N
	Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	Breeding Sighting	3	NA	State Threatened	G5	S2B,S4N
	Upland Sandpiper	Bartramia longicauda	Breeding Sighting	4	NA	State Endangered	G5	S1B,S1N
	Veery	Catharus fuscescens	Breeding Sighting	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
	Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus	Breeding Sighting	4	NA	State Endangered	G5	S1B,S3N
	Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	Breeding Sighting	2	NA	Special Concern	G4	S3B,S4N
	Worm-eating Warbler	Helmitheros vermivorum	Breeding Sighting	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
Reptilia								
	Eastern Box Turtle	Terrapene carolina carolina	Occupied Habitat	2	NA	Special Concern	G5T5	S 3
	Northern Copperhead	Agkistrodon contortrix mokasen	Occupied Habitat	2	NA	Special Concern	G5T5	S3

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Vernal Pool Habitat In the Immediate Vicinity of Project Site Based on Search of Landscape Project 3.3

Vernal Pool Habitat Type

Vernal Pool Habitat ID

Vernal habitat area 2875

Total number of records: 1

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Q1 Please provide the 5-digit zip code where you live (required to continue with the survey)

Answered: 161 Skipped: 0

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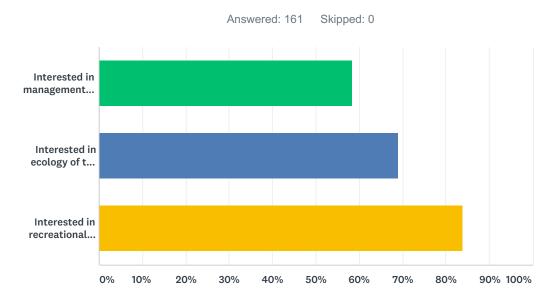
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NJ Conservation Foundation's Public Survey for the New Preserve in the Sourlands

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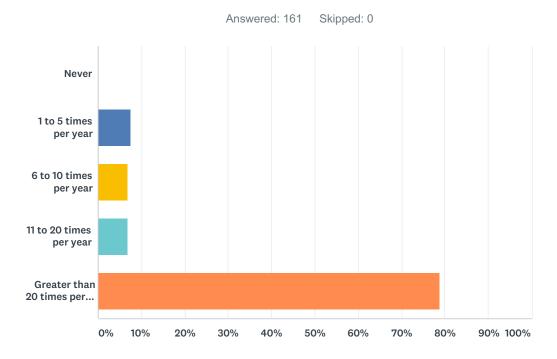
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Q2 Describe your relationship to the Preserve. Multiple answers are allowed.



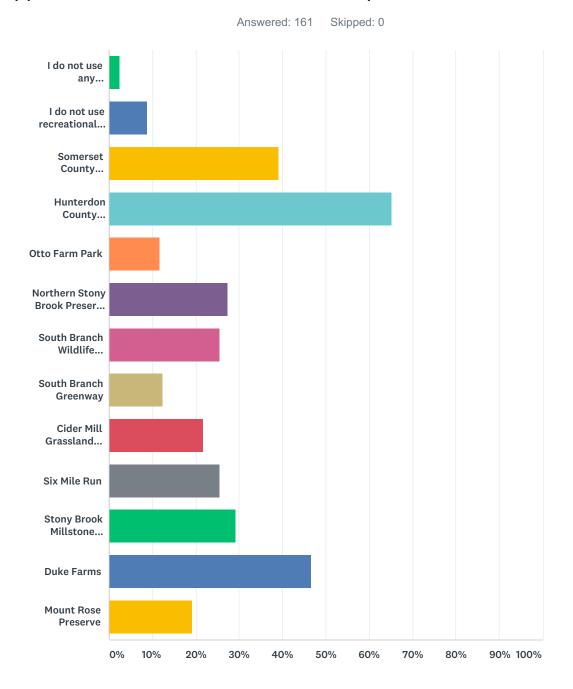
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Interested in management decisions on the Preserve	58.39%	94
Interested in ecology of the Preserve	68.94%	111
Interested in recreational opportunities on the Preserve	83.85%	135
Total Respondents: 161		

Q3 How often do you participate in outdoor recreational activities?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	0.00%	0
1 to 5 times per year	7.45%	12
6 to 10 times per year	6.83%	11
11 to 20 times per year	6.83%	11
Greater than 20 times per year	78.88%	127
TOTAL		161

Q4 Please indicate places where you currently enjoy outdoor recreational opportunities near the Preserve. Multiple answers are allowed.

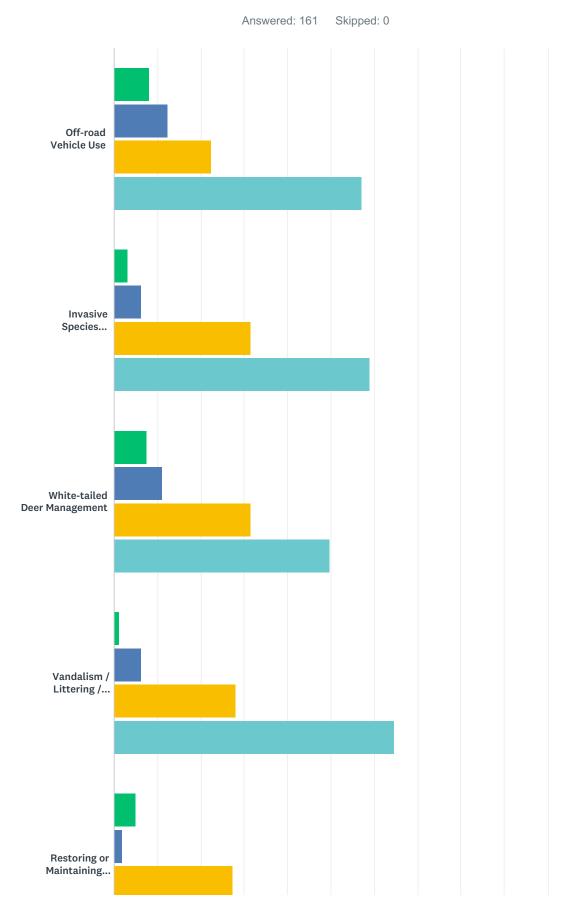


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not use any recreational facilities	2.48%	4
I do not use recreational facilities near the Preserve	8.70%	14
Somerset County Sourlands Preserve	39.13%	63
Hunterdon County Sourlands Preserve	65.22%	105
Otto Farm Park	11.80%	19

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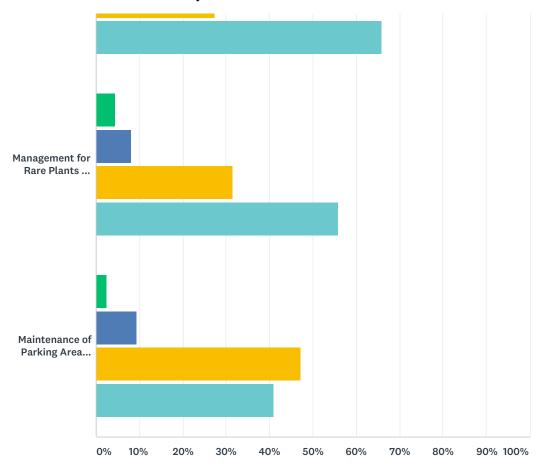
Northern Stony Brook Preserve (D&R Greenway)	27.33%	44
South Branch Wildlife Management Area	25.47%	41
South Branch Greenway	12.42%	20
Cider Mill Grassland Preserve	21.74%	35
Six Mile Run	25.47%	41
Stony Brook Millstone Reserve	29.19%	47
Duke Farms	46.58%	75
Mount Rose Preserve	19.25%	31
Total Respondents: 161		

Q5 Please check the management concerns that you share with us.



No Concern

Low Concern

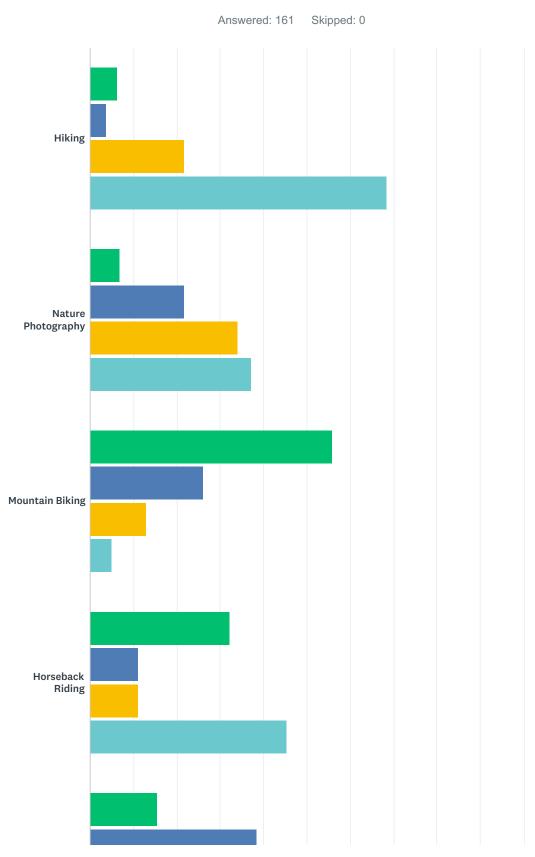


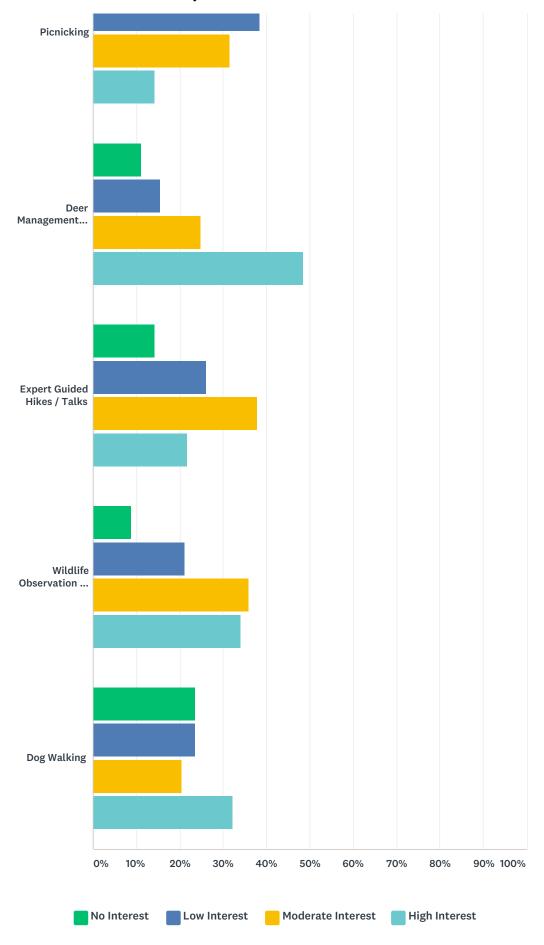
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Invasive Species Management	3.11%	6.21%	31.68%	59.01%	
	5	10	51	95	161
White-tailed Deer Management	7.45%	11.18%	31.68%	49.69%	
	12	18	51	80	161
Vandalism / Littering / Dumping	1.24%	6.21%	27.95%	64.60%	
	2	10	45	104	161
Restoring or Maintaining Wildlife Habitat	4.97%	1.86%	27.33%	65.84%	
	8	3	44	106	161
Management for Rare Plants and	4.35%	8.07%	31.68%	55.90%	
Animals	7	13	51	90	161
Maintenance of Parking Areas and Trails	2.48%	9.32%	47.20%	40.99%	
	4	15	76	66	161

Moderate Concern

High Concern

Q6 Please check the activities / amenities that you would like to see on the Preserve. Please feel free to list additional items under general comments later in this survey.





NJ Conservation Foundation's Public Survey for the New Preserve in the Sourlands

SurveyMonkey

	NO INTEREST	LOW INTEREST	MODERATE INTEREST	HIGH INTEREST	TOTAL
Hiking	6.21% 10	3.73% 6	21.74% 35	68.32% 110	161
Nature Photography	6.83% 11	21.74% 35	34.16% 55	37.27% 60	161
Mountain Biking	55.90% 90	26.09% 42	13.04% 21	4.97% 8	161
Horseback Riding	32.30% 52	11.18% 18	11.18% 18	45.34% 73	161
Picnicking	15.53% 25	38.51% 62	31.68% 51	14.29% 23	161
Deer Management Program (administered by NJCF)	11.18% 18	15.53% 25	24.84% 40	48.45% 78	161
Expert Guided Hikes / Talks	14.29% 23	26.09% 42	37.89% 61	21.74% 35	161
Wildlife Observation / Bird Watching / Botany	8.70% 14	21.12% 34	36.02% 58	34.16% 55	161
Dog Walking	23.60% 38	23.60% 38	20.50% 33	32.30% 52	161