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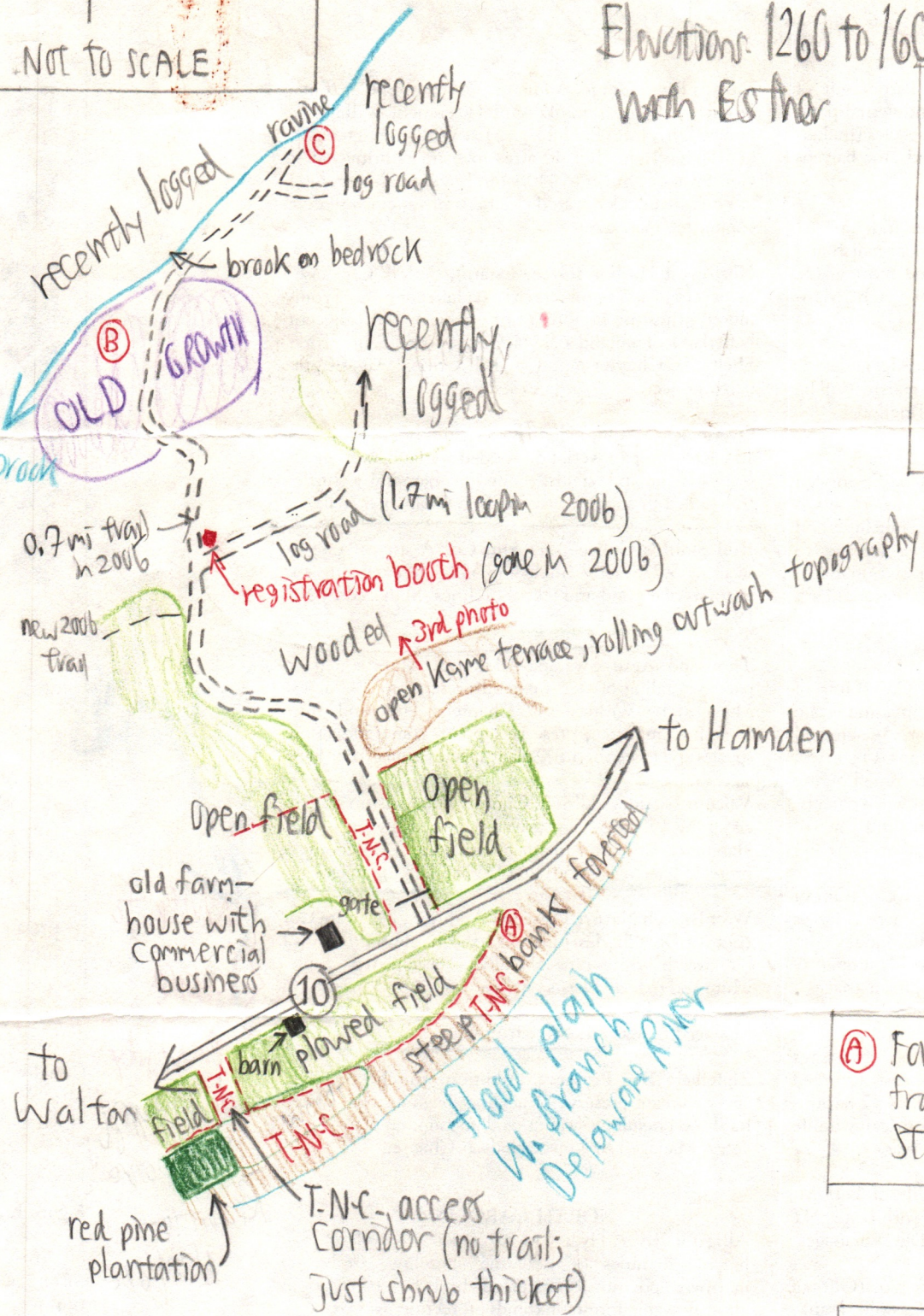
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# West Branch Preserve

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Elevations: 1260 to 1600'  
with Esther

NOT TO SCALE



(B) Old growth, several acres of Hemlock + White Pine to 36" DBH. Pines to ca-130' tall. Two photos. Black Cherry + Red Maple to 24" DBH. Forest to ±100' tall (except pines)

Area surrounding old growth was logged maybe early 1970s?

(A) Forest observed from top of steep bank

Walking time:	
Gate	0
Booth	10 minutes
(C)	20 "

UNEXPLORED

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# Shaw Land Dept. Task Force Meeting, then

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**Hirst Pond, Addition, Atlantic Co.** (Partial gift of Aansley Enterprises, Inc.) 60 acres extend vernal-pond preserve to 80 acres; shelters 8 rare plant species (including 2 under review for federal listing) and pine barrens tree frog. Managed by field office. ●

**Manumuskin River, Addition, Cumberland Co.** 62 acres bring undisturbed freshwater intertidal marshland preserve to 68 acres; supports largest and most viable population of endangered sensitive joint vetch. Managed by field office.

**Sedge Island, Monmouth Co.** (Gift of Alexander S. Walker.) 7-acre island of undisturbed salt marsh. Will be managed as natural area by Borough of Brielle.

## NEW MEXICO

**Rattlesnake Springs, Addition, Eddy Co.** Spring-fed riparian oasis in Trans-Pecos/Chihuahuan Desert—state's only known breeding site for eastern bluebirds and orchard orioles. 5 acres bring preserve acreage to 14—further safeguarded through cooperative management agreement between Conservancy & National Park Service. ●●

## NEW YORK

**Accabonac Harbor, Additions, Suffolk Co.** (Gifts of Jean Gollay, Robert & Margaret Richenburg, and estate of Samuel A. Duncan.) With easement on .34 acre and donations on 9, tidal-marsh preserve spans 154 acres. Supports 158 bird species; nationally threatened piping plovers and rare least terns occur on town-owned parcels. Managed by South Fork/Shelter Is. Chapter and Town of East Hampton.

**Atlantic Double Dunes, Addition, Suffolk Co.** (Gift of Amagansett Beach Assn.) Easement on 1 acre enlarges preserve of maritime beach, dunes, and interdunal swales to 156 acres; major rest-stop for more than 200 migratory bird species. South Fork/Shelter Is. Chapter manages.

**Boreal Heritage Preserve, Additions, Franklin Co.** 3 parcels (one a 2,821-acre easement) totaling 5,886 acres extend protection of most extensive, least-disturbed boreal wetlands in state to 54,386 acres. Hosts 2 nationally significant bog communities and critical wildlife habitat. Managed by Adirondack Conservancy. ●

**Cathead Mountain, Hamilton Co.** (Gift of Earl M. Bucci.) 39 acres cooperatively acquired with state. NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) manages.

**Dwarf Pine Barrens, Additions, Suffolk Co.** (Gifts of North Fork Bank & Trust Co., Ellen R. Caswell, Frank, Jr., & Maria R. Grausso, and estate of Herbert Bellingr.) 56 parcels totaling 119 acres expand preserve to more than 600 acres. One of 3 such sites in world: dwarf pine plain, habitat for threatened northern harriers and rare breeding buck moths. Suffolk Co. and Long Is. Chapter manage.

**Long Pond Greenbelt Preserve, Suffolk Co.** 11 acres (see page 21.) ●

**Mianus River Gorge, Addition, Westchester Co.** (Gifts of Lucia Faithfull Bonsal, Anne H. French, William B. Hubbell, Jr., John P. Hubbell, Mrs. William B. Hubbell, and James Todd, Jr.) 30 acres in 4 tracts bring oldest Conservancy project to 440 acres. Features 20-acre stand of virgin hemlocks, waterfall, and trail system. Preserve committee manages.

**Northwest Harbor (Grace Estate), Suffolk Co.** Easement on 514 acres protects coastal plain pond shore community (hosting 5 rare plant species) and adjacent bufferland of upland oak hickory woods. South Fork/Shelter Is. Chapter monitors. L.I. Critical Areas Campaign project.

**Overlook Wetland, Dutchess Co.** (Gift of Albert Jolis.) 135 acres of open wetland, wooded wetland, wet meadow, and upland fields. Supports Blanding's turtle, threatened in state. Lower Hudson Chapter manages.

**Paul Smith's College, Franklin Co.** Assist to state in securing 3,228 acres (including 552-acre easement) on portions of 6 pond and lake shorelines. Managed by NY DEC.

**Thousand Acre Swamp, Additions, Monroe Co.** 2 parcels totaling 60 acres extend preserve to 297 acres. Managed by Western NY Chapter's Thousand Acre Swamp Committee, preserve supports some 50 wildlife species and more than 500 plant species from 80 families.

**Valcour Island, Addition, Clinton Co.** Assist to state in acquiring 15 acres—last privately owned site on island. Habitat for at least 7 plants rare in state. Conservancy-protected acreage stands at 145. NY DEC manages.

**West Branch Nature Preserve, Addition, Delaware Co.** (Gift of Dr. Charles Jones.) Mixed hardwood forest of old-growth white pine, hemlock, beech, red maple white and red oak boasts only known state occurrence of threadfoot. 7 acres bring total preserve acreage to 400. Managed by Eastern NY Chapter.

**Zipfelberg Bog Preserve, Addition, Dutchess Co.** 21 acres increase preserve of acidic sphagnum bog, mixed hardwood/hemlock swamp, and uncommon plants to 58 acres. Managed by Lower Hudson Chapter.

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Alligator River, Hyde Co.** 5,926 acres of wetlands embracing 7 miles of estuarine shoreline, freshwater marshes, "pocosins" (evergreen-shrub bogs), and non-alluvial swamp forests. Extends protection over river system dominated by 118,000-acre Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge—a 1984 Conservancy project. ●

**Antioch Bay, Addition, Hoke Co.** Undisturbed Carolina Bay is 1 of 2 known state locations for Bayleaf lobelia (globally endangered plant) and sarvis holly (endangered in state). Management agreement on 7 acres bring Conservancy protected acreage to 70. Chapter manages. ●

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