

Unique Environments

Worthington has several unique environments. The potential vernal pools, core habitats, forest cores and interior forests combine to make Worthington rich with biodiversity and scenic quality.

- **NHESP Potential Vernal Pools: NOT equivalent to Certified Vernal Pools**
Potential vernal pools identified by NHESP staff from aerial photographs. These pools are not certified and need to be identified and their location documented by local citizens.

NHESP BioMap Core Habitat
Areas of most viable habitat for rare species and natural communities.

NHESP 2005 Priority Habitats for State-Protected Rare Species
Estimated areas of habitat for rare species recognized by the state, based on species occurrence and population records.

Forest Cores
Areas of large tracts of nearly uninterrupted forest cores.

Interior forest
Areas of interior forest provide valuable habitat for large mammals and interior bird species.

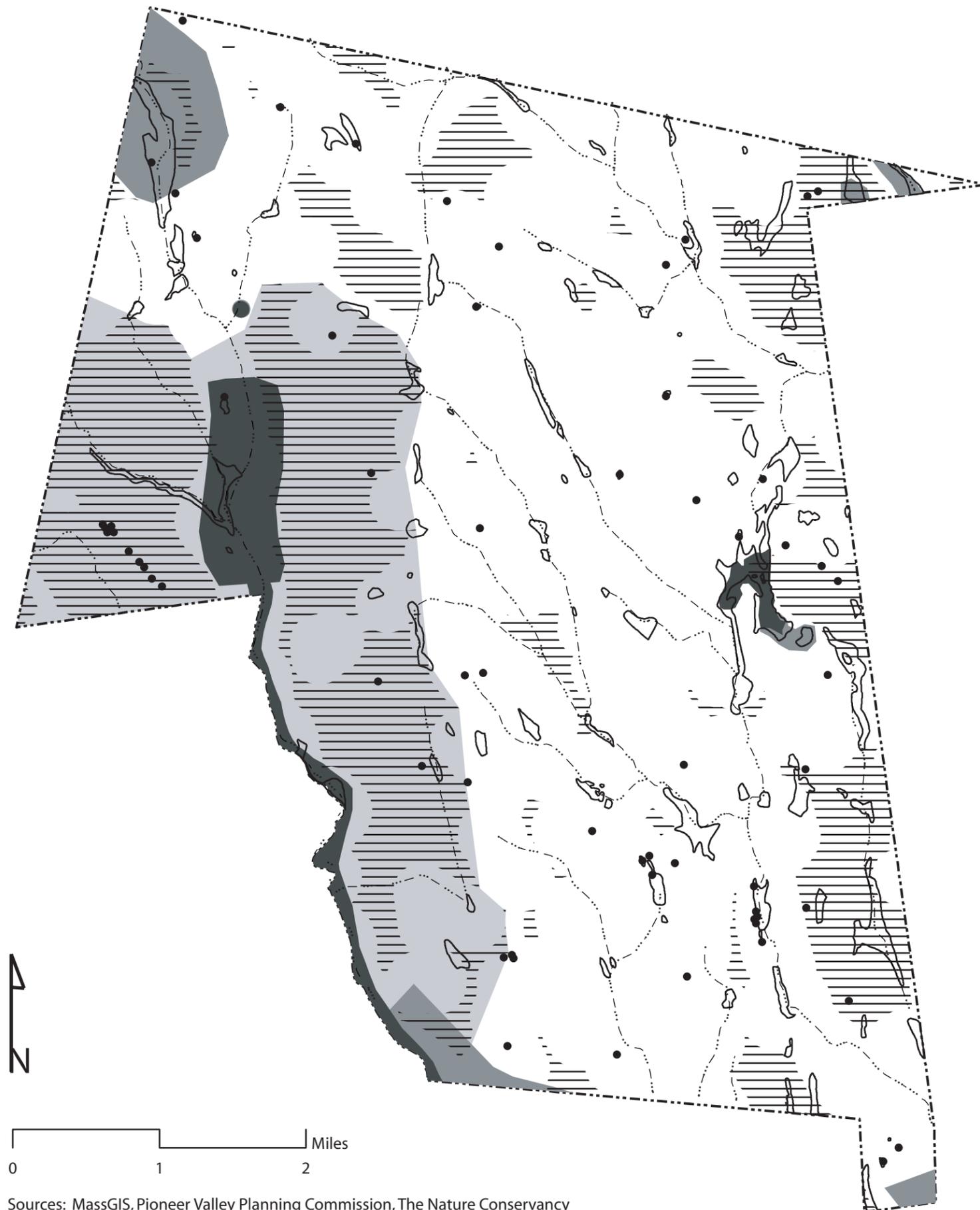
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Note: This map is intended for planning purposes only.



- Wetlands
- Rivers
- Town Boundary

Sources: MassGIS, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, The Nature Conservancy