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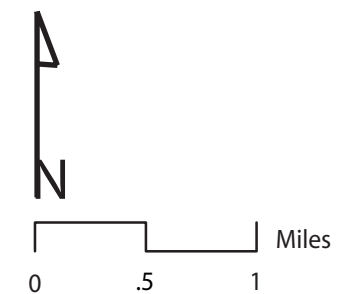
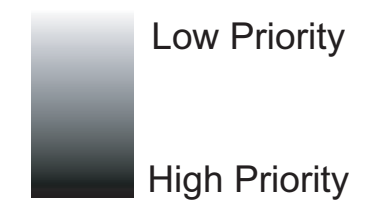
# Natural Communities

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Worthington has several areas of important natural communities. These areas, located mostly along the river corridors, and the Middle Branch of the Westfield River valley, are rich in biodiversity and contain valuable and viable habitats. These communities are inhabited by native species from large mammals to soil bacteria.

The University of Massachusetts Department of Natural Resource Conservation has developed the *Conservation Assessment and Prioritization System* to identify these important natural communities and to help prioritize their value for conservation.

## Natural Community Value



Sources: Conservation Assessment and Prioritization System, UMass-Amherst

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Note: This map is intended for planning purposes only.