

## NSE Land Acquisitions 2013-2014

The following is a list of lands acquired by the Province in 2013-2014 through purchase, donations, trades and land trust agreements.

### Land Purchases

Land	Area	Value	Description
Eigg Mountain Antigonish Co.	150 Acres	\$150,000	Two pieces of land. One (100 acres) contains mature hardwood, flood-plain forest, and habitat for the endangered mainland Moose and cold-water spawning grounds for salmon and trout. The smaller parcel (50 acres) serves to improve protection of the James River watershed and drinking water supply for the Town of Antigonish.
McGowan Lake Queens Co.	100 Acres	\$350,000	This acquisition consists of 21 parcels that cover habitat for the endangered Blanding's Turtle and Eastern Ribbon Snake. McGowan Lake is also a focus for conservation efforts by Nova Scotia Nature Trust, including a 27 hectare acquisition in 2013.
Cape North, Victoria Co.	50 Acres	\$14,000	This undeveloped, wooded parcel includes an inholding of Pollets Cove-Aspy Fault Wilderness Area. There are many ecosystem types on these lands, including approximately 17 rare plant species, many of which are categorized as arctic alpine varieties. Securing this inholding eliminates any possibility of industrial development on these lands while protecting sensitive habitats.
Tracadie, Guysborough Co.	250 Acres	\$100,300	This property connects Crown lands slated for protection and will help complete an important wildlife corridor along the Tracadie River Valley. This area supports a small annual run of Atlantic salmon and features some mature Acadian forest.
Aylesford Lake, Kings Co.	594 Acres	\$850,000	The land has high ecological and recreational values and it will help ensure a wilderness landscape for Brigadoon Village, a camp to better the lives of children, youth and families living with chronic illness.
Indian Island, Halifax Co.	55.66 Acres	\$275,000	Indian Island is located in the outer estuary of Musquodoboit Harbour, much of which is listed as a Wetland of International Significance. The tidal flats are staging and wintering areas for Black Ducks, Canada Geese and other shorebirds and waterfowl.
Baccaro, Shelburne Co.	9.8 Acres	\$120,000	Crow's Neck Beach is a 1.8 km sandy beach, called a Tombolo, which is a stretch of sand that connects an island to the mainland. It provides a critical habitat for the endangered Piping Plover and managing the beach is critical for Piping Plover recovery. The beach is also noted for frequent use by other shorebirds including Common and Arctic Terns and serves as a valuable area for scientific research.

## Land Donations

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Dowling Rd., Askilton, Richmond Co.	31 acres	Gift from Brenda and Donald Theakston to the River Inhabitants Nature Reserve. When combined with pending additions to Crown land, this lot will protect 2.7 km. of uninterrupted frontage on River Inhabitants and approximately 585 hectares of habitat for the threatened Wood Turtle, supports healthy populations of Atlantic Salmon and Brook Trout.
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## Land Trades

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Stillwater, Guysborough Co. and Big Gaspereaux Lake, Guysborough Co.	138 Acres	In exchange for 2 acres of Crown Land at Waternish, Guysborough County, the Province received three parcels of land, totaling 138 acres along the St. Mary's River, and one parcel (1.2 acres) next to Big Gaspereaux Lake. This further consolidates a conservation corridor along one of the most beautiful rivers in Nova Scotia, which provides habitat for the nationally threatened and provincially vulnerable Wood Turtle. The river is renowned for Brook Trout and Atlantic Salmon habitat, and wilderness recreation such as canoeing, hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting.
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## Land Trust Agreements [Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) and Nova Scotia Nature Trust (NSNT)]

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Silver River - Carrying Rd. Lakes, Yarmouth Co. (NCC)	2,500 Acres	This area includes a large river, lake, and forest tract in the headwaters of the Tusket River Drumlins Natural Landscape. This land contains impressive stands of old Eastern Hemlock, Red Spruce, White Pine and tolerant hardwood forest, as provides habitat for the endangered mainland Moose and the vulnerable Snapping Turtle.
Fishing Lake, Halifax Co. (NCC)	466 Acres	This property lies adjacent to Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area and represents one of the largest critically adjacent properties acquired by the Province so far. The parcel completely surrounds Fishing Lake and is known for hiking and other wilderness recreation.
Gillfillan Lake, Yarmouth Co. (NSNT)	67 Acres	Adjacent to Tusket River Nature Reserve, this land features rare coastal plain flora including the threatened Plymouth Gentian.
Bullmoose Meadows, Shelburne Co. (NSNT)	50 Acres	Land features coastal plain flora, forests and wetlands, and provides habitat for endangered Blanding's Turtle and threatened Eastern Ribbon Snake.
Baccaro, Shelburne Co. (NSNT)	33 Acres	Crow's Neck Beach is the most important beach in Nova Scotia, as it is habitat for the endangered Piping Plover, as well as other shorebirds. This supports adjacent conservation land acquired by the Crown, and the area is popular for bird watching and related scientific research.

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