



Maine organizations turn Greenville land from construction site to conservation area

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GREENVILLE, Maine (WABI) - "A project 3,000 acres while huge for this community, it also stands for a lot more holding on to this forest and all that it gives us," Maine Forest Society's President and CEO Karin Tilberg said.

Maine organizations have joined forces to purchase and preserve land in Greenville.

"Scammon Ridge Conservation Project is a real plus for the Moosehead Lake area. It is a conservation of 3,000 acres in the town of Greenville, the largest undeveloped track in town and this is an area filling a lot of development pressure," Tilberg said.

18 subdivision lots had been approved for this land.

When residents of the area got wind of potential development, they reached out to the Forest Society of Maine and decided to take action to preserve the land, water, as well Mainers' and visitors' access to nature.

"The ridge is the division between two headwaters, the Penobscot River watershed and the Kennebec River watershed. So if you're standing on top of the ridge, rain on one side flows ultimately into the Kennebec River and rain on the other into the Penobscot River community and Friends of Wilson Ponds and our group for society of Maine. We decided we're going to, we're going to hold on to that, the watersheds, the clean water. Prong Pond here, is a place where a lot of local people go with their children to catch their first fish," Tilberg said.

Stretching to protect more than the Moosehead Lake area.

"And this is the gateway to the North Woods. Maine's North Woods, considered 10 million acres or more, it is the largest unfragmented undeveloped region east of the Mississippi in the United States. And it's the darkest sky east of the Mississippi and it's the last stronghold of Eastern Brook Trout and many kinds of wildlife that are abundant like Moose, lynx, deer and others," Tilberg said.

And helping to conserve the overall landscape of the state.

"Maine's forests sequester almost 70% of means greenhouse gases every year. So our forests are really important to taking up that carbon and helping Maine do its part and mitigating climate change," Tilberg said.

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