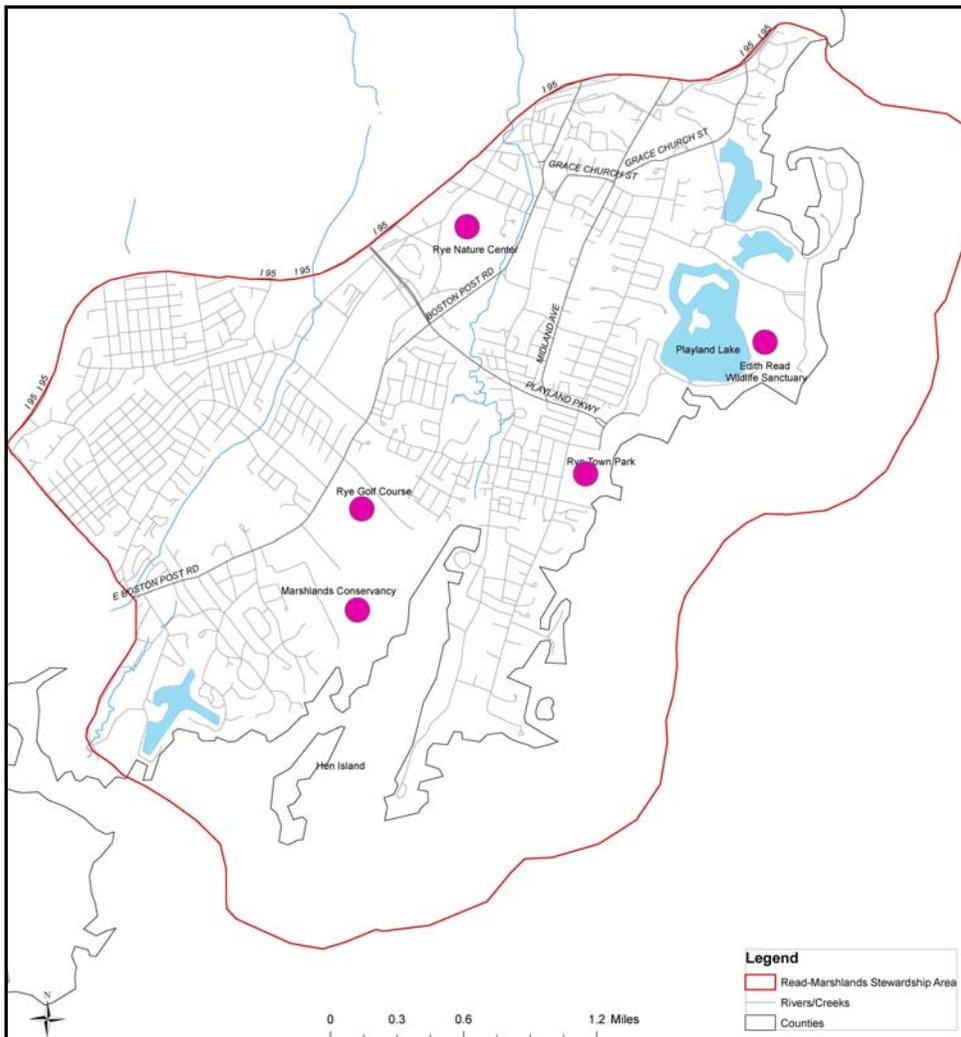


You are in a Long Island Sound Stewardship Area and an Important Bird Area



American Oystercatcher

Edith Read to Marshlands IBAs and Stewardship Area



The Edith Read Sanctuary is an IBA because of the large concentration of waterfowl that stopover during migration and winter. Marshlands Conservancy supports at-risk breeding Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrows and migrating Seaside Sparrows.

What is a Stewardship Area?

Identified by a partnership formed by the Long Island Sound Study, Stewardship Areas are places on the Sound with significant ecological or recreational value. To date, 33 sites have been identified in NY and CT. For more information visit:

<http://www.longislandsoundstudy.net/stewardship>

What is an Important Bird Area?

Important Bird Areas (IBAs) are sites that are identified as critical for the conservation of birds based on criteria that consider occurrence of large congregations of birds, at-risk species, or assemblages of priority birds. Audubon has recognized 136 IBAs in New York, which include Edith Read Sanctuary and Marshlands Conservancy. For more information visit:

<http://ny.audubon.org>

Edith Read to Marshlands Stewardship Group

“The mission of the Edith Read to Marshlands Stewardship Committee is to facilitate conservation of this area of Long Island Sound by increasing public awareness of its importance, implementing actions to help protect the unique natural resources, in particular the birds found here, and engaging more residents in conservation action.”



Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow, by Chris Field



Blue-winged Warbler



Eastern Kingbird

The Stewardship Group identified the following unique natural resources to focus conservation efforts:

- Saltmarsh habitat and adjacent natural habitat buffer
- Freshwater and brackish wetlands and water courses
- Wintering and breeding waterfowl
- Unique deciduous Island complex
- Shoreline habitat (includes sandy beaches, cliffs, rocky, mudflats)
- Early successional/shrub habitat

Get Involved!

- Attend City of Rye planning meetings to ensure that development happens in a way that protects our natural environment
- Participate in the Rye Habitat project to learn more about what you can do in your own backyard
- Decrease your use of herbicide and pesticide and plant native plants
- Participate in a public program at Edith Read Sanctuary, Marshlands Conservancy, or the Rye Nature Center to become knowledgeable about the ecology of this area
- Observe birds and enter your sightings into eBird (ebird.org)

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To Learn More

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