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C. RESOURCE PROTECTION AREAS

The two protection areas outlined below follow the scenic and recreational boundaries outlined in the designation legislation and also take into consideration the laws outlined in the NJ State Police Boating Safety booklet regarding “no wake” areas in waterways less than 200’ wide. Refer to Map 10 for a visual delineation.

The Social Science Research Study mentioned previously provided interesting feedback from recreationists and shoreline property owners regarding management of the designated river corridor. The following points emerged:

- Management for water quality had the highest priority among respondents, followed by management for natural and scenic qualities and management for recreation.
- The construction of new docks was supported with dock length limited. Unregulated docks (no permits) were strongly opposed.
- Increased law enforcement presence, enforcement of existing regulations and creation of procedures with stronger penalties for violations were supported.
- Creation of a “No Discharge” zone was favored.
- Restricting use of areas known to have rare or sensitive species was supported.
- Allowing dredging along the river corridor to maintain navigational channels was supported.
- Restriction of personal watercraft received 50% of respondent support from both boaters and homeowners. This was substantially supported for areas where rare or sensitive species existed.
- Both boaters and landowners agree that environmental regulations are necessary for the protection of river resources.

1. RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA #1 – SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL AREAS AVAILABLE FOR BOTH MOTORIZED AND NON-MOTORIZED RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Areas of the Great Egg Harbor River corridor designated as “Scenic” will be protected from any development that will cause a negative impact on existing resources and the scenic viewshed. The “scenic” designation was permitted due to the limited amount of development and access present and the fact that the surrounding area is in a primarily natural state. Appropriate recreational activities are acceptable in scenic areas as long as negative impact to existing resources does not occur.

Areas of the Great Egg Harbor River corridor designated as “Recreational” also contain critical habitat areas and endangered vegetation. The recreational designation recognizes a certain level of existing & future development. The scenic and recreational areas shown in Map 10 that are wider than the 200’ “no wake” zone required by the State of New Jersey can accommodate appropriate





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motorized recreational activities as long as existing resources are not adversely affected.

Note that the areas wider than 200' are located below the bulkhead at Mays Landing and are primarily located on the mainstem of the Great Egg Harbor River. Most tributaries are less than the 200' requirement for intensive motorized activities.

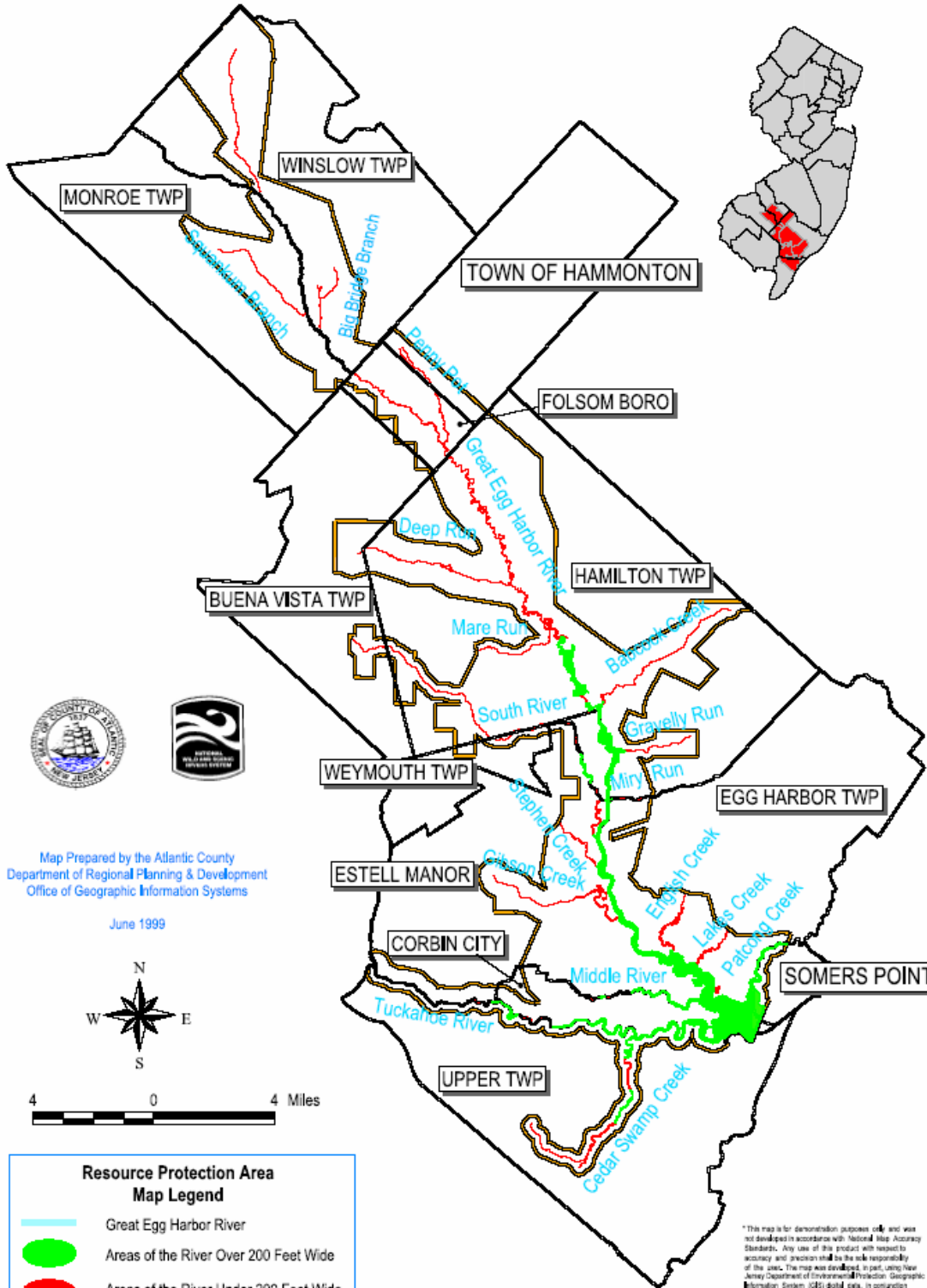
2. RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA 2 – SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL AREAS FOR NON-MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ONLY (LESS THAN 200' WIDE)

This area of the Great Egg Harbor River corridor includes both scenic and recreationally designated areas and consists of waterways less than 200' wide. Based on NJ State Boating law, these areas are for transport and not for intensive motorized recreational activities. All areas of the Great Egg Harbor River and its tributaries above Lake Lenape are limited to non-intensive recreational activities. In addition, note that the tributaries below the bulkhead at Mays Landing are also limited in the types of activities they can support.

TABLE 5 — RESOURCE PROTECTION AREAS

	Resource Protection Area 1 Recreational & Scenic Areas for both motorized & non-motorized activities (Over 200' wide)	Resource Protection Area 2 Recreational & Scenic Areas for non-intensive recreational use (less than 200' wide)
Desired Future Condition	Natural conditions and processes, ensure resource protection. Scenic areas remain as is, very limited access is available and recommended	Natural conditions and processes, ensure resource protection. Scenic areas remain as is, very limited access is available and recommended
Desired visitor condition	Recreational use in appropriate areas	Limited use as appropriate
Management Actions	Managed for resource protection & visitor safety - provide minimal add'l public access, as appropriate Scenic areas will be intensely managed for resource protection	Managed for resource protection & visitor safety - enforce existing regs. banning intensive motorized recreational activities - Limited additional public access. Scenic areas will be intensely managed for resource protection
Kinds & Levels of visitor use	Visitor use acceptable as long as resource degradation does not occur. - all types of recreational activities	Limit recreational activities based on existing NJ State law and size of waterway, as well as critical resources.
Appropriate kinds & levels of development	Limited. Recreational designation allows for some development. Scenic designation is based on minimal development	None/limited in scenic areas and limited in recreational areas.

Great Egg Harbor River Resource Protection Area



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Resource Protection Area Map Legend	
	Great Egg Harbor River
	Areas of the River Over 200 Feet Wide
	Areas of the River Under 200 Feet Wide
	Municipal Boundaries
	Management Boundary

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