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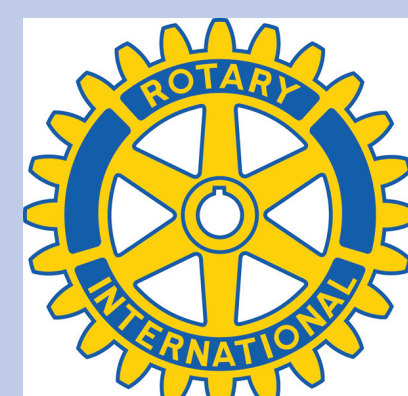
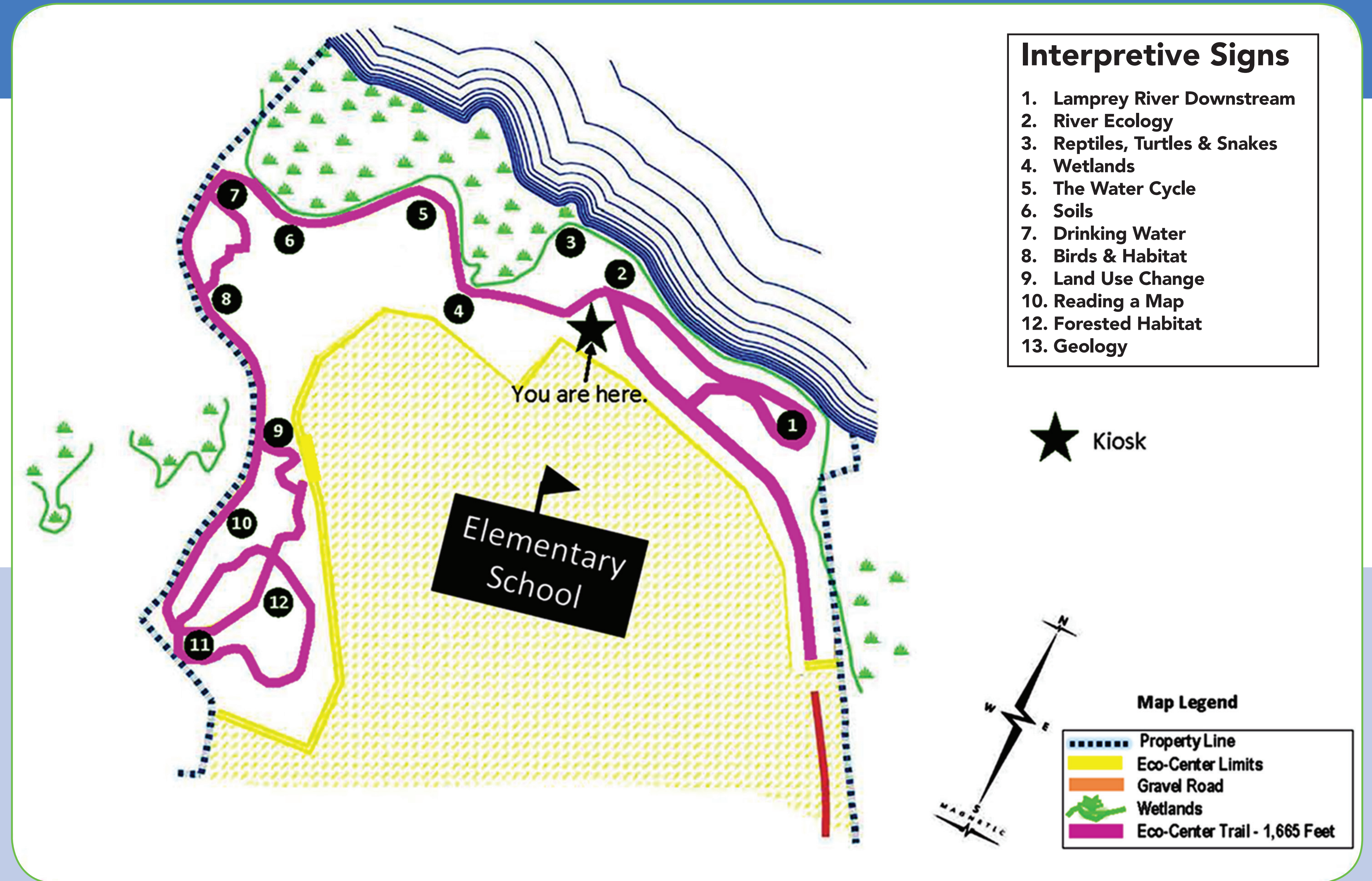
Lamprey River Elementary School Eco-Center

The Raymond School District has partnered with the Lamprey River Advisory Committee, the Raymond Conservation Commission, the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) and the University of New Hampshire to develop the Lamprey River Elementary School Eco-Center. This project presents a trail system behind the elementary school on the shore of the Lamprey River enhanced with interpretive signage, creating an educational experience for students, educators, nature enthusiasts and interested public wishing to explore and learn more about important river habitats and functions.

The Lamprey River is thousands of years old and originates in the Saddleback Mountains in Northwood, New Hampshire. It flows 49 miles through fourteen towns all the way to Great Bay Estuary, in the seacoast region of New Hampshire. All along the Lamprey River one can find wildlife, forests, wetlands and opportunities to enjoy the river for both its natural beauty and recreational opportunities that abound; fishing, kayaking, canoeing, swimming and hiking. The Lamprey River is the largest contributor of fresh water to the Great Bay Estuary, making it an extremely important resource requiring care and stewardship.

The Eco-Center is made up of a series of trails with interpretive signage to assist educators in presenting to students the natural beauty and complex eco-systems which complement the Lamprey River. Often, only a few steps apart, one can find distinctly different soils supporting specifically dependent flora (plant life) & fauna (animal life). These plants and animals range from water lilies to eastern white pine trees; from water beetles and amphibians to osprey, with a whole lot in between.

The Lamprey River Elementary School Eco-Center project partners want to welcome you to a snapshot of life on the Lamprey River. We hope you enjoy it! Funds for this project were provided by the National Park Service under CFDA: 15.954– Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Assistance.



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