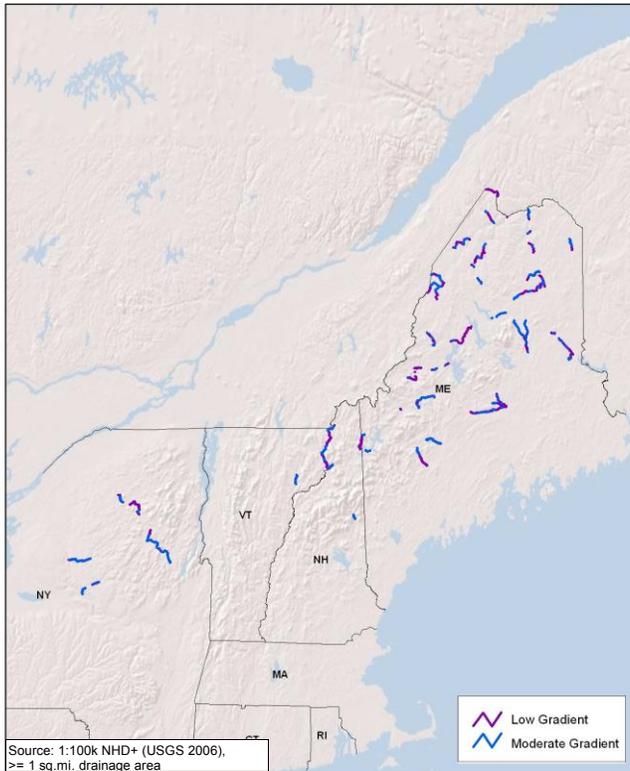


# Cold, Medium River

Macrogroup: Medium River

This map is based on a model and has had little field-checking. Contact your State Natural Heritage Ecologist or State Fish Game Agency for more information about this habitat.



Upper Ammonoosuc River, © Alexis Horatius

## Description:

Cold, medium-sized rivers of the northern region. These medium sized rivers drain watersheds up to 1000 sq.mi. in size and have an average bankfull width of 131 feet. Slower moving, lower gradient sections of these rivers are expected to be more unconfined with higher sinuosity, broader floodplain valleys, more riparian wetlands, and lower width/depth ratios than the more moderate gradient portions. Permanent cold water temperatures in these rivers means coldwater fish species likely represent over half of the fish community. Examples of this river type in the region include the Allagash, Aroostook, Southwest Branch Saint John, East Branch Penobscot, West Branch Penobscot, Moose, Piscataquis, Upper Connecticut, Raquette, and Upper Hudson.

## Similar Habitat Types:

Cool and warm medium rivers are also found in the region. Cold medium rivers typically flow into larger cool rivers or directly to the coast.

**State Distribution:** ME, NH, NY, VT

**Total Habitat (mi):** 693

**% Conserved:** 36.1 Unit = Acres of 100m Riparian Buffer

State	State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
ME	74	541	53	66	220
NY	15	108	37	2	34
VT	6	42	0	1	26
NH	5	36	4	3	16

## Places to Visit this Habitat:

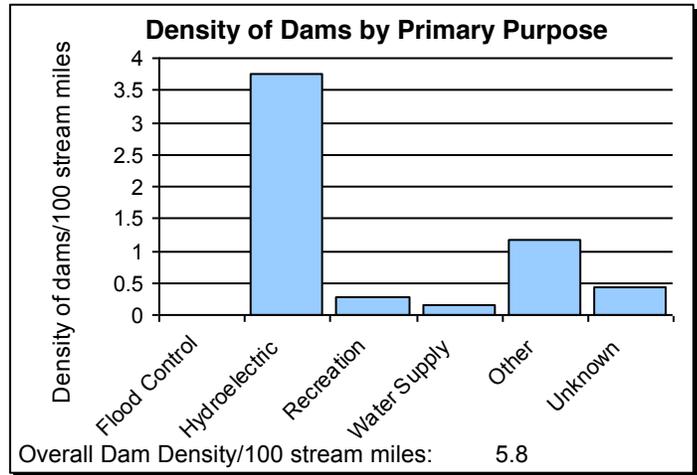
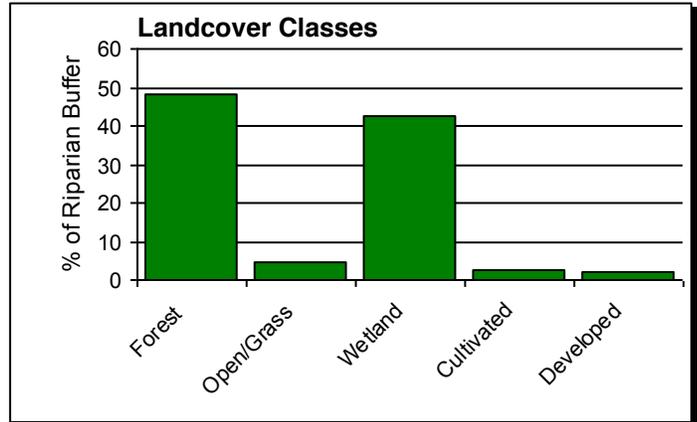
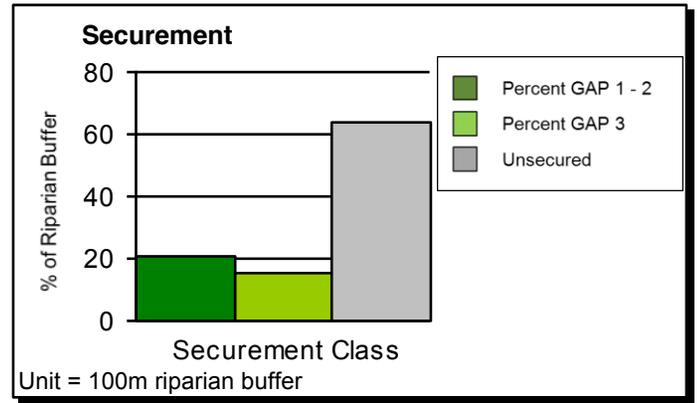
Raquette River, Sargent Ponds Wild Forest | NY East Branch Penobscot River, Baxter State Park | ME Baker Branch Saint John River, Upper St John River Watershed - Tnc Reserve | ME Connecticut River, Maidstone Bends | VT Connecticut River, Lyman Falls State Park | VT

**Associated Fish:**

Most Abundant Species: fallfish, yellow perch. Less Abundant Species: white sucker, common shiner, tessellated darter, northern pike, american eel, burbot, brook trout, atlantic salmon.

**Species of Concern (G1 - G4):**

Fishes: round whitefish  
Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails: brook floater, yellow lampmussel  
 See Appendix 2 for scientific names



**Crosswalk to State Names:**

New York: Confined river, Unconfined river, Backwater slough.



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