

**The North and South Rivers  
Watershed Association  
Protecting Our Waters Since 1970**

# The North & South Rivers Watershed Association



- ❖ The NSRWA is a 501 (c)<sub>3</sub> non-profit, grassroots, membership organization
- ❖ Founded in 1970 it has grown to over 1,400 members today



# **NSRWA History & Accomplishments**



**1970s**

**North River Protective Order and National Landmark Designation**

**1980 - 1990s**

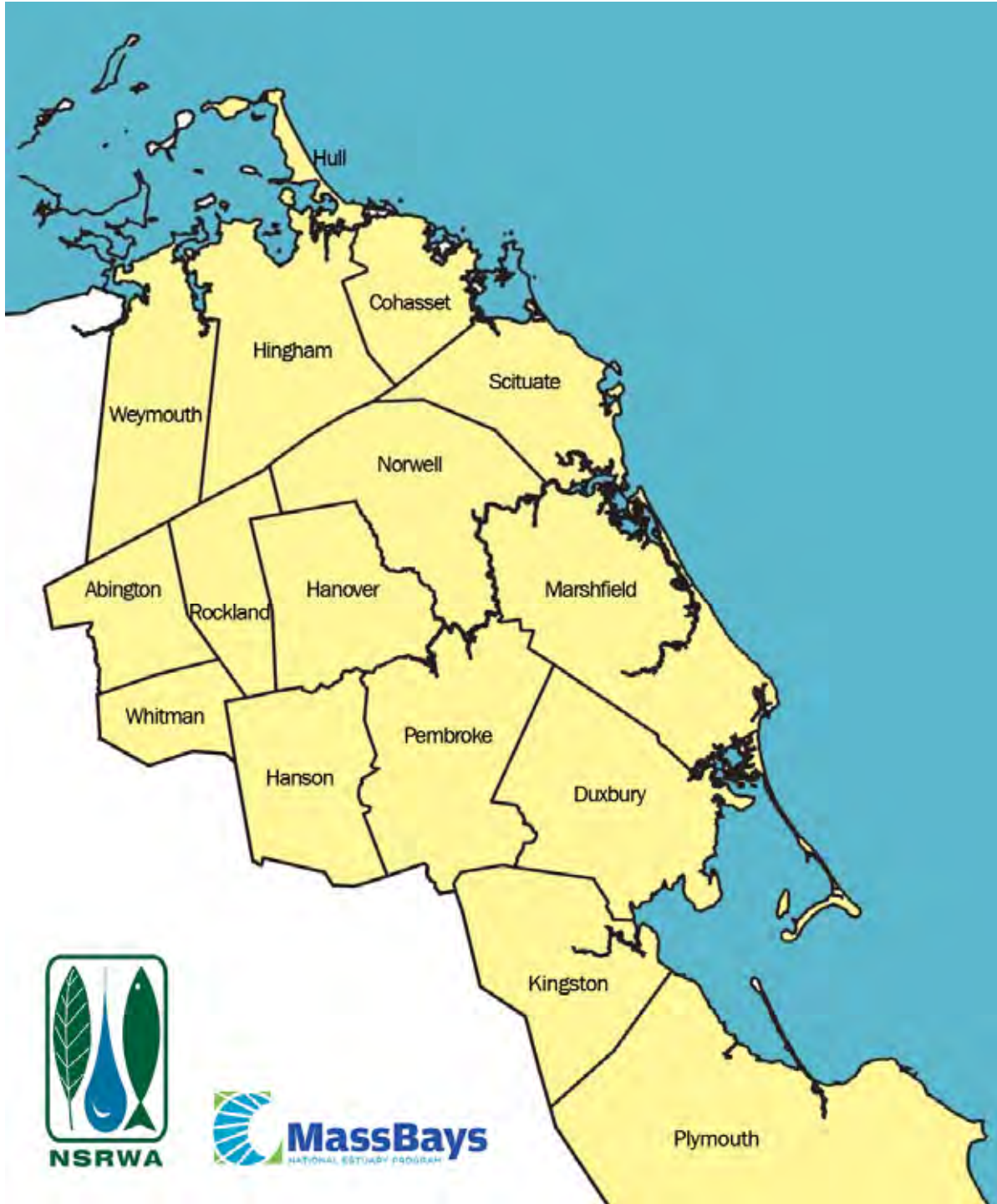
**North River water quality improved, opening of shellfish beds to public**

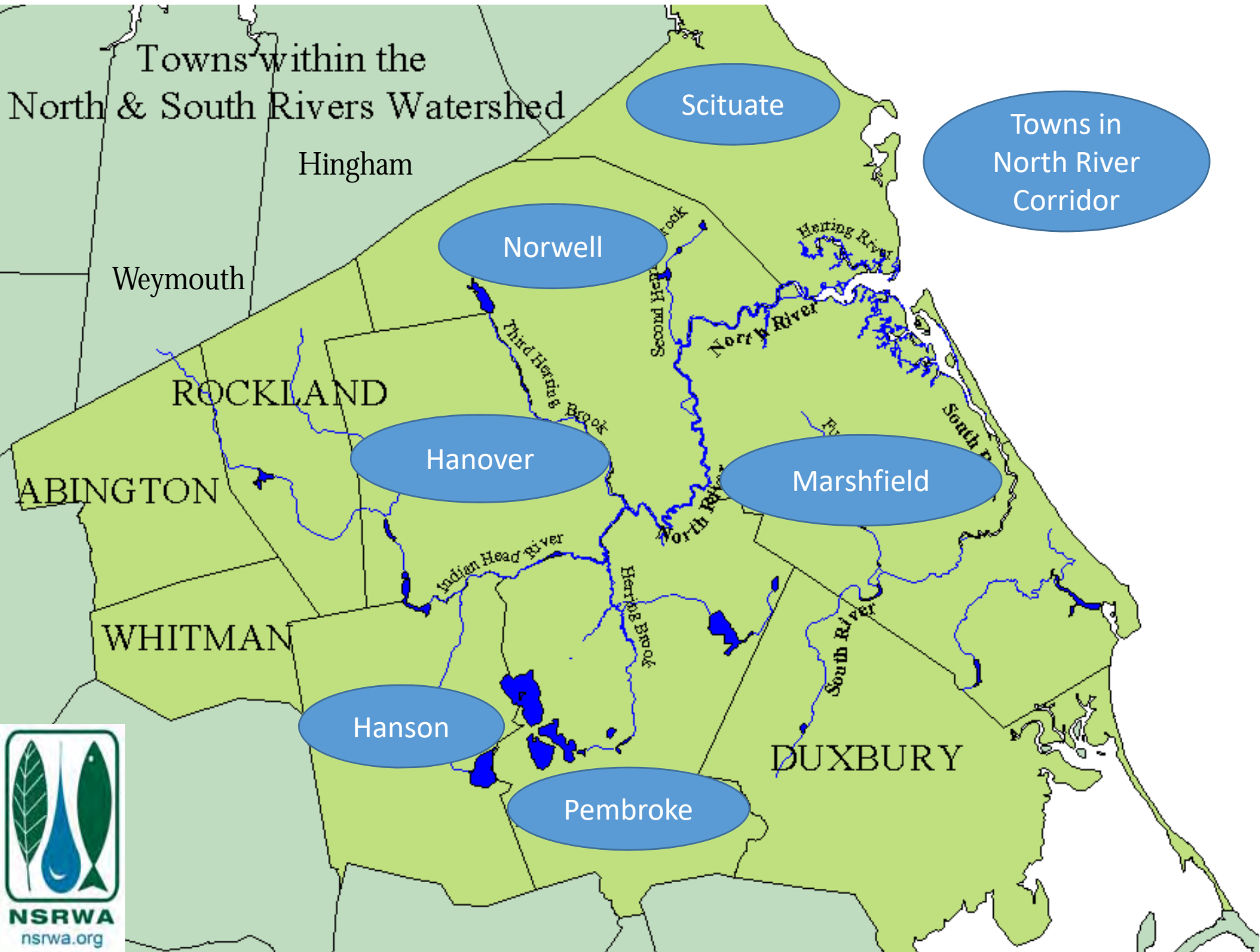
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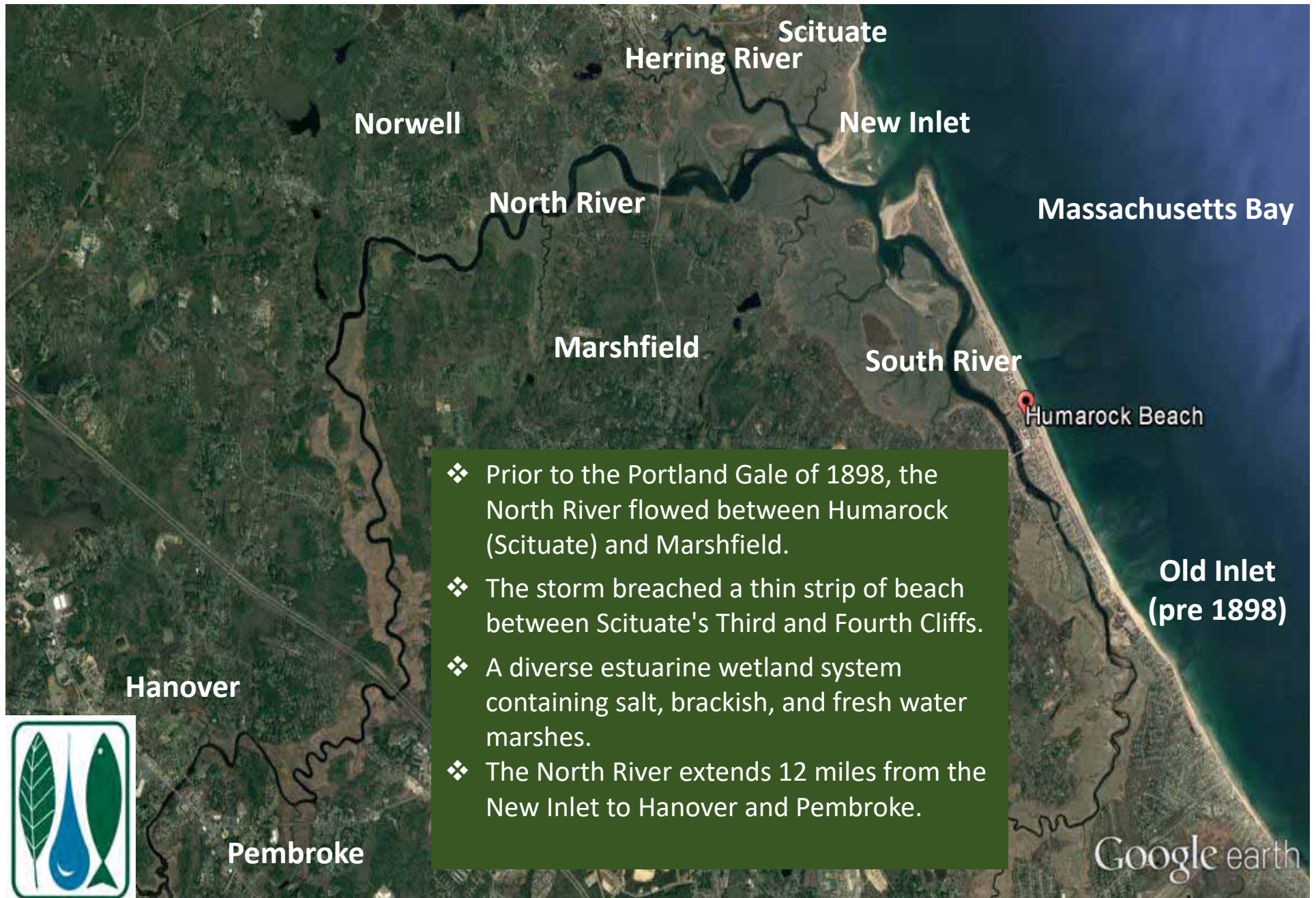
**Permanently protected over 400 acres along the rivers  
Water quality improvements lead re-opening South River shellfish beds after 30 years  
Host of the Massachusetts Bays National Estuary Program**

**2010s**

**Restored 9 miles of herring habitat thru dam removal  
Educating over 2,500 students annually about water!**







- ❖ Prior to the Portland Gale of 1898, the North River flowed between Humarock (Scituate) and Marshfield.
- ❖ The storm breached a thin strip of beach between Scituate's Third and Fourth Cliffs.
- ❖ A diverse estuarine wetland system containing salt, brackish, and fresh water marshes.
- ❖ The North River extends 12 miles from the New Inlet to Hanover and Pembroke.



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**Educate + Engage = Healthy Rivers**



# Engaging People With the Rivers





# Nature and History Pontoon Boat Rides





## ***NSRWA's Pontoon Boat***

***will take you here...***



***to discover our beautiful  
rivers and marshland***



***and here...***



# Education

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Water Education
- River Adventures Camp
- Estuary Explorers





# North River Commission Partnership

Massachusetts  
Department of  
Conservation and  
Recreation

Provides funding for  
staff and legal  
support

North and South Rivers  
Watershed Association  
501c3 Corporation

Administers funding as  
a fiscal agent

North River  
Commission  
Legal Empowered and  
Funded via State

Commission members  
from 6 towns abutting  
river, two part time staff  
including a part time  
agent and boat patrol

# North River Protective Order Passed in 1978

40 Years Ago!

**Has it worked?**



**Norris Reservation**

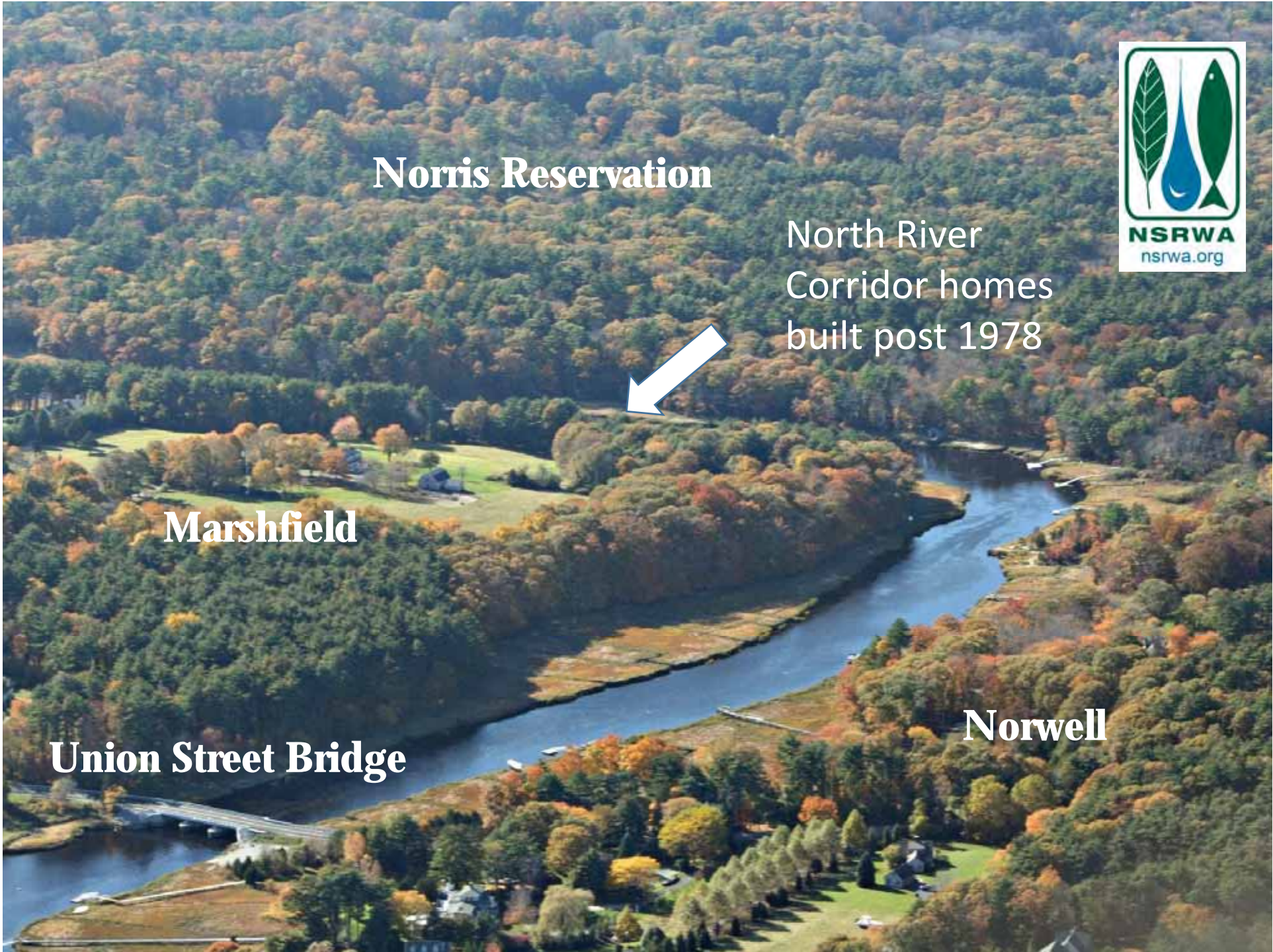
North River  
Corridor homes  
built post 1978



**Marshfield**

**Union Street Bridge**

**Norwell**



## North River Looking East from Norwell to Marshfield



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# The North River from Union Street to the Atlantic



North River  
Corridor homes  
built post 1978

Nelson Forest

North River Corridor  
homes built pre 1978





# The North River in Pembroke and Norwell



Norwell

Route 3

Pembroke

North River Corridor  
homes built post 1978

North River Corridor

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# The North River in Pembroke and Norwell



Pembroke

North River Corridor

Homes built post  
1978

# North River Scenic Vistas Preserved



# Wildlife in the North River

## Juvenile Bald Eagle



# Wildlife in the North River



## Seals!



# Wildlife in the North River



## Striped Bass!



# Wildlife in the North River



## River Herring and Shad



# Wildlife in the North River

## Shore and Wading Birds





# Property for sale on North River listed at \$1,595,000



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CLASSIC ELEGANCE OVERLOOKING SCENIC NORTH RIVER



# Property for sale on North River listed at \$4,999,999



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**North River looking East From  
Pembroke Upstream of Route 3 Bridge**



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**South River Looking Towards the Mouth  
No Protective Order**



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