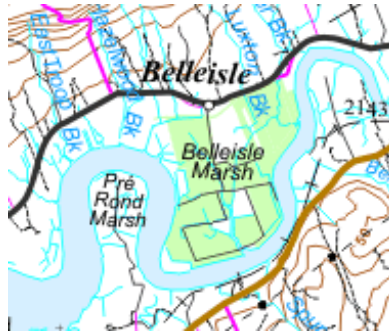


Proposed Belleisle Wildlife Management Area



Belleisle Marsh is located on the north side of the Annapolis River, along Highway # 1, approximately 13 kilometres east of Annapolis Royal.

This proposed wildlife management area is approximately 287 hectares. The land is owned by the Province of Nova Scotia and jointly managed with Ducks Unlimited Canada to achieve the long-term waterfowl and wetland conservation objectives of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and the Eastern Habitat Joint Venture.

The proposed Belleisle Marsh Wildlife Management Area is Nova Scotia's flagship project under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan in which to demonstrate integrated resource management. Wildlife conservation, agricultural production, recreational use, public education and scientific research are actively encouraged. Fresh water marsh impoundments and potholes have been constructed on approximately 75 hectares, while an additional 86 hectares of Provincial holdings are currently licensed with restrictions for agricultural purposes. The remaining 126 ha within the proposed wildlife management area are managed as rough cover and roads.

In 1991, the Province made a commitment to designate the Belleisle Marsh as a Wildlife Management Area in their agreement to secure the funds to acquire and develop the land. The designation will assist the Department to conserve and manage wildlife, to regulate and permit public and agricultural access to the land, and to undertake scientific studies in accordance with the goals and objectives of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. Hunting and trapping will be allowed in season.