Habitat of Potential Regional or Statewide Importance
Town of ATHOL, MA

The IEI, or Index of Ecological Integrity, delineates the relative wildlife habitat and biodiversity value of any point on the landscape based on landscape ecology principles and expert opinion. The IEI is calculated by the Conservation Assessment and Prioritization System (CAPS) computer program developed at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Depicted on this map are those areas representing 50% of the landscape with the highest IEI values. The darker the color the higher the integrity value. For more information see: http://www.masscaps.org.

*Non-forested uplands include grasslands, shrublands, cliffs, and exposed or wooded steep slopes.

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