

River Segment	Values	ORV Resource or Feature	Region of Comparison	Example(s) of Unique, Rare, or Exemplary Status
York River watershed rivers and streams (system-wide)	Ecological	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water quality Watershed connectivity Unique and diverse habitats / overall biodiversity Concentration of rare, threatened and endangered species/species of greatest conservation need Unfragmented forest areas protecting headwater streams, wetlands, drinking water supplies, and riparian areas 	State of Maine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of largest intact coastal wetlands in southern Maine Greatest diversity of threatened and endangered species of any Maine region Regional reference site for water quality 28 species of estuarine and freshwater fish and excellent fish habitat, including diadromous fish and habitat
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of largest intact coastal forest between Acadia and the New Jersey Pine Barrens Salt marsh habitat / coastal ecosystem resiliency 	Northeastern United States	Top 1% of sites surveyed for resiliency – most likely to support biological diversity and ecological functions with sea level rise
	Historical and Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diverse, well-preserved and documented sites; important to regional culture and identity Early industry and settlement (Euroamerican) Formative events and settlement for colonization and early governance (Province of Maine) Many archaeological sites (pre-contact and colonial) 	New England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High concentration of notable historic structures along river Early tidal dams and mill structures Three local historic districts (York) and many local historic landmarks Native American archaeology sites, including middens
		Historic sites: National Register of Historic Places	United States	National Historic District and 5 river-related individual National Register sites
York River	Ecological	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diadromous fish and fish habitat Salt marsh habitat Coastal ecosystem resiliency Tidal wading bird habitat Inland waterfowl/wading bird habitat 	State of Maine	Identified as State Focus Area for ecological significance
	Historical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archaeological sites (pre-contact and colonial) Numerous historic buildings, National Register sites and district, Scotland area settlement, Punkintown, mill and dam sites Early industry and settlement, importance to early European colonization and early Maine government 	State of Maine & United States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributes to York National Historic District and three local historic districts NRHP sites: John Hancock Warehouse, Isabella Breckinridge House, McIntire Garrison, Frost Garrison and House Punkintown settlement archaeology
	Cultural and Scenic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working waterfront: Sewall's Bridge dock easement Iconic bridges: Wiggly Bridge and Sewall's Bridge – America's first wooden pile drawbridge built in 1761 	State of Maine & United States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First in nation conservation easement to maintain working waterfront Sewall's Bridge - National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique river views combining history, natural resources and built environment 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> York River/Harbor Heritage Coastal Area Findings from State Coastal Scenic Landscape Assessment (1987)
Cutts Ridge Brook, and Rogers Brook	Ecological	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diadromous fish and fish habitat Salt marsh habitat Coastal ecosystem resiliency Tidal wading bird habitat Forested stream habitat/forested wetlands 	State of Maine	Identified as State Focus Area for ecological significance
Smelt Brook	Ecological	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diadromous fish and fish habitat Salt marsh habitat Coastal ecosystem resiliency Tidal wading bird habitat 	State of Maine	Identified as State Focus Area for ecological significance
	Historical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic mill and dam sites Shipbuilding site Archaeological sites 	New England	Sites of early Colonial industry and settlement
Bass Cove Creek	Ecological	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diadromous fish and fish habitat Salt marsh habitat Tidal wading bird habitat 	State of Maine	Identified as State Focus Area for ecological significance
Dolly Gordon Brook and Libby Brook	Ecological	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salt marsh habitat Coastal ecosystem resiliency Tidal wading bird habitat Inland waterfowl/wading bird habitat (Dolly Gordon Brook) 	State of Maine	Identified as State Focus Area for ecological significance
	Historical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic tidal saw mill and dam sites Archaeological sites Historic site: Barrell Homestead (National Register site) 	New England & United States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the earliest known tidal powered saw mills in Colonial America (1634) National Register of Historic Places site
Cider Hill Creek	Ecological	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diadromous fish and fish habitat Salt marsh habitat Coastal ecosystem resiliency Tidal wading bird habitat Forested stream habitat/forested wetlands 	State of Maine	Identified as State Focus Area for ecological significance
	Historical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic archaeology site: Point Christian remains Historic mill and dam sites Other archaeological sites 	New England	Remains of the 1634-35 Point Christian manor house (home of Thomas Gorges, colony governor)