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SINCE 2003, THE SMBSA HAS FOCUSED ON THE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP OF THE ST. MARGARET'S BAY WATERSHED.

- ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY ISSUES
- NON-PROFIT, CHARITABLE STATUS
- SMB COMMUNITY VALUES ADVOCACY
- ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
- ISLANDS, WATERSHEDS, FORESTS AND THE BAY ITSELF!
- COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP
- INFRASTRUCTURE
- DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES
- SUSTAINABILITY
- BY-LAW REFORM



WOODENS RIVER WATERSHED ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION

- FORMED IN 1995
- ENVIRONMENT AND IMPACT REDUCTION FOCUSED
- CREATED THE BLUFF WILDERNESS HIKING TRAIL
- BLUFF TRAIL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM – 2017-PRESENT

Community-based Wilderness Stewardship?

Responsible and conscientious use of and recreation within public wilderness based on sustainability, conservation, community, monitoring, and observation.

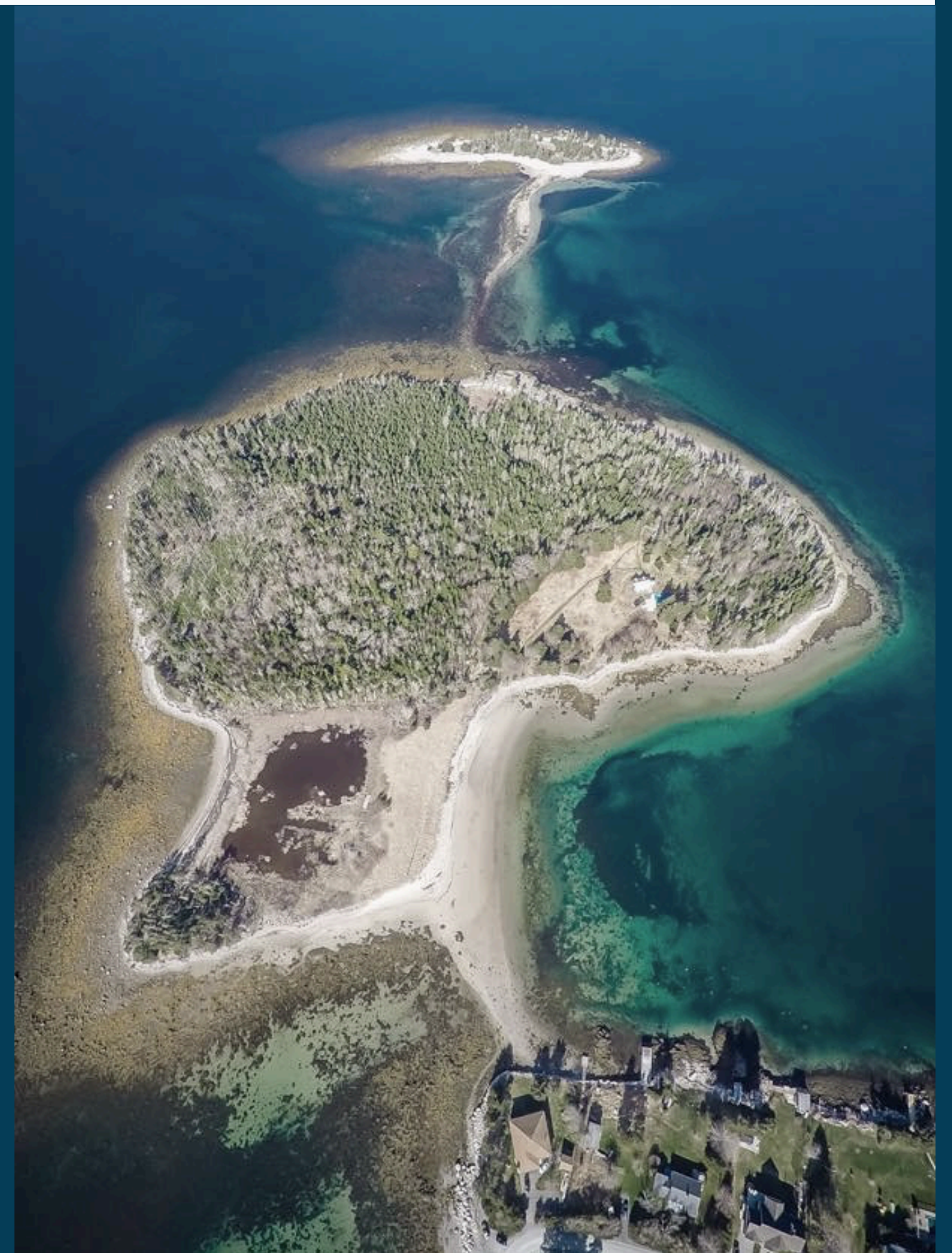
Somewhere between management and preservation

BLUFF TRAIL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM



Some interesting stats:

- Over 300 Trail and Island Stewards trained
- Reduction in the rate of prohibited fires by over thirtyfold
- Cultural change in behaviours relating to fires, abuse, and ecological responsibility
- Over 21,000 lbs. of waste removed
- Over 25,000 hours of volunteer work coordinated
- Over \$500,000 generated annually in-kind



Why is CBWS necessary within the HGNP?

- High levels of public use
- Harmful/unsafe uses
 - fires
 - ecological degradation
 - rule/law infractions
- Invasive species management
- Enforcement of rules/laws is extremely difficult



The benefits of CBWS within the HGNP

- BMBCL, Sandy Lake, Shaw, and more:

- Reduced fire hazards
- Cultural change
- Increased volunteerism
- Increased management capacity
- Reduction in ecological degradation
- Multiplied value for return on investment
- Invasive species management



In short, CBWS is necessary to ensure the sustainability of HRMs wilderness spaces and their surrounding communities