

**DUCKS UNLIMITED ~ NEW ENGLAND**  
2012 Conservation Report

**GREAT BAY PARTNERSHIP HITS MAJOR MILESTONE IN LAND PROTECTION**  
(New Hampshire)

**On July 21, 2011 the Great Bay Partnership** (DU, TNC, NH Fish & Game, Society for the Protection of NH Forests, USFWS, NRCS, NH Audubon, EPA and Great Bay National Estuarine Reserve) closed on its 100th conservation property! The honor goes to the Brett Family of Madbury. Since the beginning of the Partnership's land protection efforts in 1996, the completion of the Brett conservation project marks the one-hundredth property resulting in 5,625 acres conserved around Great Bay! On October 5th, the Partnership hosted a "100th Conservation Property Celebration" at the Brett property (see photo).

The Brett property is 53.02 acres located in the Town of Madbury, in the Johnson & Bunker Creek Conservation Project Area. The property was a family farm, and the existing buildings (house, barns, outbuildings) will be located in the excluded area of the conservation easement. The trustee of the family trust, Nick Brett, led the family's effort to conserve the land to both fulfill his father's wishes and to assist with his continuing care. The Brett conservation easement conserves approximately 1,300 feet along Gerrish Brook, a tributary to Johnson Creek which is a tributary to the tidal portion of the Oyster River. This section of the Brook consists of sedge meadows, active and inactive beaver flowages, and scrub-shrub wetlands all of which provide excellent waterfowl habitat. Funds for the acquisition came from the Partnership existing NAWCA and NOAA grants. TNC will transfer the conservation easement to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department sometime around the end of 2011.



*Main: Regional DU VP, Dick Magie (third from left) joins other partners in celebrating the 100th property conserved under the Great Bay Protection Partnership in New Hampshire. Inset: One of the wetlands preserved on the Brett property.*

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