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°Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association

Mission Statement

To conserve the natural and historic heritage of the Sheepscot watershed through land protection, habitat restoration, support for compatible land use patterns, advocacy and education.

Goals

- I. To preserve and protect natural systems and their inhabitants in the Sheepscot watershed through land protection and stewardship.
- II. To advocate on behalf of natural systems, their inhabitants and the recreational resources in the Sheepscot watershed.
- III. Collaborate with agencies, municipalities and landowners to identify and restore degraded habitat in the watershed.
- IV. To integrate environmental education into community outreach efforts.
- V. To provide technical assistance where possible and appropriate.
- VI. To ensure that SVCA has the organizational and financial capacity to realize its mission.

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