

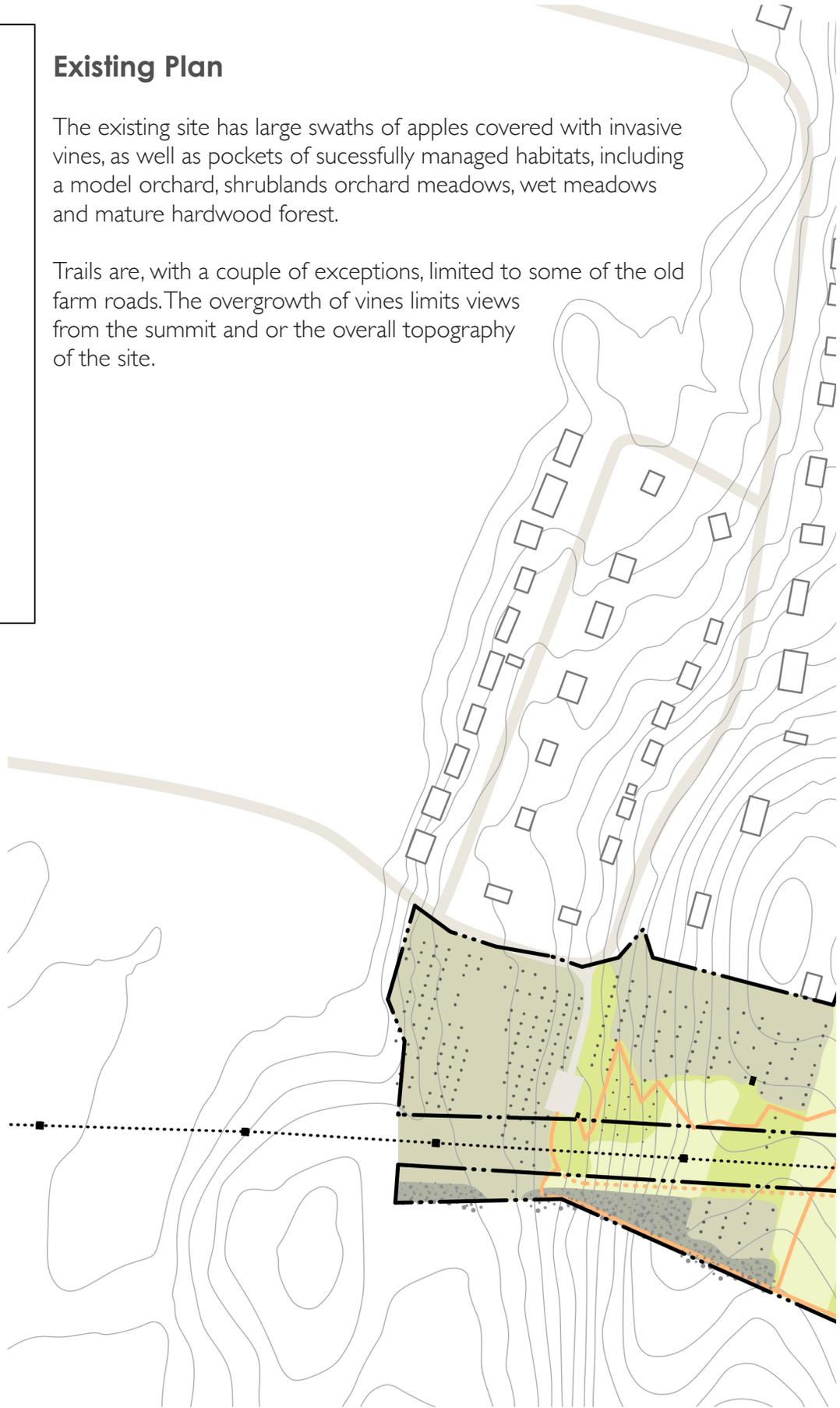
LEGEND

	PROPERTY LINE
	ELECTRIC LINE/TOWER
	PRIMARY TRAIL
	INFORMAL TRAIL
	POND
	WET MEADOW
	MEADOW
	UPLAND SHRUB
	UPLAND HARDWOOD
	ORCHARD A (MODEL ORCHARD)
	ORCHARD B (MOWED ORCHARD)
	ORCHARD C (INVASIVES / WILD)
	PARKING

Existing Plan

The existing site has large swaths of apples covered with invasive vines, as well as pockets of successfully managed habitats, including a model orchard, shrublands orchard meadows, wet meadows and mature hardwood forest.

Trails are, with a couple of exceptions, limited to some of the old farm roads. The overgrowth of vines limits views from the summit and or the overall topography of the site.



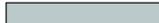
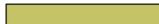
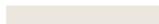
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Existing Conditions

LEGEND

-  PROPERTY LINE
-  ELECTRIC LINE/TOWER
-  PRIMARY TRAIL
-  INFORMAL TRAIL
-  NEW TRAIL
-  POND
-  WET MEADOW
-  MEADOW
-  UPLAND SHRUB
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Proposed Plan

The proposed plan reduces the area given over to invasive vines, increasing the extents of meadow habitats, as well as semi-maintained orchards, maintained orchards, shrub lands and woodlands.

The plan also adds trails, opens vistas, and new destinations and exposes the natural and man made topography of the site.



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Proposed Character/Habitat Zones & Trails

-  Target Character
-  Currently Exists
-  Target Character to be Achieved



Model Orchards

The goal for the model orchards is to increase the quantity and variety of maintained orchard trees near the entry to the park. These trees can be managed to provide fruit for human consumption and will help maintain the identity of the park as an orchard site.

A. Old Model Orchard

Continue as usual. Mow monthly, prune as needed.

B. Overlook Orchard

C. Entry Model Orchard

Remove any unwanted trees or shrubs. Plant new orchard trees, including peaches and other varieties of interest to the community. Mow monthly, prune as needed



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Meadow Orchards

Open orchards dominated by grass, herbaceous ground cover and widely spaced apple trees creates excellent habitat for a variety of animals due to the food and cover provided by the apples and grasses.¹

In addition, maintaining recognizable, though less productive orchards along the “Orchard Trail” and along the “Farm Road” (one of the oldest paths on the site) will contribute the identity of the park as a former productive landscape.

A. West Shoulder Orchard

B. North Orchard

Mow annually. Remove trees as they die and replant with new apples to maintain row.

¹ Wilson, Judy M, “Manging Abandoned Orchards and Apple Trees for Wildlife” in *Managing Grasslands, Shrublands and Young Forests for Wildlife* ed. James D. Oehler et. al. Northeast Upland Habitat Technical Committee, MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, 2006

C. Orchard Trail

D. Farm Road Orchard

E. Entry Meadow Orchard

F. Model Orchard Extension

Clear trees of vines, remove invasive species and mow annually. Scarify soil and overseed with meadow seed mix. Remove trees as they die and replant with new apples to maintain rows.



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Meadow Orchards