



Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
55 Reserve Drive
Prudence Island, RI 02872

NBNERR Research Permit

Date: NBNERR Project No. (internal):

Project title:

Principal investigator:

Institution:

Address 1:

Address 2:

Phone: Fax: Email:

Name and contact information for primary contact (if not principal investigator):

If student, list major advisor, school, and degree sought:

Estimate typical number of field workers in the Reserve:

Project duration:

Funding amount:

Funding source(s):



Project description. Include background, timeline, methods, and management implications (or attach an abstract or project synopsis separately). Provide detailed information on any markers, experimental hardware, or any other structures that will be placed on the field:

Describe study locations (include GPS coordinates if possible; also mark locations on at least one of the attached maps):

Describe any direct or indirect impacts to Reserve resources that would result from this study (and any steps that will be taken to minimize these impacts):

Research Permit Conditions:

1. This research permit is valid from _____ to _____. The permit may be renewed, at the discretion of NBNERR, if more time is necessary to complete the study. The applicant is responsible for determining if any additional permits are needed from Federal, State or local jurisdictions. Any additional permits (e.g., from the RI Department of Environmental Management or the RI Coastal Resources Management Council) are the responsibility of the applicant.
2. If you require the use of overnight facilities or need laboratory or storage space, please contact the Reserve's Research Coordinator (Dr. Kenneth Raposa, 401.683.7849; Kenny@nbnerr.org). There are currently no charges for overnight facilities, lab use, or storage; visit www.nbnerr.org for more information.
3. All field infrastructure associated with this study must be approved by NBNERR before use and clearly marked with the researcher's contact information. Any items not marked may be removed by Reserve staff at the applicant's expense.
4. NBNERR must approve of the specific location for the installation of any field infrastructure in advance. NBNERR must be notified prior to the installation of any infrastructure to allow NBNERR to conduct a site visit to insure that any direct or indirect impacts, as determined by NBNERR, have been adequately addressed.
5. Any and all materials associated with this study must be removed from the field and removed from the NBNERR within 30 days of the end date of the project. Failure to meet this condition without a written time extension from NBNERR, will result in the equipment being removed at the applicant's expense.
6. Ongoing projects must submit an annual report to NBNERR providing updates on progress and any changes to the original proposal.
7. All projects must submit a final report to NBNERR after completing the study. The form of this report is at the discretion of the researcher. It can be a short, separate report specifically for NBNERR, a copy of a report to the primary funding source, or a copy of a published manuscript, technical report, etc.
8. NBNERR support must be properly acknowledged in any scientific papers, reports, presentations, or other products.
9. The applicant must provide copies of published papers, reports, presentations, GIS datasets, and other products that result from this project.
10. NBNERR reserves the right to revoke this permit if the applicant fails to comply with the aforementioned conditions.
11. Prior to entry at the Research Reserve, applicant must provide a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the sponsor institution's coverage of Comprehensive General Liability Insurance for the benefit of the sponsor institution and NBNERR in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for personal injuries, death and property damage. The Certificate of Insurance shall name the State of Rhode Island, Department of Environmental Management as an additional insured on the policy.

Narragansett Bay Research Reserve
RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/COVENANT NOT TO SUE

I, the undersigned participant in research on the Narragansett Bay Research Reserve, acknowledge that there is a risk of danger and potential for bodily injury in this activity. I agree to be both physically and mentally prepared and equipped with appropriate gear when I participate in research activities. I agree to remain aware of the risks involved and to conduct myself in an appropriate manner. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my own safety, and that the activities in which I become involved are at my sole risk.

THEREFORE, for myself, and for my spouse, heirs, successors, children, legal representatives and assigns, I do hereby release and forever discharge the State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and the Narragansett Bay Research Reserve, or their agents, officials and employees from any and all liability for any personal injuries or other losses or damages which may be suffered including any claims for worker's compensation coverage.

Further, I covenant not to sue, on behalf of myself, my spouse, heirs, successors, children, legal representatives and assigns, the State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) or the Narragansett Bay Research Reserve or their agents, officials and employees for any personal injuries or other loss or damages occasioned during such activities.

I agree that this Risk Acknowledgement and Covenant Not to Sue is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Rhode Island and that if any portion is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full force and effect provided, however, that the foregoing provisions shall not limit the liability of anyone who may be personally guilty of willful or reckless actions resulting in injury.

I state that I have carefully read all of the above, that I understand it, and that this document is signed of my own free will.

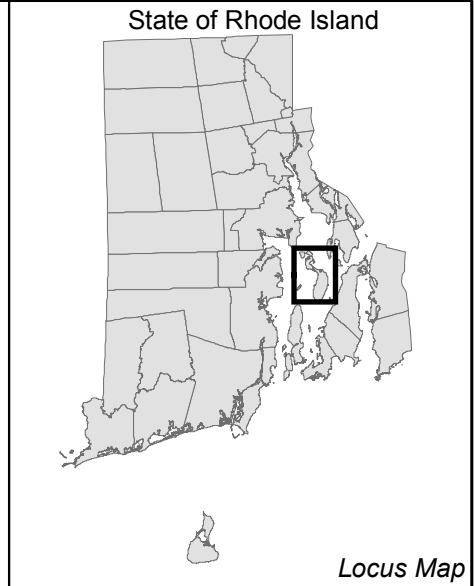
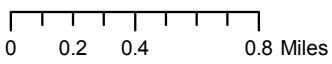
Date

Signature of participant

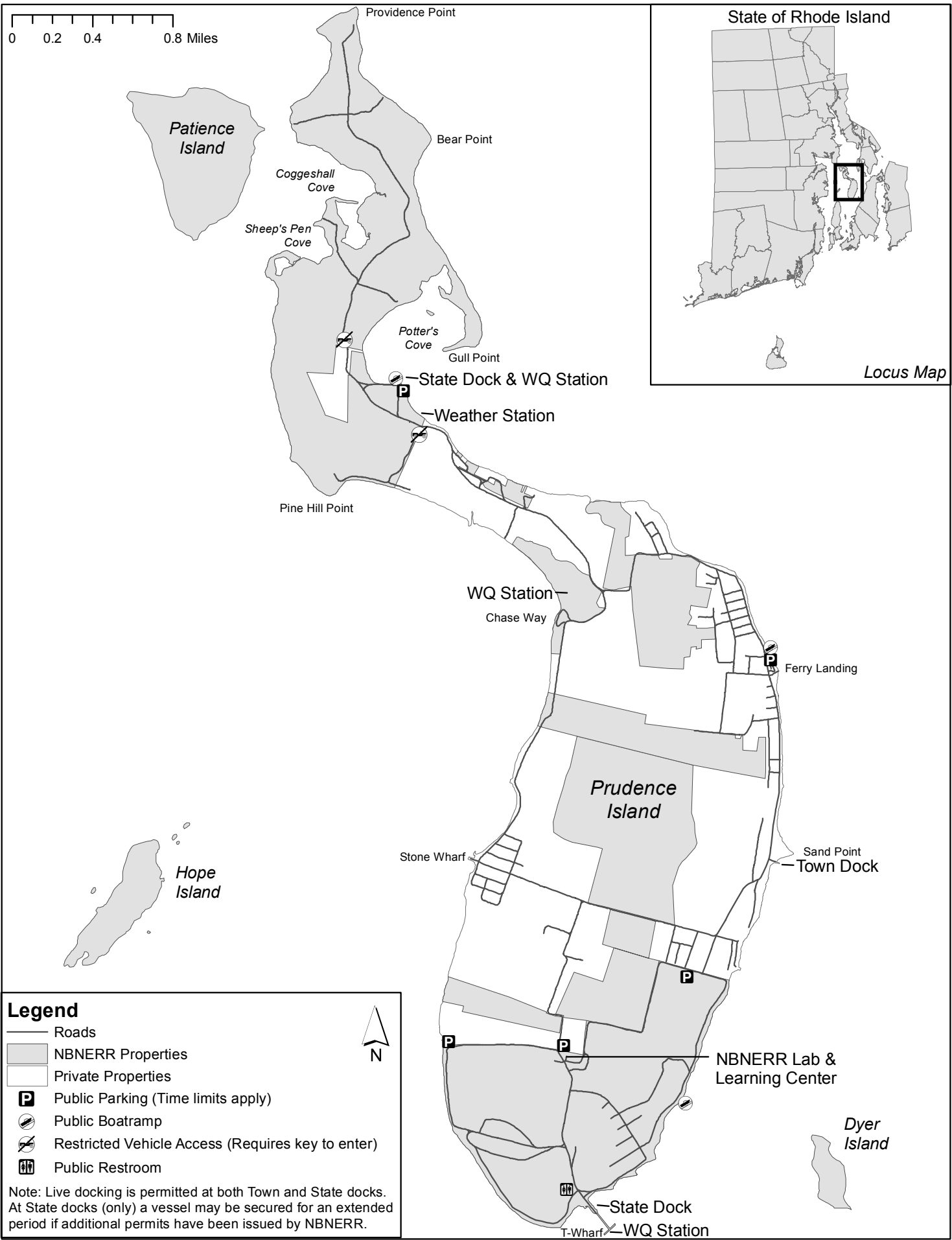
Signature of participant's parent (if participant is under age 18)

Date

NBNERR Research Coordinator Approval of Permit



Locus Map

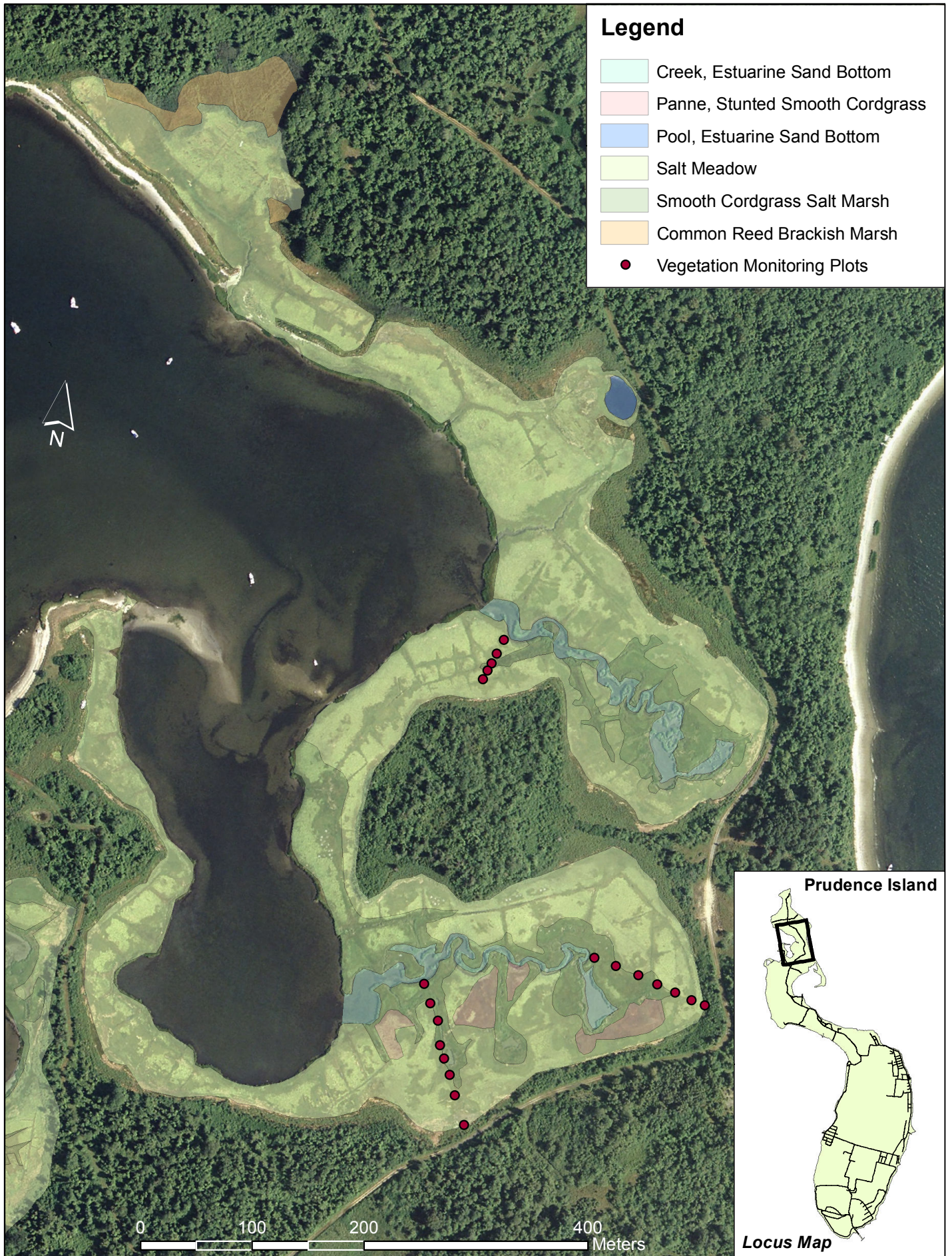


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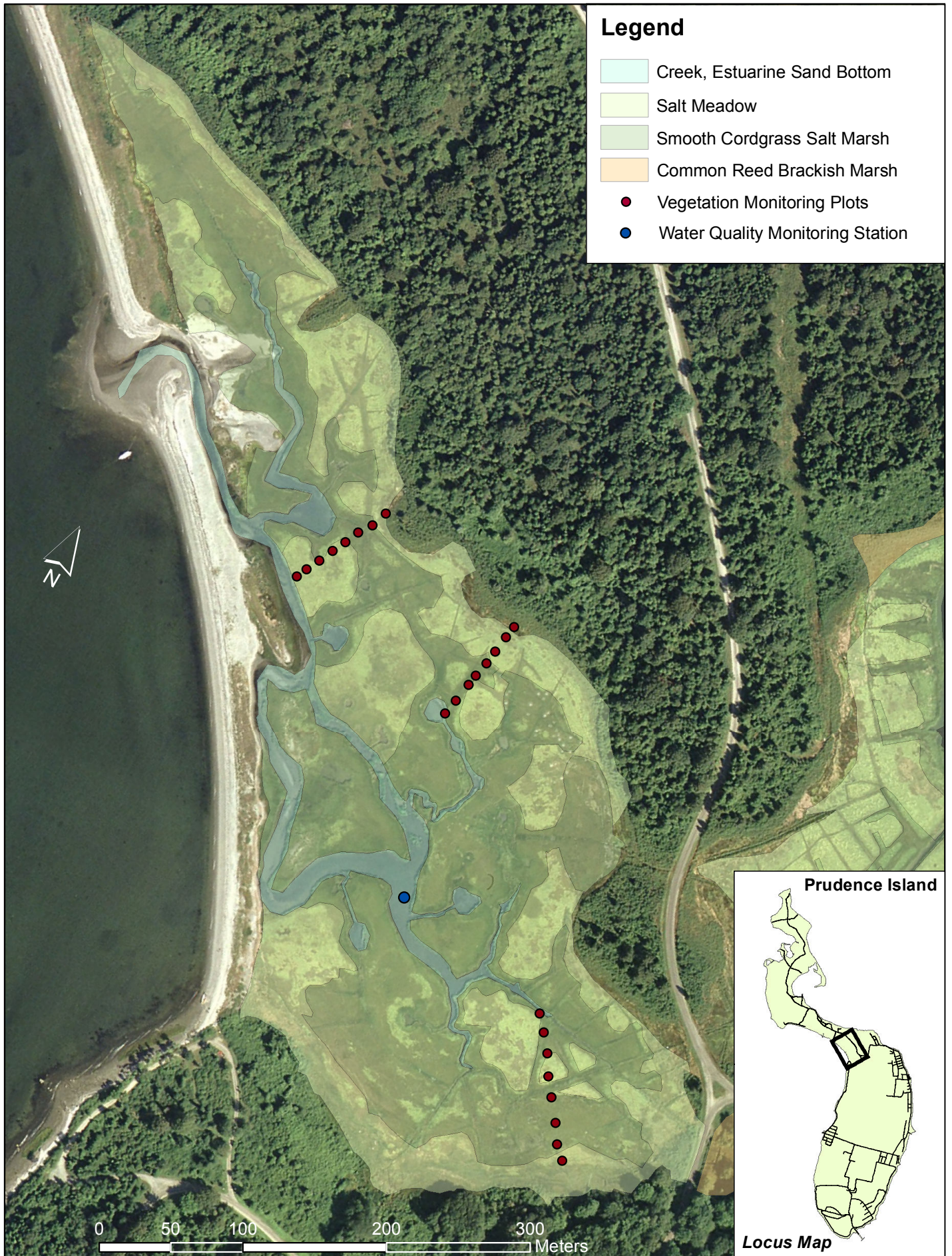
- Roads
- NBNERR Properties
- Private Properties
- Public Parking (Time limits apply)
- Public Boatramp
- Restricted Vehicle Access (Requires key to enter)
- Public Restroom

Note: Live docking is permitted at both Town and State docks. At State docks (only) a vessel may be secured for an extended period if additional permits have been issued by NBNERR.

Research Permit Map 1: Prudence Island



Research Permit Map 2: Coggeshall Marsh



Research Permit Map 3: Nag Marsh