

# Environmental Assessment Registration

## **for Crown Lands Application No. 159964**

by International Appalachian Trail

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**NAME OF UNDERTAKING: IATNL Humber Valley Trail Extension**

**PROPOSER**

- I. Name of Corporate Body: : International Appalachian Trail Newfoundland and Labrador Chapter Inc. (IATNL), not-for-profit corporation
- II. Chief Executive Officer: Paul Wylezol
- III. Principal Contact Person for EA: Paul Wylezol, Chairperson

**THE UNDERTAKING**

- I. Name of the Undertaking: Additions to IATNL Humber Valley Trail
- II. Purpose of the Undertaking: To make additions to the IATNL Humber Valley Trail that will provide new hiking loop opportunities in the scenic Humber Valley, as well provide an easier link between the lower and upper sections of trail in preparation for the main trail to Man In The Mountain Lookout to be developed as a high-end “Destination Trail”, to be funded by all three levels of government (i.e. City of Corner Brook, Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and Government of Canada via ACOA). The approximate cost of the project is \$400,000, to be funded with 10%, 25% and 65% contributions, respectively.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING**

- I. Geographical Location: The additional trail routes requested span 5.5kms in close proximity to existing IATNL trails (i.e. LTO# 128143) on a relatively remote and inaccessible mountainside on the north side of the lower Humber Valley.
- II. Physical Features: The undertaking requires a 2-meter wide 5.5km long corridor spanning primarily scrubby forest, rock scree and dry barrens on the side and top of a relatively steep mountain on the north side of the lower Humber Valley. The corridor does not cross any streams or come within 30 meters of any body of water. It also does not come within 150 meters of the Humber River.

III. **Construction:** The undertaking only includes the clearing of a 2 meter wide corridor through primarily scrubby forest and scree on the side of a relatively steep mountain, except for one section near the top of the mountain which will be included in a planned “Destination Trail” development. In this latter area, located approximately one half kilometer from Humber River, a contractor will utilize an ATV and mini excavator to improve the walking surface and add drainage ditches. Construction will take place over a period of two years and is expected to begin in May 2023. The only potential source of pollution is oil and gas related to the use of chainsaws, ATV and mini excavator. Appropriate precautions and spill control will be put in place.

There is no known land ownership conflict or potential conflict in the area, with no previous issues having arisen from nearby LTO# 128143.

IV. **Operation:** The planned trail network will be limited to non-motorized uses, including walking, running, mountain biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

V. **Occupations:** Trail development will be limited to volunteers, with the exception of the planned “Destination Trail”, which will be contracted out to an experienced trail builder and his/her staff, which is likely to be no more than 3-4 adults.

VI. **Project Related Documents:** The proponent is an experienced trail building and hiking organization. Existing Crown Lands LTOs include: #132209, #156180, #131533, #133297, #128145, #131733, #138756, #128140, #128143, #131535, #131775, #131531, #128144, #131534, #133141, #131576

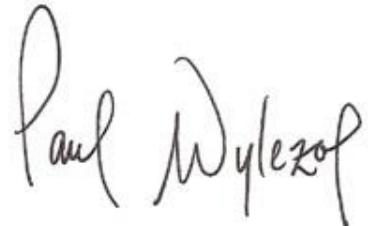
“Destination Trail” project funding application and documentation can be provided if required.

**APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:** The only approval required for the construction of the planned walking trail network is the applied-for LTO. However the final approval of the “Destination Trail” funding application (pending approval of this LTO application) is required to hire a contractor for the “Destination Trail” section (approximately 2.2kms) of the overall applied-for trail route (5.5kms).

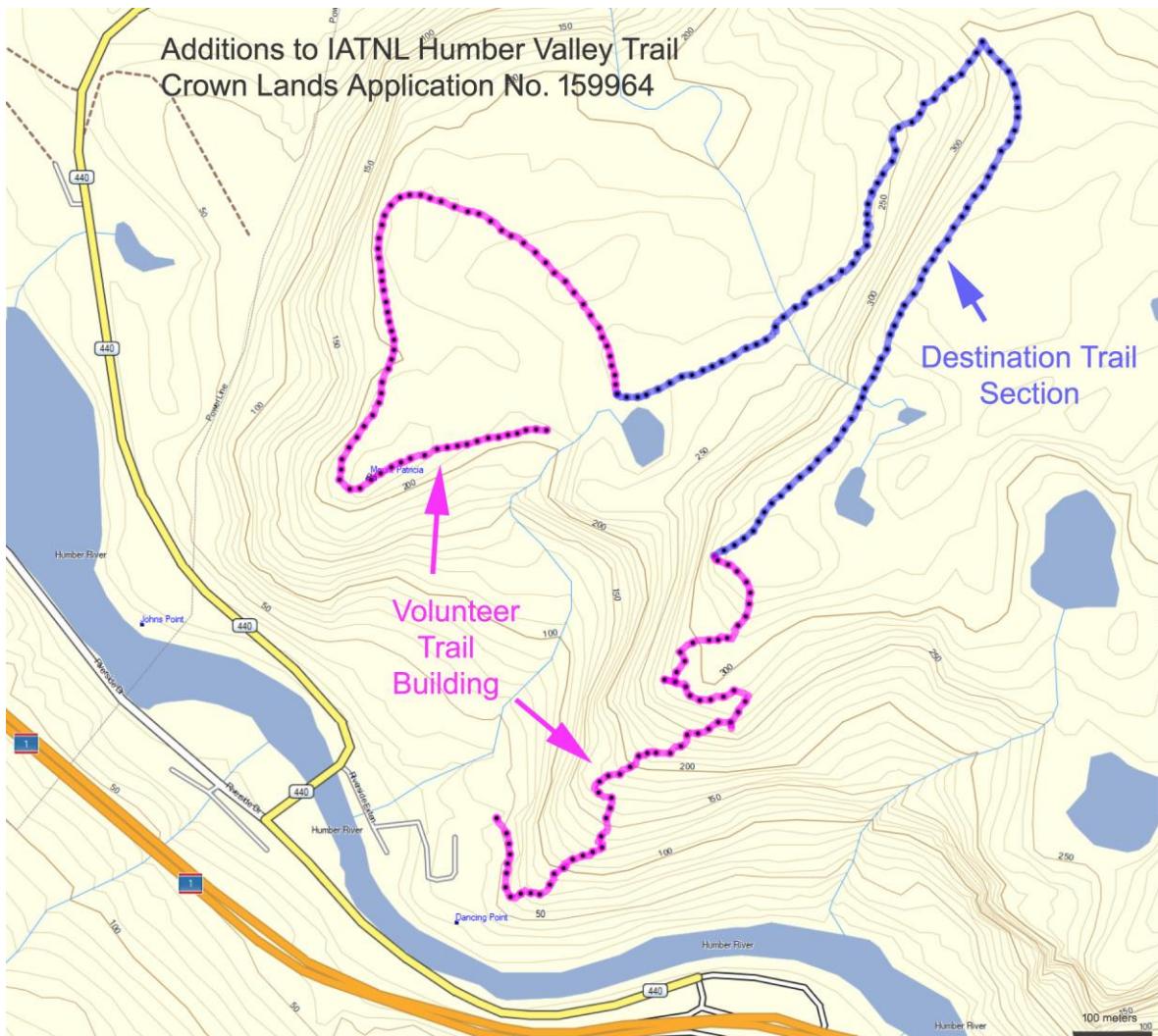
**SCHEDULE:** If all approvals are in place, the volunteer section of trail will commence in May, once sufficient snow has melted from the trail route. It is expected that the “Destination Trail” component of the project will commence as early as May or June, assuming a satisfactory contractor responds to the RFP (Request for Proposals).

**FUNDING:** The “Destination Trail” component of the applied for trail route (see attached trail map) will be developed with funding received by the City of Corner Brook (10%), Province of Newfoundland and Labrador (25%), and Government of Canada (ACOA – 65%). The estimated cost is approximately \$400,000.

For specific details on government funding, contact Paul Taylor, Tourism Development Officer for Western Newfoundland. Ph: 709-637-2665. Email: paulataylor@gov.nl.ca



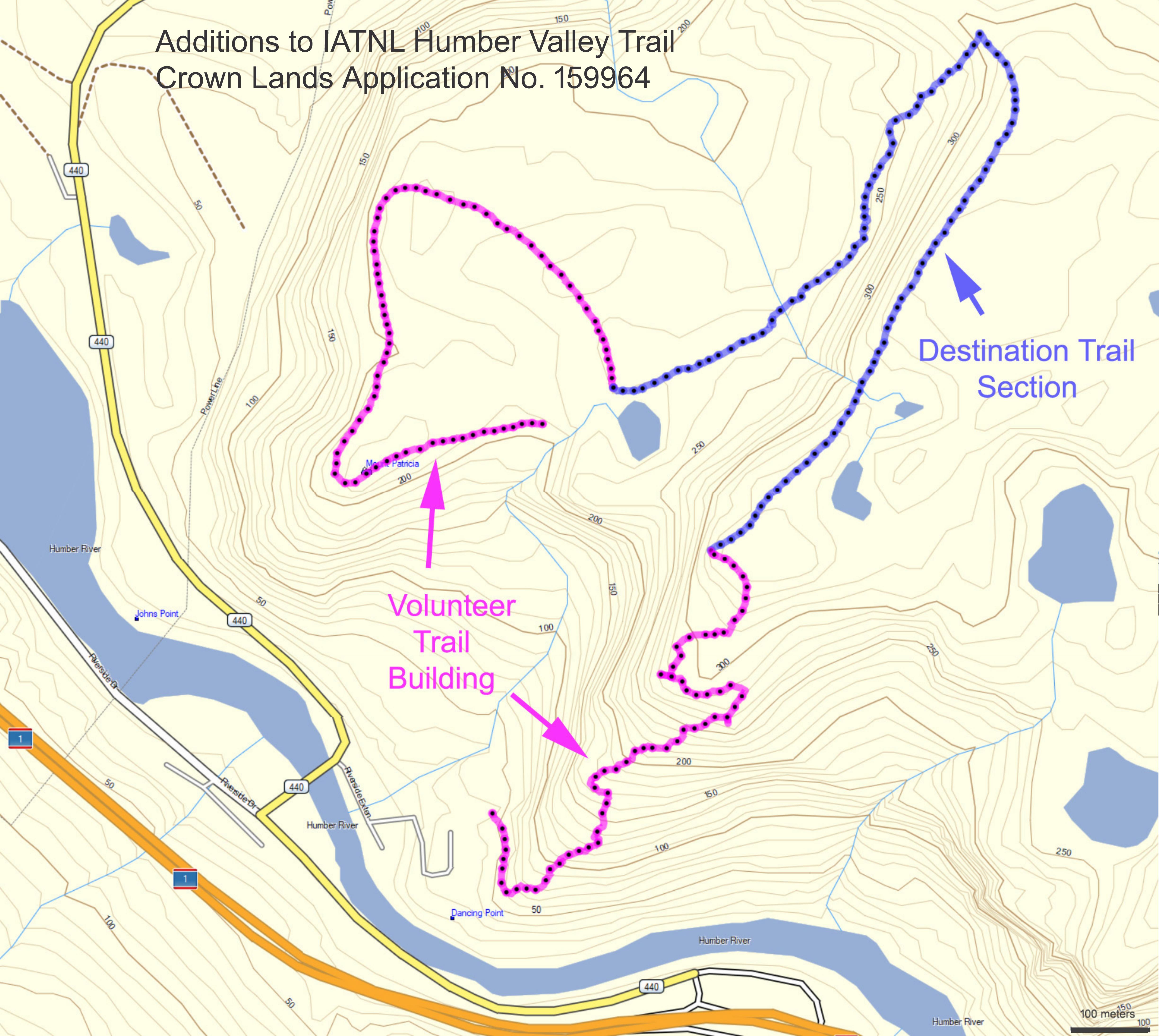
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# Additions to IATNL Humber Valley Trail Crown Lands Application No. 159964

# Destination Trail Section

# Volunteer Trail Building



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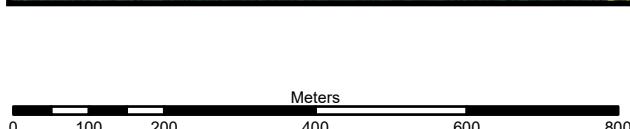
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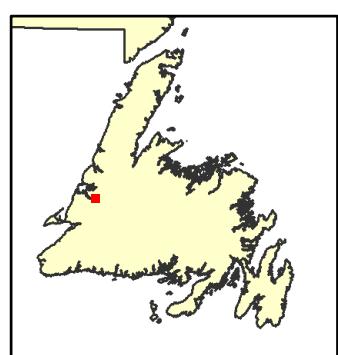
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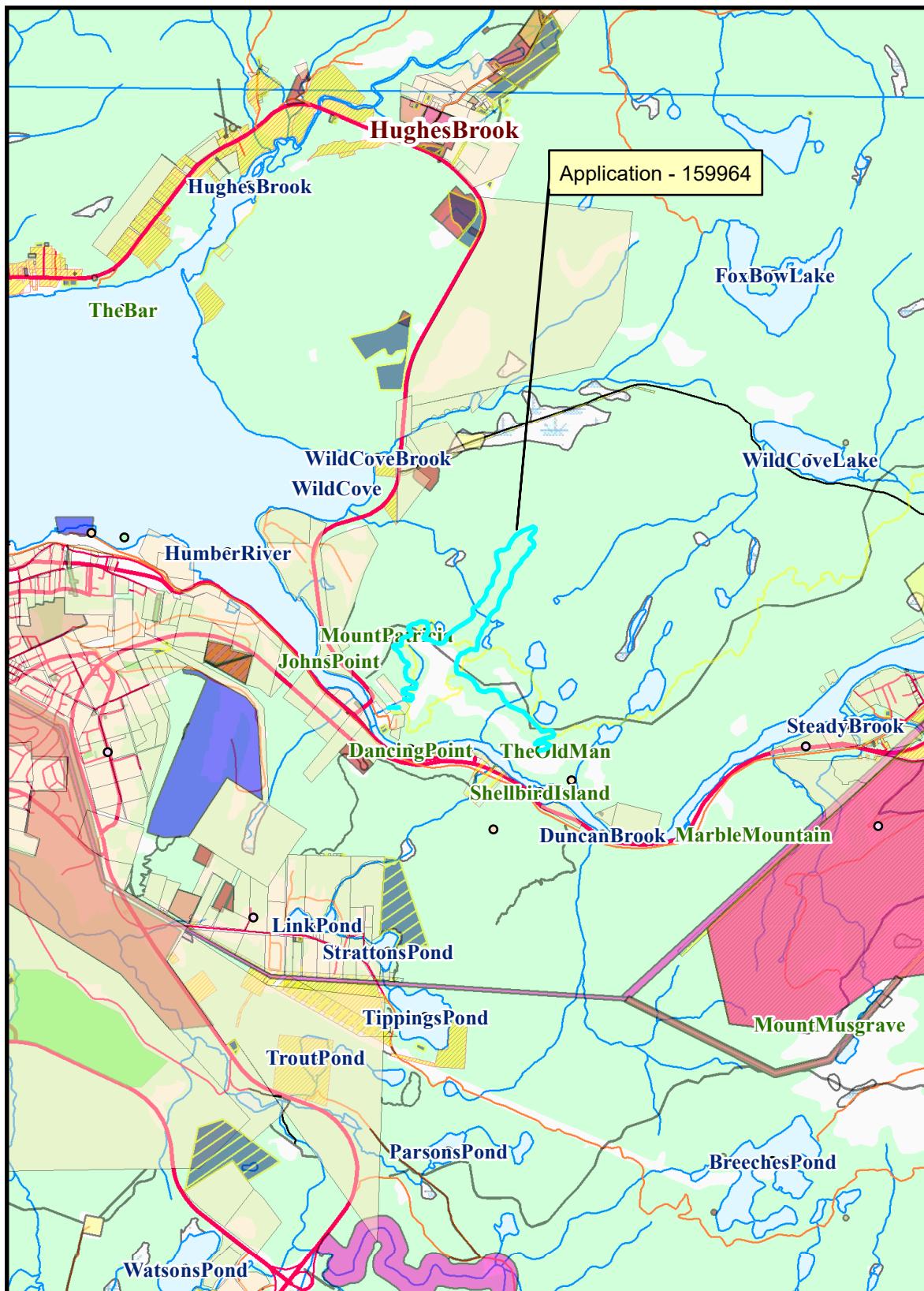


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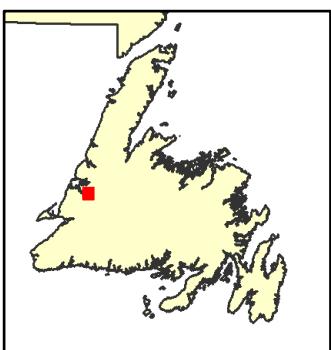
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