

## How You Can Help

As of September 1, 2016 AVIS has raised 50% of its \$400,000 goal from foundations and AVIS leadership donors. We ask the community to support this effort to protect the riverfront and the Bay Circuit Trail in Andover.

- Conservationist \$10,000
- Environmentalist 5,000
- Forester 2,500
- Naturalist 1,000
- Hiker 500
- Other

Please help us to make this purchase a reality. A multi-year pledge is welcome. Donations may be made on the AVIS website or by check.

AVIS is a charitable, non-profit (501(c)(3)) organization dedicated to acquiring land and preserving it in its natural state. Founded in 1894, AVIS, is one of the oldest conservation organizations in the country. All contributions are tax deductible in accordance with the law.



Photo is of an Appalachian Mountain Club Teen Trail Crew improving trails on the Deer Jump Reservation. AVIS relies on volunteers such as these to maintain its trails, meadows, and ponds. Photo by Annette Grams

Conservationist John Muir wrote: "In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks." We hope you will find time to seek nature on the AVIS properties.



Photo by Susan Stott

Purchase of the Franciscan property by AVIS will protect the Merrimack River and provide a scenic view like the one above for generations to come.

Please check the AVIS website for more information about donating on-line or send a check to:

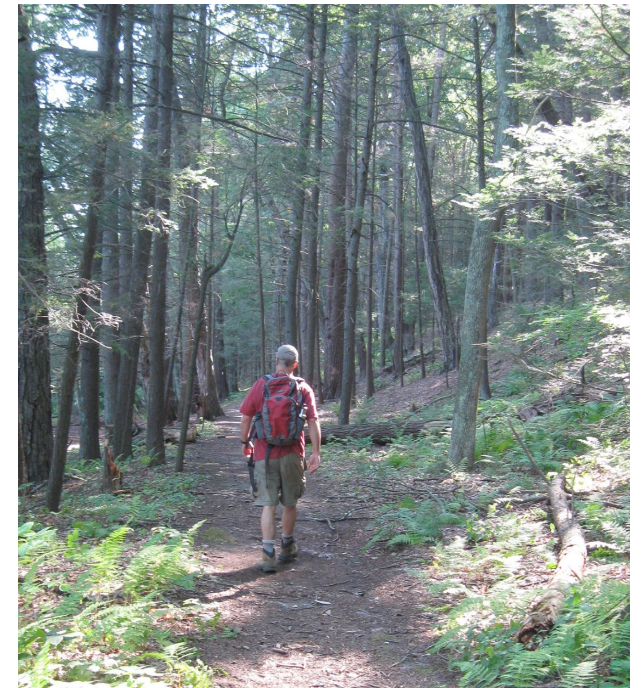
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**THANK YOU!**



## AVIS Capital Campaign

Protect the Merrimack River and the Bay Circuit Trail (BCT) on the former Franciscan Seminary property



BCT on the Saint Francis Trail. Photo by Susan Stott



Andover Village  
Improvement Society  
Andover's Land Trust  
Founded 1894



**What is it?** AVIS will permanently protect 34 acres of open space along the Merrimack River:

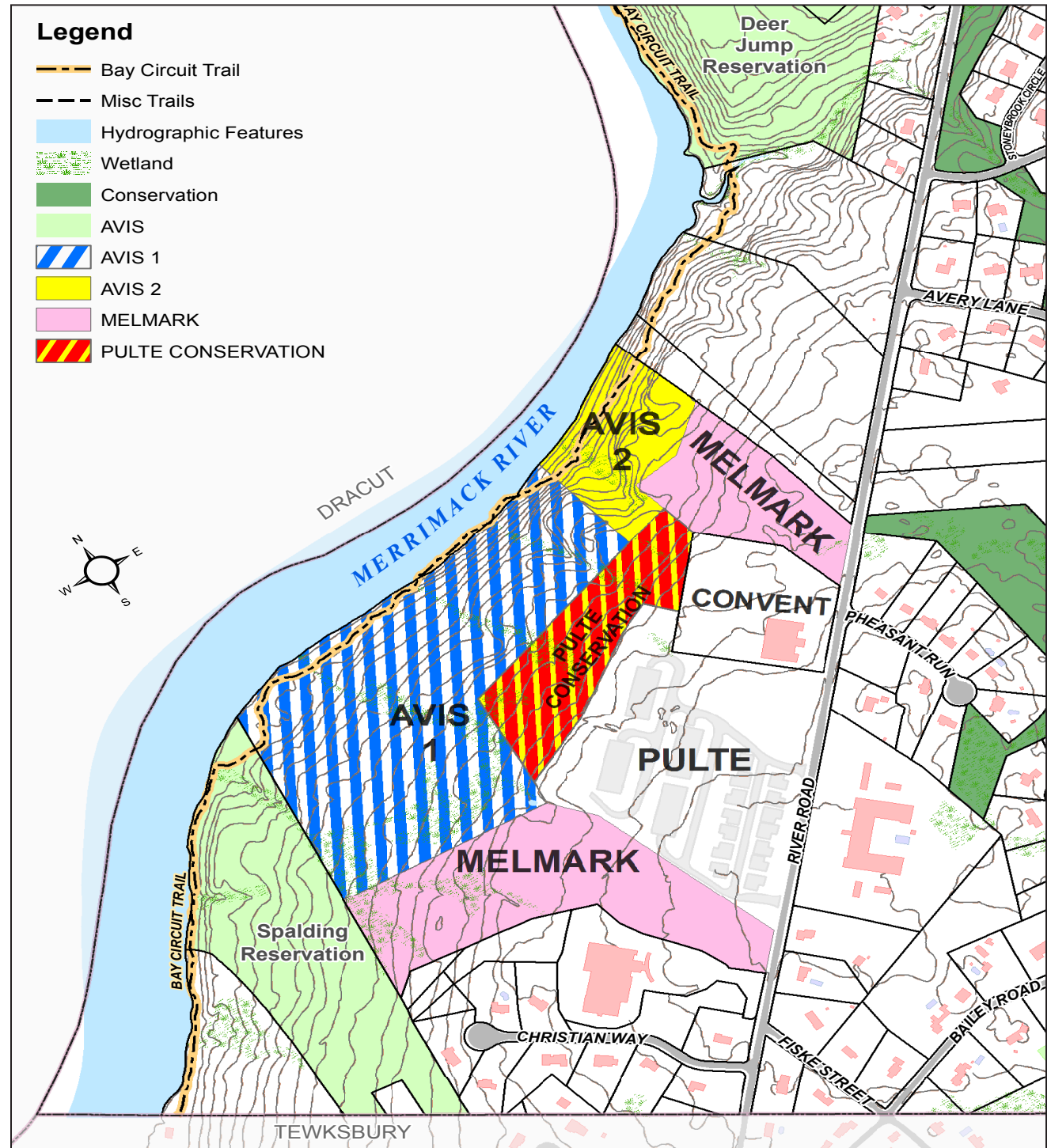
- **PHASE 1:** Purchase of 26.6 acres from Melmark, Inc. in 2017. Both AVIS and Melmark received appraisals of the fair market value of the 26.6 acres and negotiated a purchase price of **\$292,545**. AVIS has made a deposit of \$10,000, with the balance due at closing.
- **PHASE 2:** Purchase of an additional 8 acres along the Merrimack River when available in 2018, at the negotiated purchase price of an additional **\$88,000**.
- **PHASE 3:** Establish a trail maintenance fund to be used as needed for the reconstruction of the St. Francis Trail and stewardship of all trails on the property at **\$19,455**.

In addition, the Planning Board Special permit for the Pulte senior housing development requires that the 7 acre Pulte Conservation land be conveyed to AVIS as permanent open space.



BCT sign on St. Francis Trail. Photo by Susan Stott

# AVIS Acquisition of former Franciscan Seminary Land



Map courtesy of Jeffrey Carey