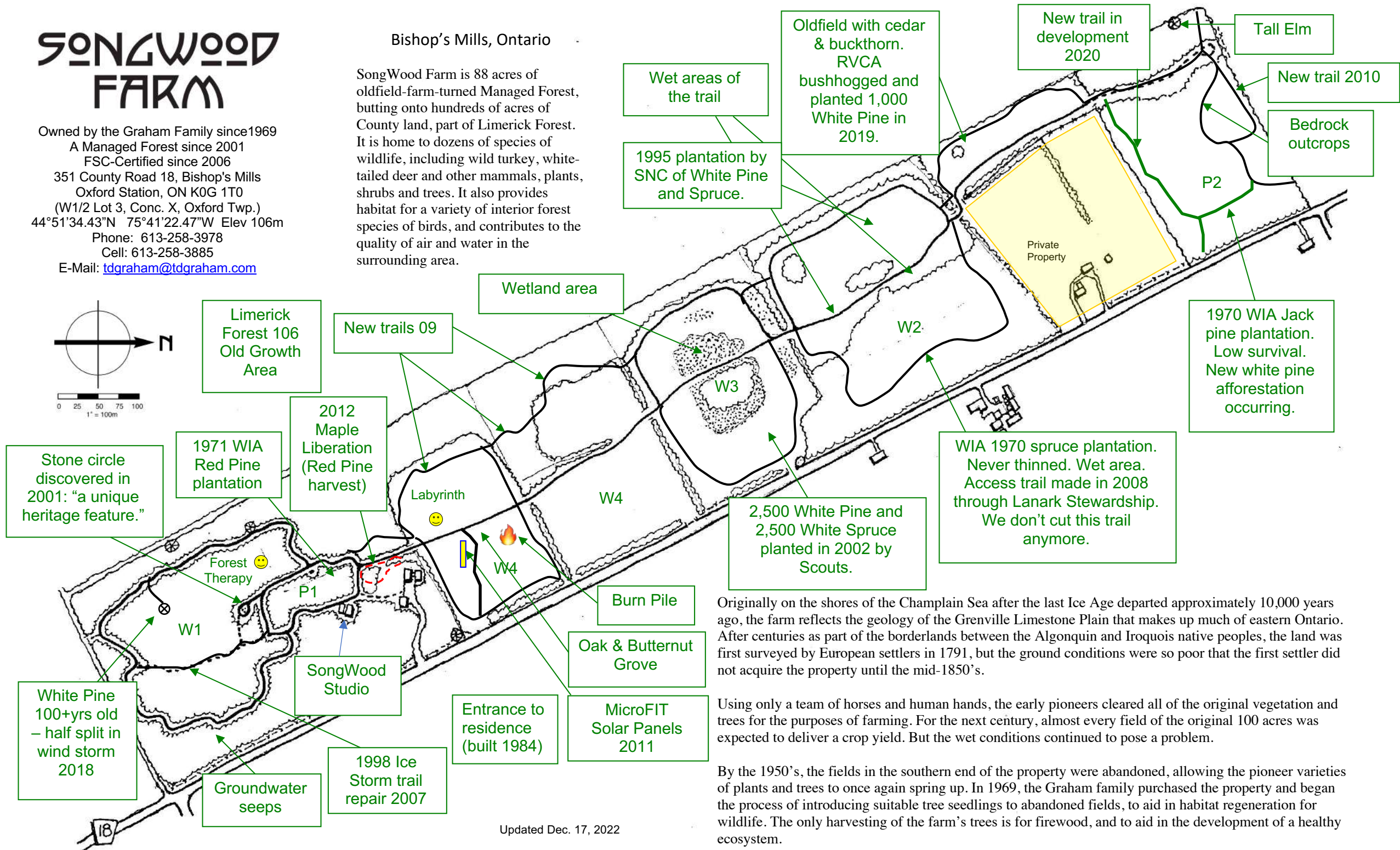
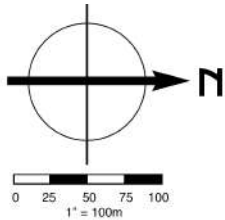


SONGWOOD FARM

Owned by the Graham Family since 1969
 A Managed Forest since 2001
 FSC-Certified since 2006
 351 County Road 18, Bishop's Mills
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SongWood Farm is 88 acres of oldfield-farm-turned Managed Forest, butting onto hundreds of acres of County land, part of Limerick Forest. It is home to dozens of species of wildlife, including wild turkey, white-tailed deer and other mammals, plants, shrubs and trees. It also provides habitat for a variety of interior forest species of birds, and contributes to the quality of air and water in the surrounding area.



Originally on the shores of the Champlain Sea after the last Ice Age departed approximately 10,000 years ago, the farm reflects the geology of the Grenville Limestone Plain that makes up much of eastern Ontario. After centuries as part of the borderlands between the Algonquin and Iroquois native peoples, the land was first surveyed by European settlers in 1791, but the ground conditions were so poor that the first settler did not acquire the property until the mid-1850's.

Using only a team of horses and human hands, the early pioneers cleared all of the original vegetation and trees for the purposes of farming. For the next century, almost every field of the original 100 acres was expected to deliver a crop yield. But the wet conditions continued to pose a problem.

By the 1950's, the fields in the southern end of the property were abandoned, allowing the pioneer varieties of plants and trees to once again spring up. In 1969, the Graham family purchased the property and began the process of introducing suitable tree seedlings to abandoned fields, to aid in habitat regeneration for wildlife. The only harvesting of the farm's trees is for firewood, and to aid in the development of a healthy ecosystem.