This map illustrates patches of forest cover in Bethlehem that contribute to air and water quality, flood control, and wildlife biodiversity. The occurrence of large forest ecosystems can balance wildlife populations, contributing to public health and disease management (e.g., through predatory management of tick-carrying species). Open fields of shrubs and grasses as well as smaller urban forest ecosystems are also important for the benefits listed above. This value also shows state-wide and nationally significant habitat areas in the town that support rare and important wildlife species and biodiversity.