

“Tomah Country”

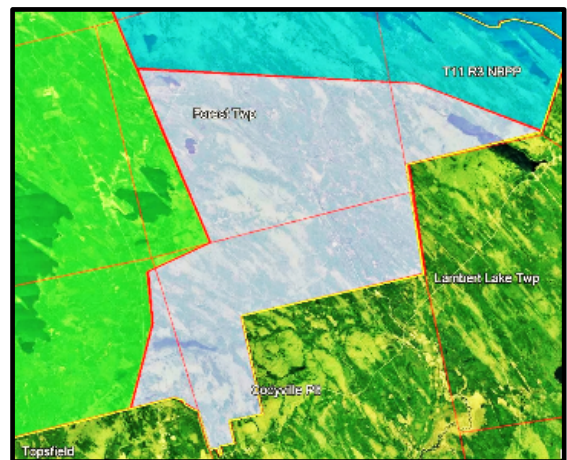
Connection to the Lower St. Croix and the Remainder of Washington County

For the GEGR, **Tomah Country** denotes the significance of connecting the GEGR to the remainder of Washington County and to the communities along the Route 6 corridor directly to the south.

The southern planning boundary of the GEGR specifically follows the ownership boundary of the Baskahegan Company, always staying northerly of Route 6 and the peopled areas of **Topsfield, Codyville Plantation, Lambert Lake and Vanceboro.**

The purpose of locating the planning boundary, as above, is not to permanently avoid economic deliberations for this adjacent rural and remote area, but simply to utilize existing time and

resources most efficiently. It is our belief many of the findings, the types of locally identified assets, and the economic recommendations resulting from our work will have much validity for these communities and geographic directly to the south of our focused planning area.



One thing is sure, there are no economic islands. If success is to be had in this entire remote and sparsely populated area of Eastern Maine it will depend upon a close working relationship with our neighbors, much larger service centers and people located far from the landscape of the Greater East Grand Region.

It is only fitting that the linkage to Lower Washington County by the naming of Tomah Lakes and Tomah Stream were in recognition of Chief Joseph Tomah who in 1777 helped save the Town of Machias from falling into the hands of the French and preserved the St. Croix River as the eventual boundary between the US and Canada.