

# Coastal home of endangered piping plover to be protected in Nova Scotia

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HALIFAX - The Nature Conservancy of Canada says it has been able to protect a parcel of coastal habitat along Nova Scotia's south shore.

The private land conservation organization says about 121 hectares of habitat at Johnstons Pond, near Shelburne, will be protected.

In a statement, the organization says the pond is an undisturbed estuary separated from the Atlantic Ocean by a sandy barrier beach.

The beach is a breeding area for wildlife, including the endangered piping plover and spotted sandpiper.

Its salt marshes, ponds and mud flats are also important for migratory birds, including Canada geese.

The conservancy says its latest acquisition is among 10 protected areas being announced this week in celebration of Canada Day.

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