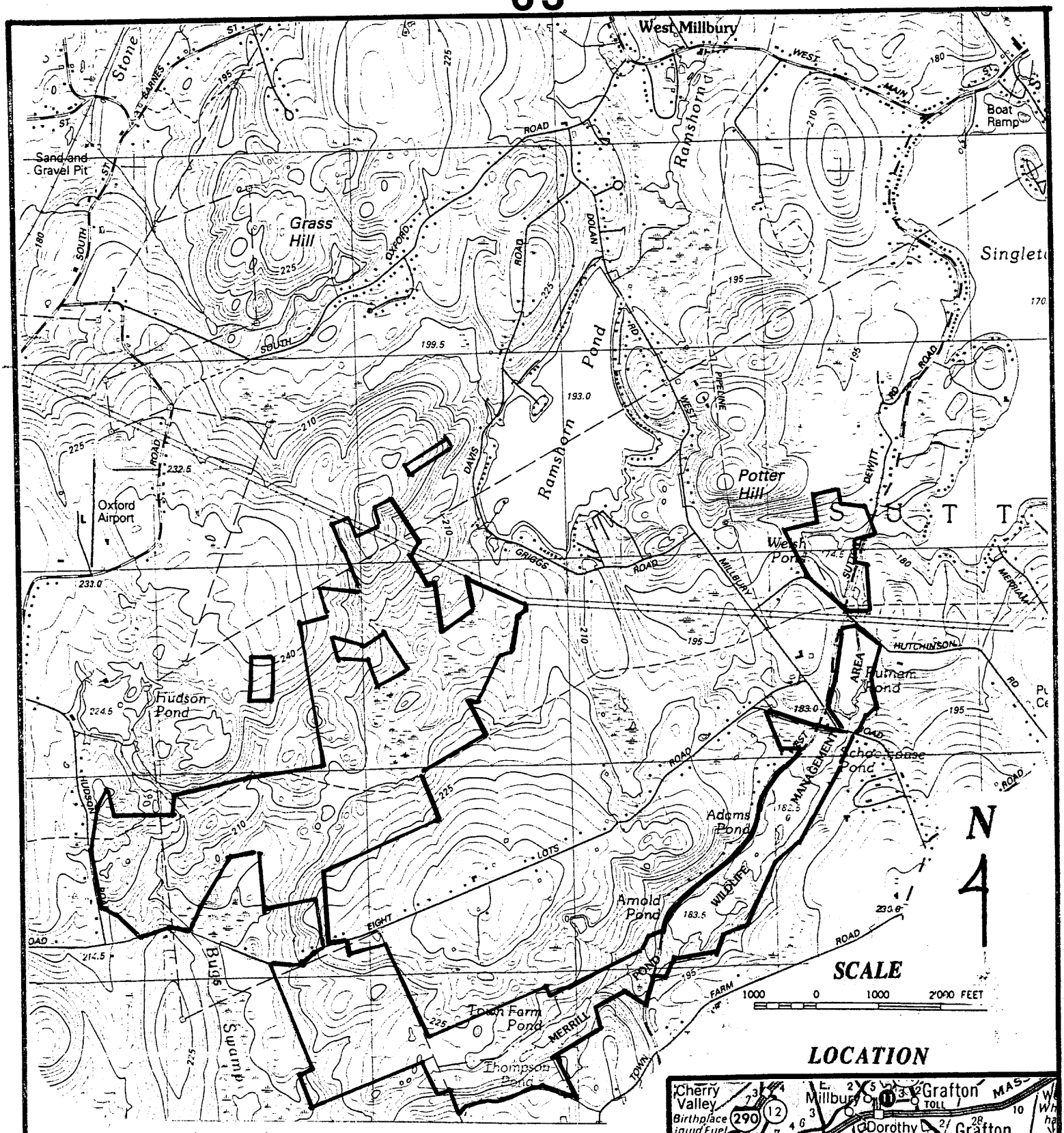

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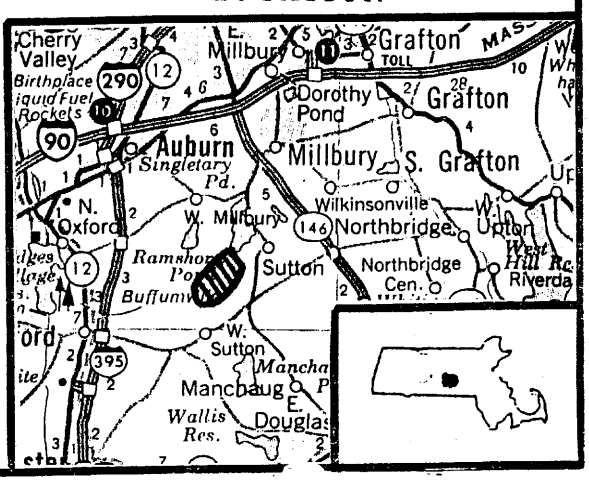

MERRILL POND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(OXFORD, SUTTON, MILLBURY)

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(Sutton)

SIZE: A somewhat distinct, multi-parcel area totaling 729 acres. Access is off West Sutton Road, Hutchinson Road, Hudson Road and Eight Lots Road. U.S.G.S. Quad: Worcester South

VEGETATION: The long, narrow eastern parcel is composed of mixed conifers and hardwoods surrounding ponds and open marsh habitat. The western parcels and small out holdings are composed of upland mixed forest with some large areas of marsh and wooded swamp.

WATER: This eastern parcel was formerly a warm water fish hatchery and it is essentially a series of small pond impoundment, some of which may be quite shallow and marshy due to siltation and structural problems with the dams. However, some of the ponds always offer good fishing for bass, pickerel and panfish.

WILDLIFE: Waterfowl, aquatic fur-bearers, deer, coyote, wading birds and numerous aquatic and semi-aquatic nongame species. This area is **not** stocked with pheasant.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: None. Note, however, that due to the proximity of roads and houses, some of the area is **not** huntable.