## **I-395 Protected Wetlands**

Below is a screenshot of the <u>MaineDOT website</u> from 5.14.2019, identifying the \$11.9 million Wilson Street/I-395 bridge project cut from the MaineDOT Construction Advertising Schedule on May 9, 2019. This project is the first phase of the 2B-2 construction.

Note the large green block marked I-395 Protected Wetlands—when we questioned a similar map back in 2012, we were told that they (MaineDOT) were unable to validate that protection, thus decided that protection did not exist and plowed 2B-2 straight thru it.

- Why is this map still being used on an official state of Maine website if it is not valid? If this map is invalid—where was/is the mitigation for the original I-395 project?
- 2B-2 should have never been in contention with the existence of these I-395 Protected Wetlands, let alone become the preferred alternative.
- I believe the map to be valid as it makes logical sense to protect that specific wetland following the original project. Someone thought that protection was valid enough to map it—why was the DOT so eager to ignore it—maybe because it didn't fit their narrative??

