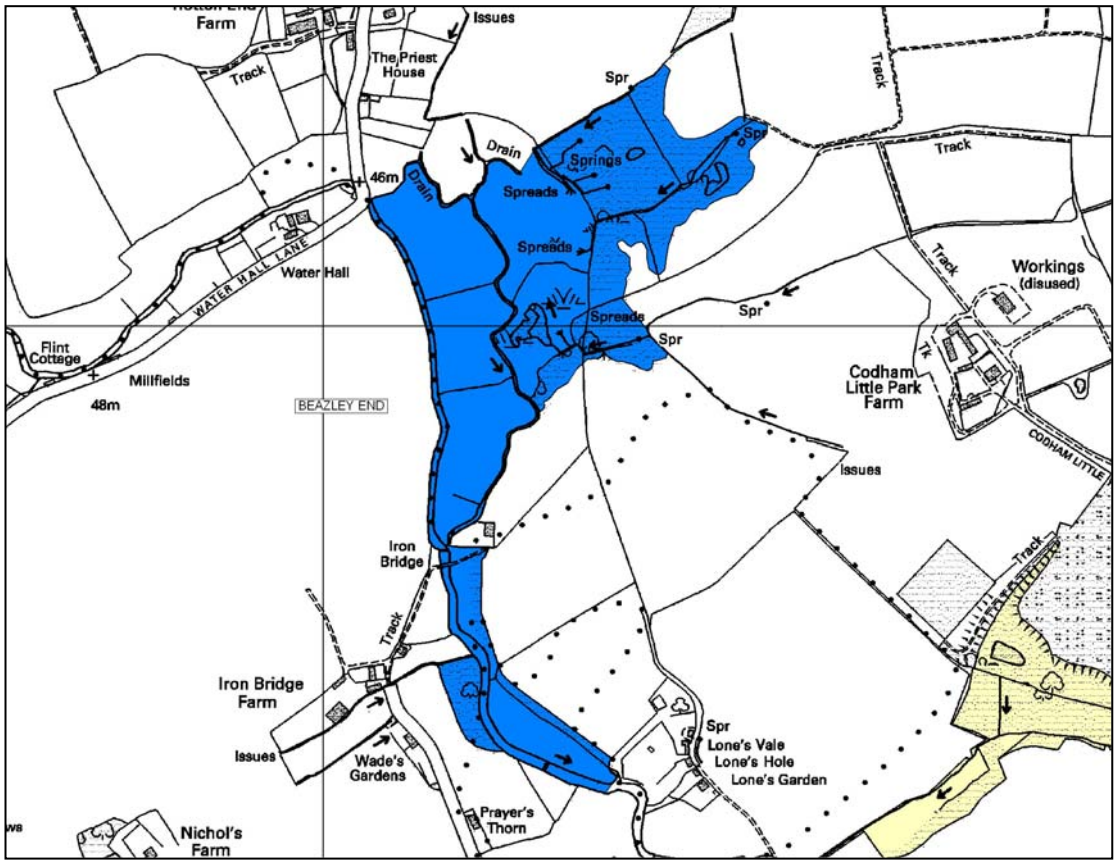

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Bra48. Beazley End (13.5 ha) TL 732291

This site lies adjacent to the River Pant and represents an area of marshy grassland and wet woodland. Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) wood dominates the large block of wood to the north, situated on numerous small springs, which supports a rich marshland flora. Typical species include Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*), Lesser Pond Sedge (*Carex acutiformis*), Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*), Alternate-leaved Golden-saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium alternifolium*), Giant Horsetail (*Equisetum telmateia*), Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*) and Water Horsetail (*Equisetum fluviatile*).

Immediately adjacent to the River Pant are a series of wet, marshy grasslands which support what is now a rare assemblage of plants in Essex. Characteristic species include Lesser Pond Sedge, Brown Sedge (*Carex disticha*), Water Forget-me-not (*Myosotis scorpioides*), Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*), Marsh Thistle (*Cirsium palustre*), Marsh Bedstraw (*Galium palustre*), Tufted Hair-grass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*) and Yellow Flag (*Iris pseudacorus*).

To the south, Alder woodland occurs as small strips along the river margins, with a ground cover of Cuckooflower (*Cardamine pratensis*), Opposite-leaved Golden-saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium oppositifolium*) and Lesser Pond Sedge.

Selection Criteria: HCr2(d), HCr5, SCr13