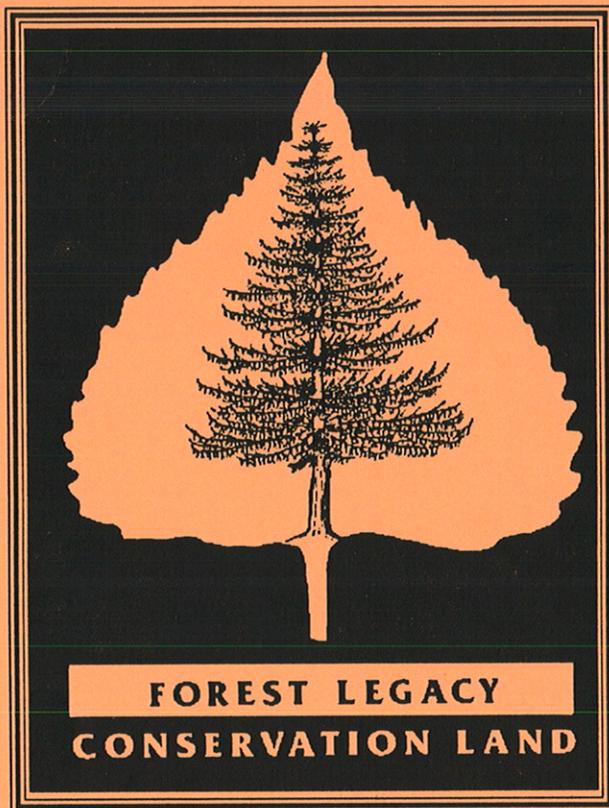
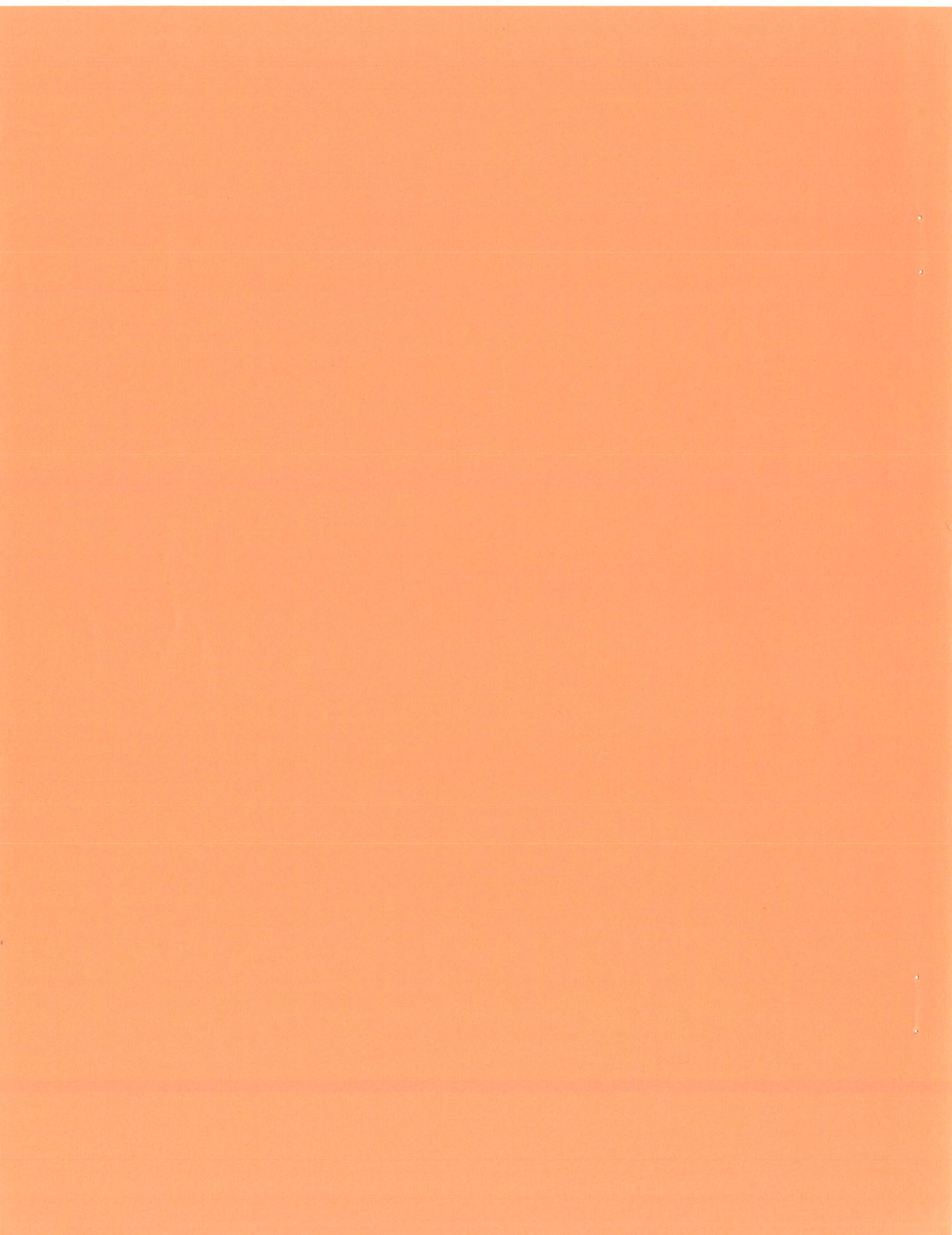


# Report of the Forest Legacy Program



*Forest Legacy.  
Fosters protection  
and better use of  
forested lands  
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purchasing  
conservation  
easement or fee titles  
from willing private  
landowners.*

April 15, 1998



# Forest Legacy Program



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**Goal** To protect and manage, for future generations, environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. Conservation easements are purchased to achieve this goal. Priority is given to lands which have important scenic or recreational values; riparian areas; fish and wildlife values, including threatened and endangered species; or other ecological values. Once key tracts are subdivided and converted to developed uses, the critical natural resource values are usually lost forever.

**The Non-Federal Forests** The role of non-Federal forestlands in helping produce a sustainable flow of goods and services dramatically exceeds that of Federal lands. Across America, 67 percent of the forests are non-Federal and the wise use of these lands is critical to the health and quality of human life, for ourselves and future generations. Further Federal budget constraints place limits on public acquisition of critical watershed, wildlife and timber producing lands. Successful conservation of natural resources thus depends upon encouraging sound forest stewardship by private landowners. One method of assistance is to purchase conservation easements from landowners on a "willing seller" basis. Instead of making the costly purchase outright of forestland, purchase of conservation easements permits the Forest Service or States to acquire development rights and the rights of public access for recreation. This in turn ensures that the lands will remain forested while private landowners continue to manage their lands and natural resources. Forest Legacy is a cost effective way to help encourage sound land stewardship while affirming the rights of private landowners to manage their property.

**Characteristics** The Forest Legacy Program is becoming a significant conservation program through the use of conservation easements and stewardship plans.

- The program is based on a "willing seller and willing buyer" concept.
- State and local partners select priority tracts in cooperation with the Forest Service.
- The easement may be held by the Federal government, or by the State if the State chooses to select the optional State Grant Program as authorized by the 1996 Farm Bill.
- In most cases of Federal acquisition, the easement is administered by state or local units of government.
- The lands and interests are held in perpetuity. There is no loss of the Federal investment resulting from change of ownership.
- Stewardship Plans are prepared on all tracts that meet the landowner's objectives for natural resources management.
- The tracts acquired can remain "working forests" and can forever provide forest resources to meet the needs of the local community and the nation.

Currently 14 States and Puerto Rico have active Forest Legacy Programs, 4 other States are preparing Assessments of Need, and 1 State has expressed interest in entering the program.

Active States: CA, CT, HI, IL, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ,  
NY, PR, RI, UT, VT, WA  
Pending States: DE, IN, MN, TN  
Interested State: OH

## The Budget

FY93	FY94	FY95	Recision	FY96	FY97	FY98
. . . . Dollars in thousands. . . .						
9,915	6,948	6,688	(7,800)	3,000	2,000	4,000

## Accomplishments

Forest Legacy funds purchased and protected 43,223 acres in 12 tracts in 6 states, making 1997 a banner year for permanently protecting forest lands from development through the purchase of conservation easements.

### Summary of Completed Forest Legacy Acquisition Projects (4/93 - 2/98)

State	Cases	Acres	Value	Federal Payment
Connecticut	2	225	\$ 290,000	\$ 290,000
Maine	3	9,815	2,896,000	2,543,000
Massachusetts	8	1,198	6,162,000	3,363,000
New Hampshire	7	8,159	1,604,000	1,599,000
New Jersey	2	1,345	4,712,000	612,000
New York	4	638	337,000	337,000
Vermont	5	37,977	4,532,000	3,733,000
Washington	3	1,229	8,699,000	5,061,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>60,586</b>	<b>\$ 29,232,000</b>	<b>\$ 17,538,000</b>

### Summary of Forest Legacy Acquisition Projects to be Completed in FY 1998 (Includes FY 1998 and Prior Year Funds)

State	Cases	Acres	Estimated FS Cost
California	1	1,400	\$ 50,000
Connecticut	1	127	150,000
Maine	1	1,347	250,000
Maryland	3	730	158,000
Massachusetts	3	215	330,000
New Hampshire	1	645	239,000
Rhode Island	4	457	897,000
Washington	1	2,430	1,850,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7,351</b>	<b>\$ 3,924,000</b>

### Summary of Prospective Forest Legacy Acquisition Projects (FY 1999 and beyond, depending on funding)

State	Cases	Acres	Estimated FS Cost
Connecticut	1	120	\$ 120,000
Illinois	1	60	336,000
Maine	4	42,381	8,830,000
Maryland	4	583	1,580,000
Massachusetts	3	546	464,000
New Hampshire	2	9,940	1,500,000
New Jersey	8	4,225	12,100,000
New York	6	61,938	8,718,000
Utah	2	950	600,000
Vermont	1	6,000	1,200,000
Washington	4	11,191	24,000,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>137,934</b>	<b>\$ 59,448,000</b>



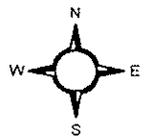
## Forest Legacy Activity California

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### Acquisition Status

● Negotiating

 Forest Legacy Area





# CALIFORNIA FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

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## OVERALL GOALS:

- To prevent future conversions of forest land and forest resources
- To protect wildlife habitat, rare plants and biodiversity
- To maintain habitat connectivity and related values needed to ensure the viability of wildlife populations across landscapes and regions
- To protect riparian habitats, oak stands, ecological old growth, and other key forest types and seral stages which are poorly represented across landscapes and regions, and which play a key role in supporting biodiversity
- To protect water quality, fisheries, and water supplies
- To maintain and restore natural ecosystem functions

## California proposed sixteen (16) Forest Legacy Areas (FLA's):

Mendocino Forest Legacy Area

Sonoma Forest Legacy Area

Central Coast Forest Legacy Area (San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties)

Forest Legacy Areas of Riverside County

— Oak Glen/Cherry Valley FLA

— Twin Pines FLA

— Oak Mountain/Tucalota FLA

— Tenaja/Santa Rosa FLA

— Anza FLA

Forest Legacy Areas of San Diego County

— De Luz FLA

— Oak Grove FLA

— Rancho Pauma FLA

— Rancho Guejito/Boden Canyon FLA

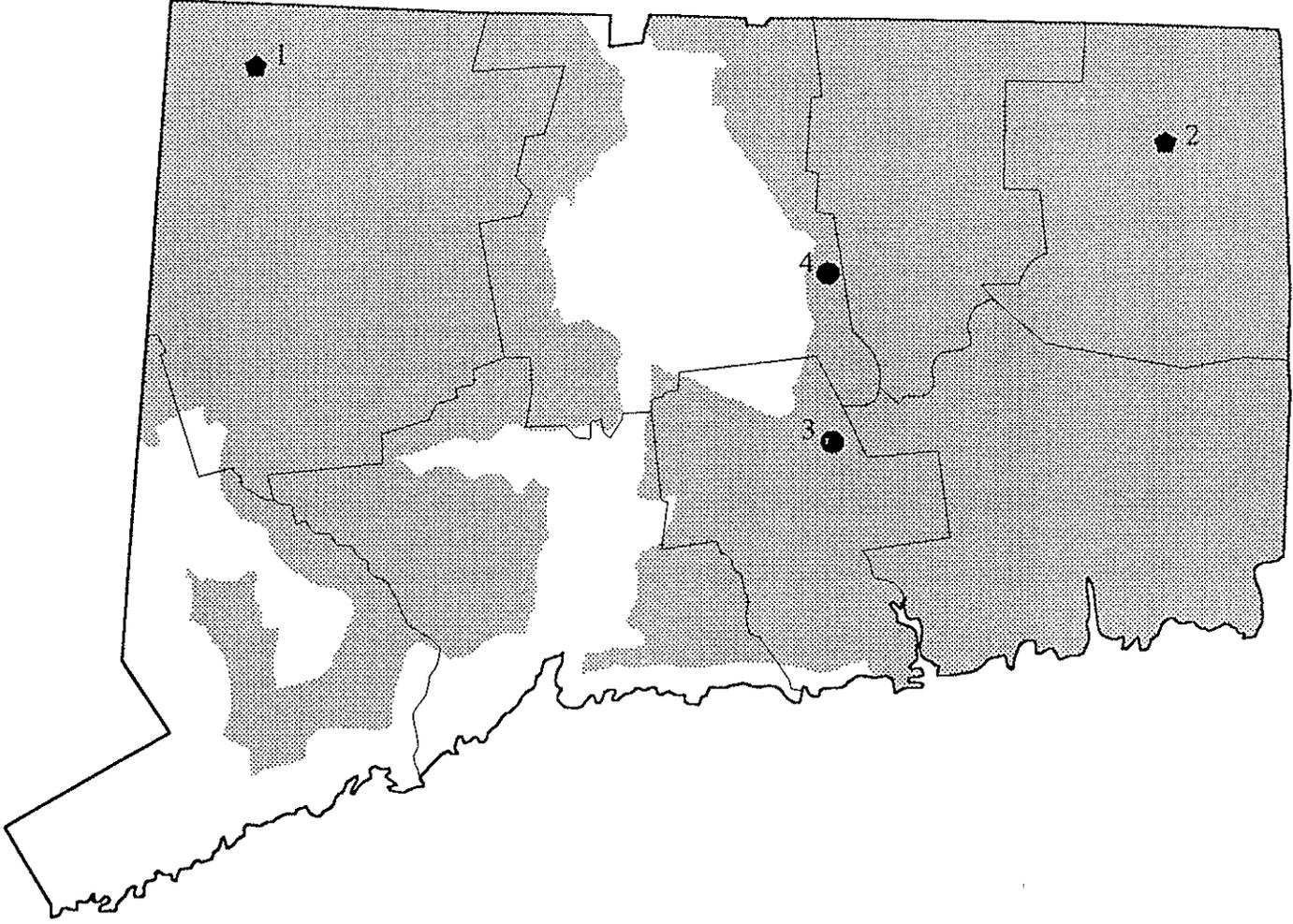
— Mesa Grande FLA

— Warner Springs FLA

— Pine Hills FLA

— Descanco FLA

For more information, contact Jim Geiger (916/653-8286) or Sandy Stone (415/705-2587)

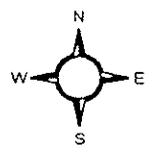


# Forest Legacy Activity Connecticut

Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating

 Forest Legacy Area





# CONNECTICUT FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

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## OVERALL GOALS:

- To protect large blocks of forest land
- To provide opportunities for continuation of traditional forest uses
- To work with existing open space initiatives to achieve maximum resource conservation
- To protect water quality

### Western Forest Tract #1; Litchfield County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$210,000*

Protection of this 172 acre parcel is essential to help conserve two abutting protected forests. Key objectives of protection include wildlife-habitat preservation and clean-water conservation.

### Eastern Forest Tract #2; Windham County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$80,000*

This 52 acre tract abuts the Natchaug State Forest, and a conservation easement would: ensure protection against parcelization for residential development; follow management objectives similar to that of the state forest; permit hiking, and allow hunting by owner's permission.

### Eastern Forest Tract #3; Middlesex County

*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$150,000*

This 127 acre property abuts the Wopowog Wildlife Management Area owned by the State. One boundary of the property is Pine Brook, a feeder stream to Salmon Brook, which is included in the Atlantic Salmon Restoration Project. Water quality protection is an important consideration in conserving this forest land.

### Eastern Forest Tract #4; Hartford County

*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$120,000*

This 125 acre property abuts Blackledge Falls, a scenic State and Town owned park. The Blackledge River, a popular river for fishing, flows through the property. Protection of the water resource is important to the landowners, the Town of Glastonbury, and the State of Connecticut.

*Total Unfunded Acres: 252*

*Funding Needs: \$270,000*

For more information, contact Fred Borman (860/424-3630) or Deirdre Raimo (603/868-7695)



## Forest Legacy Activity Illinois

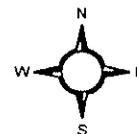
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### Acquisition Status

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● Negotiating

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## ILLINOIS FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

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### OVERALL GOALS:

- To reduce forest fragmentation
- To restore riparian zones
- To provide public recreational opportunities

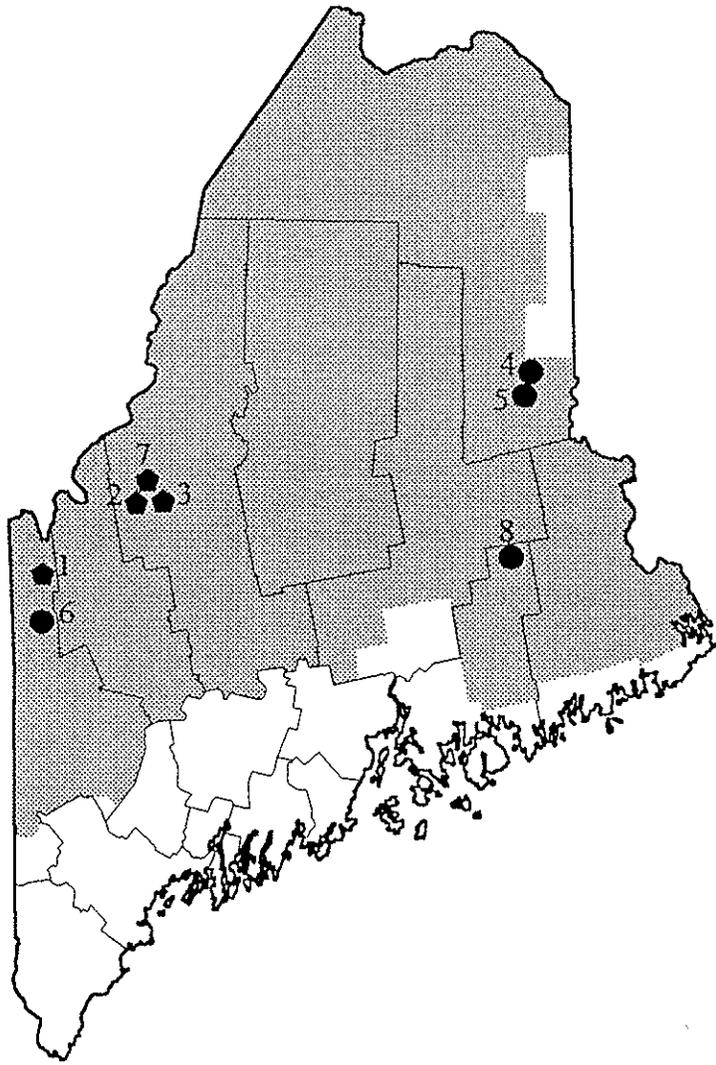
Great River Bluffs Tract #1; Madison County  
\$252,000

*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price -*

In jeopardy of development, this 60 acre forest was recently submitted by the owner to the Illinois State Legacy Committee for consideration/approval. This tract is classified as “lower bluff timber” and protects significant wildlife population habitat. Key conservation easement objectives are timber/wildlife habitat management.

*Total Acres: 60*

*Funding Needs: \$252,000*



## Forest Legacy Activity Maine

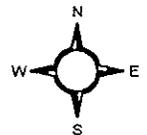
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### Acquisition Status

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- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating

 Forest Legacy Area





# MAINE

## FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

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### OVERALL GOALS:

- Maintain traditional forest uses
- Protect critical transition zone between temperate and boreal forests
- Protect water quality
- Prevent unsightly development along lakes, ponds, and streams
- Provide public recreation opportunities

#### Maine Legacy Tract #1; Oxford County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$843,000*

Acquired through a conservation easement, this 1,272 acre forested tract is located on the western shores of Mooselookneguntic and Cupsuptic Lakes. The easement restricts development and allows non-motorized public access, excepting snowmobiling. Other allowable uses include hiking, canoeing, camping, fishing and hunting

#### Northern Forest Lands Tract #2; Somerset County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$1,490,000*

Acquired through a conservation easement, this 6,476 acre woodland protects about twelve miles of shoreline from second-home development and timber liquidation. The easement restricts development, public access and mineral extraction. Allowable uses include remote hunting, fishing, hiking, canoeing and observing wildlife, as well as forest management and timber production.

#### Northern Forest Lands Tract #3; Somerset County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$210,000*

This conservation easement protects 1,770 acres of the Pierce Pond Watershed. The pristine shoreline is protected, public access is limited, fragmentation is prevented on large forest tracts, and wildlife habitat is conserved. The Appalachian Trail traverses several miles of the pond's shoreline.

#### Northern Forest Lands Tract #4; Aroostook County

*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$490,000*

Of the 4,195 acres to be acquired through a conservation easement, this parcel contains over 900 acres of natural water area and nearly thirteen miles of water frontage, providing the public opportunities to enjoy all aspects of outdoor water-based recreation. There is a threat of conversion of this area to seasonal cottage lots along the shores.

#### Northern Forest Lands Tract #5; Aroostook County

*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$840,000*

This 11,064 acre parcel of forestland has shore frontage on Pleasant Lake. The purchase of an easement over this tract will protect the land from subdivision/fragmentation. The easement will allow fishing, hunting, canoeing, wildlife observation, snowmobile trails and horseback-riding excursions.

#### Northern Forest Lands Tract #6; Oxford County

*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$3,000,000*

Acquisition of this easement on 5,122 acres would protect the area from development. There is an incredible wealth of resource values represented on this lakefront tract. These values to be allowed in the easement will include public recreation opportunities, riparian areas/wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat, cultural and scenic resources.

#### Northern Forest Lands Tract #7; Somerset County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$250,000*

This easement protects 1,347 acres of the Pierce Pond Watershed, including about 13 miles of shoreline on Pierce, Grass, and Kilgore Ponds from second-home development and timber liquidation. Allowable uses include remote hunting, fishing, hiking, canoeing, and observing wildlife, as well as forest management and timber production.

#### Northern Forest Lands Tract #8; Hancock County

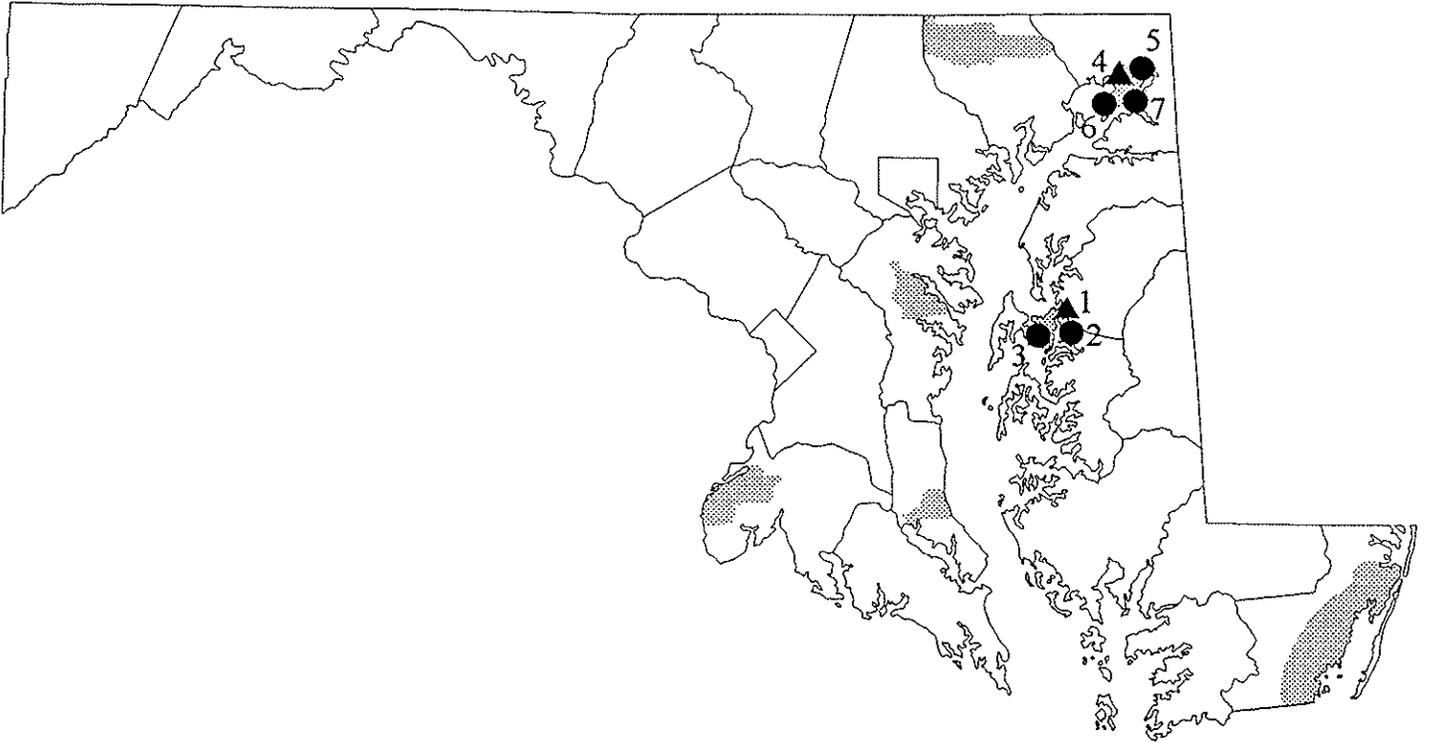
*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$4,000,000*

This innovative conservation easement will protect the shoreline of the 5,100 acre Nicaous Lake, bald eagle nesting habitat, an outstanding land locked salmon fishery and 22,000 acres of productive forestland. Public access for boating, fishing, hunting, hiking, snowmobiling and other forms of passive recreation will be allowed, as will careful forest management. The landowner is offering to donate a significant portion of the value of the conservation easement.

**Total Unfunded Acres: 42,381**

**Funding Needs: \$8,330,000**

For more information, contact Charles Gadzik (207/287-2793) or Deirdre Raimo (603/868-7695)



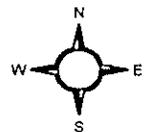
## Forest Legacy Activity Maryland

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### Acquisition Status

- Negotiating
- ▲ Optioned

 Forest Legacy Area





# MARYLAND FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

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## OVERALL GOALS:

- To reduce forest fragmentation caused by development
- To restore and protect riparian zones, native plants & animals, and remnant forests
- To provide recreational opportunities
- To protect watersheds and water supplies
- To ensure economic stability through the continuation of traditional forest uses
- To maintain important scenic resources of the State
- To provide linkage to public areas and protected areas
- To protect rare, theatedned, or endangered species

Wye River Tracts #1, 2, & 3; Queen Annes County Status: *1 tract Funded (F), Estimated Price - \$150,000; 2 tracts Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$1,100,000*

These three properties totaling 535 acres are contiguous with each other as well as another 300-400 acres of already permanently protected land. This would form a very large block of forest and wetland habitat 15 miles east of Annapolis.

Elk Neck Tracts #4 & 5; Cecil County Status: *Partially Funded (F); Estimated Price - \$1,445,000, Forest Service Contribution - \$8,000*

These two tracts, amounting to 668 acres, are contiguous with each other as well as over 1,000 acres of State park. The balance of funds for the purchase of these easements will come from Maryland's Program Open Space.

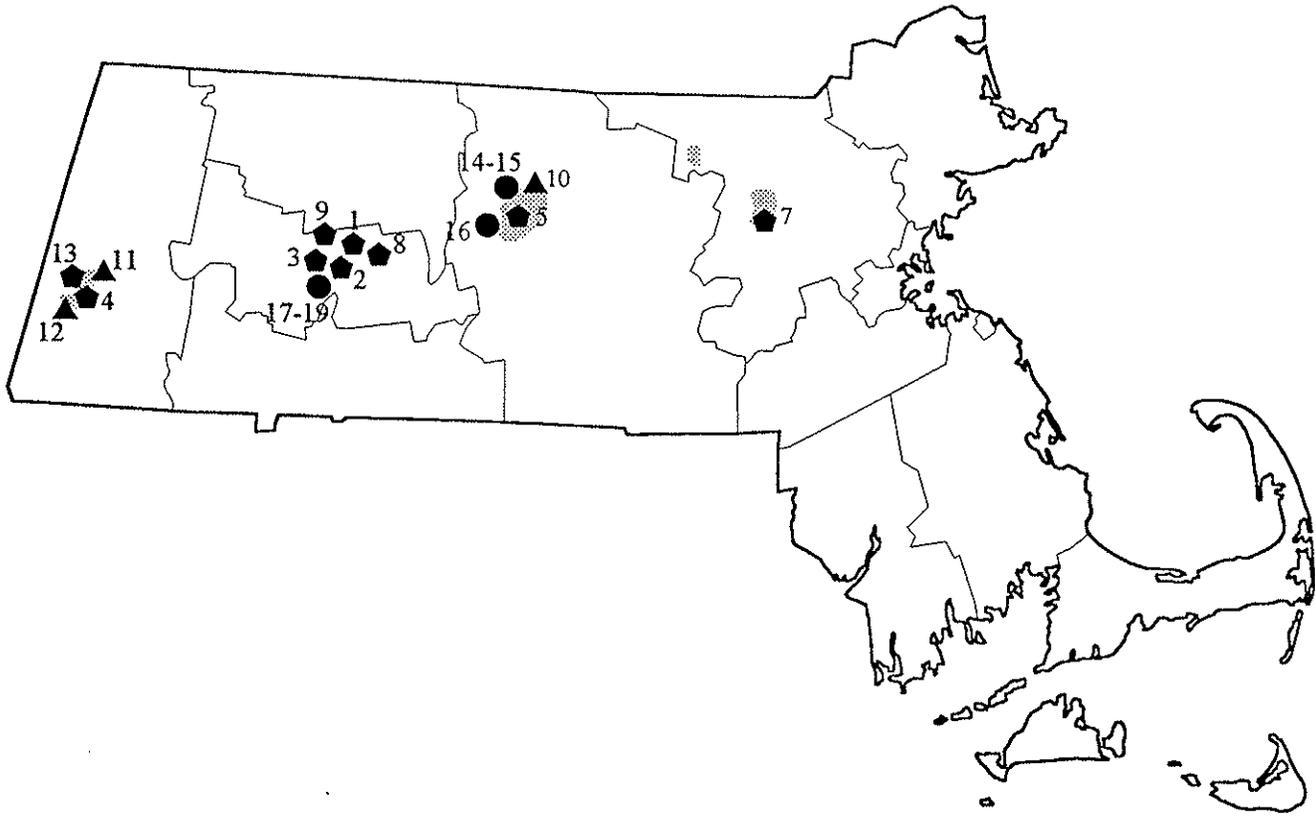
Elk Neck Tracts #6 & 7; Queen Annes County Status: *Negotiating(N); Estimated Price - \$330,000*

Two other properties in the Elk Neck FLA are contiguous with Elk Neck State Forest. Each property is approximately 52 acres each. A conservation easement on these properties would help to ensure economic stability in the area through the continuation of traditional forest uses.

**Total Unfunded Acres: 574**

**Funding Needs: \$1,430,000**

For more information, contact James Mallow (410/260-8531) or Deirdre Raimo (603/868-7695)

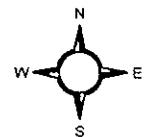


## Forest Legacy Activity Massachusetts

### Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating
- ▲ Optioned

▨ Forest Legacy Area





# MASSACHUSETTS FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

## OVERALL GOALS:

- To protect flood plains and high elevation forests
- To protect threatened and endangered species habitat
- To protect coastal plain aquifers, river and coastline shorelines and to encourage traditional forest uses

<u>Connecticut Valley Tract #1; 113 acres in Hampshire County</u>	Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$220,000
<u>Connecticut Valley Tracts 2 &amp; 3; 106 acres in Hampshire County</u>	Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$198,000
<u>Stockbridge Yokun Ridge Tract #4; 77 acres in Berkshire County</u>	Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$180,000
<u>North Quabbin Corridor Tract #5; 501 acres in Worcester County</u>	Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$616,000
<u>Estabrook Woods Tract #7; 73 acres in Middlesex County</u>	Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$1,500,000
<u>Connecticut Valley Tract #8; 56 acres in Hampshire County</u>	Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$321,000
<u>Connecticut Valley Tract #9; 37 acres in Hampshire County</u>	Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$47,500
<u>North Quabbin Corridor Tract #10; 100 acres in Worcester County</u>	Status: Optioned (O); Price - \$215,000
<u>Stockbridge Yokun Ridge Tract #11; 15 acres in Berkshire County</u>	Status: Optioned (O); Price - \$38,000
<u>Stockbridge Yokun Ridge Tract #12; 100 acres in Berkshire County</u>	Status: Optioned (O); Price - \$80,000
<u>Stockbridge Yokun Ridge Tract #13; 225 acres in Berkshire County</u>	Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$280,000

North Quabbin Corridor Tracts #14 & 15; Worcester County Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$400,000  
Acquiring a conservation easement on two tracts totalling 485 acres will help protect the water quality of water draining into the Quabbin Reservoir which supplies drinking water to over half the State. The landowner would continue managing the woodland and running his sawmill

Connecticut Valley Tract #15; Hampshire County Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$64,000  
A conservation easement on this 61 acre property will provide watershed protection, and contribute to maintaining scenic values of a significant mountain range. It will also protect the habitat for rare and endangered wildlife.

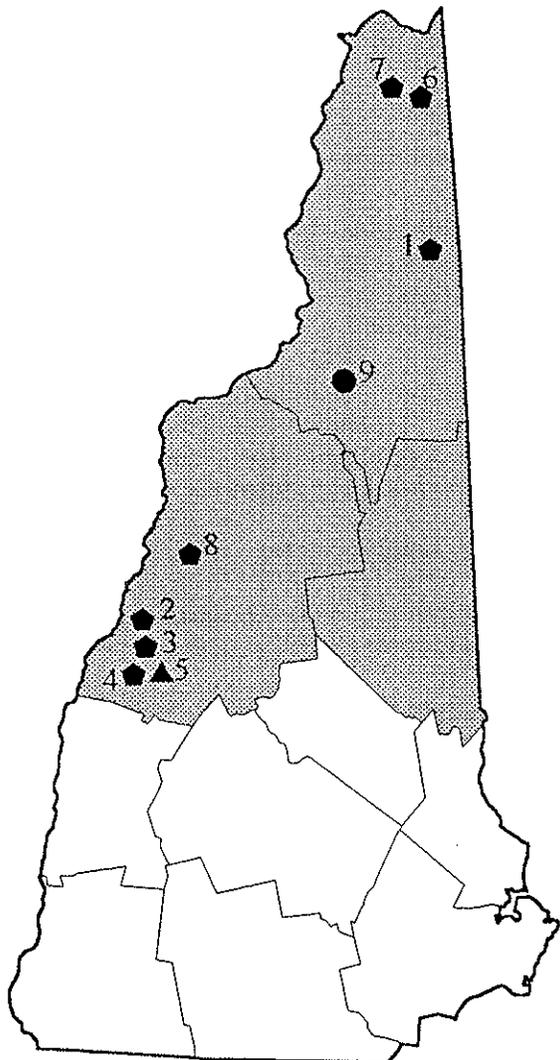
North Quabbin Corridor Tract #16; Worcester County Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$450,000  
Purchasing a conservation easement on this 508 acre tract will contribute to purification of water that drains into the Quabbin Reservoir. This large tract of land provides varied wildlife habitats, especially habitat for wide-ranging mammals such as bear and moose. Maintaining this large tract of forestland helps provide for economic stability by encouraging the management for traditional forest uses.

Connecticut Valley Tracts #17, 18 & 19; Hampshire County Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$565,000  
These are three separate tracts in the same Legacy Area. Purchasing conservation easements on the combined 236 acres will protect a critical well water supply, add more protected land to a public watershed most of which is under management, and encourage the continuation of traditional forest uses.

**Total Unfunded Acres: 1,290**

**Funding Needs: \$1,479,000**

For more information, contact Warren Archey (413/442-8928) or Deirdre Raimo (603/868-7695)



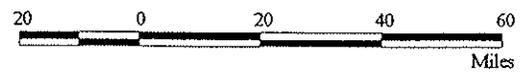
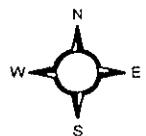
## Forest Legacy Activity New Hampshire

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### Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating
- ▲ Optioned

 Forest Legacy Area





# NEW HAMPSHIRE FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

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## OVERALL GOALS:

- To expand existing protected forests
- To protect large blocks of forest land
- To provide for traditional forest uses
- To protect critical wildlife habitat

### Coos County Legacy, Tract #1; Coos County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$555,000*

A conservation easement on about 2,754 forested acres restricts development and some timber harvesting, and allows some forms of public access. Priority is to protect the scenic values along the east shore of the Androscoggin River, used heavily for water-based recreation. The forestland continues to be managed for forest products.

### Grafton County Legacy Tracts #2, 3, 4 & 5; Grafton County. *1 Optioned (O); Price - \$205,720*

*Status: 3 Tracts Purchased (P); Price - \$667,000;*

These four tracts, comprised of 3,911 acres, allow for continued public recreational opportunities. This area is the habitat for 32 species of Neotropical migratory birds. Timber management/production continues.

### Coos County Legacy, Tract #6; Coos County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$105,000*

A conservation easement on 344 wooded acres restricts development and allows some forms of public access and recreation, environmental education and research. The easement protects about 30 acres of prime wetland, habitat for waterfowl, deer, moose and other wildlife.

### Coos County Legacy, Tract #7; Coos County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$52,000*

This 56 acre parcel of woodlands restricts development; allows some public access; ensures the protection of the bordering Connecticut River. River-based recreation is permitted for residents and visitors.

### Grafton County Legacy, Tract #8; Grafton County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$219,450*

A 1650 acre conservation easement was acquired on Piermont Mountain. The easement allows non-motorized public access and use of snowmobiles on designated trails. Timber management/production continues.

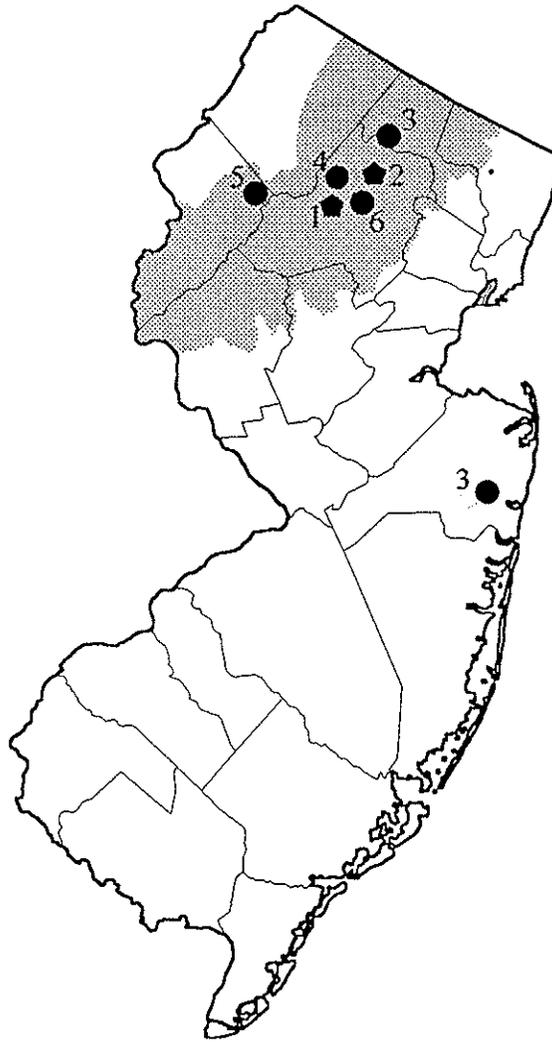
### Coos County Legacy, Tract #9; Coos County

*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$1,500,000*

Acquiring 10,000 acres through a conservation easement will: protect the aesthetics along Route #2, a tourist route; allow non-motorized recreation (mainly hiking) along ridge trails; allow managing the forest for timber, fuelwood and wildlife habitat.

*Total Unfunded Acres: 10,000*

*Funding Needs: \$1,500,000*



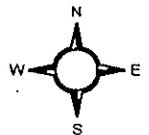
## Forest Legacy Activity New Jersey

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### Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating

 Forest Legacy Area



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# NEW JERSEY FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

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## OVERALL PROGRAM GOALS:

- To protect some of the last extensive unbroken forests in New Jersey
- To provide a great diversity of natural resources
- To protect high quality drinking water supplies
- To protect important and unique wildlife habitat and critical migration routes
- To provide public recreation opportunities

### Highlands Tract #1; Morris County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$412,000*

This tract was acquired through a fee simple purchase and conserved 145 acres within the Famy Highlands Watershed Project Area. Adjacent to a wildlife management area and county park, the tract is within the watershed of the upper Rockway River which flows into Jersey City's Boonton Reservoir.

### Highlands Tract #2; Morris County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$4,300,000*

Acquired through full fee simple, this 985 acre tract is within the watershed of Jersey City's Auxiliary Split Rock Reservoir. Conserving forests in this watershed is essential to preserve water quality/ during droughty periods. The USDA Forest Service granted \$200,000 towards the purchase of this property.

### Highlands Tract #3; Morris County

*Status: Negotiating(N); Estimated Price - \$4,000,000*

A conservation easement on this tract of 1,000 acres would add to already protected Newark Watershed Lands and tie in with lands that are targeted to be protected to the south. The City of Newark will continue to conserve these lands and provide for limited recreation.

### Highlands Tract #4; Morris County

*Status: Negotiating(N); Estimated Price - \$1,000,000*

Lying between Picatinny Arsenal and Lake Hopatcong, is a 500 acre tract, adjacent to State owned lands managed for wildlife habitat. The present owner intends to construct 700 residential units on the property and the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife contends that this kind of development would have an adverse impact on the area wildlife. A fee purchase would secure wildlife habitat and recreational access.

### Highlands Tract #5; Morris County

*Status: Negotiating(N); Estimated Price - \$600,000*

A fee purchase of 740 acres lying along US Route 80, and lying between Jenny Jump State Forest and Allamuchy State Park would help to ensure a connection of protected land between two of the States most visited outdoor recreational facilities..

### Highlands Tract #6; Morris County

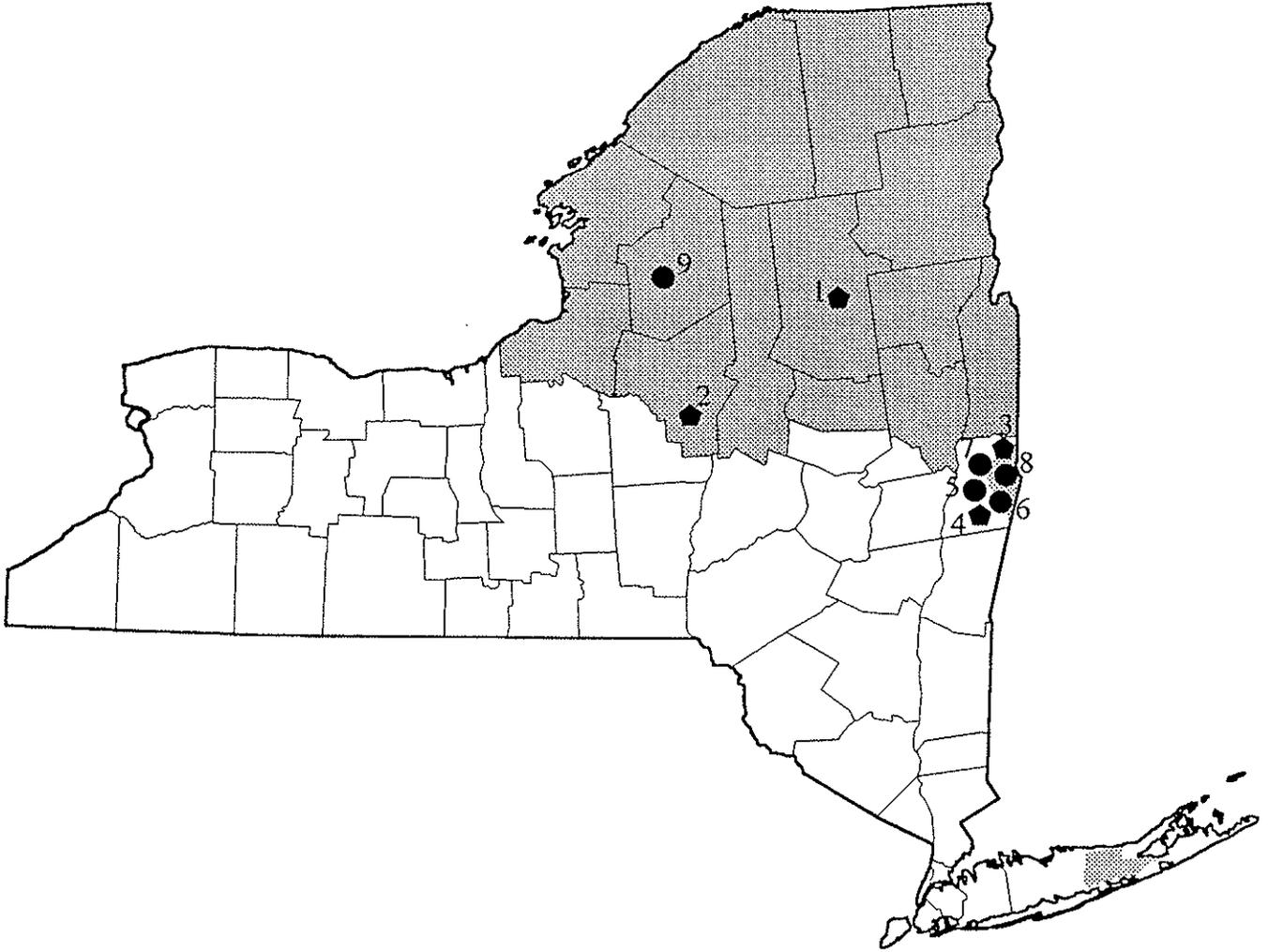
*Status: Negotiating(N); Estimated Price - \$600,000*

A conservation easement purchase of 200 acres would increase the protected area adjacent to Jersey City's Watershed lands. The property would remain privately owned and managed.

**Total Unfunded Acres: 2,440**

**Funding Needs: \$6,200,000**

For more information, contact Les Alpaugh (609/984-3850) or Deirdre Raimo (603/868-7695)

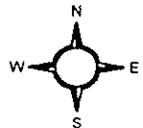


## Forest Legacy Activity New York

### Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating

 Forest Legacy Area





# NEW YORK

## FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

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### OVERALL GOALS:

- Protect traditional forest uses
- Provide public recreation opportunities
- Protect water quality
- Protect scenic quality
- Provide wildlife habitat

#### Adirondack Park Tract #1; Hamilton County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$86,393*

This property of 141 acres was purchased through a conservation easement. Located within the boundaries of the Adirondack Park, the easement restricts development and allows non-motorized public access along with snowmobile use. Also, the easement ensures public access for hiking, canoeing, hunting and fishing.

#### Tug Hill Plateau Tract #2; Oneida County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$120,000*

Acquired through a conservation easement, this 118 acre parcel was being pressured for housing development because of its proximity to the cities of Utica and Rome. Conserving this unique forested acreage allows hiking on designated trails; protects natural springs that feed Ninemile Creek; helps protect a watershed that supplies a city and other communities with water.

#### Taconic Ridge Tracts #3 & #4; Rensselaer County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$131,000*

Two tracts, totalling 378 acres were purchased in fee on the Taconic Ridge in association with the Taconic Ridge Trail. The outright purchase of these properties protected recreational opportunities for trail users and maintained tremendous views.

#### Taconic Ridge Tracts #5, 6, 7 & 8; Rensselaer County

*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$718,000*

Two tracts, amounting to 258 acres are located at the south end of Taconic Ridge. One of the tracts has road frontage on Round Mountain Road and will provide road access to the start of the Taconic Ridge Trail, the second tract covers the south end of the ridge and thus is a very important tract for public recreation. Conservation easements on these tracts will maintain the starting point for the trail. The other two tracts, one of 1,620 acres and the other of 60 acres either contain part of the trail, or are near the trail and will be instrumental in providing continuity of the Taconic Ridge Trail.

#### Tug Hill Tract #9; Lewis County

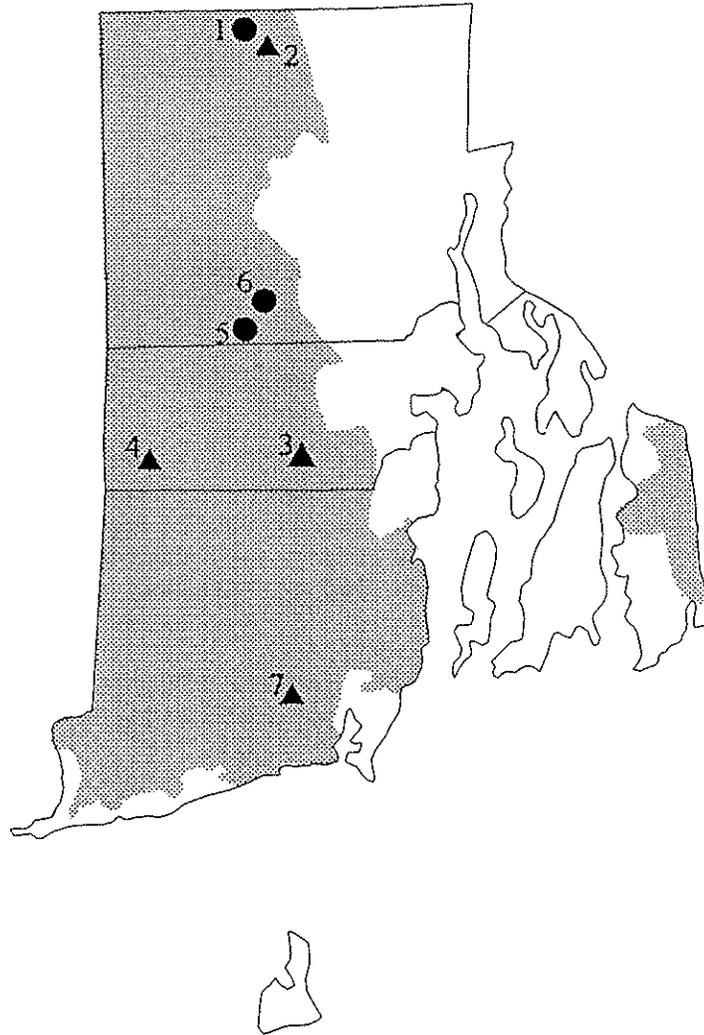
*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$6,000,000*

This tract encompasses approximately 50,000 acres in one of the most rural areas of New York State. It has exceptional wildlife habitat and contains the headwaters of the water supply for several cities and communities, including Rome and Oneida. A conservation easement would protect water quality, ensure public access, encourage management of quality timber stands, and maintain diverse wildlife habitats.

**Total Unfunded Acres: 51,938**

**Funding Needs: \$6,718,000**

For more information, contact Jim Beil (518/457-2475) or Deirdre Raimo (603/868-7695)



## Forest Legacy Activity Rhode Island

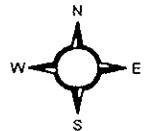
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### Acquisition Status

● Negotiating

▲ Optioned

 Forest Legacy Area





# RHODE ISLAND FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

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## OVERALL GOALS:

- To protect significant forest tracts
- To protect watersheds of public drinking water supplies
- To add on existing public open space
- To provide public recreation opportunities
- To protect threatened and endangered species habitat

### Mainland Tract #1; Providence County

*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$90,000*

Acquisition of a conservation easement on this 176-acre tract would protect it from commercial and residential development, and ensure the conservation of the traditional uses of forest management and recreation. The landowner continues to operate a sawmill on the property as he and his family have done for four generations.. The property contains high quality timber that has been managed by "yankee know-how" for 125 years.

### Mainland Tract #2; Providence County

*Status: Optioned (O); Price - \$50,000*

This 132-acre parcel is located in close proximity to Tract #1 near the Massachusetts state line and is vulnerable to conversion to non-forest use through development. A conservation easement would protect this woodland's wildlife habitat and forest management activities.

### Mainland Tract #3; Kent County

*Status: Optioned (O); Price - \$155,000*

This 80-acre tract is located in an area where housing development has increased population by about 40% within the last 20 years. Conserving this parcel through a conservation easement would ensure protection of watershed and wildlife habitat, and would ensure production of forest products.

### Mainland Tract #4; Kent County

*Status: Optioned (O); Price - \$247,000*

This 165-acre parcel is an inholding within the Arcadia Management Area, the largest state management public area within the state. A conservation easement will protect historic sites dating from the 1700's, at the same time allowing for the continuation of traditional forest management for timber and wildlife habitat, and public access.

### Mainland Tract #5; Providence County

*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$275,000*

A fee purchase on this 125 acres would include restrictions on development and would ensure protection of one of the more important watersheds in the State, the Scituate Reservoir that supplies drinking water to over half of Rhode Island's population...including major metropolitan areas. This parcel is developable and in a desirable location. It has lots of road frontage, and has been under a forest management plan for a number of years.

### Mainland Tract #6; Providence County

*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$125,000*

This 130-acre forested parcel is located in the Scituate reservoir watershed; the watershed that supplies over 60 percent of the State public drinking water needs. The parcel has nearly a half mile of road frontage and is the next undeveloped tract along the Old Tunk Hill Road. The current owner who is in his eighties has managed the parcel for forest products and other forest resources for the 30+ years he has owned it. The landowner has offered to donate a 5 acre parcel of land to the town for recreational fields. A conservation easement on this property would protect water quality and allow for continued public access.

### Mainland Tract #7; Washington County

*Status: Optioned (O); Price - \$445,000*

On the fringe of encroaching development, this 80-acre parcel will be one more link in the chain of protected parcels in the area. This parcel will include specific language for passive public recreation. Management of the parcel will be by a local land trust through an agreement.

**Total Unfunded Acres: 255**

**Funding Needs: \$400,000**

For more information, contact Tom Dupree (401/647-3367) or Deirdre Raimo (603/868-7695)



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## FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

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### OVERALL GOALS:

- To prevent future conversions of forest land and forest resources
- To protect and enhance water quality and water supplies
- To protect wildlife habitat and maintain habitat connectivity and related values needed to ensure biodiversity
- To protect riparian areas
- To maintain and restore natural ecosystem functions
- To maintain forest sustainability and the cultural and economic vitality of rural communities

### Utah's Nine Forest Legacy Areas are:

Bear River Basin FLA  
Weber River Basin FLA  
Jordan River Basin FLA  
Unita Basin FLA  
Sevier River Basin FLA  
West Colorado Basin FLA  
Cedar-Beaver Basin FLA  
Lower Colorado Basin FLA  
Southeast Colorado Basin FLA

### Current Projects:

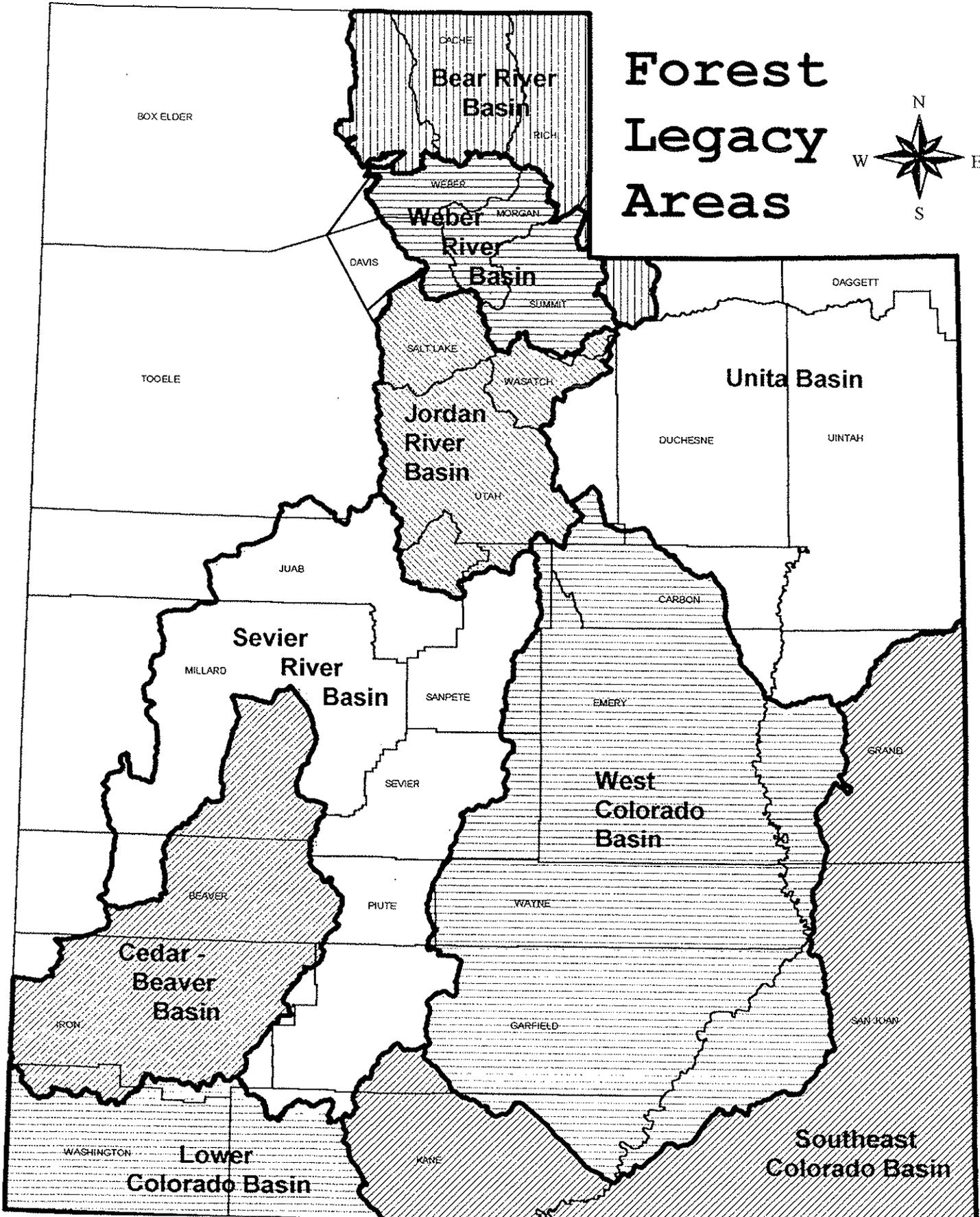
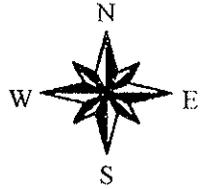
- 1,000 acre property near Panguitch Lake, Garfield County, Sevier River Basin FLA
- 9,500 acre property in Chalk Creek, Summit County, Weber River Basin FLA
- 7,000 acre property in East Canyon, Morgan County, Weber River Basin FLA
- 280 acre property on Reservation Ridge, Duchesne County, Western Colorado Basin FLA

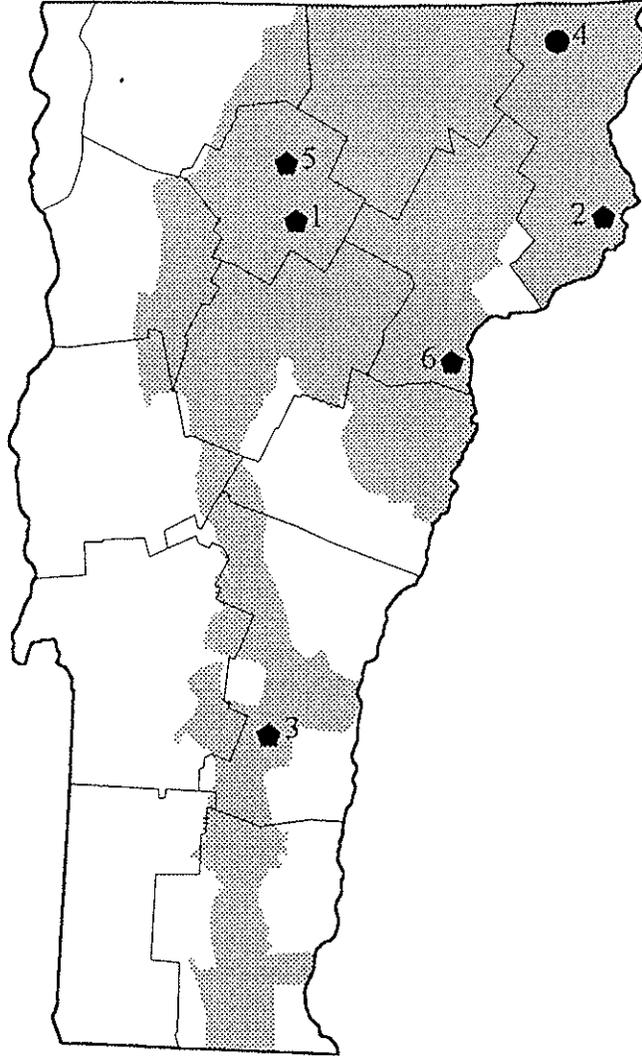
### (Promising projects):

- 5,000 acre property near Bear Lake, Rich County, Bear River Basin FLA
- 4,000 acre property in Argyle Canyon, Duchesne County, Unita Basin FLA
- 700 acre property in East Canyon, Morgan County, Weber River Basin FLA
- Approximately 10,000 acres in Range Creek Carbon County, West Colorado Basin FLA

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## Forest Legacy Areas





## Forest Legacy Activity Vermont

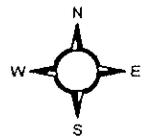
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### Acquisition Status

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- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating
- ▲ Optioned

 Forest Legacy Area





# VERMONT FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

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## OVERALL GOALS:

- To protect large contiguous and productive forest blocks
- To protect habitats for wildlife dependent on large contiguous forest blocks
- To protect threatened and endangered specie habitats
- To protect State fragile areas and undeveloped shoreline
- To protect significant wetlands
- To protect important recreation corridors

### Vermont Legacy One, Tract #1; Essex County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$271,000*

The 1,660 acres are protected through a conservation easement that stipulates that forestry practices will continue but public recreational access will be preserved and ecologically important/fragile areas protected.

### Vermont Legacy One, Tract #2; Lamoille County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$342,000*

Purchased through a conservation easement, this 2,281 acres of timberland includes restrictions on development and allows non-motorized public access along with snowmobile use. The easement will allow for the extension of a public hiking trail and the shore of an adjacent pond will be protected from development.

### Vermont Legacy Two, Tract #3; Windsor County

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - 618,000*

This 2,086 acre tract, proposed to be protected through a conservation easement: provides critical wildlife habitat corridor linkages through working forest areas; connects to existing state land; would restrict development and allow non-motorized public access, except for snowmobile use.

### Vermont Legacy One, Tract #4, Lamoille County

*Status: Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$1,500,000*

Acquisition of a conservation easement on about 6,000 acres would ensure the protection of one of the largest undeveloped water-bodies that has the longest undeveloped shoreline in Vermont. Simultaneously, protection of this tract would: provide for remote fishing, canoeing and camping; protect the habitat for the common loon (a state endangered species); continue management for timber and wood products. Conservation easement almost complete. Offer to be made shortly.

### Vermont Legacy One, Tract #5; Essex and Orleans Counties

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$2,847,000 (Federal = \$2,500,000)*

Purchase through a conservation easement of 31,450 acres restricts development; allows some public access; protects wildlife refuges for several animal species; provides opportunities for scientists, naturalists and photographers; protects habitat of endangered/rare animals and plants; supports numerous recreational activities (hiking, hunting, fishing, snowmobile riding).

### Vermont Legacy Two, Tract #6; Windsor County

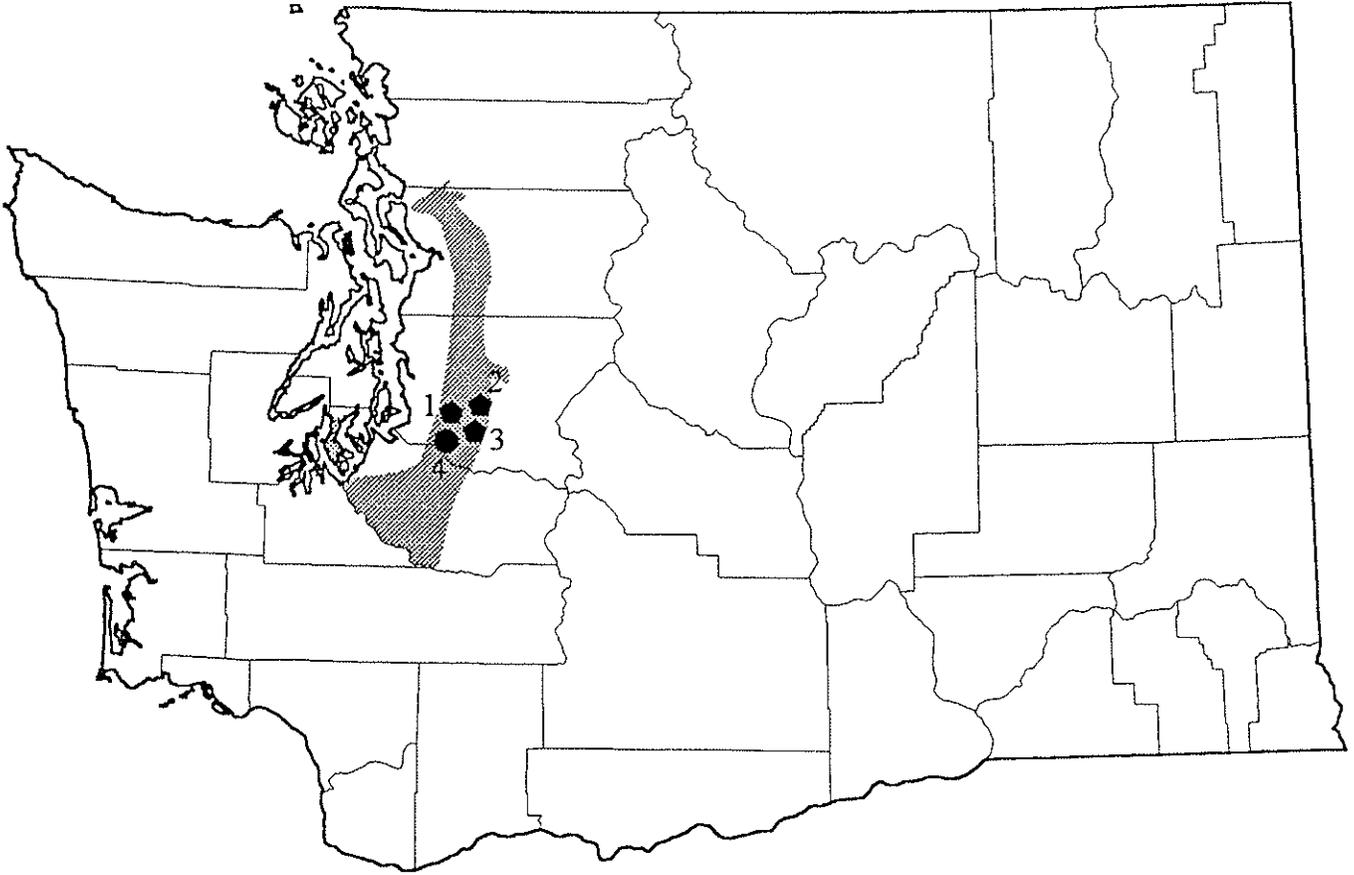
*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$222,000*

Purchase of a conservation restriction on 560 forested acres would provide critical wildlife corridor linkages through working forest areas. The parcel connects with state land.

**Total Unfunded Acres: 6,000**

**Funding Needs: \$1,500,000**

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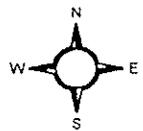


## Forest Legacy Activity Washington

### Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating

 Forest Legacy Areas





# WASHINGTON

## FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

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### OVERALL GOALS:

- To protect water quality
- To provide habitat for native fish, wildlife or plants
- To provide present or future timber management opportunities

#### Echo Lake/Mountains to Sound Greenway Tract #1

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$1,200,000*

This 130 acre parcel, purchased in full fee, will further the goals of the Mountain to Sound Greenway which are compatible with the Forest Legacy Area goals.

#### Snoqualmie Point/Mountains to Sound Greenway Tract #2

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$1,784,000*

This 260 acre parcel was originally purchased full fee. However, in an innovative agreement between King County and the Forest Service, the United States exchanged a limited fee interest in the property for interests in the Rattlesnake Ridge/Mountains to Sound Greenway Tract #3 (see below). Specifically, the United States retained a conservation easement on this parcel while acquiring a conservation easement on 80 acres and a fee simple interest in another 80 acres of the Rattlesnake Ridge Tract. This acquisition furthers the goals of both the Forest Legacy Program and the Mountains to Sound Greenway.

#### Rattlesnake Ridge/Mountains to Sound Greenway Tract #3

*Status: Purchased (P); Price - \$5,715,000*

King County and the Forest Service joined forces to purchase this 839 acre parcel. The United States acquired a conservation easement on 639 of these acres and the remaining 200 acres fee simple for \$2,077,000, plus the exchange value of a limited fee interest in the Snoqualmie Point/Mountains to Sound Greenway Tract #2 described above. The most notable element of this acquisition is that it brings together two separate programs, the federal Forest Legacy Program and King County's Biosolids Forestry Program, to accomplish a goal they share: to preserve the land base for productive forestry. The Biosolids Forestry Program recycles biosolids, the fertile by-products of the region's treated wastewater process, while generating a net gain for taxpayers, sewer ratepayers, and public forest managers.

#### Middle Fork Snoqualmie/Mountains to Sound Greenway Tract #4

*Status; Negotiating (N); Estimated Price - \$8,000,000*

Negotiations are actively underway and an appraisal has been ordered. Funds for this acquisition of approximately 2,430 acres will come from the Forest Legacy Program (nearly \$2,000,000), The King County Biosolids Forestry Program, and a gift from a generous private donor.

#### Prospective FLP Projects in Washington State

Several more candidate parcels totaling more than 11,000 acres have been identified within the Mountains to Sound Greenway. Together, the value of these properties is estimated at more than \$47,670,000 while the cost of conservation easements is estimated at \$25,500,000. WDNR is also interested in using FLP funds to assist willing landowners to protect environmentally important forest lands along the Skagit River and for facilitating donations.

**Total Unfunded Acres: 11,000**

**Funding Needs: \$25,500,000**

