



***Northeastern Area
Report of the
Forest Legacy
Program
and Other Active
States***

Forest Legacy fosters protection and better use of forested lands threatened with conversion to nonforest uses by purchasing conservation easement or fee titles from willing landowners.



Pierce Pond, Maine

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Forest Legacy Program



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Goal To identify and keep important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. Conservation easements are the prime tool used 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.

The Federal Role in Conserving Private Forests

In the United States, 67 percent of forests are non-Federally owned, and the sensible use of these lands is critical to our quality of life. Privately owned forest lands offer valuable services from which society benefits and for which the landowner is rarely compensated, such as water quality, recreation opportunities, scenic and historic values, and habitat for wildlife. Forests vary in the type and range of benefits they provide to the public; those benefits may range in significance from local to national. A small forest may provide recreation opportunities and scenery enjoyed primarily by the local community, but it may also provide habitat to a nationally rare wildlife species. Extensive forests may offer values that small forests cannot: a sense of remoteness or an expansive scene, a forest land base sufficient to support industry, or deep woods required by some wildlife. These forests tend to be nationally significant because the values they provide are becoming more rare. Extensive forests face the additional challenge of multiple ownerships and numerous political jurisdictions. Through the Forest Legacy Program, the Federal government helps state and local governments look beyond their political boundaries to identify important forests, both large and small. To complete the process, the program offers a means to protect these forests as well. The Forest Legacy Program's primary tool, the conservation easement, is a cost-effective way to encourage sound forest stewardship while keeping ownership private and oversight local.

Characteristics

The Forest Legacy Program, a private-land conservation program:

- Helps States and regions identify important forest areas.
- When conservation easements are used, the land remains privately owned.
- Other tools include: full-fee purchase, voluntary deed restrictions, covenants and agreements.
- 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 interests in land 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 lands or interests in lands are 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.

Active States: CA, CT, DE, HI, IL, IN, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY,
PR, RI, UT, VT, WA

Pending States: MN, NC, PA, SC, TN, WI

Interested States: GA, IA, OH, MT

The Budget

FY93	FY94	FY95	Rescission	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99
. . . . Dollars in thousands. . . .							
9,915	6,948	6,688	(7,800)	3,000	2,000	4,000	7,012

Accomplishments

- In FY98, Delaware and Indiana, completed Assessments of Need to identify important forest areas within their States. New York added a Forest Legacy Area.
- By Maine's purchase of a conservation easement on the 1,315 acre Valentine tract, along with 2 tracts protected earlier, 13 miles of Pierce Pond's shoreline, approximately 10,000 acres of privately-owned working forest land, will remain undeveloped and accessible to the public. For Northeastern Area States, a total of 2,275 acres were protected from conversion to non-forest uses in 5 States, at a Federal cost of \$1,330,500.
- Weyerhaeuser sold 1,043 acres of the Grouse Ridge Middle Fork property to King County and Washington State, and donated 225 acres north of the Middle Fork River in fee for public forestry. The fair market value of \$2.5 million was raised from the Forest Legacy Program, King County Biosolids Forestry program, and private conservation donations.

Summary of Completed Forest Legacy Acquisition Projects (4/93 - 4/99)

State	Cases	Acres	Value	Federal Payment
Connecticut	2	225	\$ 290,000	\$ 290,000
Maine	4	11,130	2,793,000	2,793,000
Massachusetts	8	1,185	6,179,000	3,362,000
New Hampshire	8	8,715	1,810,000	1,804,000
New Jersey	2	1,345	4,712,000	612,000
New York	4	638	337,000	337,000
Rhode Island	2	153	600,000	600,000
Vermont	6	43,797	6,800,000	5,336,000
Washington	4	2,272	11,233,000	6,203,000
Totals	40	69,460	\$ 34,754,000	\$ 21,337,000

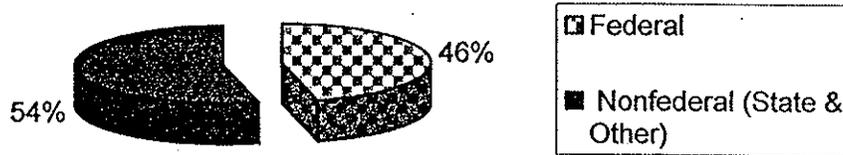
Summary of Prospective Forest Legacy Acquisition Projects (FY 2000 and beyond, depending on funding)

State	Acres	Estimated FS Cost
Connecticut	120	\$ 875,000
Illinois	570	2,228,000
Maine	29,443	4,330,000
Maryland	108	33,000
Massachusetts	1,163	1,443,000
New Hampshire	55,125	12,825,000
New Jersey	4,343	16,350,000
Puerto Rico	22	1,000,000
Rhode Island	450	1,845,000
New York	1,393	1,022,000
Utah	30,440	17,250,000
Vermont	6,081	1,575,000
Washington	12,271	27,636,000
Delaware*	TBD	500,000
Indiana*	TBD	500,000
North Carolina*	TBD	500,000
Pennsylvania*	TBD	500,000
Tennessee*	TBD	500,000
Wisconsin*	TBD	500,000
Totals	141,529	\$ 91,412,000

* To be determined—these States have either recently joined the Forest Legacy Program or are planning to do so and may be able to complete acquisitions in FY 2000 or beyond.

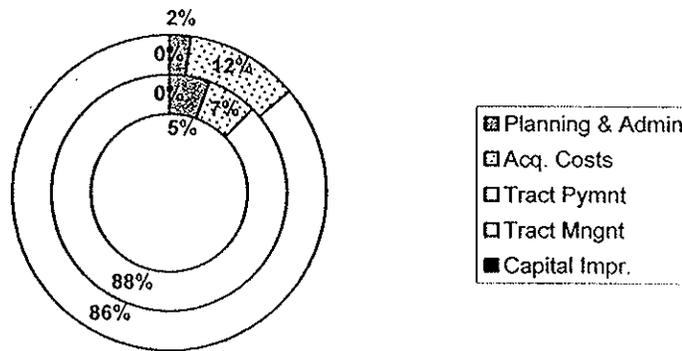
Northeastern Area Cost Sharing and Cost Category Fiscal Year Report

Portion of Northeastern Area Forest Legacy Program Costs borne by Federal and Nonfederal Entities for Fiscal Year 1998



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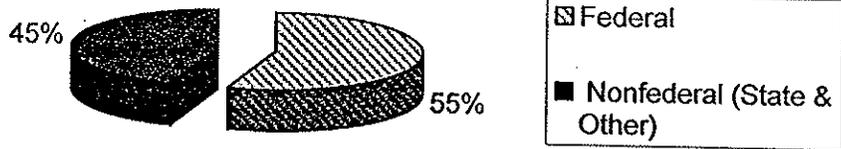


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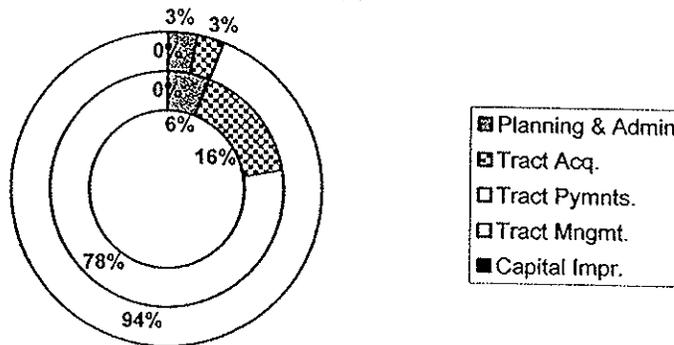
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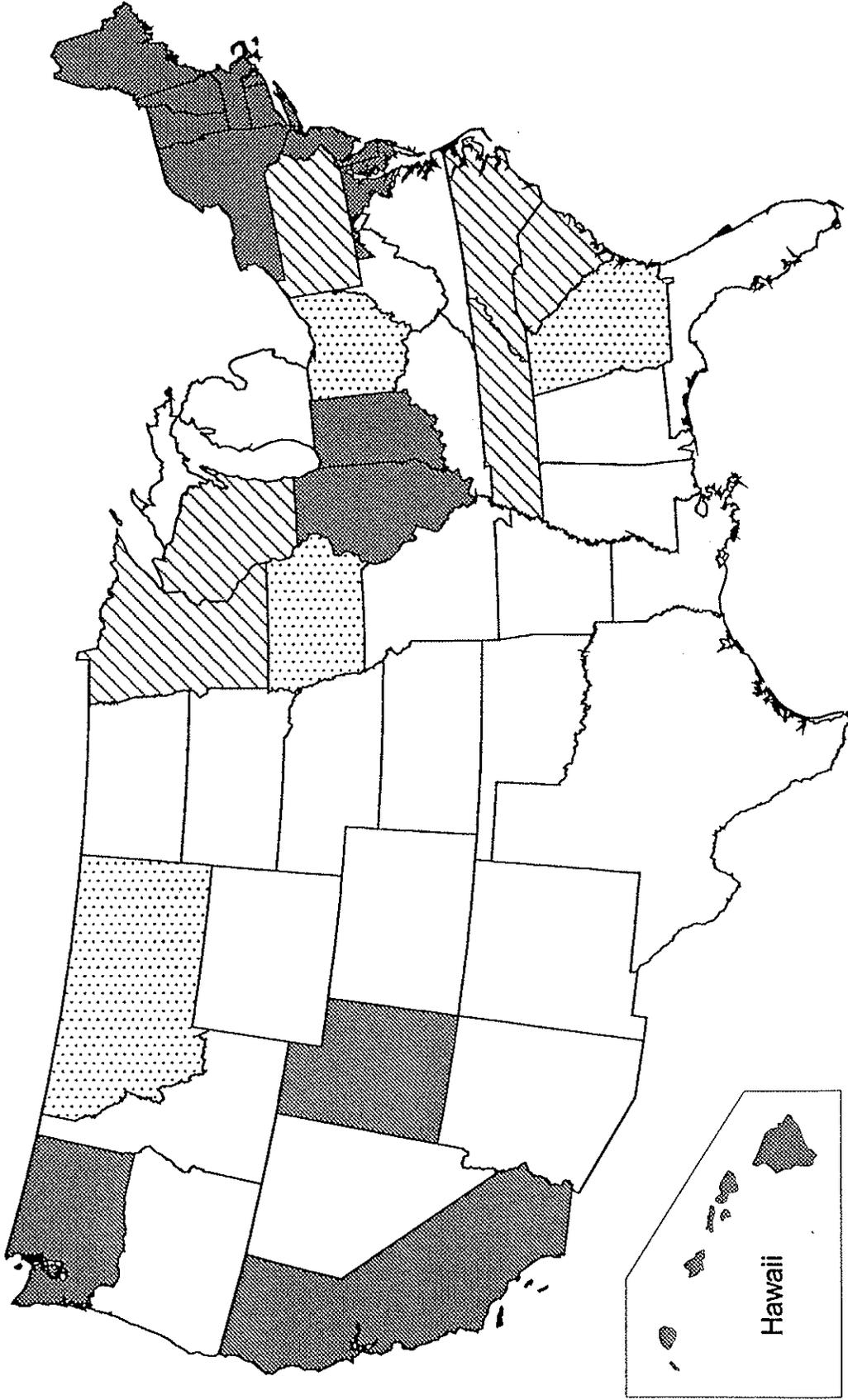
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**Forest Legacy Program
"Assessment of Need" Status
as of April 30, 1999**



Completed
(not pictured: Puerto Rico)

In Progress

Interested



CONNECTICUT FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



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

1. Havemeyer, 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.

2. Pogmore, 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.

3. Pine Brook, 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.

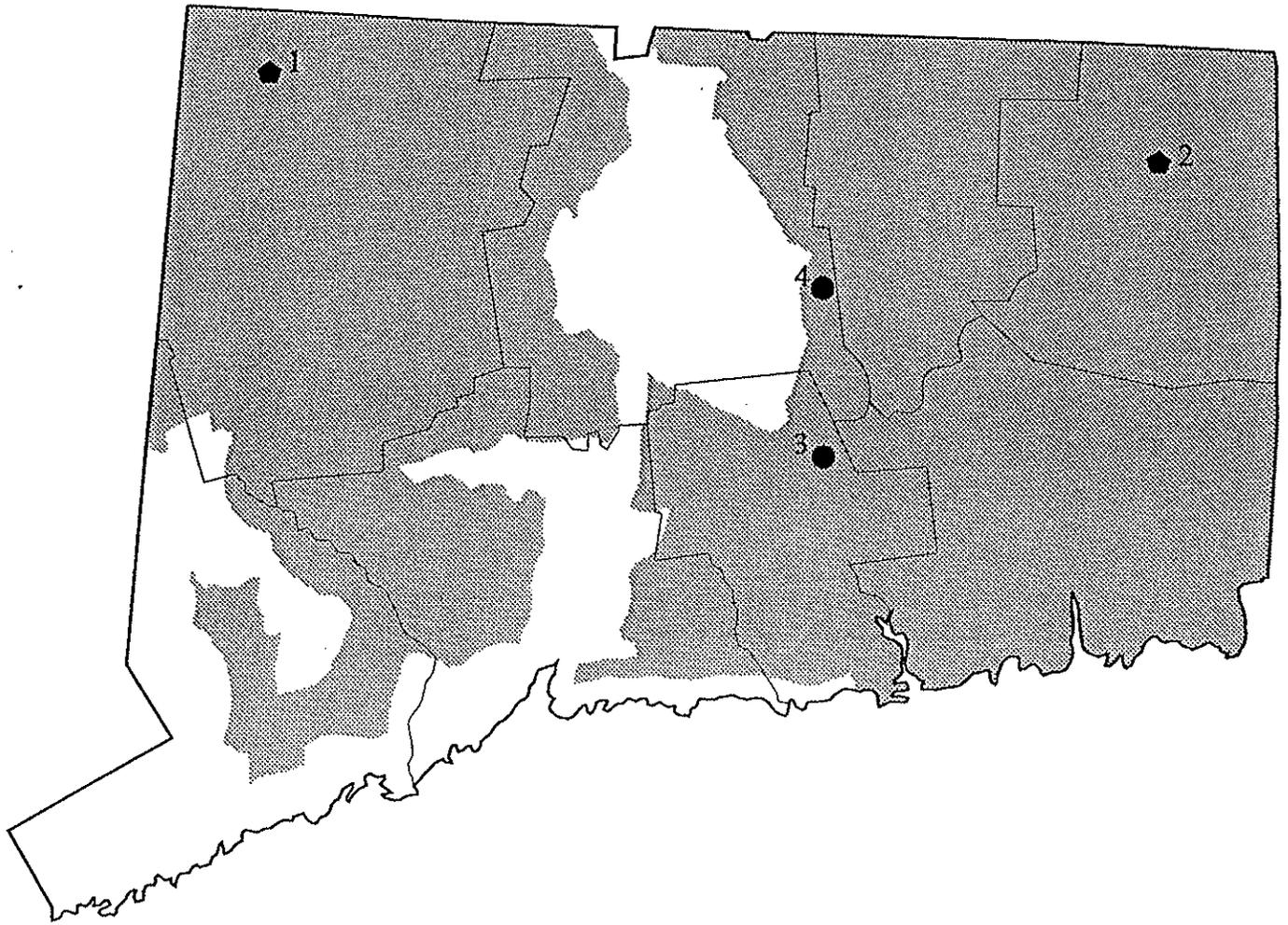
4. Footehill Farm, Hartford County

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

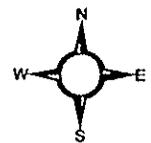


Forest Legacy Activity Connecticut

Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating

 Forest Legacy Area





DELAWARE FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

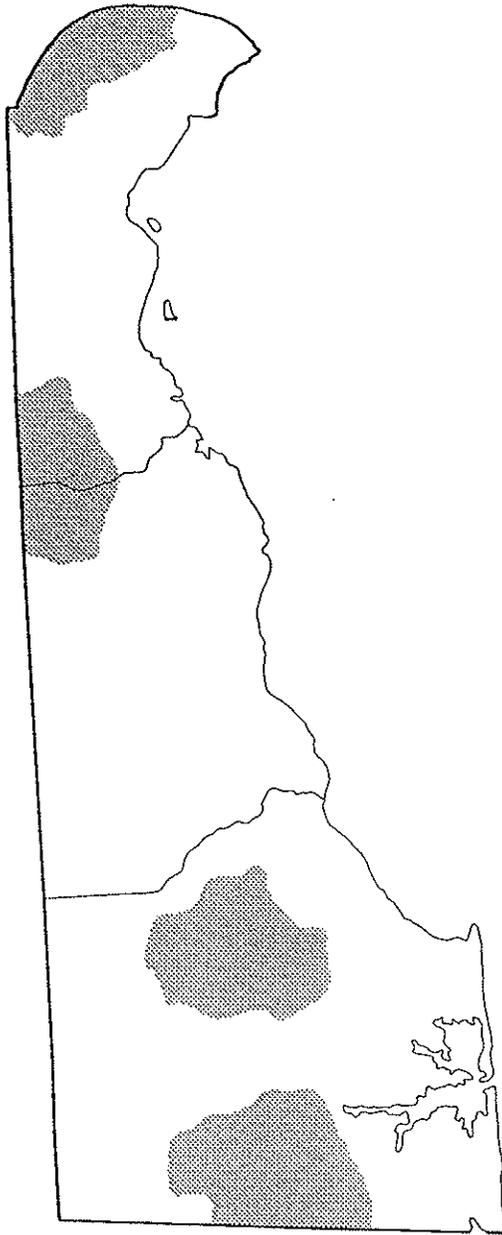


OVERALL GOALS:

- Identify and protect environmentally important, privately-owned forest lands threatened with conversion to non-forest uses
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development
- Provide environmental benefits through the restoration and protection of riparian zones, native forest plants and animals, and remnant forest types
- Provide recreational opportunities
- Provide watershed and water supply protection
- Provide employment opportunities and economic stability through maintenance of traditional forest uses
- Maintain important scenic resources of the State
- Provide linkage between public properties, protected properties and greenways
- Provide protection of rare, threatened and/or endangered species of plants and animals
- Promote forest stewardship
- Provide educational opportunities

Delaware Forest Legacy Areas (FLAs):

- White Clay Creek
- Blackbird/ Blackiston
- Redden/ Ellendale
- Cypress Swamp

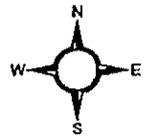


Forest Legacy Activity Delaware

Acquisition Status

⚡ Accepting applications

 Forest Legacy Area





HAWAII FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



OVERALL GOALS:

- To prevent future conversions of forest land and forest resources
- To prevent the further loss of Hawaii's rare and endangered species and the further fragmentation of important wildlife habitats
- To provide secure, unfragmented areas of native forest enrichment, expansion and regeneration
- To protect and enhance critical watershed areas
- To encourage active forest management to ensure the regeneration and sustenance of productive, biodiverse forest ecosystems
- To provide a landowner-driven and proactive, rather than administrator-driven and regulatory, approach to solving natural resource problems that provides fair compensation for foregone property rights
- To prevent future zoning reclassification in response to changing economic pressures or government policies

Primary Mechanisms:

- The removal of grazing pressures on the Forest Legacy areas through the acquisition of grazing rights
- The acquisition of development rights in Forest Legacy areas threatened by development pressures

Hawaii's Forest Legacy Areas:

- Kona Watershed and Natural Resource Area
- Kohala Mountain Watershed and Natural Resource Area

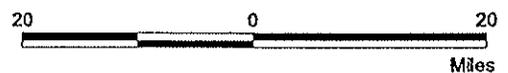
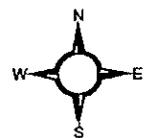


Forest Legacy Activity Island of Hawaii

Acquisition Status

⚡ Accepting applications

 Forest Legacy Area





ILLINOIS FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



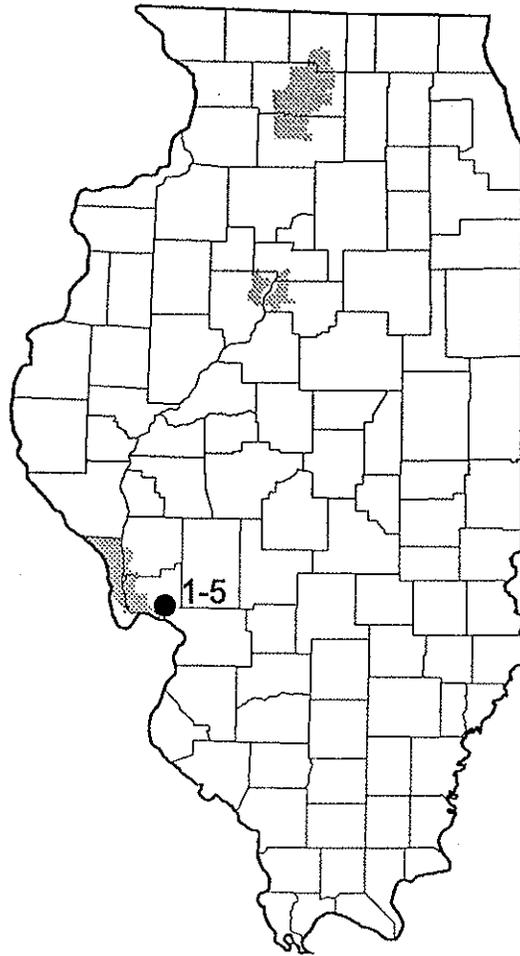
OVERALL GOALS:

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

1. Great River Bluffs Tract #1, Madison County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$252,000*
Acquisition of a conservation easement on this 60-acre forest is near completion. This tract is classified as "lower bluff timber" and protects significant wildlife population habitat. Key conservation easement objectives are timber/wildlife habitat management.
2. Great River Bluffs Tract #2, Madison County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$240,000*
On the steep bluffs overlooking the Mississippi, this 60 acre tract is part of an undisturbed contiguous forestland. Funds have been set aside for a conservation easement that will provide for winter roosting sites for bald eagles and nesting sites for Neotropical migrant birds. This area has become desirable for new home construction because of a new bridge providing access to St. Louis.
3. Youngblood Hollow Tract #1, Madison County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$280,000*
This 96-acre tract of land borders the Great River Bluffs Tract #1 and connects Illinois Route 3 with the "Meeting of the Great Rivers National Scenic Byway." It is centrally located in the 1,000-acre hardwood forest section that is part of the Great Rivers Land Trust Youngblood Hollow Project. Approximately 70 acres of the 96-acre tract is forested.
4. Youngblood Hollow Tract #2, Madison County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$104,000*
This tract is adjacent to both Great River Bluffs Tract #1 and the Youngblood Hollow Tract #1. This 26-acre forested parcel has been surveyed, and a purchase agreement with Great Rivers Land Trust is in the process of negotiation.
5. Youngblood Hollow Tract #3, Madison County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$140,000*
This 76-acre parcel borders Youngblood Hollow Tract #1. It contains 35 acres of oak-hickory-maple forest with trees 150-200 years old. Like the other Youngblood Hollow Tracts, this parcel would help complete the acquisition of perpetual easements on 1,000 acres of forested land in the Great River Bluffs Forest Legacy Area.

Total Unfunded Acres: 198

Funding Needs: \$524,000

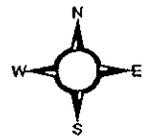


Forest Legacy Activity Illinois

Acquisition Status

● Negotiating

 Forest Legacy Area





INDIANA FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



OVERALL GOALS:

- Identify and protect environmentally important, privately-owned forest lands threatened with conversion to non-forest uses
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development
- Provide environmental benefits through the restoration and protection of riparian zones, native forest plants and animals, and remnant forest types
- Provide recreational opportunities
- Provide watershed and water supply protection
- Provide employment opportunities and economic stability through maintenance of traditional forest uses
- Maintain important scenic resources of the State
- Provide links to public and other privately-owned protected areas
- Protect rare, threatened or endangered species of plants and animals
- Promote forest stewardship
- Provide educational opportunities
- Provide buffer areas to already protected areas

Indiana Forest Legacy Areas (FLAs):

- Southwest Bottomland Forests
- Blue River / Knobstone Escarpment
- Bluegrass Area
- Maumee Basin
- Northwest Moraine
- Shawnee Hills / Highland Rim

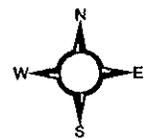


Forest Legacy Activity Indiana

Acquisition Status

⚡ Accepting applications

 Forest Legacy Area





MAINE FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



OVERALL GOALS:

- Maintain traditional forest uses
- Protect water quality
- Prevent development along pristine lakes, ponds, and streams
- Provide public recreation opportunities
- Maintain productive forests

Rangeley Lakes Region, Oxford County

1. *Cupsuptic Lake (ME 1000)*

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

Acquired through a conservation easement, this 1,272 acre forested tract is located on the western shores of Mooselookmeguntic and Cupsuptic Lakes. The easement restricts development and allows for the public to hunt, hike, fish, canoe, snowmobile, and camp.

Pierce Pond Watershed, Somerset County

2. *S. D. Warren (ME 1001)*

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

This conservation easement permanently protects 6,773 acres, the largest ownership in the Pierce Pond watershed. Over 12 miles of shorefront on five ponds is preserved by this easement which prohibits development while allowing for continued forest management and timber production. The easement ensures vehicular access to the Pierce Pond watershed and guarantees traditional public recreation opportunities such as fishing, hunting, and camping.

3. *Maine Wilderness Watershed Trust (ME 1003)*

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

This conservation easement, covering 1,770 acres, protects the eastern portion of the Pierce Pond watershed, including the slopes of several prominent mountains. The easement area abuts the Appalachian Trail Corridor and provides public access to Pierce Pond and King Pond. It will assure that the scenic viewshed of Pierce Pond is maintained, while allowing for wildlife management, timber production, and remote recreation.

4. *Valentine (ME 1006)*

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

This 1,315 acre parcel was the third and final conservation easement acquired in the Pierce Pond watershed, essentially completing the effort to prohibit future development within the 10,500 acre watershed. The easement preserves over 13 miles of frontage on Pierce, Grass, and Kilgore Ponds. The lands will forever be available to the public for fishing, hunting, hiking, and nature observation.

Nicatous Lake, Hancock County

5. *Nicatous (ME 1006)*

Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$5,000,000

This innovative conservation easement will protect the shoreline of Nicatous Lake, bald eagle nesting habitat, and outstanding land locked salmon fishery and the management of 22,000 acres of productive forestland. Public access for boating, fishing, hunting, hiking, snowmobiling will be guaranteed, while allowing the landowner to continue responsible forest management. The landowner is offering to donate a significant portion of the value of the conservation easement.

Mattawamkeag River Watershed, Aroostook County

6. *Pleasant Lake (ME 1009)*

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

This 9,670 acre parcel includes over 11 miles of shorefrontage on Pleasant, Mud, and Skitacook Lakes, as well as almost four miles along both shores of the East Branch of the Mattawamkeag River. The ownership, which has a long history of forest stewardship, includes several deer wintering areas and pockets of old growth forest.

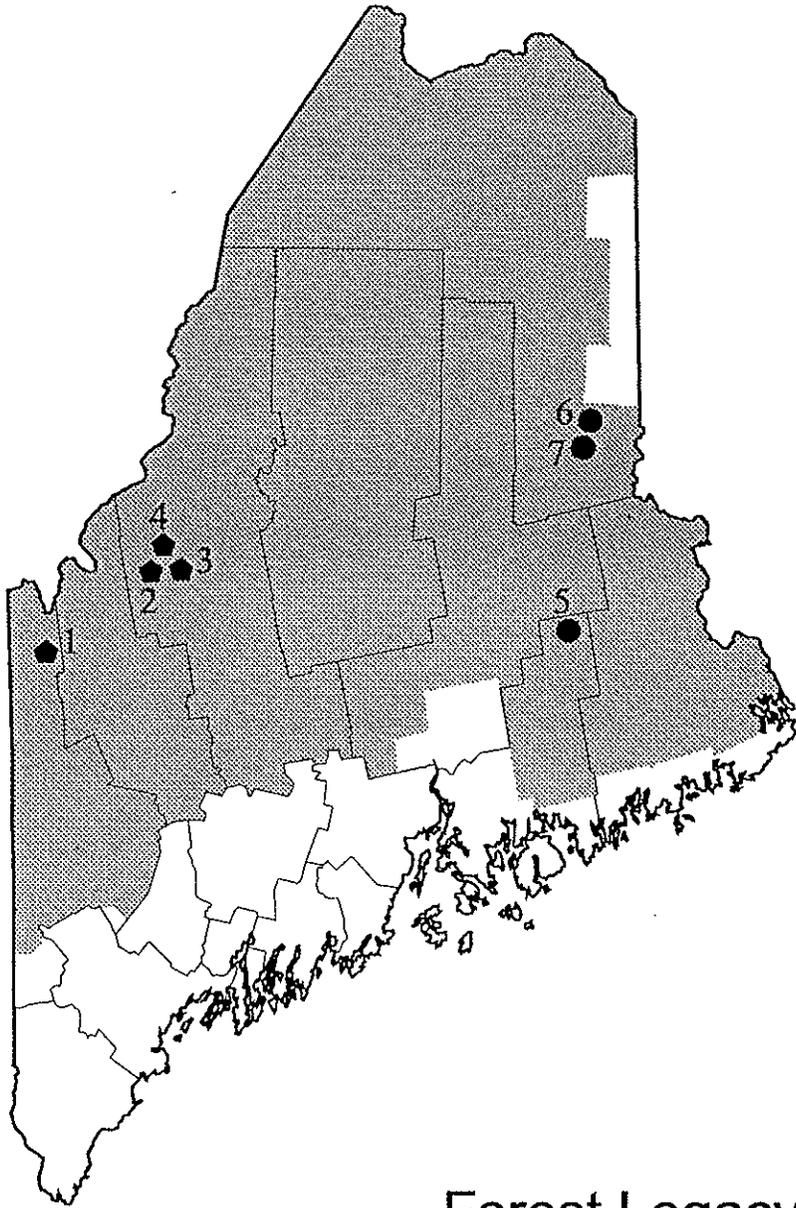
7. *Bible Point (ME 1008)*

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

This 3,273 acre tract includes extensive frontage along the southern end of Mattawamkeag Lake as well as the West Branch of the Mattawamkeag River. It is in a region that has experienced extensive subdivision and development pressure. The proposed acquisition includes a conservation easement over most of the property and fee acquisition of a 125-acre island.

Total Unfunded Acres: 34,943

Funding Needs: \$6,330,000

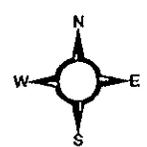


Forest Legacy Activity Maine

Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating

 Forest Legacy Area





MARYLAND FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



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, threatened, or endangered species

1 & 2. Goodwill Tract & Talisman Tract, Queen Anne's County Status: Funded (F), Estimated Price - \$1,305,000

These two properties totaling 471 acres are contiguous with each other as well as another 1000+ acres of already permanently protected land. This would maintain a very large block of forest and wetland habitat 15 miles east of Annapolis.

3 & 4. Camp Rodney Tract & McDaniel Tract, Cecil County Status: Will close by May 1999, Price - \$775,000

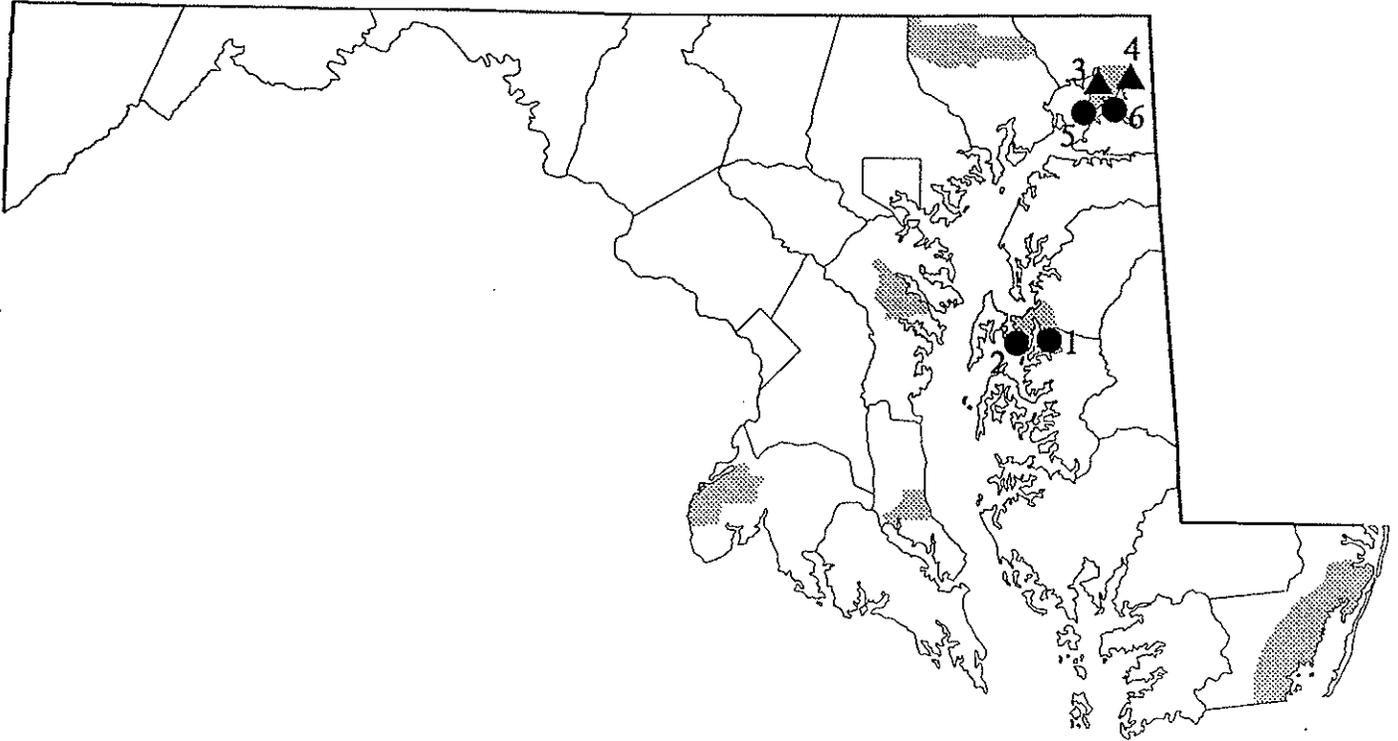
These two tracts, amounting to 668 acres, are contiguous with each other as well as over 1,000 acres of State park. All funds for the purchase of these easements will come from Maryland's Program Open Space.

5 & 6. Elk River Tract & Black Hill Tract, Cecil County Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$330,000

Two other properties in the Elk Neck Forest Legacy Area 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: 104

Funding Needs: \$330,000

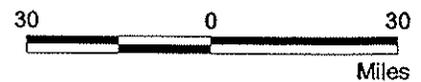
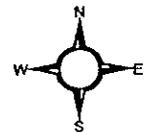


Forest Legacy Activity Maryland

Acquisition Status

- Negotiating
- ▲ Optioned

 Forest Legacy Area





MASSACHUSETTS FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



OVERALL GOALS:

- High elevation forests and municipal watershed
- To protect threatened and endangered species habitat
- To protect aquifers, river corridors, and wetlands
- To encourage traditional forest uses

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| 1. <u>Holich Tract, 113 acres in Hampshire County</u> | Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$220,000 |
| 2. <u>Anciporch Tract, 106 acres in Hampshire County</u> | Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$198,000 |
| 3. <u>Audubon Tract, 75 acres in Berkshire County</u> | Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$180,000 |
| 4. <u>Hutchinson Tract, 490 acres in Worcester County</u> | Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$616,000 |
| 5. <u>Pippin Tree Tract, 73 acres in Middlesex County</u> | Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$1,500,000 |
| 6. <u>Boudreau Tract, 56 acres in Hampshire County</u> | Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$321,000 |
| 7. <u>Johnson Tract, 47 acres in Hampshire County</u> | Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$47,500 |
| 8. <u>Stockbridge Tract, 100 acres in Berkshire County</u> | Status: Optioned (O), Price - \$80,000 |
| 9. <u>BNRC Tract, 225 acres in Berkshire County</u> | Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$280,000 |

10 & 11. Secret Lake Tract and Town Farm Tract, Worcester County Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$400,000
 Acquiring a conservation easement on two tracts totalling 500 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.

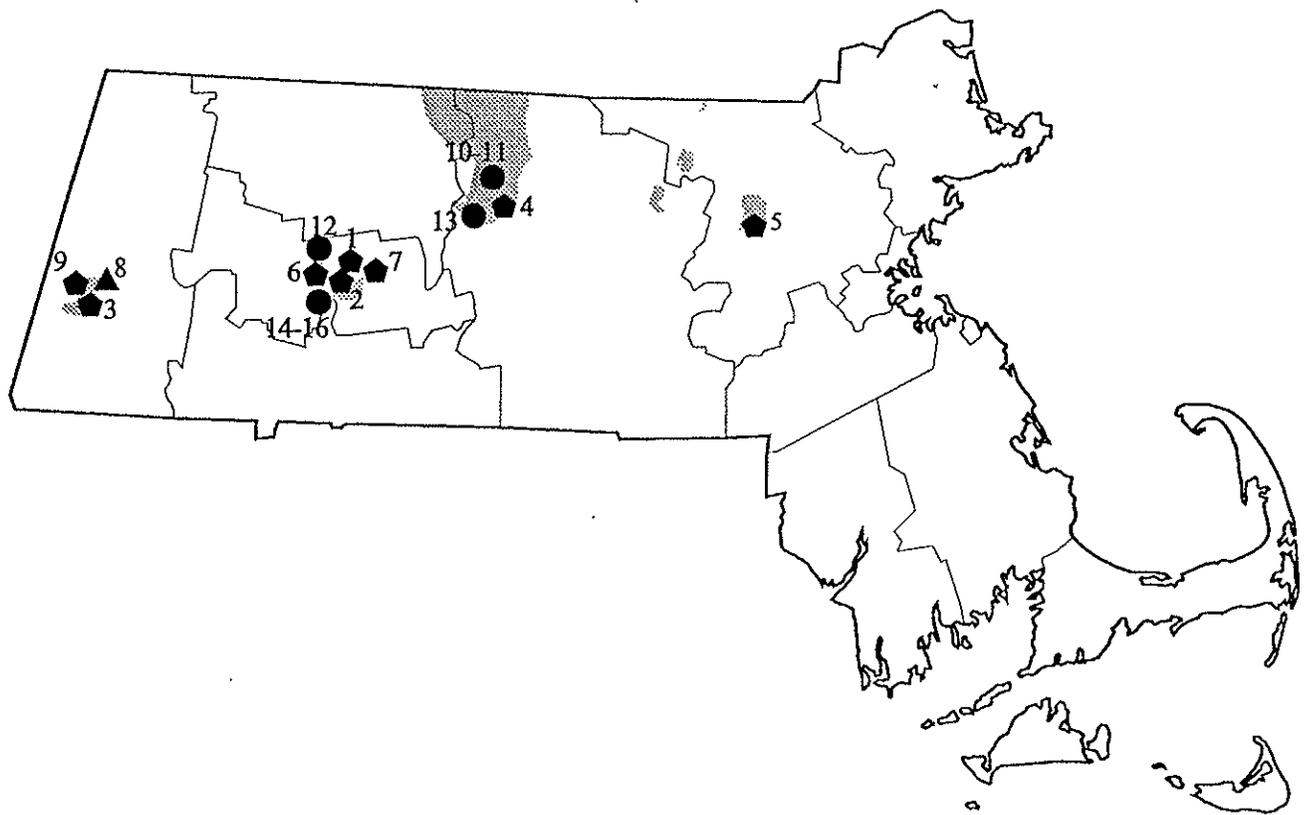
12. Lithia Springs Tract, Hampshire County *gagne* Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$64,000
 A conservation easement on this 61 acre property will provide watershed protection, and contribute to maintaining scenic values of a significant mountain range. It will also protect the habitat for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

13. 2-Mile Landbridge Tract, 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.

14, 15, & 16. Town Watershed Tracts #1, #2 & #3, 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: 797

Funding Needs: \$1,029,000

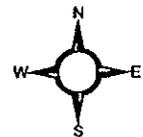


Forest Legacy Activity Massachusetts

Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating
- ▲ Optioned

 Forest Legacy Area





NEW HAMPSHIRE FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



OVERALL GOALS:

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

1. 13 Mile Woods, Coos County

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

A conservation easement on about 2754 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.

2-5. Smarts Mt., Lyme, Grafton County

Status: 4 Tracts Purchased (P), Price - \$872,720

These four tracts, in the watershed of the Appalachian Trail, comprised of 3911 acres, allow for continued public recreational opportunities. This area is the habitat for 32 species of Neotropical migratory birds. Timber management/production continues. 1601 acres of fee acquisition and 2310 acres of conservation easement.

6. Jahoda (Pittsburg), 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.

7. Jahoda/Johnson (Clarksville), 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.

8. Piermont Mt., 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.

9. Pond of Safety, 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; and allow managing the forest for timber, fuelwood, and wildlife habitat.

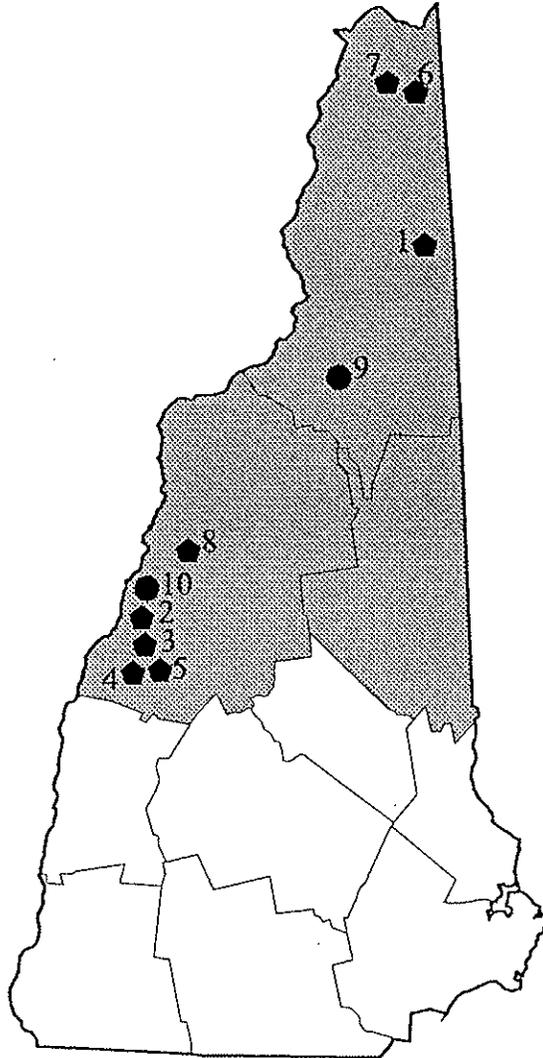
10. Pickeral Pond, Grafton County

Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$325,000

A 1000 acre conservation easement will provide for continued forest management while allowing public access for hiking, cross country ski and snowmobile trails and general pedestrian access for hunting, fishing, birdwatching, etc. The easement will protect 87 acres of water bodies/wetlands, 15,000+ feet of stream, and an 3+ mile section of the Appalachian Trail.

Total Unfunded Acres: 11,000

Funding Needs: \$1,825,000

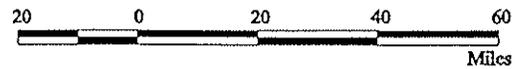
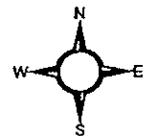


Forest Legacy Activity New Hampshire

Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating

 Forest Legacy Area





NEW JERSEY FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



OVERALL 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

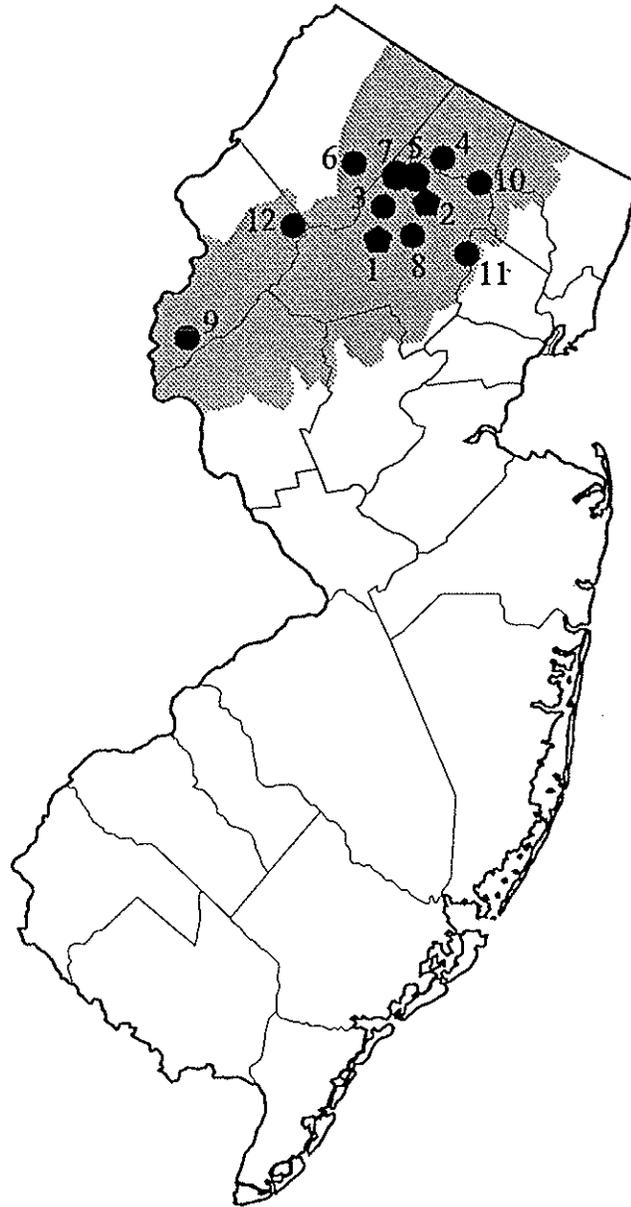
1. *RTC/FDIC Tract, Morris County* *Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$412,000*
A fee simple purchase conserved 145 acres within the Farny Highlands Watershed Project Area.
2. *Buck Mountain Tract, Morris County* *Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$4,300,000*
The USDA Forest Service granted \$200,000 towards the fee purchase of this 985-acre property.
3. *Mase Mountain Tract, Morris County* *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$2,500,000*
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. Forest Service will contribute \$600,000 toward a fee purchase to secure wildlife habitat and recreational access.
4. *Newark Watershed, Passaic County* *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$4,500,000*
This 700 acres, near Macopin Reservoir, is the next phase in a preservation project to preserve bulk of Newark Watershed lands in Highlands. Nearly 9,000 acres have been preserved, including endangered species habitat, trail networks, and water-supply watershed lands
5. *Holland Mountain Tracts #1 & 2, Morris County* *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$1,000,000*
 - a. #1: Fee acquisition of 125 acres, adjacent to Sparta Mountain, Newark Watershed Lands.
 - b. #2: Fee acquisition of 175 acres, forested properties adjacent to Sparta Mountain.
6. *Blue Heron Lake Tract, Sussex County* *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$2,500,000*
This project in 3 parcels, totalling 675 acres adjacent to state-owned Weldon Brook Wildlife Management Area. Was once part of a YMCA camp. Water access and wildlife habitat. Threatened by development, has frontage on Route #15.
7. *St. Paul's Mission Tract, Morris County* *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$3,000,000*
A conservation easement on approximately 1000 acres will protect endangered species and important forested resources. The property is adjacent to state-owned and nonprofit-owned lands, and several trails cross the property linking to trails that transverse the Highlands region.
8. *Meridan Tract, Morris County* *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$800,000*
Approximately 200 acres of forested uplands and stream corridor lands adjacent to the Beaver Brook Branch of the Rockaway River. Current owner is pursuing development approvals for entire parcel. Preservation of this tract will connect a block of nearly 5000 acres of open space in the heart of the Highlands.
9. *Pohatcong Mountain Tract, Warren County* *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$8,000,000*
The Pohatcong Mountain Ridge rises from the valleys along the Delaware River and knifes its way northeasterly through the Highlands. Approximately 2000 acres of forest land tops the mountain and is owned by private landowners in medium size parcels (50 to 250 acre tracts). Because of the splintered ownership pattern and the spectacular views, it is highly vulnerable to encroaching development.
10. *Westbrook Mountain Tract, Morris County* *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$1,750,000*
This 450-acre property in Ringwood and West Milford Townships are threatened by a preliminary development plan approved for 28 lots. Currently, a trail network crosses the property into Norvin Green State Forest. A fee purchase will help protect the watershed in the North Jersey District.
11. *Koehler Tract, 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.
12. *Pequest Tract, Warren County* *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$2,600,000*
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 2 of the States most visited outdoor recreational facilities.

Total Unfunded Acres: 6,265

Funding Needs: \$24,750,000

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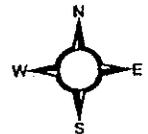


Forest Legacy Activity New Jersey

Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating

 Forest Legacy Area





NEW YORK FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



OVERALL GOALS:

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

1. Denino/Indian Lake Tract, 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.

2. Brown Tract, 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.

3-4. Pownel, Tanning, and Fox, 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.

5-6. Sherman and Mullaly Tracts, Rensselaer County

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

Two tracts, amounting to 250 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. Fee acquisition of these tracts will maintain the starting point for the trail.

7. East Branch Fish Creek Tract, 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.

8. Relay Forest, Delaware County

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

A significant one owner, large acreage tract situated almost dead center in the NYC Watershed Legacy Area. The acquisition of this 1,318 acres will add to the protection of the headwaters of the West Branch of the Delaware River. The watershed values combined with the outdoor recreational potential and forestry possibilities make this an excellent project proposal.

9. Greene Frog, Greene County

Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - 70,000

One of the last unprotected pieces of forestland along a high ridge between two mountain ranges. A full fee purchase of this 71-acre parcel will round out State ownership and protect headwaters for the water supply of New York City.

10. Pinehill Trailhead, Ulster County

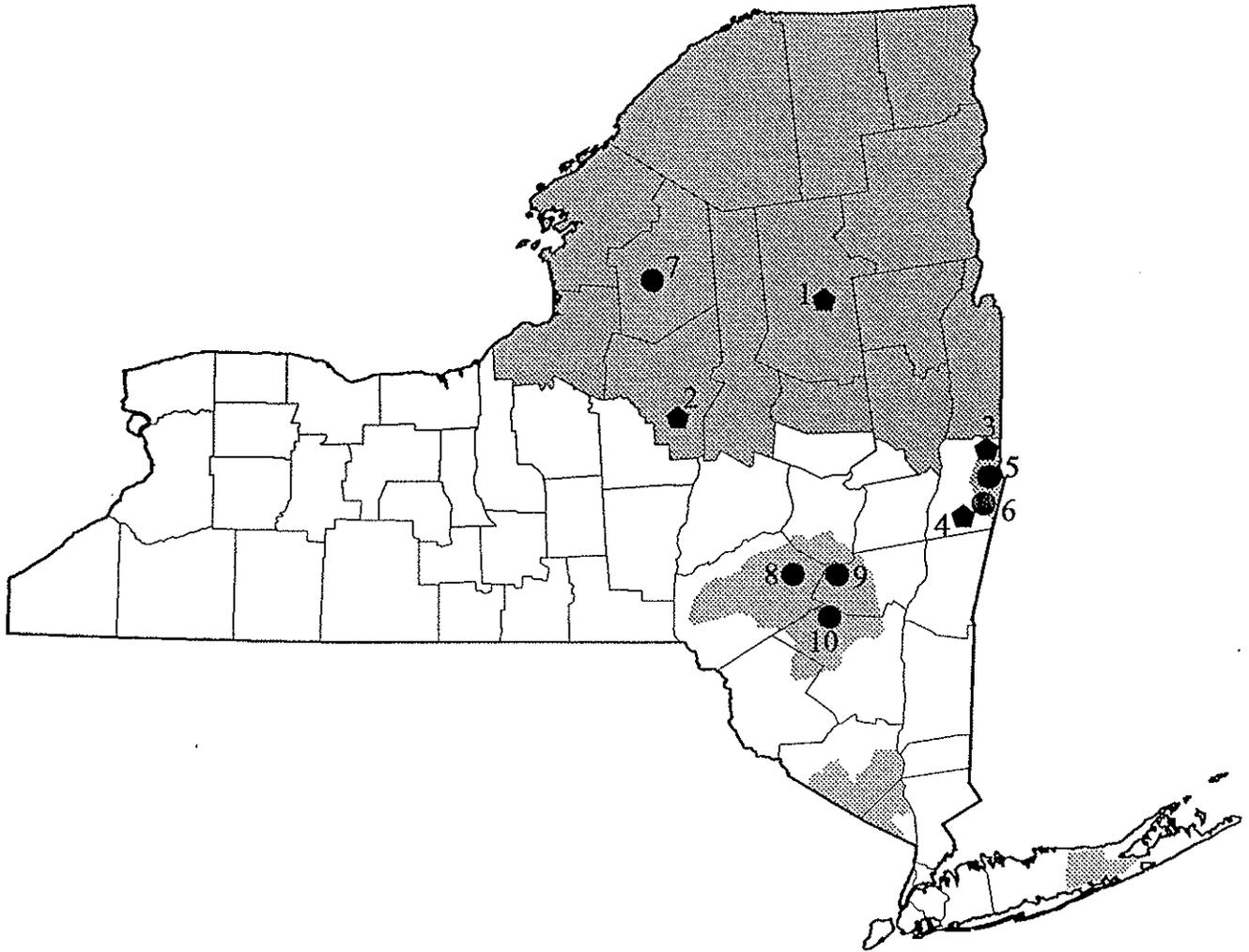
Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$20,000

Gateway to the scenic Big Indian Wilderness and a regional trail system in the Catskills, purchase outright of this 2-acre tract will ensure access for dispersed recreation in 50,000 acres.

Total Unfunded Acres: 51,641

Funding Needs: \$7,240,000

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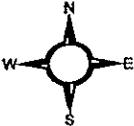


Forest Legacy Activity New York

Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating

▨ Forest Legacy Area





PUERTO RICO FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



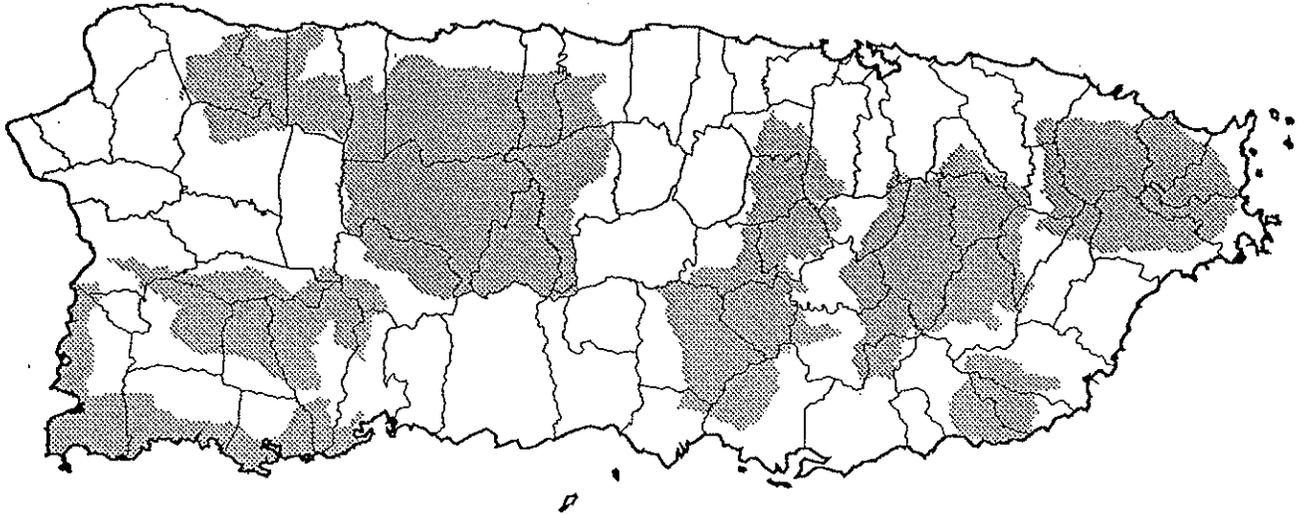
OVERALL GOALS:

- The protection and restoration of forested areas in watersheds developed as sources of public water supply
- Buffer zones of existing forest reserves
- Conservation of forested areas in primary, or close to primary conditions
- Conservation of biodiversity and unique features

Puerto Rico's eight Forest Legacy Areas encompass fragile coastal forests, karst areas, and the Cordillera Central Forest. They are:

- Guanica
- Maricao
- Quebradillas
- Caonillas-Dos Bocas
- La Plata-Coamo
- Rio Grande de Loiza
- Maunabo
- El Yunque

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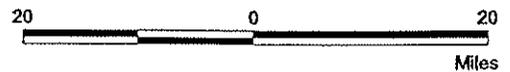
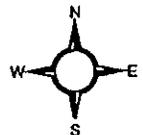


Forest Legacy Activity Puerto Rico

Acquisition Status

⚡ Accepting applications

 Forest Legacy Area





RHODE ISLAND FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



OVERALL GOALS:

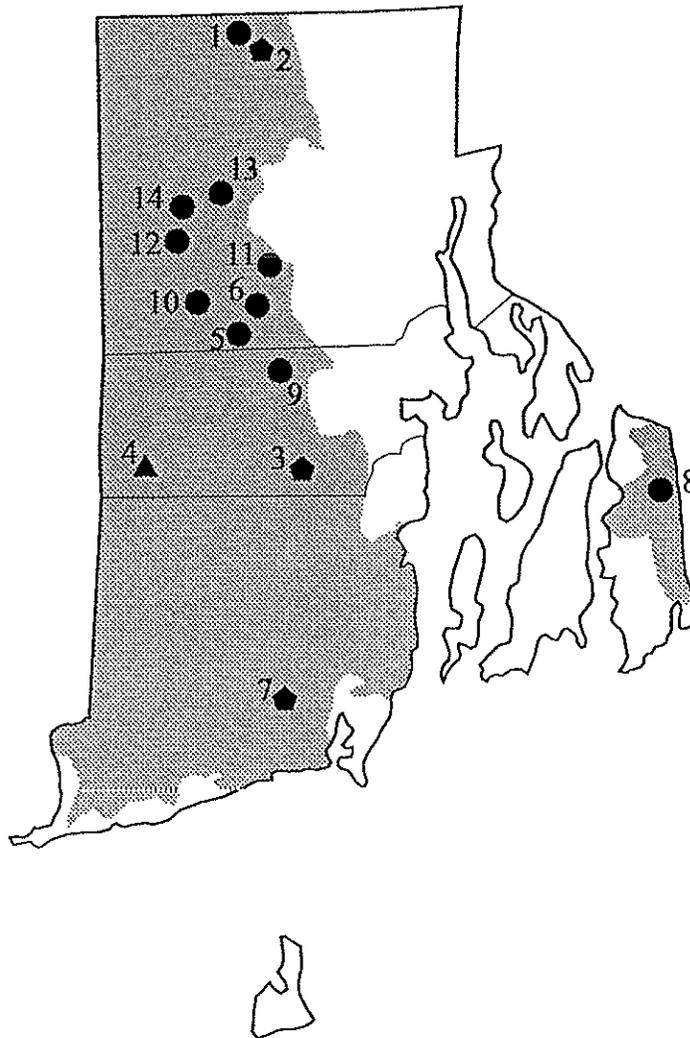
- To protect significant forest tracts
- To protect watersheds of public drinking water supplies
- To add on existing public open space
- To provide public recreation opportunities
- To protect threatened and endangered species habitat

1. **Ironstone Tract, Providence County** *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$90,000*
Acquisition of a conservation easement on this 176-acre tract will allow landowner 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.
2. **Wright Tract, Providence County** *Status: Optioned (O), Price - \$50,000*
This 132-acre parcel is located in close proximity to Ironstone Tract 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.
3. **Brownell Tract, Kent County** *Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$155,000*
A conservation easement on this 80-acre tract is ensures protection of watershed, wildlife habitat, and production of forest products.
4. **Beech Pond Tract, Kent County** *Status: Optioned (O), Price - \$247,000*
This 147-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.
5. **Plainfield Pike Tract, Providence County** *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$525,000*
A fee purchase on this 67 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.
6. **White Oak Tract, 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 current owner has managed the parcel for forest products and other forest resources for the 30+ years he has owned it. A conservation easement on this property would protect water quality and allow for continued public access.
7. **Gammel Tract, Washington County** *Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$445,000*
Fee purchase of this 75-acre parcel will link a chain of protected parcels in the area.
8. **Island Beech Tract, Newport County** *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$1,000,000*
Fee purchase of a 20-acre remnant beech stand will protect trees estimated to be 250-350 years old from being cleared for development
9. **Rockland Tract, Washington County** *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$407,000*
A conservation easement on this 103-acre forest will forestall development on an inholding of Providence water and light land. Road right-of-way to property already acquired elevating the threat of development.
10. **Route 6 Tract, Providence County** *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$198,000*
A conservation easement on this 33 acres will protect direct access to Barden Reservoir from development and ensure the integrity of a tributary stream.
11. **Moswansicut Tract, Providence County** *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$550,000*
Protection from development of this 25-acre tract with a conservation easement would help maintain the quality of drinking water in the nearby reservoir. It is zoned for high-density residential homes, which would allow 20 houses.
12. **North Barden Tract, Providence County** *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$253,000*
A conservation easement on this 120-acre property will consolidate an area of protection around Barden Reservoir, helping to maintain drinking water quality.
13. **NE Barden #1, Providence County** *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$99,000*
14. **NE Barden #2, Providence County** *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$192,500*
Conservation easements on the 15-acre #1 property and 29-acre #2 property will complete the protection of a project area around Barden Reservoir and thus contribute significantly to a quality drinking water supply.

Total Unfunded Acres: 718

Funding Needs: \$3,440,000

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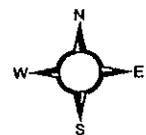


Forest Legacy Activity Rhode Island

Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating
- ▲ Optioned

 Forest Legacy Area





UTAH FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



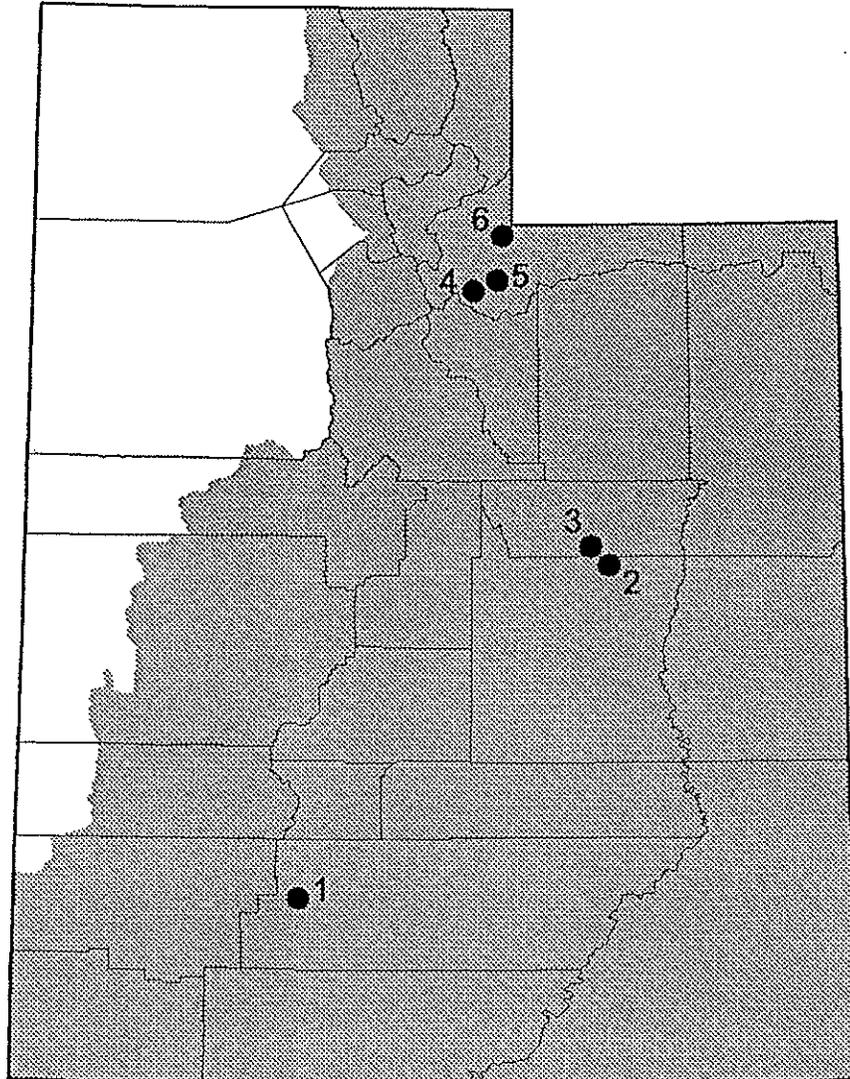
OVERALL GOALS:

- 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

1. Panguitch Lake, Garfield County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price \$1,500,000*
This 900-acre property contains naturally occurring stands of ponderosa pine and aspen. Clear Creek, a perennial stream, serves as a focal point for a wildlife corridor. Located close to Panguitch Lake, this property is suffering the threat of subdivision for recreational homes.
2. Range Creek, Carbon County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price \$500,000*
A conservation easement on this 840-acre property would protect a forest of Douglas fir in a critical watershed from development. This key property provides vital access to adjacent lands.
3. Sunnyside, Carbon County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price \$500,000*
21,500 acre property in Range Creek, West Colorado Basin Forest Legacy Area.
4. East Canyon Tract, Morgan County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price \$1,000,000*
A conservation easement on 1,700 acres will protect critical wildlife habitat, watershed values, historic sites, recreation and scenery. Trust for Public Land, as well as others are purchasing a conservation easement on 4,700 acres. The conservation easement is appraised at \$6.5 million. The difference between the estimated price and the value will be provided through partners and landowner donation.
5. Coalville, Summit County
3,500 acre property
6. Chalk Creek, Summit County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price \$8,500,000*
Part of the East Canyon project, a donated conservation easement on this property will serve as a match.

Total Unfunded Acres: 1,740+

Funding Needs: \$2,500,000+

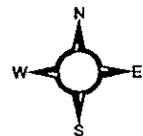


Forest Legacy Activity Utah

Acquisition Status

● Negotiating

 Forest Legacy Area





VERMONT FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



OVERALL GOALS:

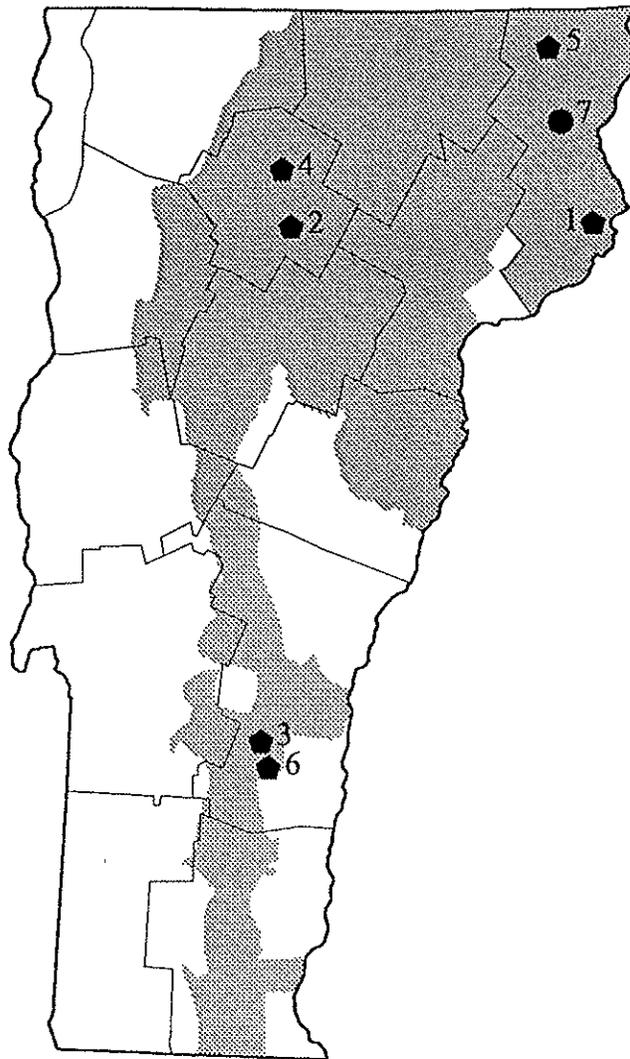
- To protect large contiguous and productive forest blocks
- To protect habitats for wildlife dependent on large contiguous forest blocks
- To protect threatened and endangered species habitat
- To protect State fragile areas and undeveloped shoreline
- To protect significant wetlands
- To protect important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

1. Cow Mountain Pond Tract, 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.
2. Atlas/Wagner Woodland Tract, 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.
3. Wilderness Corp. Tract, 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.
4. Green River Reservoir Tract, Lamoille County *Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$2,500,000 (Federal \$1,385,000)*
Acquisition of a conservation easement on about 5,760 acres would ensure the protection of one of the largest undeveloped water-bodies that has the longest undeveloped shoreline in Vermont. Protection of this tract provides remote fishing, canoeing and camping; protects the habitat for the common loon (a state endangered species); and continues management for timber and wood products.
5. Hancock Tract, 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).
6. Conservation Fund Tract, Windsor County *Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$222,000 (Federal \$220,000)*
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.
7. Northeast Kingdom Tract, Lamoille County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$1,200,000*
A large tract of forestland amounting to 4,200 acres consists of boreal forest wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities and productive timberland.

Total Unfunded Acres: 4,200

Funding Needs: \$1,200,000

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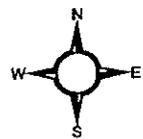


Forest Legacy Activity Vermont

Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
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 Forest Legacy Area





WASHINGTON FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM



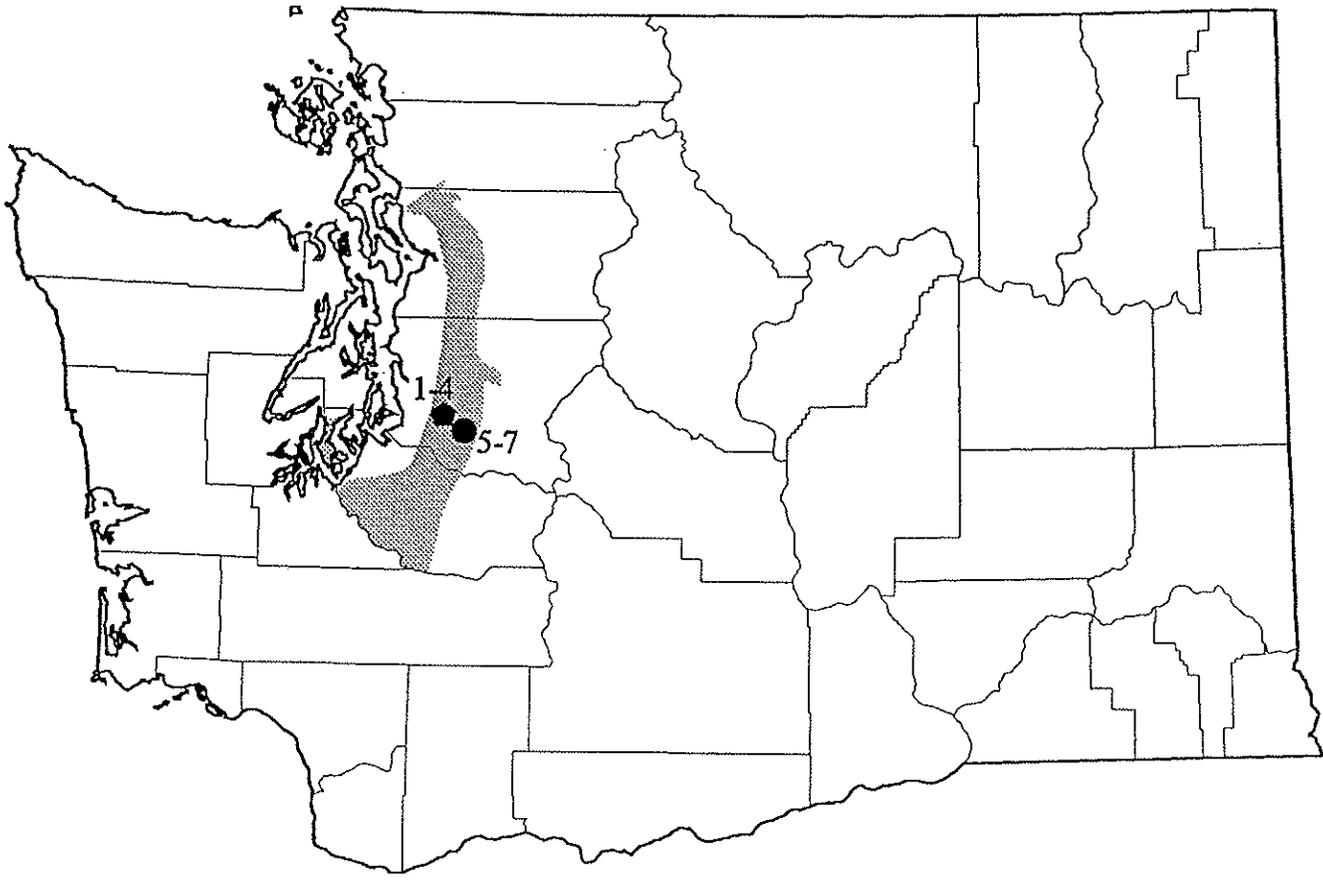
OVERALL GOALS:

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

1. Lind, King County *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.
2. WRECO, King County *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 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 Plum Creek tract (below). This acquisition furthers the goals of both the Forest Legacy Program and the Mountains to Sound Greenway.
3. Plum Creek, King County *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 WRECO tract described above.
4. Grouse Ridge/Middle Fork Snoqualmie, King County *Status: Purchased (P), Price - \$1,141,800*
With funds from the Forest Legacy Program, Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) purchased a conservation easement on this 1,043 acres forest property, while King County with funds from their Biosolids Forestry Program acquired the underlying limited fee interest for \$1,392,050. Additionally, Weyerhaeuser donated a 255 acre gravel deposit in fee for public forestry so that it will never be mined. Another 45 acres has been sold to the Trust for Public Land for permanent conservation.
5. Mitchell Hill Connector, King County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - 745,000*
This project is a highly leveraged partnership effort involving King County, Port Blakely Timber Company, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, King County Land Conservancy, the USDA Forest Service, and Washington State Department of Natural Resources. \$745,000 Forest Legacy funds are now dedicated for acquisition of a conservation easement on at least 160 acres of the 490 acre property. This property is one of the last remaining undeveloped tracts in the Rural Residential Zone, and is a critical link between 900 acres of King County Park land to the west and 1200 acres of lands to the east.
6. Busey Property, King County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price - \$250,000*
This 93-acre property, in the I-90 Corridor in Washington State, is one of the last privately owned in-holdings adjacent to a recent 1400 acre Forest Legacy Acquisition. The landowner has subdivided the property and will put it on the market soon. King County funds will purchase the limited fee interest (\$800,000), while the Forest Legacy Program purchases the development rights. The property is critical for protecting water quality, watershed protection, habitat and scenic values.
7. Little Manke Property, King County *Status: Negotiating (N), Estimated Price \$650,000*
This property is located on the edge of the Urban Growth Boundary near the City of Snoqualmie abutting the I-90, a National Scenic Byway. The 254 acres is a key parcel linking previous Forest Legacy acquisitions on the Mountains to Sound Trail Corridor and is one of the last parcels creating a link for habitat, wildlife migration, and recreation between the Cedar River Watershed/Rattlesnake Mt. Scenic Area and State Managed Trust lands at Tiger Mountain. The highly visible property abuts Lind.

Total Unfunded Acres: 347

Funding Needs: \$900,000



Forest Legacy Activity Washington

Acquisition Status

- ◆ Purchased
- Negotiating

 Forest Legacy Areas

