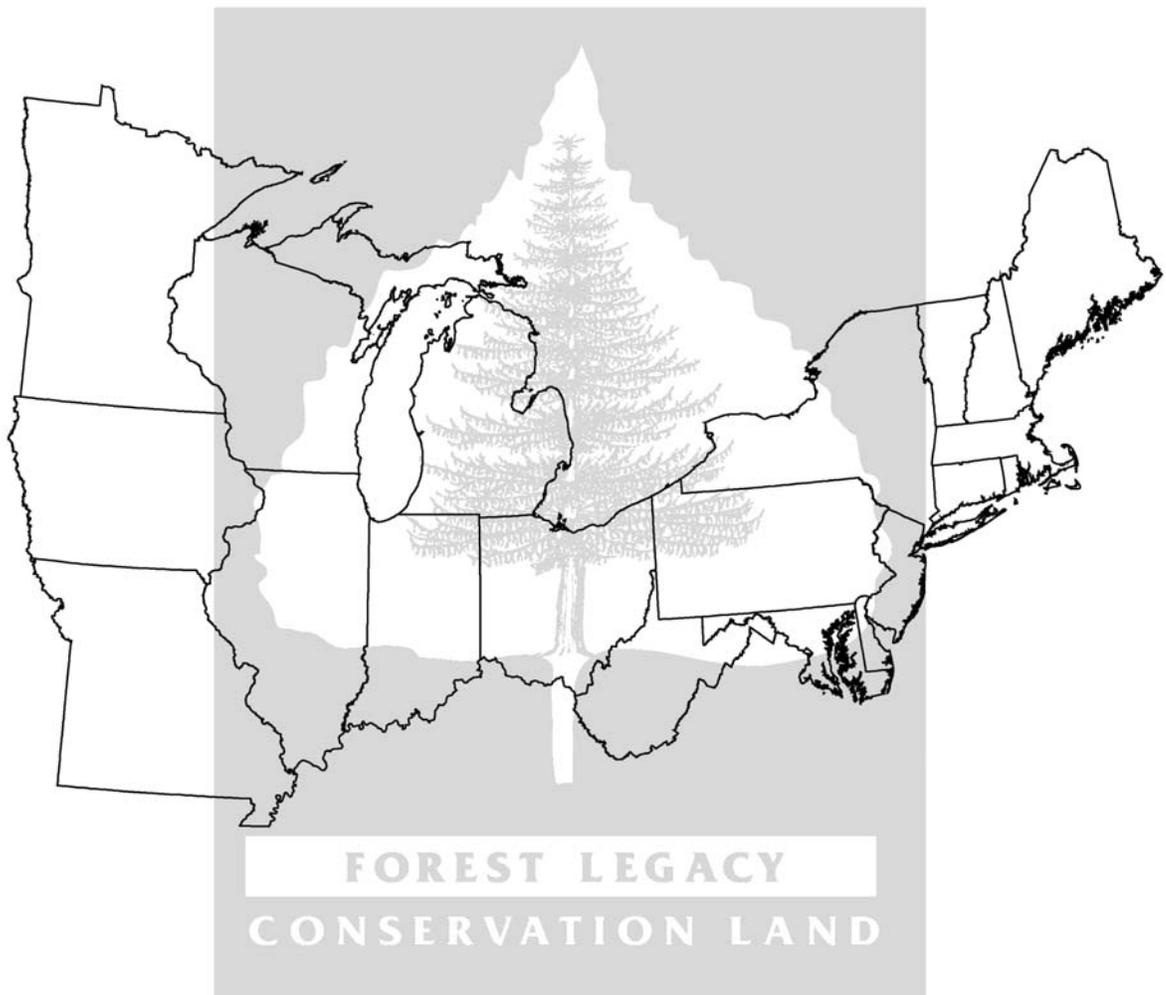


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Forest Legacy fosters protection and better use of forested lands threatened with conversion to non forest uses by purchasing conservation easement or fee titles from willing landowners.



A woods road through the forests of the recently protected Pumpkin Brook Link Forest Legacy Property. Photo by Neal Bungard

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Forest Legacy Executive Summary

The Forest Legacy Program (FLP) goal is to protect important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses.

The Forest Legacy Program goal is to work with states to identify critical forestlands and provide incentive-based approaches such as conservation easements and “regional stewardship areas” to protect and maintain forest productivity. The other is to coordinate existing programs and develop new incentive-based programs and policies designed to retain contiguous forests and a working forestland base. This report shows how the Northeastern Area is addressing those actions. The following guidance is offered regarding the information contained in this report:

- The Forest Legacy Program is implemented by states that have elected to join the program, local governments, land trusts, and voluntary landowners, as well as the USDA Forest Service.
- Although individual Forest Legacy tracts may be widely spaced across the various Forest Legacy areas, each mark on the map may represent a collection of land protection efforts by various entities.
- Fiscal Year 2001 accomplishments in the Northeastern Area’s Forest Legacy Program include 8 projects in Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island amounting to 2,362 acres valued at \$9,248,000 for which the Federal government paid \$4,673,000
- Each state identifies and prioritizes potential tracts that may enroll in the Forest Legacy Program. The annual budget determines the number of tracts on which acquisition work may begin. Accomplishments generally occur within two years.
- The budget has been increasing over the past four years from \$7 million in 1999 to \$65 million in 2002.
- Eighty cases in the Northeastern Area states have been completed amounting to over 130,000 acres. The rights acquired are valued at about \$60 million, for which the Federal government has paid \$28,180,000.

The Forest Legacy Program law stipulates the federal government will pay no more than 75 percent of total program costs. As of the end of FY 2001, the Federal government has paid only 45 percent of total program costs, while keeping administrative costs under 15 percent.

Forest Legacy Program Goal

To identify and keep important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses. Conservation easements are the prime tool used to achieve this goal. Priority is given to lands that have important scenic or recreational values; riparian areas; fish and wildlife values, including threatened and endangered species; or other ecological values.

Program Characteristics

- The 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, State or local units of government administer the lands or interests in lands.
- The lands and interests are held in perpetuity. There is no loss of the Federal investment resulting from change of ownership.
- Forest stewardship plans that meet the landowner’s objectives for natural resources management are prepared on all tracts.
- The tracts acquired can remain “working forests” and can forever provide forest resources to meet the needs of the local community and the nation.

The Federal Role

Forests vary in the benefits they provide to the public, ranging in significance from local to national. Small forests provide recreational opportunities and scenery enjoyed primarily by the local community, but they may also provide habitat to a nationally rare wildlife species. Extensive forests offer values that small forests cannot—a sense of remoteness or an expansive scene, a forestland 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 often face the additional challenge of multiple ownerships and numerous political jurisdictions. Through the FLP, the Federal government helps State and local governments look beyond their political boundaries to identify important forests, both large and small, and protect them. The FLP's primary tool, the conservation easement, is a cost-effective way to encourage sound forest stewardship while keeping ownership private and oversight local.

The State Role

States integrate Federal and State resources, as well as non-governmental organization resources to cooperatively protect and maintain a forestland base. The lead agency, usually the state forestry organization, carries out the FLP in the state. This includes collecting information to identify and delineate important forest areas that may be designated as Forest Legacy Areas, consulting with the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee to focus efforts within the state, prioritizing tracts, addressing land protection and forest management issues, integrating policies and incentives to conserve a forestland base and make the on-the-ground connection with the land. In short, the state is the nexus for maintaining a forestland base.

The Non-Governmental Organization (Land Trust) Role

Non-governmental organizations, specifically land trusts or similar organizations may take a lead role in administering a Forest Legacy Area. Because of their compatible interest in protecting land for conservation purposes, land trusts can be a primary contact with landowners to negotiate and maintain conservation easements once they are enrolled in the FLP. Land Trusts can work as intermediaries for eventual acquisition of lands or interests in lands. Lands acquired by or donated to land trusts may be counted toward the non-federal cost-share amount of total program costs, provided the interests in lands contribute to the goals of the Forest Legacy Program.

The Landowner Role

Landowner participation in the FLP is voluntary. A landowner joins the program by either conveying interests in lands to achieve conservation objectives of the FLP or by purchasing or inheriting land that has already been committed to an FLP conservation easement. The landowner becomes a primary practitioner in maintaining a forestland base by implementing management activities to conserve the values for which the land entered the program. The landowner and the monitoring entity establish a relationship that helps the landowner work toward conservation goals.

The Art of Forest Legacy Project Prioritization

The evaluation and prioritization of properties to be considered for Forest Legacy funding is an art. The talent to do so is held by the members of the State Forest Legacy Committees, who are interested in keeping local landscapes undeveloped. The committee members embody this talent because of their diverse makeup, land protection experience, and intimate knowledge of their State. They make the process of selecting the best properties for Forest Legacy funding look easy.

In New Hampshire for example, all property applications received by the State for funding consideration must pass a three-question test: Is this a worthwhile conservation project? Is this a worthwhile project on which to use Forest Legacy funds? Is this project likely to receive funding while other projects in the State have a higher priority at this time?



Members of the New Hampshire Forest Legacy Committee review and discuss the pros and the cons of the latest project application from a landowner to be considered for Forest Legacy Program funding.

Photo by Neal Bungard

At a Forest Legacy Committee meeting in Maine, a committee member who thought that a project might be better suited to another land protection program asked the question:

“Is Forest Legacy the right tool for the protection of this land?”

In all States, the Forest Legacy Committees ask such questions as, Does the property add to existing protected lands? Does the property connect protected lands together? Through their regular work, Forest Legacy Committee members know about local properties.

“I’d like to see an inventory of the property now before I support this application. The land has been cut pretty hard the last few years.”

At a property evaluation meeting in Rhode Island, the committee members’ local knowledge became very apparent. They were familiar with each property and quite often knew the individual landowner. The committee questioned each project’s legitimacy, asked the likelihood of it actually being completed in a reasonable timeframe, and provided input on the project’s qualifications for other conservation programs.

“We all know the landowner.”

“I don’t think that land should be protected; that area should be developed.”

In Vermont, the fact that Forest Legacy Committee members come from across the State and have various backgrounds brings a huge benefit to the property evaluation process. At a property evaluation meeting some members mentioned facts known because of their involvement in their local communities. Local connections help avoid promoting projects with flaws.

“Isn’t part of that property in a well head protection zone and can’t be developed anyway?”

“Is the town comfortable with 50 percent of the town being in a conservation easement?”



The New Jersey Forest Legacy Committee visiting a property where the landowner had applied for Forest Legacy funding, the committee is evaluating the property during this on site visit.

Photo by Deirdre Raimo

Committee members have no problem expressing negative opinions about a property's qualifications for Forest Legacy.

"This is not a good project to spend Forest Legacy funds on."

"That property was heavily cut last year, you could see it from the road. I question the landowners using the term sustainable management practices in the application."

"That town did not want to be part of the program initially. The town is showing interest in the program now and would need to support the Forest Legacy Program before this project could move forward."

"Forest Legacy can't protect everything, and maybe this project would be better for a different

During a property evaluation field trip in New Jersey, questions and comments arose while visiting the individual tracts. The committee members can ask questions to the landowners themselves while on these visits.

"Is that Turkey Mountain?"

"You're a tree farm aren't you, and a stewardship property?"

Sometimes just visiting the properties brings out comments that would not otherwise be possible.

"You can probably even see the stars at night from here."

"I really love the mountain laurel understory."

"What a view of the highlands!"

"Can you believe this is New Jersey?"

It is evident that the State Forest Legacy Committee members take their responsibility seriously. Their knowledge and background add value to the process. They can be critical if something does not seem right in an application, but they also offer support when a property fits in with the State's Forest Legacy Program goals. Using only a paper application and a score sheet, a mediocre property could rate very high. That same property would have its true colors revealed with the insight of the committee members. The State Forest Legacy Committees are the nucleus of the Forest Legacy Program.

Recently Completed Forest Legacy Projects

FY 2001 Accomplishments in the Northeastern Area occurred in seven states totaling 2,362 acres of land protected from conversion to non forest uses.

Accomplishments of the Forest Legacy Program include the following projects in the states of Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island.

The Maryland and Minnesota Forest Legacy properties that were completed are the first projects in those states.



Sterling Forest

Forest Legacy Tract, New York

December 2000

The site of a proposed 13,000-unit housing development will now remain forest with the help of the USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy Program. On December 11, 2000, a total of 1,065 acres of Sterling Forest located north of New York City in the town of Tuxedo was purchased and added to Sterling Forest State Park. Rose Harvey of the Trust for Public Land remarked, "Fifteen years ago, we were anticipating 13,000 housing units with 50,000 people living and working on that property."

The purchase price of the property amounted to \$7,890,000. The purchase of the land came in three parts. First, 847 acres were purchased for \$4,270,000 with the help of \$2,000,000 from the Forest Legacy Program. Second, the Beaverkill Conservancy, Inc., the land acquisition affiliate of the Open Space Institute, purchased 128 acres of the property. Third, a conference center and 90 acres of surrounding land on the south shore of Sterling Lake, which was not part of the Forest Legacy purchase, were also acquired by the State.



The site of a proposed housing development will now remain forested forever, providing for continued outdoor recreational opportunities with the help of the Forest Legacy Program. Trust for Public Land Photo

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Rose Harvey, Trust for Public Land

Funding for the total project included \$4,000,000 from the State of New York, \$2,000,000 from the Forest Legacy Program, \$1,000,000 from the State of New Jersey, and \$200,000 from the Palisades Interstate Park Commission (PIPC). A \$550,000 grant from the Lila Acheson and DeWitt Wallace Fund for the Hudson Highlands (a fund established by the founders of the Reader's Digest Association) was used for the Beaverkill Conservancy, Inc. acquisition, with the Trust for Public Land contributed the remaining balance.

As part of Sterling Forest State Park, the property will be managed by the PIPC. The conference center

on the south shore of Sterling Lake will be used as an environmental education center.

Nearly 19,000 acres of land have been purchased in Sterling Forest over the last decade. The largest acquisition was in 1998 when 15,280 acres of land were purchased for \$55 million. With this most recent purchase, the forest is now 95 percent protected.

Sterling Forest provides many benefits for the area. The forest is a short drive from the New York City area and provides numerous recreational opportunities. The area forms the headwaters for the Monksville and Wanaque reservoirs, which provide drinking water for over 2 million northern New Jersey residents.

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Macopin

Forest Legacy Tract, New Jersey

December 2000

Phase III of the 34,000-acre Newark Watershed project was completed on December 27, 2000. The State of New Jersey's Green Acres Program acquired a conservation easement for \$1,432,000 on 700 acres of Newark watershed land, known as the Macopin property. The Forest Legacy Program contributed \$700,000 to the purchase of the conservation easement. The development rights were purchased from the City of Newark, which owns the property as part of its watershed lands. The conservation easement permanently protects the land from development and ensures that the land will remain forested forever.

The City of Newark has been under pressure in recent years to sell off some of its watershed lands to offset the city's increasing property tax payments. Proceeds from the sale of the conservation easement enable the City of Newark to cover the cost of ownership without selling the land for development.

Development pressure is high in this area and forested tracts around the New York metropolitan area are highly sought after. Most recently this land had been proposed for a retirement community. Previously, single-family homes and a golf course were proposed for the site.

The tract is part of the watershed and reservoir system that provides drinking water for northern New Jersey residents. Protection of this important watershed property ensures that high

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quality drinking water will remain available to New Jersey residents for generations to come. The conservation easement on this property also guarantees that the land remains available to the public for passive recreation activities.



Quality drinking water will continue to be available from Newark watershed lands with the protection of the Macopin property.

Green Acres Program Photo

The State of New Jersey is currently negotiating to preserve an additional 9,000 acres of Newark City watershed lands as Phase IV of the watershed project.

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Nerstrand Woods

Forest Legacy Tract, Minnesota

March 2001

The first tract in a 25-tract conservation strategy to restore the Big Woods forest was protected on March 19, 2001. In Rice County, Minnesota, 111 acres of land was protected from development with the help of the USDA Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program. The land, adjacent to Nerstrand Woods State Park, is currently a field but the property's management plan calls for restoring the native prairie and oak savanna habitat.

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Ken Sahlin, Valley Grove Preservation Society

The property is also adjacent to two churches listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The churches—one built of stone in 1862, the other built of wood in 1894 only a few yards away—were built by some of Minnesota's earliest Norwegian immigrants. The two churches overlook a cemetery and the Nerstrand Woods Forest Legacy Property.



A view of the churches from the Nerstrand Woods Forest Legacy Property, where prairie grasses have been planted and trees have been started at nurseries in the first year of oak savanna restoration. Photo by Jonathan Larson

The Nerstrand property was put on the market in 2000. The owners of the churches—the Valley Grove Grace Cemetery Association owns the stone church and cemetery, the Valley Grove Preservation Society owns the wooden church—wanted to protect the property from development. They initiated a fundraising campaign that collected over \$500,000, enabling them to purchase the property on January 2, 2001. "In addition to Forest Legacy funds, the Valley Grove Preservation Society received contributions from over 470 supporters," commented Kenneth C. Sahlin, treasurer of the Valley Grove Preservation Society.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) had been looking to protect the land around Nerstrand Woods State Park for years. The introduction of the Forest Legacy Program in the State provided an ideal opportunity. The State purchased a conservation easement on the property for \$238,000 in Forest Legacy funds on March 19, 2001. "Three or four years ago, concerned people from The Nature Conservancy, the University of Minnesota, and DNR Forestry had the foresight to protect potentially endangered land. As a direct result, Valley Grove is pleased to be the first recipient of the Forest Legacy Program in the State of Minnesota," Ken Sahlin added.

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The Oblate Woods #1 and #2

Forest Legacy Tract, Illinois

May 2000 and April 2001

On May 25, 2000, the State of Illinois Department of Conservation acquired a conservation easement on a 60-acre tract of land along the Mississippi River from the Oblates Missionary. Reverend Robert Moosbrugger signed for the Missionary Oblates, and Brent Manning, director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR), signed for the State to close the first Forest Legacy conservation easement in Illinois.

The Oblate Fathers are a Catholic order with land on the bluff above the Mississippi River between Alton and Pere Marquette State Park. The Illinois DNR, the Great Rivers Land Trust, and the local Village of Godfrey were all interested in keeping this unique riverfront habitat—formed because of a rare stretch of the Mississippi that stretches from east to west instead of north to south—from becoming developed. “A new bridge connecting Alton, Illinois, to St. Louis, Missouri, gives commuters a greater ability to work in St. Louis and live in a rural setting,” observed Dave Gillespie, Illinois Forest Legacy Coordinator.

“The Forest Legacy easement granted by the Oblates will save one of the most beautiful forests in the country.”

Annie Hoagland, Great Rivers Land Trust

On May 24, 2000, the easement negotiations, stewardship plan development, and landowner name changes all culminated so that an easement on 23 acres owned by the Missionary Oblates was protected through a State program called Conservation 2000. This land, valued at \$92,000, will serve as the Forest Legacy match. The next day, the same parties signed a conservation easement on 60 adjacent acres, funded with \$252,000 from the Forest Legacy Program.

On April 6, 2001, an additional 60 acres of adjacent land was also protected with Forest Legacy funds. The State of Illinois purchased the second 60-acre tract from the Oblate Fathers for \$240,000, creating a 143-acre forest that is protected from development. An adjacent 70-acre



Large forest blocks are important for many values, including wildlife habitat, watershed protection, and recreation. The Oblate Woods conservation easement adds to the efforts in the area by protecting these large forest tracts.

Photo by Wayne Freeman

tract is in the process of being placed under a conservation easement using Forest Legacy funds.

Annie Hoagland of the Great Rivers Land Trust spearheaded the effort to implement Illinois’ Forest Legacy Program with these two tracts. “It’s a history-making event by the Oblate priests to help Great Rivers preserve the natural beauty of the bluff land along the Great River Road for future generations to enjoy. The Forest Legacy easement granted by the Oblates will save one of the most beautiful forests in the country,” Ms. Hoagland commented at the closing. The State and the Great Rivers Land Trust continue to add protected land in the area through the Forest Legacy Program with two adjacent tracts that are expected to close shortly.

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Pumpkin Brook Link

Forest Legacy Tract, Massachusetts

August 2001

Dignitaries gathered on October 9, 2001, to celebrate the addition of a new link in a 2,300-acre land protection effort. This important link between the Squannacook Wildlife Management Area and the Hunting Hill Conservation Area has been protected with the help of the USDA Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program. On August 22, 2001, funds were transferred to the town of Shirley for the protection of a 136-acre forested property known as Pumpkin Brook Link.

"The Pumpkin Brook Link is a critical piece of this larger effort, connecting over 900 acres of protected land on the Squannacook River with over 1,000 acres in Shirley, Townsend, and Lunenburg."

Peter C. Webber, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management

The \$250,000 Forest Legacy grant represents one-third of the cost of the Pumpkin Brook Link acquisition. The town of Shirley contributed \$250,000 to the project and received a \$250,000 Self-Help Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Division of Conservation Services. The Pumpkin Brook Link tract, located within the Nashua River Greenway Forest Legacy Area, is part of a larger project that will create a corridor of over 2,300 acres of wildlife habitat.

Owner William Haines had purchased the land, along with a house and farm, in the 1960's. The farm and house were eventually sold off, but Mr. Haines wanted to do something different with the forest that remained. He decided that the best use of the land would be to conserve it. Mr. Haines passed away unexpectedly, leaving his heirs no choice but to sell the property. The Forest Legacy Program enabled them to fulfill their father's dream of protecting the property from development and preserving its resources.

"The Pumpkin Brook Link is a critical piece of this larger effort, connecting over 900 acres of protected land on the Squannacook River with over 1,000 acres in Shirley, Townsend, and Lunenburg," said

Commissioner Peter C. Webber of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management at the celebration of the project's completion.

Located along Pumpkin Brook, the property contains a 15-acre vegetated wetland. It offers prime habitat for fish and wildlife, including threatened and endangered species. A cellar hole on the site is all that remains of the homestead of William Bennett, one of the signers of the 1747 petition to separate the land west of the Squannacook River from the town of Groton to create the town of Shirley.

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Massachusetts Chief Forester Warren Archey (left) speaks about the Massachusetts Forest Legacy Program to gathered participants at the Pumpkin Brook Link closing ceremony.
Photo by Neal Bungard

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Cork Brook

Forest Legacy Tract, Rhode Island

September 2001

On September 17, 2001, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management acquired a conservation easement to permanently protect 44 acres of forest land in Scituate. The State was able to complete the purchase with funds from the USDA Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program. The \$218,000 forest land protection effort was funded by a grant to the State of Rhode Island and paid to landowner Steve Thomas, who will continue to own the forest.

"I'm tickled to death" was Steve Thomas' reaction upon learning that his parcel had been selected for the Rhode Island Forest Legacy Program. "I'm so happy that I'll be able to keep the farm from being developed."

Mr. Thomas has managed the property for forest resources for more than 20 years. He selectively harvests timber, fuelwood, and alternative forest products such as witch hazel, and will continue to do so following the recommendations of a written forest management plan. Because protection of the property will benefit Cork Brook, a tributary stream of the

Scituate Reservoir, the Providence Water Supply Board has paid for the cost of preparing the plan.

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of Forest Environment administers Rhode Island's Forest Legacy Program. According to Rhode Island State Forester Thomas Dupree, managed forests face the same development pressures as agricultural lands and are of vital significance for green space and wildlife habitats, and to the economy. Small forest and wood-related businesses contribute over \$120 million a year to the State's economy.

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The most common threats to managed forests in Rhode Island are from direct development or through fragmentation of ownership of large forested parcels into smaller parcels, reducing the likelihood of proper forest stewardship. More than half of the State is considered significantly fragmented forest land, primarily in the form of small privately owned parcels.

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A woods road on the Cork Brook property is used for the many different forestry operations that are conducted on the land.

Photo by Paul Ricard



Green Cathedral

Forest Legacy Tract, Maryland

September 2001

The Forest Legacy Program, the inspiration for Maryland's Rural Legacy Program, completed its first Federally funded project in Maryland. On September 25, 2001, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service acquired a Forest Legacy conservation easement on 298 acres along the Severn River, just outside of Annapolis.

The property, known as Green Cathedral, is the largest undeveloped forested parcel along the river, making it an ideal property for conservation. However, the property's forests and river frontage, coupled with the area's ever-growing population, also made it a prime target for residential development. In fact, a construction firm had signed a contract in 1999 with the estate of owner Oscar Sahlin to develop the land into housing lots.

"Once land like this is lost to bulldozers and development, it can never be recovered."

Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening

The community was keenly interested in keeping the land forested and undeveloped. The developer terminated the contract, thus allowing the Trust for Public Land, a nonprofit conservation organization, to purchase a conservation easement on the property. The Trust for Public Land served as a liaison between the Sahlin estate and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Anne Arundel County, the Severn River Land Trust, and the local community.

"The Severn River Land Trust is grateful to the Sahlin family and neighboring residents who worked so diligently to preserve this land. The location of this property adjacent to the Brewer Pond conservation easement will make a huge difference in preserving the ecological integrity and quality of life of Green Cathedral," said Sandra Parks-Trusz, Executive Director of the Severn River Land Trust.

The USDA Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program contributed \$650,000 and local residents donated about \$200,000 towards the conservation easement's \$1,550,000 purchase price. The remaining

funds were raised by the Trust for Public Land through private donations.

USDA Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth noted, "The Green Cathedral project is an example of the best kind of community-based partnership among Federal, State, and local groups to promote water quality and conserve forests for future generations."

"Preserving our State's natural resources for future generations has been and remains one of our top priorities," said Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening. "Working together with our many partners to save the Green Cathedral demonstrates the sense of urgency and the commitment Marylanders have to permanently protect our resources and open space. Once land like this is lost to bulldozers and development, it can never be recovered."

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The forests of Green Cathedral will continue the natural process of filtering water that drains into the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Photo by Donald VanHassent

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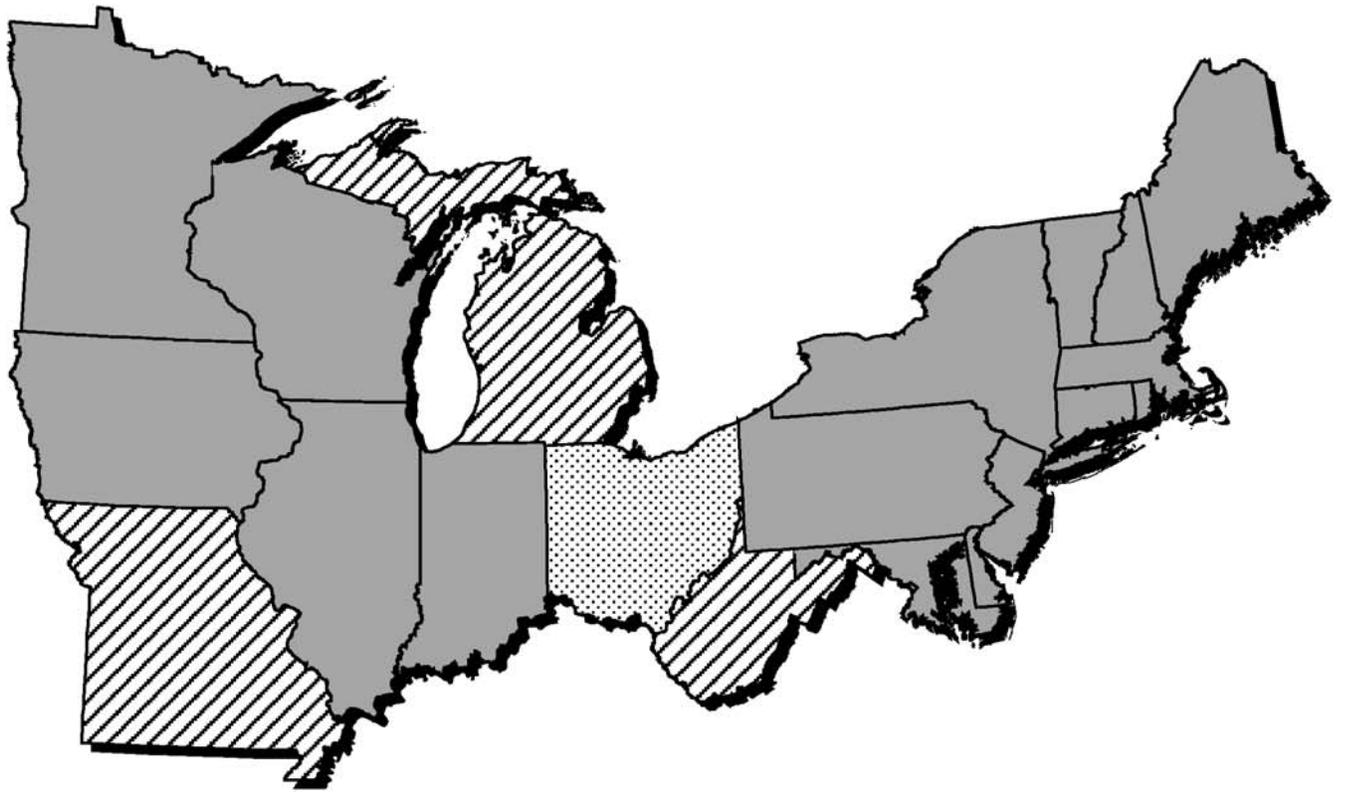
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Forest Legacy Program Activity

Forest Legacy Program activity is steadily increasing within the Northeastern Area. Several states are currently participating in the program, and others are expressing interest and enrolling.



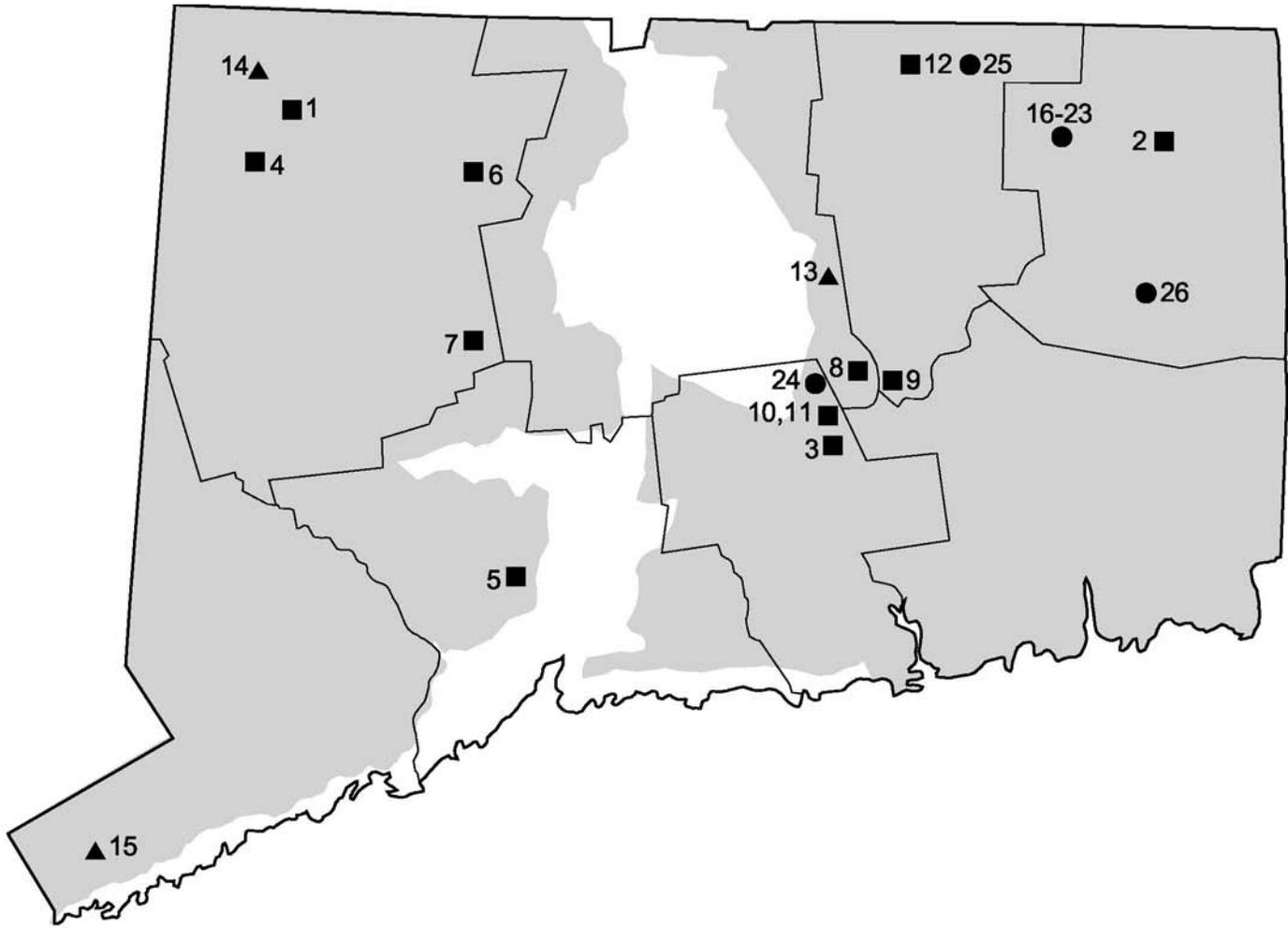
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- Completed
- In progress
- Interested



* A completed Assessment of Need is required before a State becomes an active participant in the program.

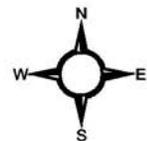


Forest Legacy Activity Connecticut

Acquisition Status

- Completed
- ▲ In progress
- Potential

■ Forest Legacy Area





CONNECTICUT



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

- Protect large blocks of forest land
- Provide opportunities for continuation of traditional forest uses
- Work with existing open space initiatives to achieve maximum resource conservation
- Protect water quality

Completed Forest Legacy Projects as of 12/31/2001

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Maplewood Farm	Litchfield County	172	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000
2	Pogmore	Windham County	53	80,000	80,000
3	Pine Brook	Middlesex County	126	100,000	100,000
4	Housatonic	Litchfield County	204	410,000	0
5	Naugatuck	New Haven County	27	85,000	0
6	Nepaug	Litchfield County	27	45,000	0
7	Mattatuck	Litchfield County	55	170,000	0
8	Salmon River	Hartford County	158	315,000	0
9	Meshomasic I	Tolland County	102	233,000	0
10	Meshomasic II	Middlesex County	20	18,000	0
11	Meshomasic III	Middlesex County	6	8,000	0
12	Shenipsit	Tolland County	311	597,000	0
Total:			1,261	\$2,271,000	\$390,000

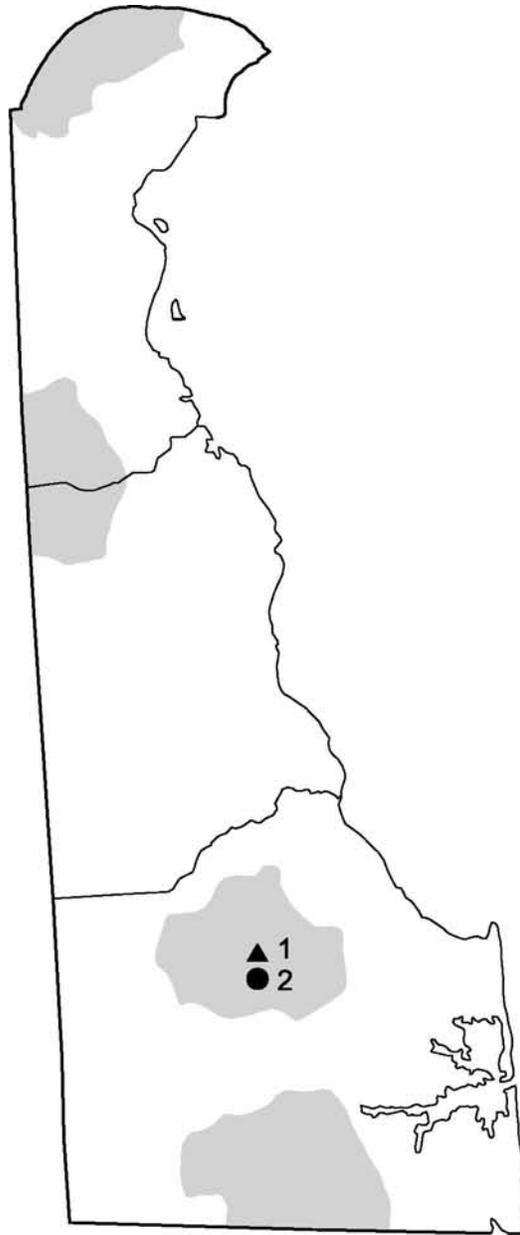
Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
13	Footehill Farm	Hartford County	125	\$ 875,000	\$ 125,000
This 125-acre property abuts Blackledge Falls, a scenic State- and town-owned park. Protection of the water resource is important to the landowners, the town of Glastonbury, and the State of Connecticut.					
14	Great Mountain Forest	Litchfield County	5,565	5,565,000	4,151,000
This 5,565-acre tract abuts 7,000 acres of already protected land. Great Mountain Forest is the largest privately owned forest in Connecticut. It forms the headwaters of Robins Swamp, the largest wetland in the State.					
15	Treetops	Fairfield County	94	11,500,000	1,000,000
Part of the Mianus River Greenway abutting Mianus River Park, a 220-acre State and local park. Contains 10 interconnected vernal pools with an array of invertebrate species and is one of the few remaining wild places in lower Fairfield County.					
Total:			5,784	\$17,940,000	\$5,276,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
16-23	Stonehouse Brook Watershed #1-8	Windham County	706	\$ 1,101,000	\$ 1,101,000
This 8-tract project offers an opportunity to protect the Nachaug Watershed. The watershed is critical in Connecticut for both its water and forests, and is designated for resource protection by the EPA.					
24	Peaceful Hill	Middlesex County	40	200,000	200,000
A working farm and forest, the tract contains habitat for the endangered timber rattlesnake and abuts an 8,000-acre State Forest.					
25	Nipmuck	Tolland County	132	350,000	350,000
The property, family owned since 1914, is managed as a farm and forest. It abuts a State Forest and water company lands.					
26	Lenny's Lane	Windham County	500	1,500,000	1,500,000
An actively managed tract that offers wildlife habitat and vernal pools; forestry will continue on the property.					
Total future needs:			1,378	\$3,151,000	\$3,151,000

For more information, contact
 Donald Smith, State Forester (860-424-3630), or
 Deirdre Raimo, USDA Forest Service (603-868-7695)

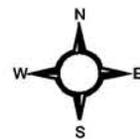


Forest Legacy Activity Delaware

Acquisition Status

- ▲ In progress
- Potential

 Forest Legacy Area





DELAWARE



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

- Identify and protect environmentally important, privately owned forest lands threatened with conversion to nonforest 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 endangered species of plants and animals
- Promote forest stewardship
- Provide educational opportunities

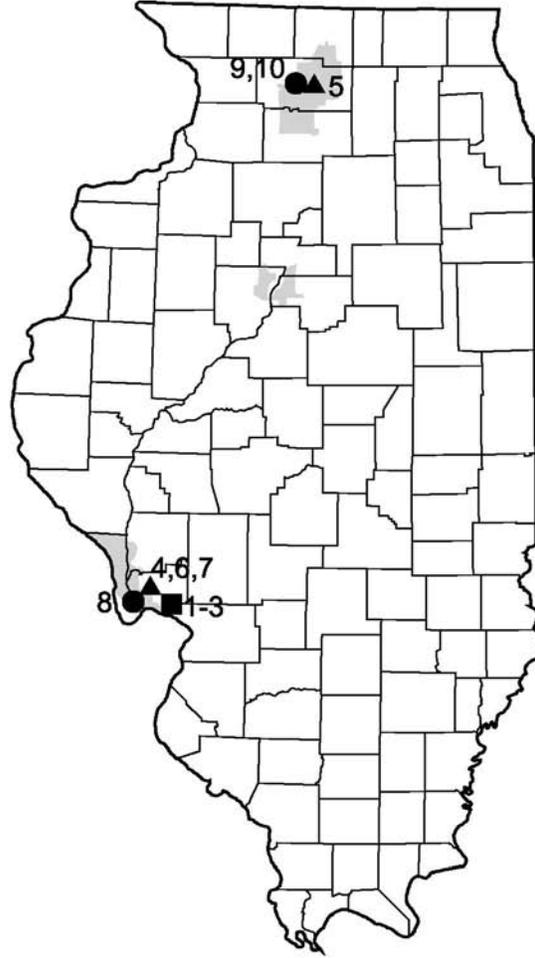
Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Green Horizons	Sussex County	3,936	\$ 6,700,000	\$ 1,000,000
Comprised of 35 individual parcels all belonging to the same individual. The majority of the parcels are adjacent to currently protected lands in two State Forests. In the last 18 months the State has acquired conservation easements and fee acquisitions in the area with Delaware Open Space funds.					
Total:			3,936	\$6,700,000	\$1,000,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
2	Green Horizons	Sussex County	See # 1	See # 1	\$ 4,000,000
Additional funding is needed for this project to be completed. (See #1)					
Total future needs:					\$4,000,000

For more information, contact
 Austin Short, State Forester (302-698-4548), or
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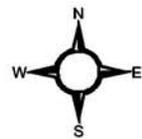


Forest Legacy Activity Illinois

Acquisition Status

- Completed
- ▲ In progress
- Potential

■ Forest Legacy Area





ILLINOIS



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

- Reduce forest fragmentation
- Restore riparian zones
- Provide public recreational opportunities

Completed Forest Legacy Projects as of 12/31/2001

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Oblate Woods #1	Madison County	60	\$ 252,000	\$ 252,000
2	Oblate C2000	Madison County	23	92,000	0
3	Oblate Woods #2	Madison County	60	372,000	240,000
Total:			143	\$716,000	\$492,000

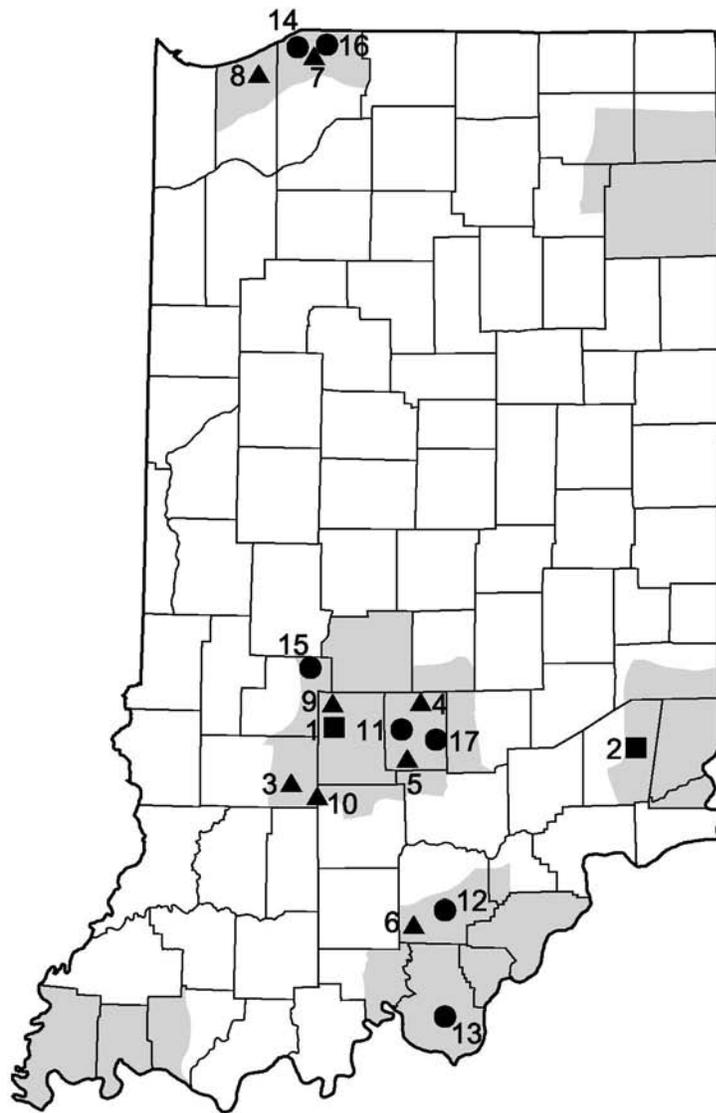
Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
4	LaVista Woods	Madison County	60	\$ 532,000	\$ 280,000
This 60-acre tract borders Oblate Woods #1 and connects Illinois Route 3 with the Meeting of the Great Rivers National Scenic Byway. It is in close proximity to the city of Alton and the greater St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area. This entire area is one of the most biologically important tracts in the contiguous forest along the bluffs of the Mississippi River north of Alton.					
5	Daysville Forest	Ogle County	89	390,000	390,000
This 89-acre tract, located east of the Rock River and north of the Kyte River, is primarily oak and hard maple in the upland and typical floodplain species in the bottomland. There are spectacular bluffs overlooking the Rock River, making this area appealing for residential development from the Chicago metropolitan area.					
6	Rattlesnake Ridge	Jersey County	79	280,000	280,000
This 79-acre property is near the 8,100 forested acres of Pere Marquette State Park. The property is at risk for development and provides a large wildlife corridor to the park.					
7	Chautauqua Woods	Jersey County	25	298,000	223,000
The acquisition of a Forest Legacy easement on this tract will complement and continue the overall goal of protecting thousands of acres of forest habitat along the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers between the city of Alton and Pere Marquette State Park.					
Total:			253	\$1,500,000	\$1,173,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
8	Coon Creek Woods	Jersey County	63	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000
The tract is located adjacent to the Pere Marquette State Park with small land holdings south and east of the site. The surrounding area is under pressure to be developed into small wooded lots, increasing forest fragmentation.					
9	Kyte River Project	Ogle County	243	304,000	304,000
This project is immediately east of the Daysville Forest tract. The Kyte River is common to both properties. The property accounts for more than 40% of the total bottomland riparian forest acreage in the Kyte River watershed.					
10	Byron Rock River	Ogle County	75	1,640,000	1,230,000
This tract is the pivotal piece of property in an initiative that could protect 1,000 acres of contiguous forest land on the west side of the Rock River between Byron and Rockford. Land to the south and west of this property has been converted to housing and recreational development.					
Total future needs:			381	\$2,039,000	\$1,629,000

For more information, contact
 Stu Pequignot, State Forester (217-278-5773), or
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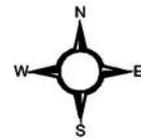


Forest Legacy Activity Indiana

Acquisition Status

- Completed
- ▲ In progress
- Potential

■ Forest Legacy Area





INDIANA



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

- Identify and protect environmentally important privately owned forest lands threatened with conversion to nonforest uses, keeping these forests as parts of the working natural landscape
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development and subdivision of important forest lands

Completed Forest Legacy Projects as of 12/31/2001

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Little Richland Creek	Monroe County	299	\$ 110,000	\$ 83,000
2	Corning Woods	Ripley County	142	125,000	0
Total:			441	\$235,000	\$83,000

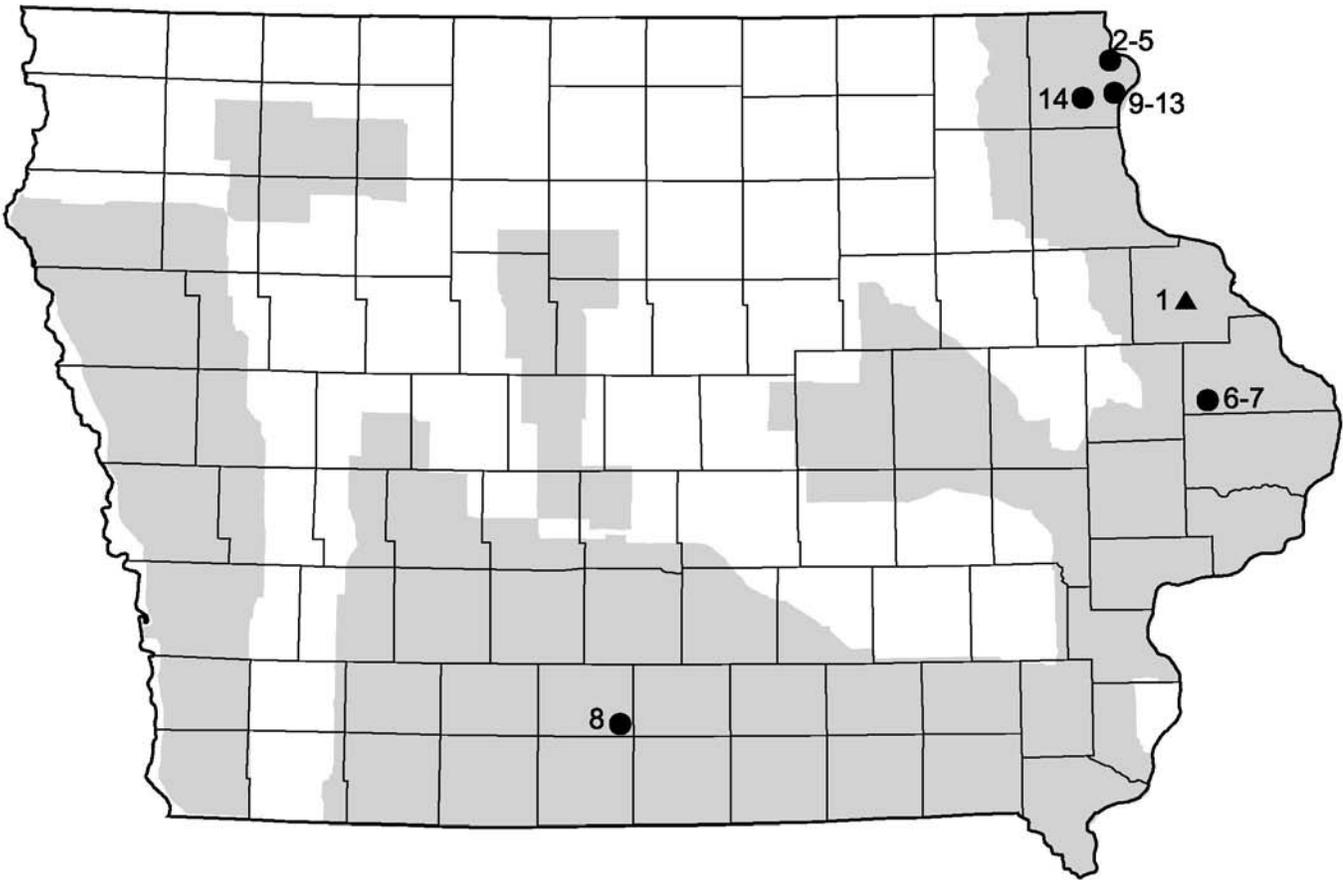
Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
3	Indian Mound Farm 1	Greene County	820	\$ 800,000	\$ 400,000
This tract includes riparian frontage on top of a smallmouth bass fishery and is part of a bobcat research area.					
4	Hills of Gold	Brown County	635	3,046,000	2,285,000
This property is in two tracts and is the site of historic gold and semiprecious stone placer mines.					
5	Gnaw Bone Camp	Brown County	1,381	2,800,000	1,700,000
In a developing area with good highway access, this tract adjoins Brown County State Park. It has well-developed hiking trails.					
6	Big Spring Farm	Washington County	140-180	125,000	80,000
This parcel overlooks the scenic Blue River and adjoins a dedicated nature preserve. It is in an area rich in early Indiana history.					
7	Rattlesnake Creek	LaPorte County	158	200,000	100,000
This actively managed forest adjoins a prime wetland protected by The Nature Conservancy.					
8	River's Edge	Porter County	77	346,000	300,000
This large tract 1 mile from Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore borders the Calumet River, a noted trout/salmon waterway.					
9	Jack's Defeat Creek	Monroe County	225	450,000	383,000
The parcel has 1,000+ feet of frontage on Jack's Defeat Creek and is within 20 miles of Bloomington and Indiana University.					
10	Indian Mound Farm 2	Lawrence and Greene Counties	1,405	1,800,000	1,100,000
This large parcel, consisting of two tracts, adjoins the Indian Mound Farm 1 tract. It supports the eastern bobcat and contains extensive frontage on a State highway. The property is to be marketed with high subdividing potential.					
Total:			4,841	\$9,567,000	\$6,348,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
11	Mt. Tea Ridge	Brown County	1,266	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,100,000
This solid block of relatively undisturbed mixed hardwood forests adjoins a funded Forest Legacy property.					
12	Koetter Caves	Washington County	310	310,000	233,000
This rural parcel of well-managed forest contains several ecological communities, including noteworthy karst communities.					
13	Buck Creek	Harrison County	229	573,000	430,000
Protects 1 mile of stream corridor, headwaters below a large lake, mixed habitats, and karst features. High expansion potential.					
14	Oasis Forest	LaPorte County	45	337,000	300,000
This hardwood forest is within 2 miles of a major interstate exchange, 3 miles from Lake Michigan, and 1 mile from Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Most forest in this area has disappeared, making this wetland and upland tract almost an island.					
15	Indian Path	Owen County	31	81,000	60,000
This tract along State Highway 231 contains several ecological communities and is traversed by an old Indian and pioneer trail.					
16	Rattlesnake Creek #2	LaPorte County	50	150,000	150,000
This property is located in a priority watershed and borders the Rattlesnake Creek tract on two sides.					
17	Fox Hollow	Brown County	200	150,000	25,000
Mixed hardwood forests less than 1 mile from Camp Atterbury, a Department of Defense facility. In a heavily forested but developing area along a State highway between Columbus and Nashville.					
Total future needs:			2,131	\$4,101,000	\$3,298,000

For more information, contact
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 Deirdre Raimo, USDA Forest Service (603-868-7695)

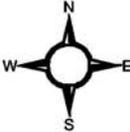


Forest Legacy Activity Iowa

Acquisition Status

- ▲ In progress
- Potential

■ Forest Legacy Area





IOWA



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

- To protect environmentally important private forests that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses, such as conversion to agriculture, gravel pits/mining and residential or commercial development
- To protect Iowa's publicly owned or permanently protected forested tracts from environmental threats caused by the development of nearby forest areas
- To prevent and reverse the fragmentation/parcelization of Iowa's contiguous forests by reconnecting parcels of land and keeping forests in contiguous parcels
- To preserve the beauty and public enjoyment of Iowa's forested landscape

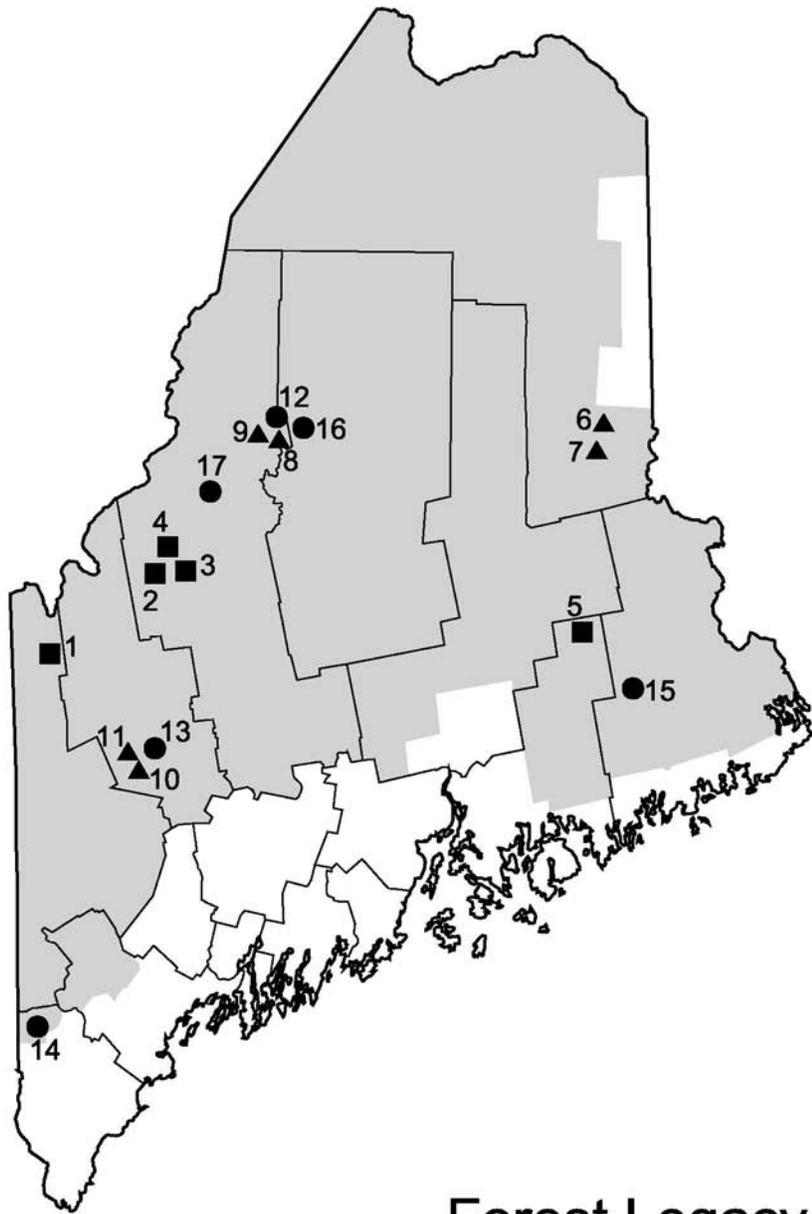
Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Swiss Valley	Dubuque County	1,065	\$ 667,000	\$ 500,000
The Swiss Valley tract is the largest forest ownership in the county and has been managed for traditional forest uses since 1849. The forest contains semi-steep slopes of native red and white oak, sugar maple, basswood, shagbark hickory, and plantations of white pine, Norway spruce, European larch, and northern pecan. Catfish Creek runs the entire length of the property and is an active brown trout stream.					
Total:			1,065	\$667,000	\$500,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
2-5	Yellow River Phase 1	Allamakee County	1,207	\$ 938,000	\$ 700,000
Four separate properties abutting and or in proximity to Yellow River State Forest, selected to help protect the forests around the Yellow River. The forests contain various hardwood species of red and white oak, sugar maple, basswood, black walnut, shagbark hickory, white ash, and native white pine. Bluffs and steep slopes make up part of the topography.					
6-7	Maquoketa Caves	Jackson County	265	146,000	108,000
Two upland forested tracts—one is the last large block of upland timber in the county, the other borders Maquoketa Caves State Park—approximately 40 miles north of the Quad Cities.					
8	Stephens Forest	Clarke County	60	18,000	14,000
Located 2 miles from Stephens State Forest in Clarke County. The oak-hickory timber located on the property is high quality turkey habitat.					
9-13	Yellow River Phase 2	Allamakee County	545	463,000	347,000
Five separate properties in proximity to Yellow River State Forest, selected to help protect the forests around the Yellow River. The forests contain various hardwood species of red and white oak, sugar maple, basswood, black walnut, shagbark hickory, white ash, and native white pine. Bluffs and steep slopes make up part of the topography.					
14	Iowa Legacy	Allamakee County	538	299,000	224,000
Various properties in an area where the landowners have expressed an interest in the Forest Legacy Program and are in the process of completing their applications.					
Total funding needs:			2,615	\$1,864,000	\$1,393,000

For more information, contact
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Forest Legacy Activity Maine

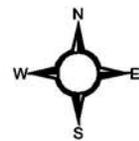
Acquisition Status

■ Completed

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● Potential

■ Forest Legacy Area





MAINE



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

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

Completed Forest Legacy Projects as of 12/31/2001

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Cupsuptic Lake	Oxford County	1,272	\$ 843,000	\$ 843,000
2	S. D. Warren	Somerset County	6,773	1,490,000	1,490,000
3	Maine Wilderness Watershed Trust	Somerset County	1,770	210,000	210,000
4	Valentine	Somerset County	1,315	250,000	250,000
5	Nicatous	Hancock County	20,268	4,500,000	3,000,000
Total:			31,398	\$7,293,000	\$5,793,000

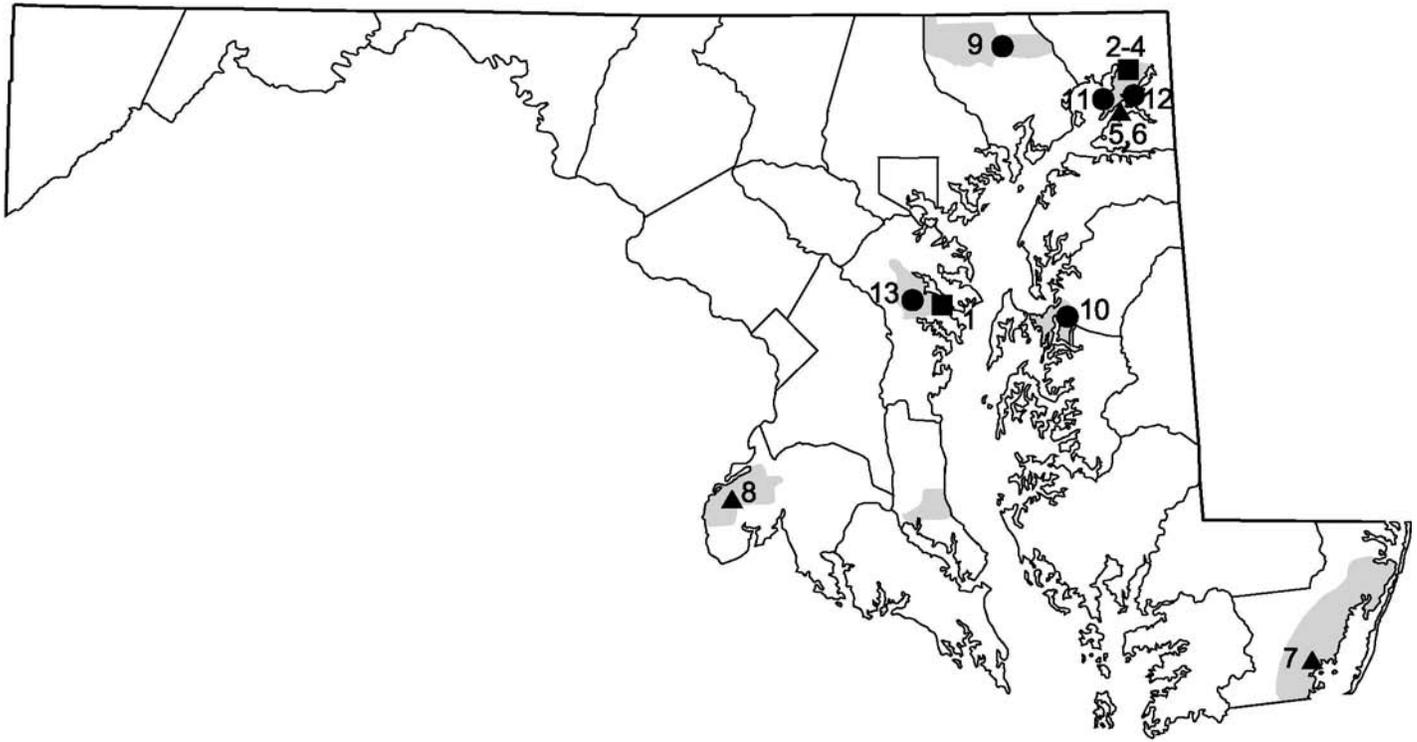
Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
6	Pleasant Lake	Aroostook County	9,671	\$ 840,000	\$ 630,000
Parcel includes over 11 miles of frontage on three lakes and almost 4 miles along the East Branch of the Mattawamkeag River.					
7	Bible Point	Aroostook County	3,273	490,000	370,000
This tract includes frontage along the southern end of Mattawamkeag Lake and the West Branch of the Mattawamkeag River.					
8	West Branch Project Phase 1	Somerset County	65,500	6,500,000	4,500,000
This tract encompasses forest land in a number of townships in Maine's Northern Forest Lands area.					
9	West Branch Project Phase 2	Somerset County	268,000	23,500,000	12,683,000
This property is a large contiguous block of forest that encompasses the headwaters of both the St. John and Penobscot Rivers.					
10	Mount Blue Phase 1 and 2	Franklin County	7,463	1,672,000	551,000
This tract is in a region of low but spectacular peaks, popular hiking trails, small alpine ponds, and beautiful Webb Lake.					
11	Tumbledown Phase 1	Franklin County	11,800	3,500,000	2,219,000
The site includes examples of acidic summit, alpine ridge, and krummholz vegetation.					
Total:			365,707	\$36,502,000	\$20,953,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
12	West Branch Project Phase 2	Somerset County	See # 9	See # 9	\$ 2,900,000
This project, partially funded in 2001 and 2002, is in need of additional funding to protect the large working forested landscape.					
13	Tumbledown Phase 2	Franklin County	6,800	\$3,000,000	2,200,000
This project, partially funded in 2001 and 2002, is in need of additional funding to protect the large working forested landscape.					
14	Leavitt Plantation	York County	8,600	2,700,000	600,000
Consists of the largest contiguous ownership of managed forest in southern Maine. Recreation would continue with an easement.					
15	Machias River	Washington County	10,849	8,350,000	1,000,000
Would protect lands along the Machias River. Includes over 50% of priority Atlantic salmon habitat.					
16	West Branch Phase 3	Piscataquis County	323,000	31,000,000	20,000,000
Adjacent to Phase 1 and 2 lands, this project would complete a 650,000+ acre project in western Maine. Recreational opportunities as well as sustainable forestry practices will continue.					
17	Boundary Mountains to Namakanta Project	Somerset, Piscataquis, and Franklin Counties	500,000	50,000,000	35,000,000
A multi-year, multi-phase project to acquire conservation easements over 500,000 acres of forest land in western Maine. These lands contain an incredible array of water resources, and recreational, ecological, and forest values.					
Total future needs:			849,449	\$95,050,000	\$61,700,000

For more information, contact
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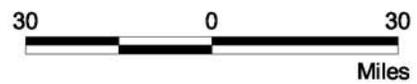
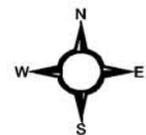


Forest Legacy Activity Maryland

Acquisition Status

- Completed
- ▲ In progress
- Potential

■ Forest Legacy Area





MARYLAND



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development
- Restore and protect riparian zones, native plants and animals, and remnant forests
- Provide recreational opportunities
- Protect watersheds and water supplies
- Ensure economic stability through the continuation of traditional forest uses
- Maintain important scenic resources of the State
- Provide linkage to public areas and protected areas
- Protect rare, threatened, and endangered species

Completed Forest Legacy Projects as of 12/31/2001

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Green Cathedral	Anne Arundel County	298	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 650,000
2-4	Rodney, Caveat, and McDaniel Tracts	Cecil County	668	775,000	0
Total:			966	\$2,325,000	\$650,000

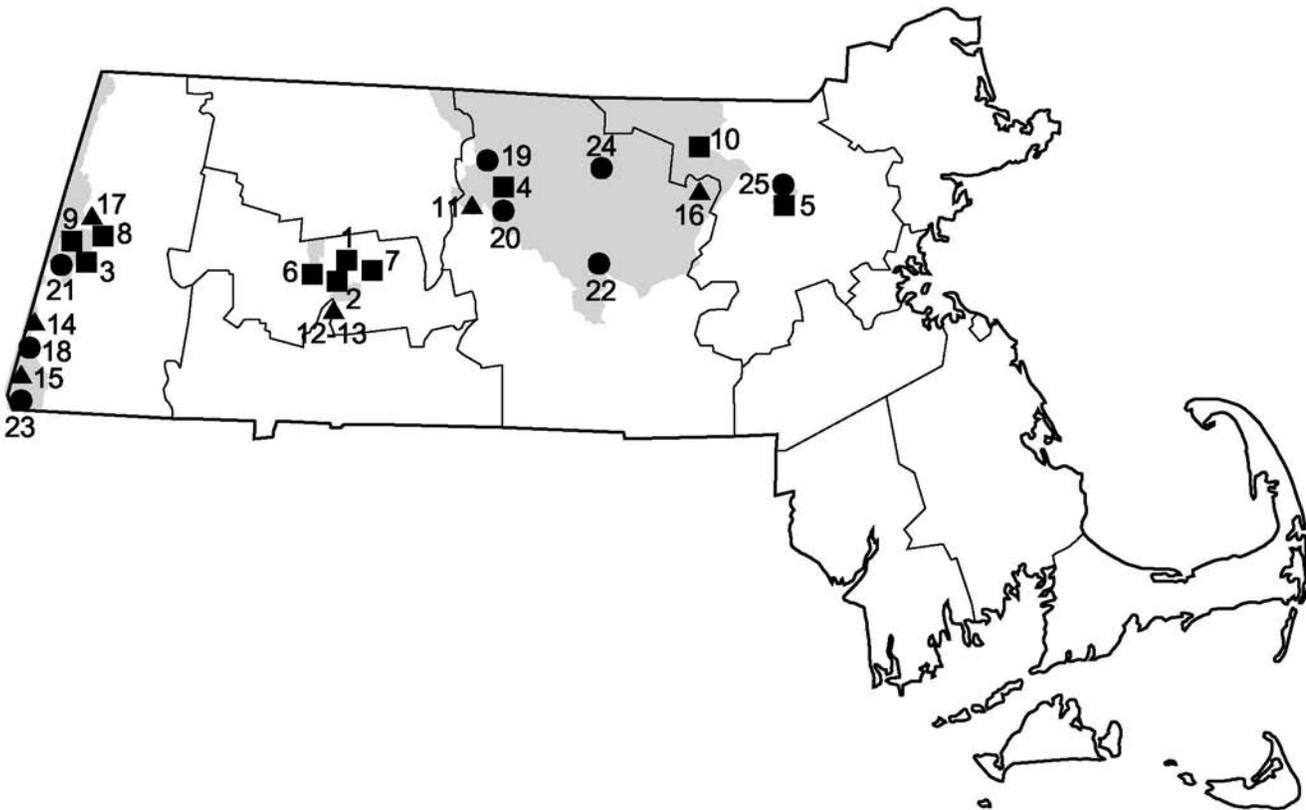
Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
5	Muddy Creek	Cecil County	200	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
This 200-acre parcel adjoins Elk Neck State Forest, connecting the State Forest to the Elk River, a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay. A bald eagle nest is located on the property.					
6	Muddy Creek 2	Cecil County	110	250,000	250,000
This parcel is adjacent to Muddy Creek and Elk Neck State Forest, all part of a large block of contiguous forest.					
7	Coastal Bay	Worcester County	95	125,000	125,000
This 95-acre parcel in the southeastern corner of the State is adjacent to a large, existing easement. The area provides migratory bird habitat and also has an active forest industry.					
8	Nanjemoy	Charles County	228	450,000	450,000
Large tract of hardwoods and pine in the State's most heavily used Forest Legacy Area. Just south of the Washington, DC, area.					
Total:			633	\$1,225,000	\$1,225,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
9	Deer Creek	Harford County	73	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
A tributary to one of the few streams in the coastal plain with a naturally reproducing trout population flows through the property.					
10	Pintail	Queen Anne's County	75	150,000	150,000
This parcel is at the northern end of the largest remaining block of forest land in this part of the county.					
11	Black Hill	Cecil County	52	100,000	100,000
Immediately adjacent to Elk Neck State Forest. A small development plan is ready to go if not protected with an easement.					
12	Elk River	Cecil County	52	100,000	100,000
Adjacent to Elk Neck State Forest. This is an actively managed woodlot with the landowner doing most of the work.					
13	Bell Branch	Anne Arundel County	63	80,000	80,000
Part of a large block of forest that is interspersed with housing developments and several active farms.					
Total future needs:			315	\$580,000	\$580,000

For more information, contact
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 Deirdre Raimo, USDA Forest Service (603-868-7695)

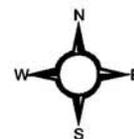


Forest Legacy Activity Massachusetts

Acquisition Status

- Completed
- ▲ In progress
- Potential

■ Forest Legacy Area





MASSACHUSETTS



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

- Protect high elevation forests and municipal watersheds
- Protect threatened and endangered species habitat
- Protect aquifers, river corridors, and wetlands
- Encourage traditional forest uses

Completed Forest Legacy Projects as of 12/31/2001

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Holich	Hampshire County	113	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000
2	Anciporch	Hampshire County	106	198,000	198,000
3	Audubon	Berkshire County	75	180,000	180,000
4	Hutchinson	Worcester County	490	616,000	616,000
5	Pippin Tree	Middlesex County	73	4,300,000	1,500,000
6	Boudreau	Hampshire County	56	335,000	321,000
7	Johnson	Hampshire County	47	50,000	48,000
8	Stockbridge	Berkshire County	67	60,000	60,000
9	BNRC	Berkshire County	225	280,000	280,000
10	Pumpkin Brook Link	Middlesex County	136	775,000	250,000
Total:			1,388	\$7,014,000	\$3,673,000

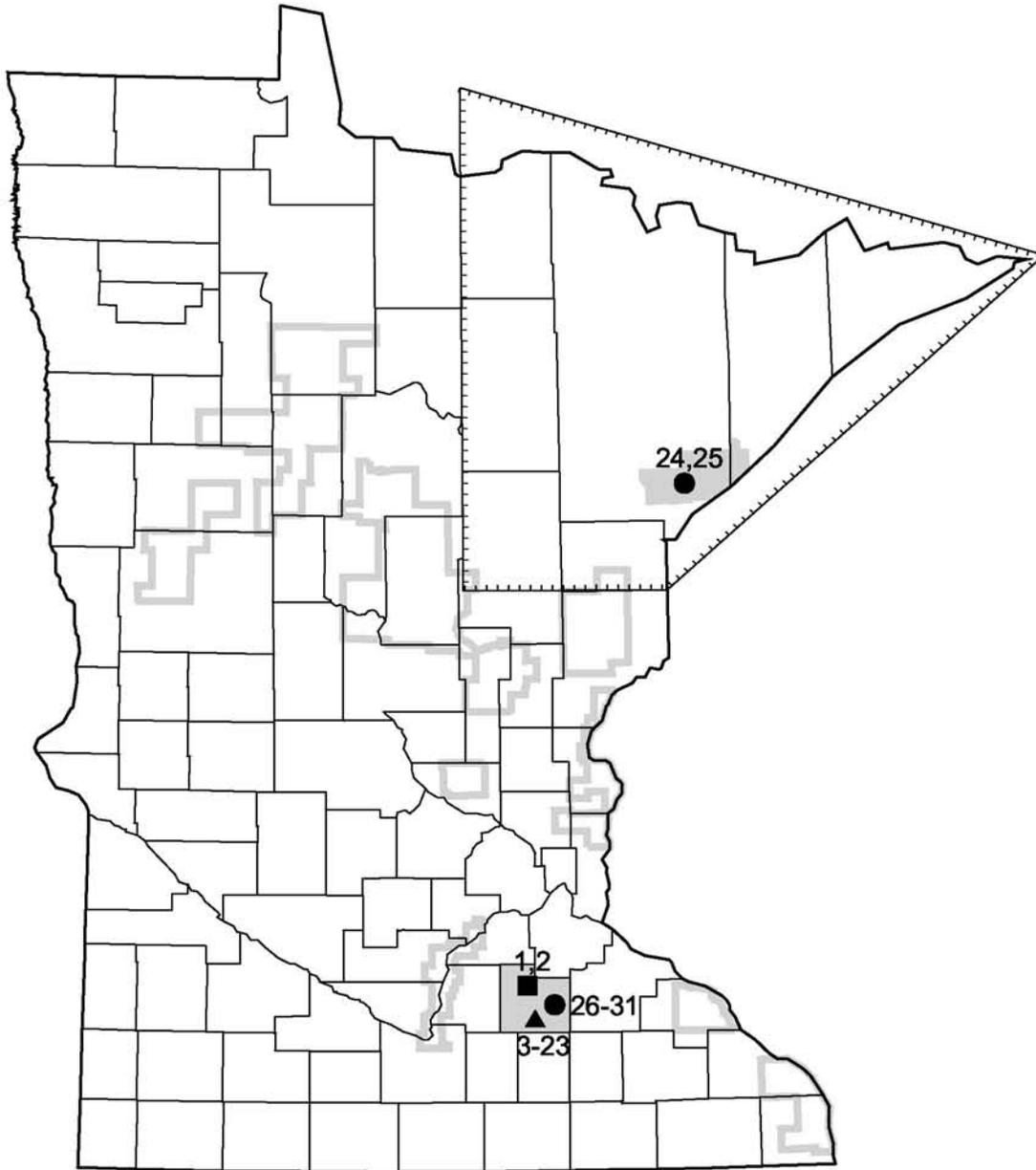
Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
11	2-Mile Landbridge	Worcester County	508	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
Will provide wildlife habitat as well as water purification to the largest public drinking water source in the State.					
12-13	Hatfield Watershed #1-2	Hampshire County	196	696,000	476,000
A multi-phase project where the overall goal is to protect the town of Hatfield's municipal water supply watershed and aquifer.					
14	Alford Springs	Berkshire County	667	1,000,000	1,000,000
This tract is part of a multi-state effort to protect the view and forests along the Taconic Ridge trail.					
15	Mt. Washington Hi Rock	Berkshire County	800	1,500,000	500,000
The largest unprotected property in the Berkshire Taconic plateau, this tract provides critical linkage to other protected lands.					
16	Ballard Hill	Worcester County	33	115,000	57,000
Tract consists of 30 acres of upland forest and 3.4 acres of flood plain and wetlands with an intermittent stream and riverbank.					
17	Brickhouse Mountain	Berkshire County	250	450,000	334,000
The tract has road frontage on a public way and abuts Pittsfield State Forest and Berkshire Community College.					
Total:			2,454	\$4,111,000	\$2,717,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
18	Karner Brook Ridge	Berkshire County	213	\$ 975,000	\$ 525,000
Provides a connective link of protected Commonwealth lands to federally protected Appalachian Trail land and private lands.					
19	Eagleville Pines	Worcester County	300	1,263,000	834,000
Identified as unprotected core habitat, an area that represents the highest priority for biodiversity conservation and protection.					
20	Moccasin Brook	Worcester County	969	546,000	409,000
Protection would nearly complete a protected corridor of land from the Quabbin Reservoir to Queen Lake in Phillipston.					
21	Stock Mountain	Berkshire County	178	1,250,000	1,000,000
Abutting other protected lands, an easement would ensure access to a hiking trail and protection of a scenic ridgeline.					
22	Muschopauge Brook	Worcester County	100	600,000	200,000
Property contains a riparian area that drains into a reservoir; an easement would enlarge an area of protected open space.					
23	Keedje	Berkshire County	46	360,000	270,000
At the historic entrance to Mount Everett State Reserve. Protection would prevent development of this prime area.					
24	Arn-How	Worcester County	100	250,000	250,000
This 100-acre tract is in an area of rapid population growth and is part of the watershed for the town drinking water supply.					
25	Christian/Hoffman	Middlesex County	40	2,600,000	1,000,000
A critical core parcel in the Estabrook Woods, this tract is rich in wildlife habitat and adjacent to existing protected lands.					
Total future needs:			1,946	\$7,844,000	\$4,488,000

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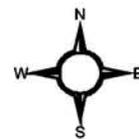


Forest Legacy Activity Minnesota

Acquisition Status

- Completed
- ▲ In progress
- Potential

- Activated Forest Legacy Area
- Candidate Forest Legacy Area
- Large Sites, Possible Forest Legacy Areas





MINNESOTA



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

- Prevent conversion of private forest lands most likely threatened by development in the next decade
- Encourage all eligible organizations and agencies to focus on and protect the most threatened forests
- Work with organizations and agencies to protect specific forest tracts from development

Completed Forest Legacy Projects as of 12/31/2001

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Nerstrand Woods #1	Rice County	111	\$ 254,000	\$ 238,000
2	Big Woods Heritage Forest	Rice County	128	409,000	0
Total:			239	\$663,000	\$238,000

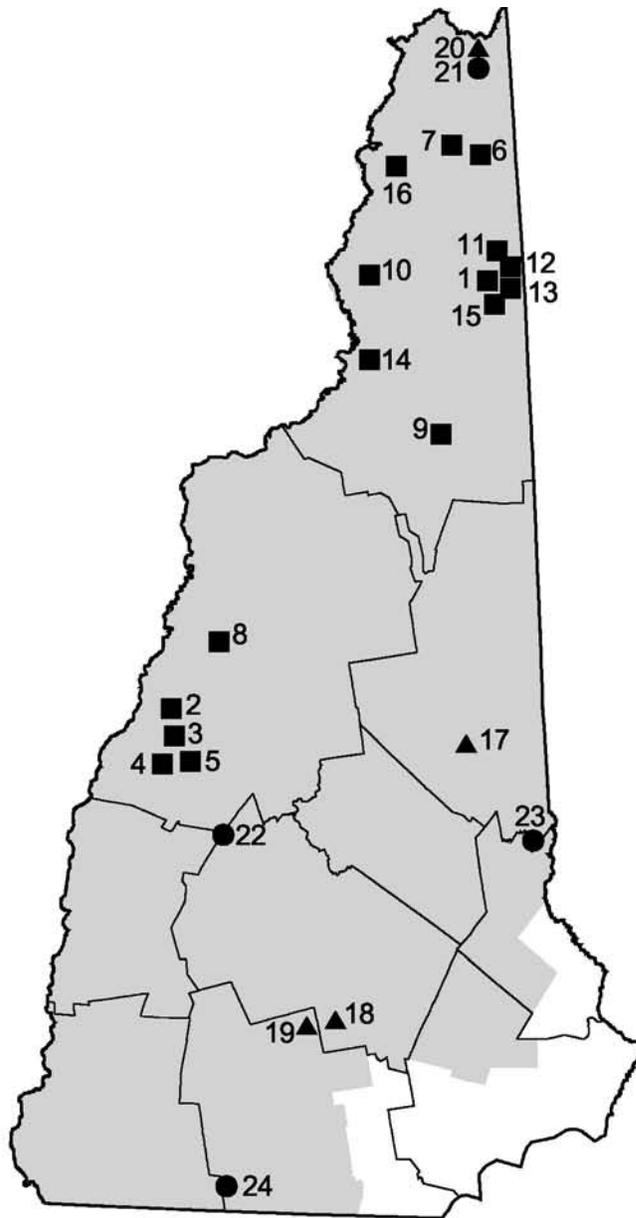
Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
3-9	Seven-Mile Woods #1-7	Rice County	420	\$ 784,000	\$ 532,000
These seven tracts are within the larger Seven-Mile Woods, an extensive area of Big Woods-type forest. Seven-Mile Woods is the focus of the Big Woods Project, which is focused on the protection and restoration of the maple-basswood forest type.					
10	Cannon River Wilderness #1	Rice County	62	145,000	106,000
This tract adjoins the Cannon River Wilderness Area, a Rice County Park. Protection will help buffer the wilderness area.					
11-12	Nerstrand Woods #2-3	Rice County	83	422,000	315,000
These tracts near Nerstrand Big Woods State Park help conserve continuity of riparian forest habitat and endangered species.					
13	Cannon River Big Woods #1	Rice County	101	339,000	254,000
One of the largest privately owned tracts of Big Woods forest in western Rice County, this site includes a family sugarbush operation. The site also protects the headwaters of the Cannon River, an important recreational river in southern Minnesota.					
14	Rice Woods	Rice County	108	184,000	138,000
This tract contains Big Woods remnants, restored forest, and wetlands along the upper reaches of the Cannon River.					
15-19	Nerstrand Woods #4-8	Rice County	293	998,000	700,000
These tracts near Nerstrand Big Woods State Park help conserve continuity of riparian forest habitat and endangered species.					
20-21	Cannon River Wilderness #2-3	Rice County	49	143,000	90,000
Two properties near Cannon River Wilderness Area, a Rice County Park, will help add buffered lands to the park.					
22	Cannon River Big Woods #3	Rice County	60	600,000	160,000
Adds to previously funded property to protect the area around a major public recreation river.					
23	Seven-Mile Woods #8	Rice County	18	72,000	50,000
The focus of the Big Woods Project is on the protection and restoration of the maple-basswood forest type.					
Total:			1,194	\$3,687,000	\$2,345,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP Request
24-25	North Duluth #1 and #2	St. Louis County	780	\$ 1,080,000	\$ 410,000
A wide range of forest types exists on these two tracts, adjacent to State and county forests. Development pressure is high. These two properties are the first tracts in the newly activated North Duluth Forest Legacy Area.					
26-31	Rice County Big Woods #24-29	Rice County	473	5,815,000	2,832,000
These six tracts in the Rice County Legacy Area will protect the maple-basswood forest type and build on previous Legacy commitments.					
Total future needs:			1,253	\$6,895,000	\$3,242,000

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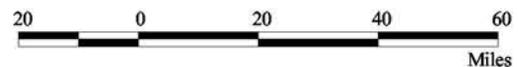
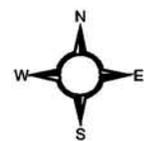


Forest Legacy Activity New Hampshire

Acquisition Status

- Completed
- ▲ In progress
- Potential

■ Forest Legacy Area





NEW HAMPSHIRE



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

- Expand existing protected forests
- Provide for traditional forest uses
- Protect large blocks of forest land
- Protect critical wildlife habitat

Completed Forest Legacy Projects as of 12/31/2001

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	13 Mile Woods	Coos County	2,754	\$ 555,000	\$ 555,000
2-5	Smarts Mountain (Lyme)	Grafton County	3,911	879,000	873,000
6	Jahoda (Pittsburg)	Coos County	344	105,000	105,000
7	Jahoda/Johnson (Clarksville)	Coos County	56	52,000	52,000
8	Piermont Mountain	Grafton County	1,650	219,000	219,000
9	Pond of Safety	Coos County	10,198	3,800,000	2,100,000
10	Bunnell Mountain	Coos County	18,430	2,050,000	1,670,000
11	James River	Coos County	3,005	2,000,000	0
12	Oxford Paper Co.	Coos County	602	1,000,000	0
13	Union Water Power Co.	Coos County	24	167,000	0
14	Sullivan	Coos County	122	30,000	0
15	Pingree	Coos County	16	75,000	0
16	Hurlburt Swamp	Coos County	313	30,000	0
Total:			41,425	\$10,962,000	\$5,574,000

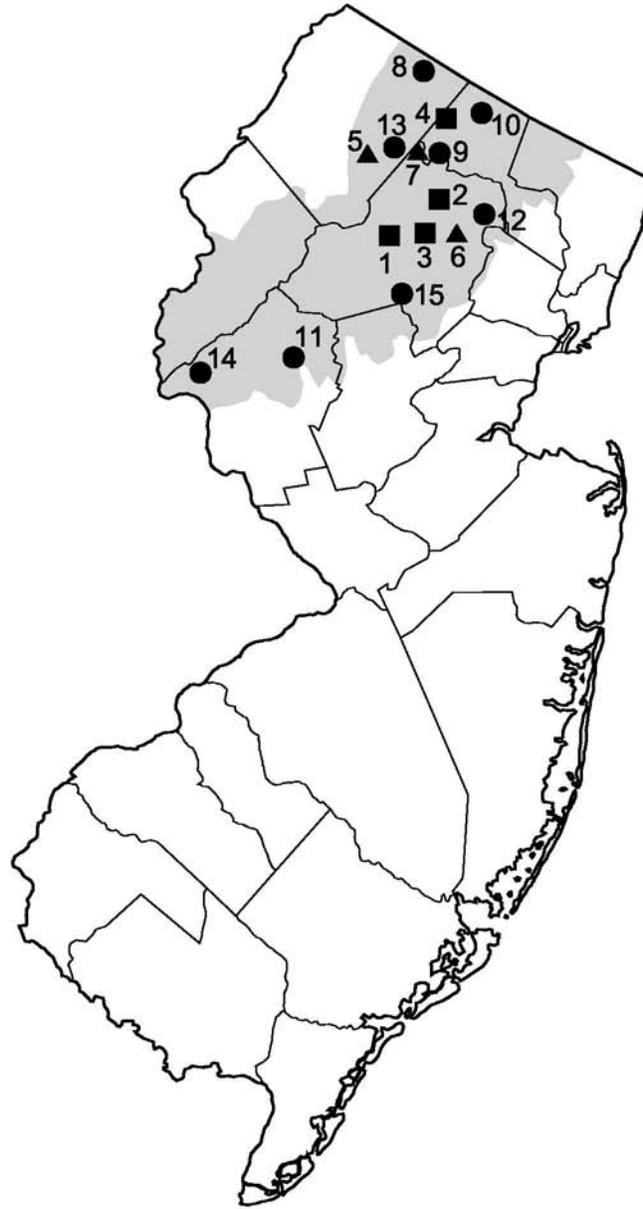
Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
17	Ossipee Mountains	Carroll County	4,800	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,400,000
Acquisition of this conservation easement, with abutting protected land, will provide a contiguous block of over 14,000 acres.					
18	Kimball Pond	Merrimack County	970	750,000	700,000
This tract would complete the efforts of the town of Dunbarton over the last 6 years to protect the land around Kimball Pond.					
19	Melvin Valley	Hillsborough County	1,220	1,000,000	500,000
This tract is anticipated to be the first in an effort to protect over 2,000 acres in Melvin Valley.					
20	Connecticut Lakes Headwaters	Coos County	146,400	21,000,000	3,600,000
Encompassing most of the lands for the headwaters of the Connecticut River, this tract will continue sustainable forestry practices along with recreational access. The State will acquire 25,100 acres in fee in a separate part of the project					
Total:			153,390	\$24,350,000	\$6,200,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
21	Connecticut Lakes Headwaters	Coos County	See # 20	See # 20	\$ 8,000,000
Additional funding is being sought for this large landscape-scale project.					
22	Pillsbury-Sunapee Highlands	Grafton, Sullivan, and Merrimack Counties	6,962	\$2,531,000	2,531,000
Located along the highlands area between Mt. Monadnock and the White Mountains, this area has been identified as containing the last unfragmented large blocks of forests south of the White Mountains.					
23	Moose Mountain/Beaver Brook	Strafford and Carroll Counties	4,197	3,455,000	3,455,000
Existing conservation lands bridge two forested tracts of approximately 2,100 acres each. Other protected lands are in the area, in an attempt to create greenways of protected forest land.					
24	Island Pond	Cheshire and Hillsborough Counties	1,560	750,000	750,000
Abuts over 4,500 acres of other protected lands in rapidly developing southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts.					
Total future needs:			12,719	\$6,736,000	\$14,736,000

For more information, contact
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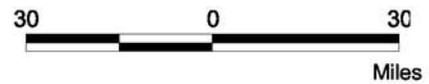
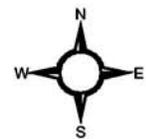


Forest Legacy Activity New Jersey

Acquisition Status

- Completed
- ▲ In progress
- Potential

■ Forest Legacy Area





NEW JERSEY



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

- Protect some of the last extensive unbroken forests
- Provide a great diversity of natural resources
- Protect important and unique wildlife habitat and critical migration routes
- Provide public recreation opportunities
- Protect high quality drinking water supplies

Completed Forest Legacy Projects as of 12/31/2001

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	RTC/FDIC	Morris County	145	\$ 412,000	\$ 412,000
2	Buck Mountain	Morris County	1,200	4,300,000	200,000
3	Meriden	Morris County	295	7,000,000	350,000
4	Macopin	Passaic County	700	1,432,000	700,000
Total:			2,340	\$13,144,000	\$1,662,000

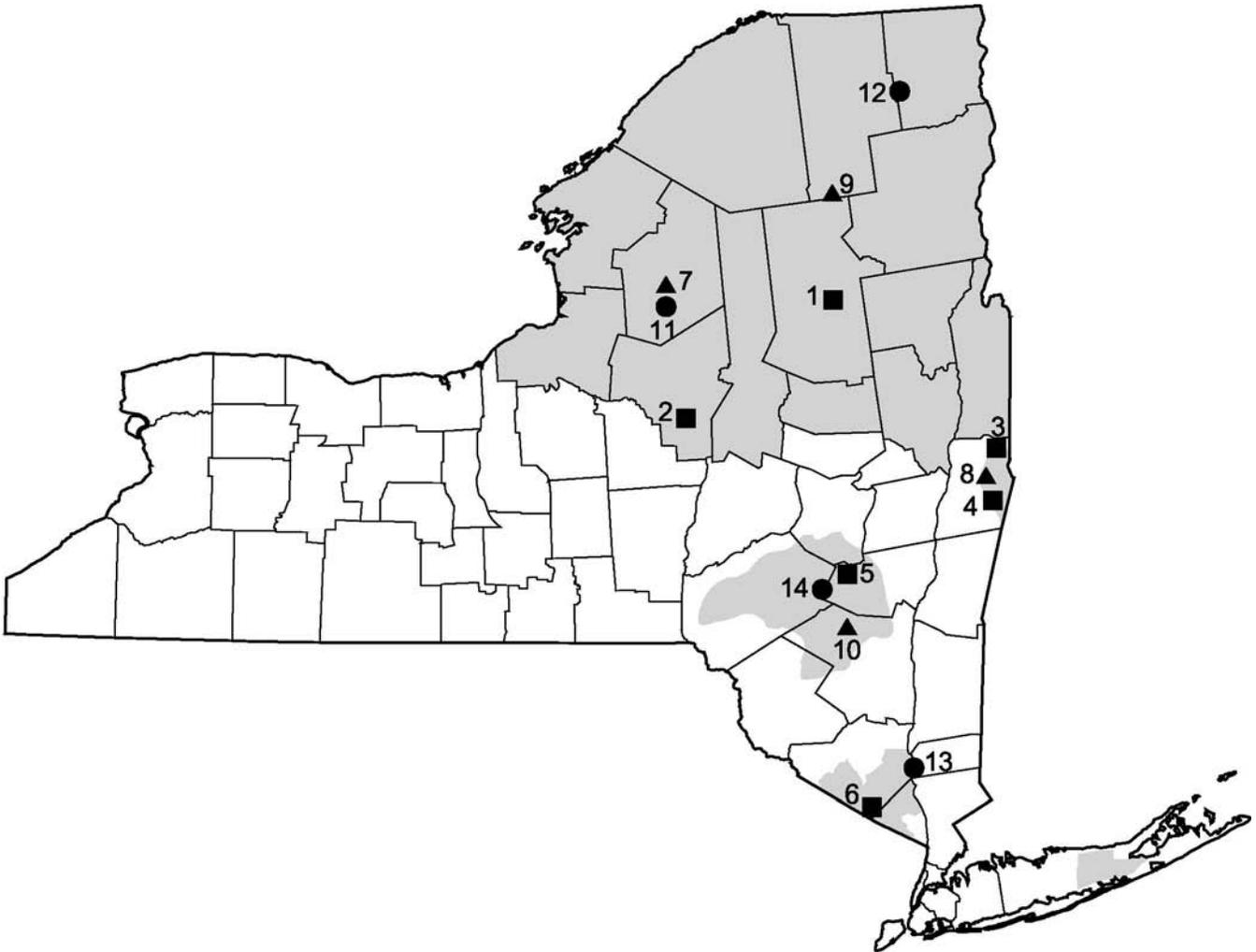
Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
5	Highlands Greenway	Sussex County	200	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 600,000
Directly adjacent to Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area, this tract is a critical link to other protected properties.					
6	Farny Highlands Phase 3	Morris County	525	3,000,000	750,000
The property sits atop the Rockaway Township drinking water aquifer and would remain privately owned and managed.					
7	Newark Watershed Phase 4 & 5	Morris, Passaic, and Sussex Counties	9,284	10,000,000	5,271,000
This property is adjacent to permanently protected land acquired with Forest Legacy funding, Phase 3 – Macopin, and is part of a larger effort to protect over 25,000 acres of Newark watershed lands.					
Total:			10,009	\$14,000,000	\$6,621,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
8	Lake Gerard	Sussex County	1,893	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 4,000,000
Tract is critical to preservation efforts in the Sparta Mountain Greenway, a Highlands Coalition Critical Treasure Area.					
9	Newark Watershed Phase 6	Morris, Passaic, and Sussex Counties	3,750	6,000,000	4,000,000
Phase 6 of an effort to protect over 25,000 acres of Newark watershed lands. 10,000 acres have already been protected to date.					
10	Arcadia Lake	Passaic County	150	450,000	330,000
Landowners are interested in an easement that would allow public access on this property, adjacent to Norvin Green State Forest.					
11	Spruce Run Watershed Phase 1	Hunterdon County	101	700,000	500,000
Spruce Run traverses the property, which is mostly wooded. A portion remains in Christmas tree production.					
12	Farny Highlands Phase 4	Morris County	111	1,000,000	500,000
Located near other Forest Legacy tracts, this property is adjacent to the Wildcat Ridge Wildlife Management Area.					
13	Sparta Mountain	Sussex County	394	1,200,000	600,000
Protection would create a link between town of Newton reservoir lands and the Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area.					
14	Musconetcong Ridge Phase 1	Hunterdon County	100	600,000	450,000
This tract would help with the overall goal in the area of linking existing preserved lands together.					
15	Crown Towers	Morris County	600	6,000,000	3,000,000
A partnership project to protect over 600 acres of contiguous forest land in rapidly developing Morris County.					
Total future needs:			7,099	\$23,950,000	\$13,380,000

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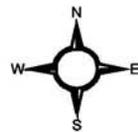


Forest Legacy Activity New York

Acquisition Status

- Completed
- ▲ In progress
- Potential

■ Forest Legacy Area





NEW YORK



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

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

Completed Forest Legacy Projects as of 12/31/2001

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Denino/Indian Lake	Hamilton County	141	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000
2	Brown	Oneida County	119	120,000	120,000
3-4	Pownal Tanning, and Fox	Rensselaer County	378	131,000	131,000
5	Greene Frog	Greene County	70	66,000	66,000
6	Sterling Forest	Orange County	847	4,270,000	2,000,000
Total:			1,555	\$4,669,000	\$2,403,000

Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
7	East Branch Fish Creek	Lewis County	47,300	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 872,000
This tract encompasses approximately 50,000 acres in one of the most rural areas in the State. It has exceptional wildlife habitat and includes the headwaters of the water supply for several cities and communities, including Rome and Oneida.					
8	George Allen	Rensselaer County	600	350,000	350,000
The Taconic Ridge is important to land strategies in four States. It shares common borders with NY, CT, MA, and VT. This tract abuts 1,300 acres of existing State lands to the north and an additional 1,600 acres of fee and easement to the south.					
9	Adirondack Lakes	Hamilton and Franklin Counties	26,500	12,000,000	2,500,000
These lands encompass northern hardwood and spruce-fir forests, undeveloped lakes and ponds, high quality stream systems, diverse wetlands, and important habitats for an incredible diversity of plants, animals, and natural communities.					
10	New York City Watershed	Ulster County	360	500,000	500,000
This single-owner tract, containing scenic overlooks of the Neversink River, contributes to the goal of protecting the watershed.					
Total:			74,760	\$18,850,000	\$4,222,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
11	East Branch Fish Creek #2	Lewis County	See # 7	See # 7	\$ 1,500,000
Additional funding is being sought for this large forested tract in one of the most rural areas of New York State.					
12	Sable Highlands	Franklin and Clinton Counties	107,000	8,000,000	3,000,000
Currently marketed as 13 separate tracts, acquisition of a conservation easement will ensure protection of a landscape supporting a mosaic of ecosystems where human needs and ecological health are integrated.					
13	Hudson Highlands	Orange and Putnam Counties	1,276	4,955,000	2,800,000
Two properties in the Highlands area that extends into New Jersey, these tracts would protect recreation and forestry values.					
14	New York City Watershed	Delaware and Greene Counties	928	830,000	830,000
This project consists of four tracts to be acquired in fee to protect water quality, recreational access, and wildlife habitat.					
Total future needs:			109,204	\$13,785,000	\$8,130,000

For more information, contact
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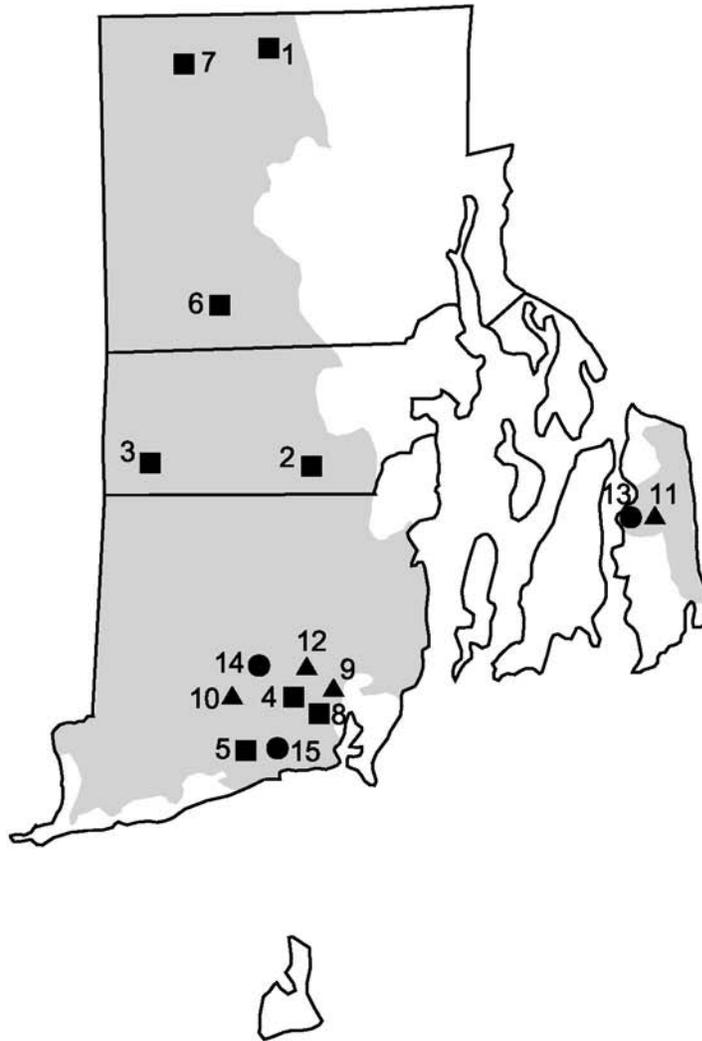
PENNSYLVANIA



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

- Protect and sustain working forests
- Maintain private ownership of the land
- Promote environmental integrity
- Promote traditional forest uses
- Promote sustainable forest management
- Maintain and reestablish forests along scenic corridors
- Protect headwaters and streams to enhance water quality

For more information, contact
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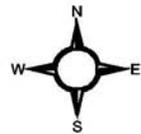


Forest Legacy Activity Rhode Island

Acquisition Status

- Completed
- ▲ In progress
- Potential

■ Forest Legacy Area





RHODE ISLAND



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

- Protect significant forest tracts
- Protect watersheds of public drinking water supplies
- Protect threatened and endangered species habitat
- Provide public recreation opportunities
- Add to existing public open space

Completed Forest Legacy Projects as of 12/31/2001

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Screech Hole Bog	Providence County	132	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
2	Queen's River	Kent County	80	155,000	155,000
3	Mount Tom Trail	Kent County	145	270,000	270,000
4	Suzannah's Woods	Washington County	75	445,000	445,000
5	DuVal Trail Corridor	Washington County	166	345,000	345,000
6	Cork Brook	Providence County	44	250,000	250,000
7	Willoughby	Providence County	200	525,000	0
8	Pratt Farm	Washington County	72	375,000	0
Total:			914	\$2,415,000	\$1,515,000

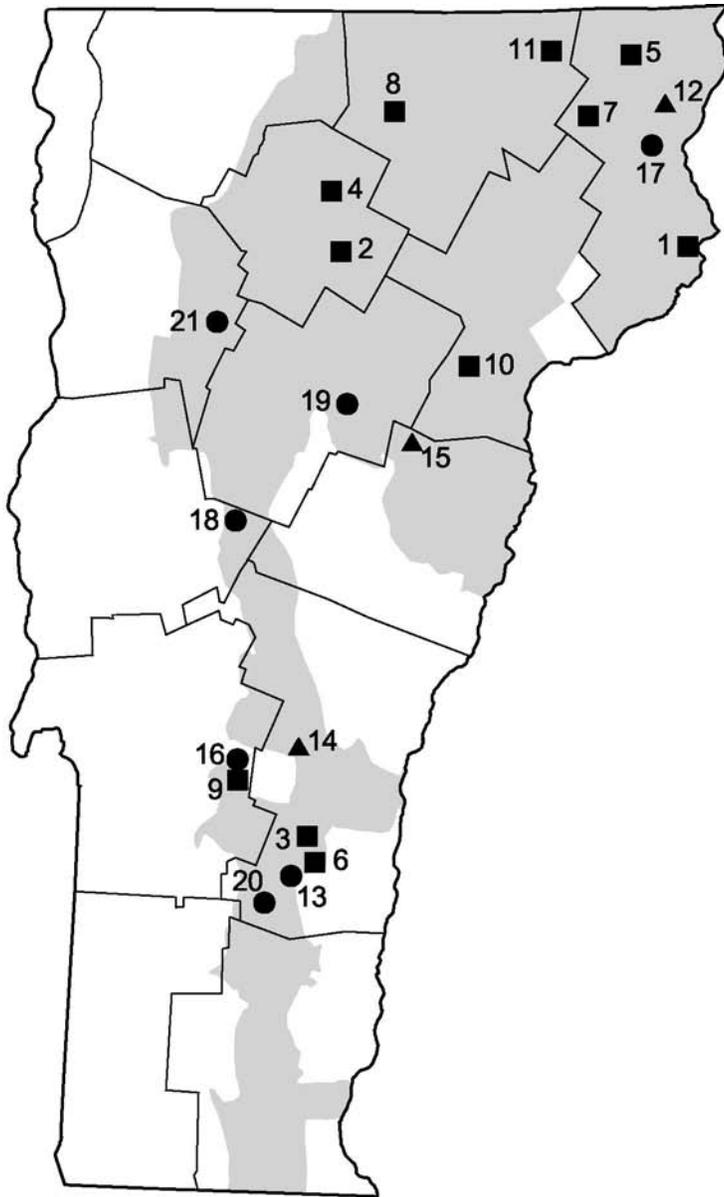
Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
9	Long and Ell Ponds	Washington County	600	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 550,000
This TNC-brokered project entails the purchase of a single conservation easement involving multiple ownerships and would transfer the development rights to the State. It abuts already protected State-owned land and would provide for limited public recreational opportunities. The project effectively recombines fragmented forest land and protects habitat for wildlife species of State interest.					
10	South Road	Washington County	74	296,000	296,000
This conservation easement is on 74 acres of reverted farmland in an area experiencing the highest development pressure in the State. The tract is a keystone that may prevent development of abutting parcels and will provide wood products, limited public recreation, educational opportunities, and protect scenic vistas.					
11	Weetamoo Woods Phase 1	New Port County	259	450,000	250,000
Phases 1 and 2 represent 518 acres of a ±1,100-acre Legacy project. They are part of a goal of protecting over 2,000 acres of contiguous mature mixed hardwood forest canopy including the uncommon oak-holly forest type. A perennial stream and its associated stream bank wetlands bisect the parcel.					
12	Barber's Ponds	Washington County	73	775,000	480,000
Properties lie within 1 mile of a ±3,300-acre State wildlife management area. Area is highly developable and contains frontage on two largely undeveloped pond shores. Project involves a single easement over three parcels. State will monitor the property for compliance to easement. Abuts local land trust property.					
Total:			1,006	\$2,721,000	\$1,576,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
13	Weetamoo Woods Phase 2	New Port County	259	\$ 450,000	\$ 250,000
Additional funding is needed to complete this project that will protect a mature mixed hardwood forest canopy.					
14	Sodom	Washington County	103	200,000	150,000
Lies in the upper Queen's River watershed—a public drinking water supply aquifer for two Rhode Island communities.					
15	DuVal Trail Corridor #2	Washington County	45	200,000	200,000
Parcel is a groundwater recharge area for a sole source aquifer and has been managed as a tree farm since the early 1960's.					
Total future needs:			407	\$850,000	\$600,000

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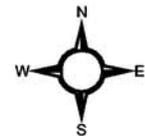


Forest Legacy Activity Vermont

Acquisition Status

- Completed
- ▲ In progress
- Potential

■ Forest Legacy Area





VERMONT



State Forest Legacy Program Goals

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

Completed Forest Legacy Projects as of 12/31/2001

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Cow Mountain Pond	Essex County	1,660	\$ 500,000	\$ 271,000
2	Atlas/Wagner Woodland	Lamoille County	2,281	342,000	342,000
3	Wilderness Corp.	Windsor County	2,086	771,000	618,000
4	Green River Reservoir	Lamoille County	5,113	2,500,000	1,776,000
5	Hancock	Essex & Orleans Counties	31,450	2,847,000	2,500,000
6	Conservation Fund	Windsor County	560	200,000	200,000
7	McConnell Pond	Essex County	4,790	928,000	0
8	Lowell Mountain	Orleans County	1,241	177,000	0
9	Pierce	Rutland County	235	141,000	0
10	Macks Mountain	Caledonia County	730	210,000	0
11	Stookey	Orleans County	809	96,000	0
Total:			50,955	\$8,712,000	\$5,707,000

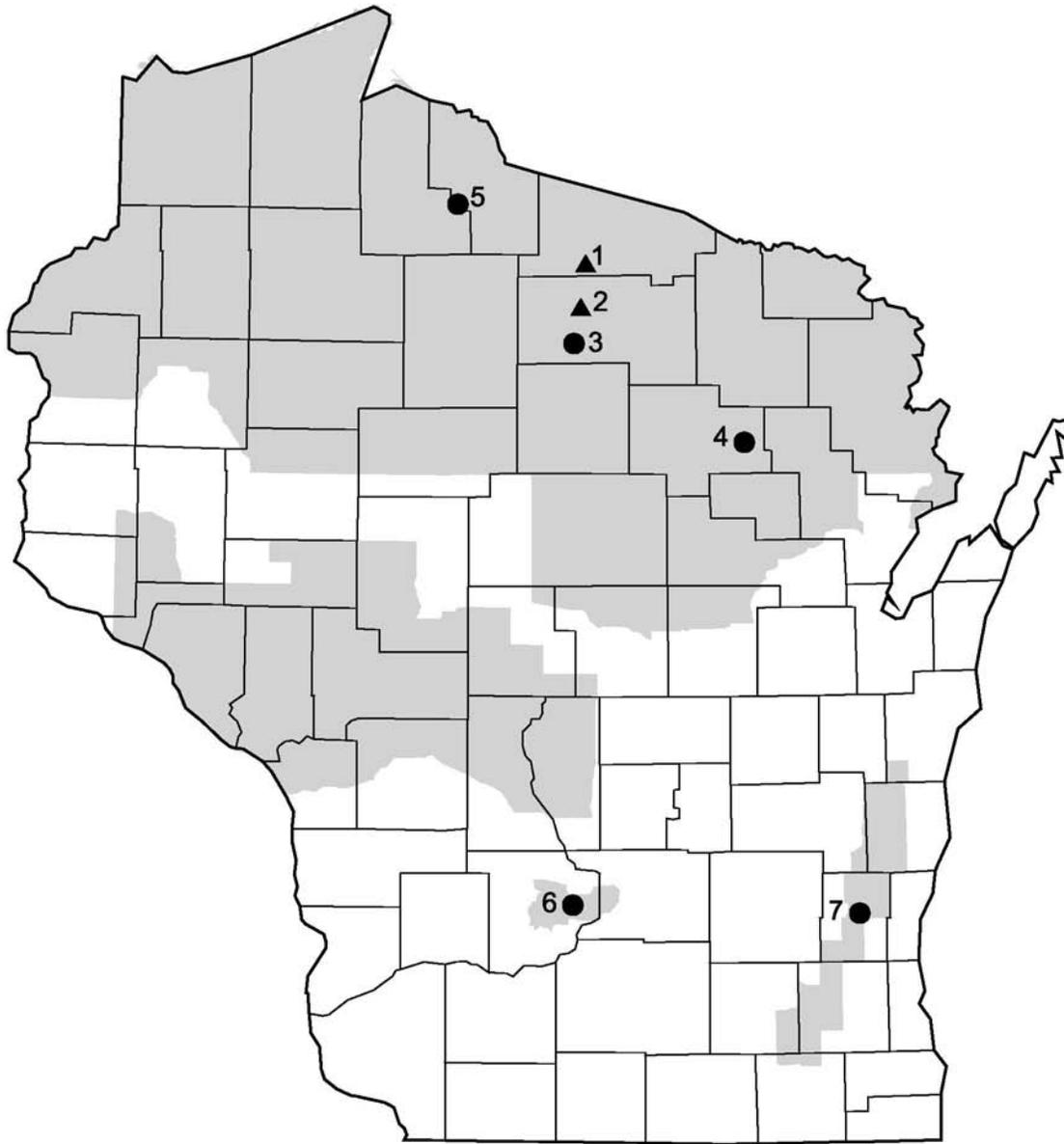
Forest Legacy Projects in Progress including FY2002 funding

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP payment
12	Vermont Northern Forest Tracts	Essex County	4,880	\$ 1,470,000	\$ 795,000
This purchase of several large tracts consists of boreal forest wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, and productive timberland.					
13	Mt. Holly Wildlife Corridor	Windsor County	1,186	450,000	375,000
This proposed conservation easement is on several forested parcels within a key wildlife corridor adjacent to conserved land, including the Wilderness Corp. tract.					
14	Chateaugay No Town	Windsor County	1,257	850,000	500,000
Abuts Coolidge State Forest. Located within a mile of Killington Ski Resort. The threat of conversion to nonforest uses is extremely high. Contains important forestry, wildlife, recreation, and scenic values.					
15	Knox Mountain	Orange County	2,600	650,000	650,000
This project, which will protect property adjacent to State Forest land, is within the watershed of a municipal water supply.					
Total:			9,923	\$3,420,000	\$2,320,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
16	Mendon Brook	Rutland County	951	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Abuts a State Forest and adds to a continuous corridor of protected land connecting two units of the Green Mountain National Forest.					
17	Bull and Sable Mountains	Essex County	24,405	2,800,000	2,800,000
Part of a continued effort to protect the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. Adds to existing Legacy and other Federal lands.					
18	Green Road	Addison County	432	250,000	250,000
The Green Mountain National Forest abuts three sides of this property. Public access and forestry will continue.					
19	Mallory Brook	Washington County	479	200,000	200,000
This well-managed forested tract is only 3.5 miles from the State capital. Recreational and water values would also be protected.					
20	Knapp Pond	Windsor County	169	100,000	100,000
Protection would enhance the adjacent Knapp Pond Wildlife Management Area. Tract is in an area of increasing development.					
21	Monitor Barns	Chittenden County	705	\$300,000	\$250,000
Project involves conservation easements on three adjacent tracts totaling 705 acres. Contiguous with the forested foothills of the Green Mountains. Contains important recreational, scenic, and wildlife values.					
Total future needs:			27,141	\$3,850,000	\$3,800,000

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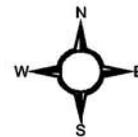
Forest Legacy Activity Wisconsin

Acquisition Status

▲ In progress

● Potential

■ Forest Legacy Area





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State Forest Legacy Program Goal

- To minimize fragmentation and conversion of significant forested areas to nonforest uses through the wise administration of conservation easements that focus on the sustainable use of forest resources

Forest Legacy Projects in Progress Including FY2002 Funding

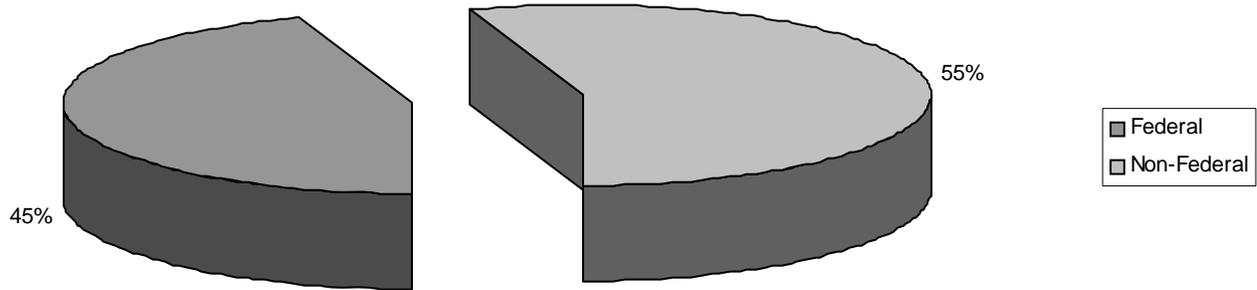
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2	Tomahawk Northwoods 2	Oneida, Vilas, Marathon, Lincoln, Iron, and Forest Counties	20,000	8,000,000	4,000,000
The tract includes industrial land in the Northern Forest Legacy Area surrounded by National Forest and dotted with small inland lakes and streams. Several rare species are in this area including the nationally threatened Cerelean warbler. The property provides quality forest products throughout the region.					
Total:			30,000	\$12,000,000	\$5,000,000

Potential Forest Legacy Projects for FY2003 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acreage	Interests value	FLP request
3	Tomahawk Northwoods 3	Oneida, Vilas, Marathon, Lincoln, Iron, and Forest Counties	40,000	\$ 16,000,000	\$ 6,000,000
Phase 1 and 2 are funded with FY 2001 and FY 2002 Forest Legacy funds. Additional funding is being sought to complete future phases of this 70,000-acre project in the northern part of the State. Speed is important since this tract has already been reduced from 170,000 to 70,000 acres as current owners seek to obtain a return on their investment and land values soar.					
4	Wolf River	Langlade County	23,000	9,200,000	4,500,000
The tract provides quality hardwood sawlogs and veneer to local mills and is one of the largest tracts of forest land open to public access within a 1–2 hour drive of large metropolitan areas. Contains portions of the National Ice Age Trail and numerous small lakes and streams, as well as an important fishery area. Current owner is actively seeking sales of parcels within the tract for recreational purposes.					
5	Bad River Headwaters	Ashland and Iron Counties	20,000	12,500,000	4,000,000
A large tract of private industrial-owned land of a nearly contiguous block of Northern Hardwood forest. It will protect key ecological resources, including diverse forest and wetland natural communities, as well as maintain recreational access. This area is home to many threatened and endangered species such as the piping plover, trumpeter swan, yellow rail, bald eagle, wood turtle, and ram's head lady's slipper. This site has been identified as part of the Great Lakes Ecoregional Plan, compiled by TNC and its partners.					
6	Baraboo Hills	Sauk County	950	1,995,000	1,000,000
Acquisition of Forest Legacy easements from a grouping of smaller landowners, combined with a wide variety of other conservation efforts in the area, will help to protect the long-term conservation and forest production values of the nationally important Baraboo Hills. This area is part of the largest intact upland hardwood forest type and has been designated as a Natural National Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior. TNC has designated the Baraboo Hills as one of the 75 "Last Great Places" remaining in the entire Western Hemisphere. Devil's Lake State Park, Natural Bridge State Park, and the National Ice Age Trail are all located within the landmark. Sauk County is the third most popular tourist designation in the State.					
7	Kettle Moraine	Washington County	765	6,885,000	4,000,000
Nine individual targeted properties near the town of Erin and the Holy Hill Region. Holy Hill is on the register of National Historic Places and draws 30,000 visitors a year. The National Ice Age Trail runs through part of the area. Rich upland forests, an extensive wetland system, natural lakes, wildlife and bird habitat, and water quality protection will all be enhanced with the protection of these properties. Forests protect the watersheds of the Little Oconomowoc and Oconomowoc Rivers. One of the sites identified by the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) in its "Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeast Wisconsin."					
Total future needs:			84,715	\$46,580,000	\$19,500,000

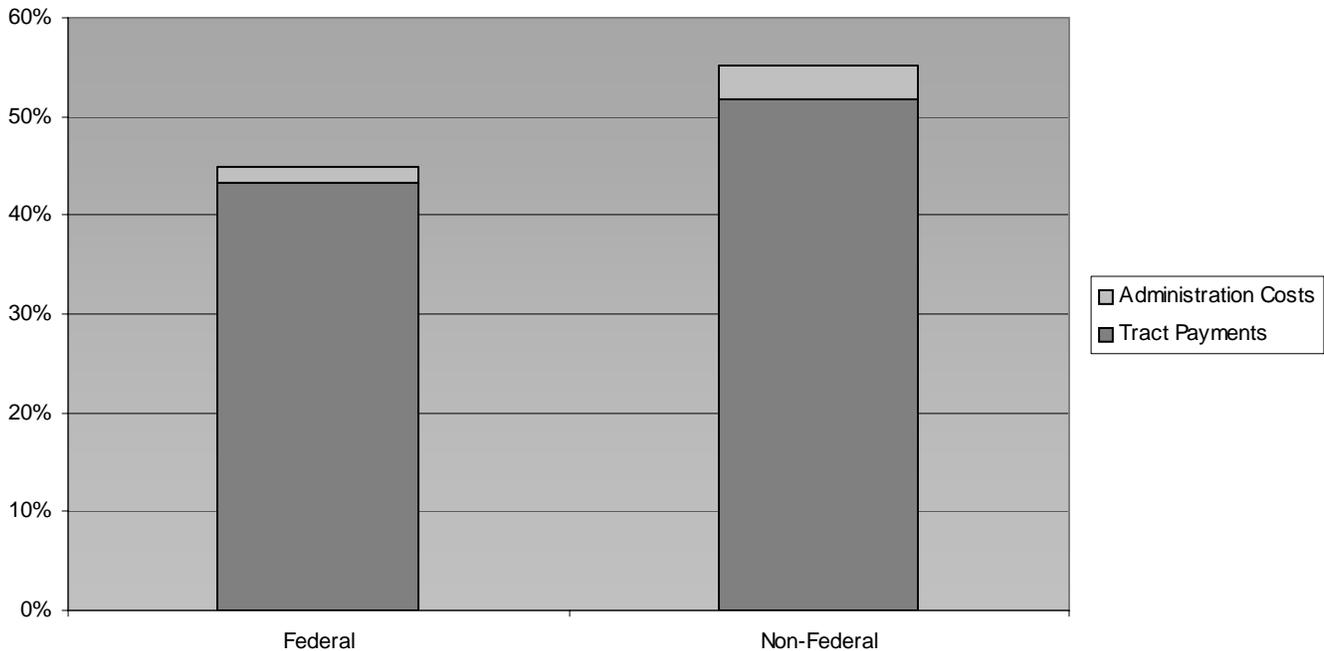
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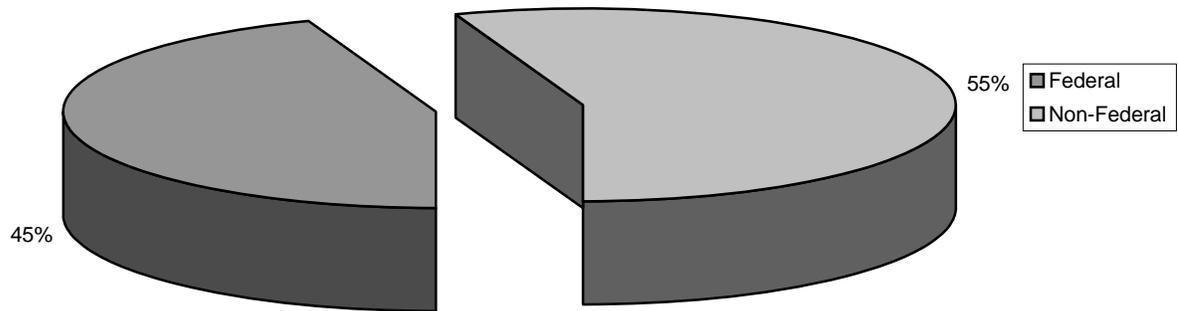
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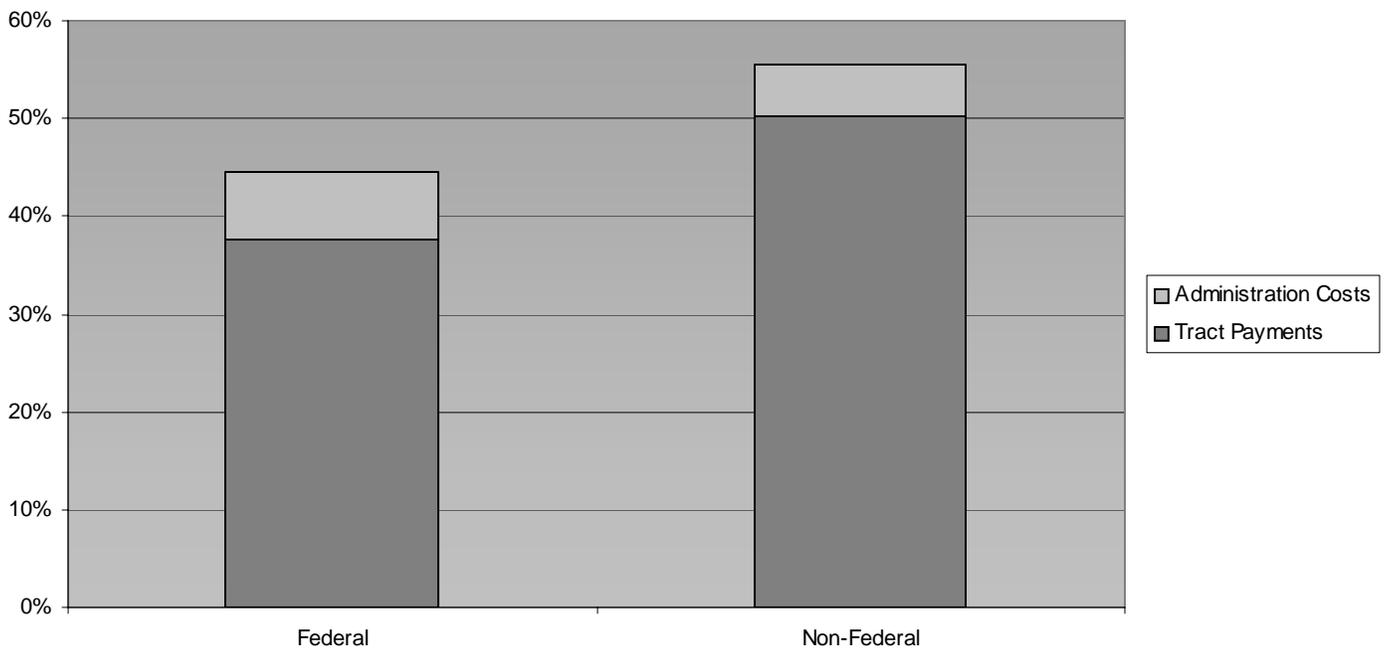
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Table 1**BUDGET HISTORY: Appropriations for National Forest Legacy Program**

FY1992	FY1993	FY1994	FY1995*	FY1996	FY1997	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002
...Dollars in thousands...										
4,938	9,915	6,948	6,688	3,000	2,000	4,000	7,012	29,933	59,768	65,000

* \$7.8 million of unspent funds were rescinded in FY 1995. The above amounts were the original appropriations before the rescission.

Table 2. Summary of Completed Forest Legacy Acquisition Projects within Northeastern Area States (4/93–12/31/01)

State	Cases	Acres	Value	Federal Payment
Connecticut	12	1,261	\$ 2,271,000	\$ 390,000
Illinois	3	143	716,000	492,000
Indiana	2	441	235,000	83,000
Maine	5	31,398	7,293,000	5,793,000
Maryland	4	966	2,325,000	650,000
Massachusetts	10	1,388	7,014,000	3,673,000
Minnesota	2	239	663,000	238,000
New Hampshire	16	41,425	10,962,000	5,574,000
New Jersey	4	2,340	13,144,000	1,662,000
New York	6	1,555	4,669,000	2,403,000
Rhode Island	8	914	2,415,000	1,515,000
Vermont	11	50,955	8,712,000	5,707,000
Totals	83	133,025	\$60,419,000	\$28,180,000

Table 3. Summary of In Progress Forest Legacy Projects within Northeastern Area states

State	Cases	Acres	Value	Federal Payment
Connecticut	3	5,784	\$ 17,940,000	\$ 5,276,000
Delaware	1	3,936	6,700,000	1,000,000
Illinois	4	253	1,500,000	1,173,000
Indiana	8	4,841	9,567,000	6,348,000
Iowa	1	1,065	667,000	500,000
Maine	6	365,707	36,502,000	20,953,000
Maryland	4	633	1,225,000	1,225,000
Massachusetts	7	2,454	4,111,000	2,717,000
Minnesota	21	1,194	3,687,000	2,345,000
New Hampshire	4	153,390	24,350,000	6,200,000
New Jersey	3	10,009	14,000,000	6,621,000
New York	4	74,760	18,850,000	4,222,000
Rhode Island	4	1,006	2,721,000	1,576,000
Vermont	4	9,923	3,420,000	2,320,000
Wisconsin	2	30,000	12,000,000	5,000,000
Totals	76	664,955	\$157,240,000	\$67,476,000

Table 4. Summary of Prospective Forest Legacy Acquisition Projects in Northeastern Area (FY 2003 and beyond)

State	Cases	Acres	Approximate Total Value	Requested Federal FLP Payment
Connecticut	11	1,378	\$ 3,151,000	\$ 3,151,000
Delaware**	1	**	**	4,000,000
Illinois	3	381	2,039,000	1,629,000
Indiana	7	2,131	4,101,000	3,298,000
Iowa	13	2,615	1,864,000	1,393,000
Maine**	6	849,449	95,050,000	61,700,000
Maryland	5	315	580,000	580,000
Massachusetts	8	1,946	7,844,000	4,488,000
Minnesota	8	1,253	6,895,000	3,242,000
New Hampshire**	4	12,719	6,736,000	14,736,000
New Jersey	8	7,099	23,950,000	13,380,000
New York**	4	109,204	13,785,000	8,130,000
Rhode Island	3	407	850,000	600,000
Vermont	6	27,141	3,850,000	3,800,000
Wisconsin	5	84,715	46,580,000	19,500,000
Totals	92	1,100,753	\$217,275,000	\$143,627,000

**=Acreage and Total Value numbers do not include projects partially funded in previous years

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