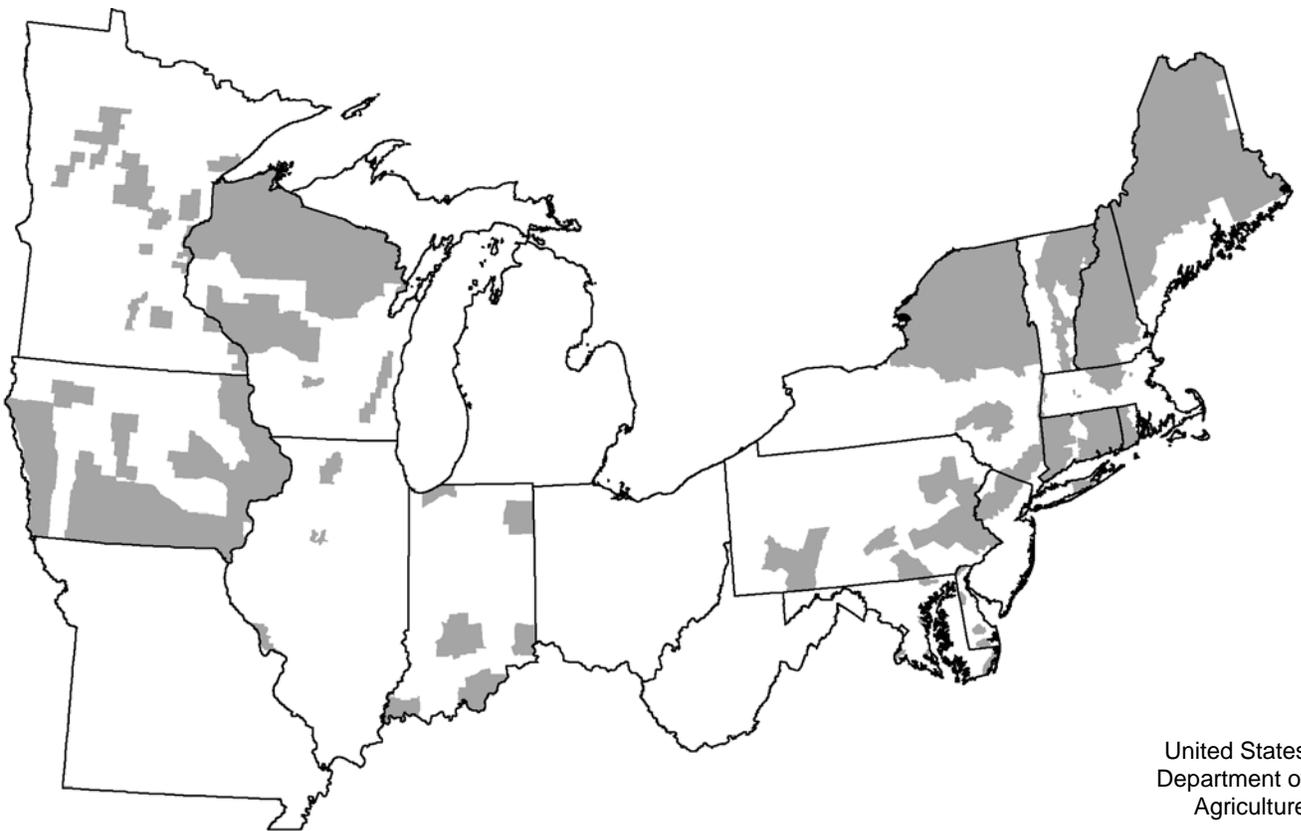


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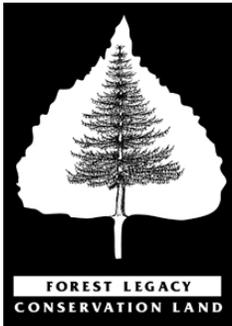


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The Forest Legacy Program fosters protection and better use of forested lands threatened with conversion to nonforest uses by purchasing conservation easement or fee titles from willing landowners.



Forest Legacy properties offer recreational opportunities, watershed protection, timber resources, wildlife habitat, and protection from development.

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Executive Summary

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

The Forest Legacy Program offers a way for the Federal government to work with States to identify critical forest lands and provide incentive-based approaches such as conservation easements in coordination with Forest Stewardship Plans to protect and maintain forest productivity. This report shows the Northeastern Area progress in 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 spaced across the various Forest Legacy Areas, each tract is located within a collection of land protection efforts by various entities.
- Fiscal Year 2002 accomplishments in the Northeastern Area Forest Legacy Program include 10 projects accomplished in Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire amounting to 38,366 acres valued at \$12,412,000, for which the Federal government paid \$8,431,000.
- 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 2 years.
- The national budget has been increasing over the past 5 years, from \$7 million in 1999 to \$68.3 million in 2003.
- Ninety-two projects in the Northeastern Area States have been completed, amounting to over 142,000 acres. The rights acquired are valued at \$66.8 million, for which the Federal government has paid \$32.7 million.

Forest Legacy Program law stipulates that the Federal government will pay no more than 75 percent of total program costs. As of the end of FY2002, the Federal government has paid only 42 percent of total program costs, while keeping administrative costs under 15 percent.

Program Overview

Forest Legacy Program Goal

To identify and protect important forest lands 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 or a unit of local government if the State chooses to select the optional State Grant Program as authorized by the 1996 Farm Bill.
- Where the Federal government does hold the easement, State or local units of government have usually agreed to 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 resource 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.

Partner Roles

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 nationally rare wildlife species. Extensive forests offer values that small forests cannot—a sense of remoteness or an expansive scene, a forest land base sufficient to support industry, or deep woods required by some wildlife. These forests tend to be nationally significant because the values they provide are becoming more rare. Extensive forests often face the additional challenge of multiple ownerships and numerous political jurisdictions. Through the Forest Legacy Program (FLP), the Federal government helps State and local governments look beyond their political boundaries to identify important forest areas, both large and small, and protect them. The Federal government provides financial assistance to help protect the important forests.

The State Role

States integrate Federal and State resources, as well as nongovernmental organization resources, to cooperatively protect and maintain a forest land 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, and integrating policies and incentives to conserve a forest land base and make the on-the-ground connection with the land. In short, the State is the nexus for maintaining a forest land base.

The Nongovernmental Organization (Land Trust) Role

Nongovernmental 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 forest land 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.



Federal, State, local, and nonprofit partners were all thanked for their efforts to the successful completion of the Pond of Safety project creating the Randolph Community Forest in New Hampshire.
Photo by Neal Bungard

Issue: Threats to Forest Uses

In general, the public has freely enjoyed the public benefits of private forest land, such as scenic views and recreation opportunities, but has failed to recognize that they do not own these benefits. Private timberlands have provided important public benefits for years, including wildlife habitat, clean water, and recreation opportunities. However, because these are private lands, economic and social threats exist that can cause the public environmental benefits and access to disappear to the dismay of the public. Important private forest lands can be protected through legal means to ensure the continuation of traditional forest uses and the related public benefits. The trick is to be able to identify the threats that may cause conversion to nonforest uses in order to assess the relative potential of conversion.

Forest uses provide economic and social benefits. The economic benefits include both timber harvesting and commercial recreation. The social benefits include the availability of forests for noncommercial recreation, scenic vistas, water quality and management, wildlife habitat, and cultural resource preservation. A direct threat to forest land resulting in conversion is usually illustrated by residential development, but may include conversion to industrial use, farmland use, or extensive mineral extraction. Another threat is a change in traditional forest uses. For example, large industrial timberlands in many parts of the United States have been managed with open public access for dispersed recreation such as hiking, snowmobiling, hunting, and fishing. If there is a landowner change, or the land is subdivided into smaller parcels, new landowners may choose to restrict what was free public access, which results in a change in the traditional forest uses. New landowners may also choose not to actively manage for forest products, resulting in lost economic revenue within the region by forest-based industries. In some States these changes in traditional land uses are of significant importance. The threats to forests from both conversion to nonforest uses, including the loss of traditional uses, are addressed by the individual States within their respective Assessments of Need for the Forest Legacy Program.

Economic Threats

In areas where increasing populations cause a high demand for housing, the development value of land is elevated above its forest uses value. The demand may be for permanent residences or for vacation homes, which impacts many rural landscapes. In other areas, the development threat is less significant, but other subtle economic threats may decrease the relative value of traditional forest uses, leaving only the potential for other uses. The landowner is left with the option of converting the land to nonforest uses such as development, farming, or mineral extraction. Presented here are some examples of subtle economic threats, including an industrial and a private landowner scenario.

Timber Industry Restructuring: The forest industry is changing the configuration of timberland ownership. Historically, timberland companies supplied mills from their own land. The 1990's witnessed a restructuring among forest product companies, reducing the number of companies that were vertically integrated. The restructuring took place in part because forest companies could not capture the full value of the land they owned. The industry also witnessed a consolidation of timber companies. Industry restructuring puts pressure on financing, often resulting in timberland sales owing to both increased debt load and a divesting of secondary assets. As forest land changes hands, the probability that a new landowner will not practice traditional forest uses increases.



A well-managed forest allows for a continual supply of income over many years while still providing recreational opportunities, clean air and water, and wildlife habitat.

Photo by Neal Bungard

The wave of restructuring affecting the entire industry is worth noting. Millions of acres of timberland have been sold in the United States in the last several years, and the Pinchot Institute for Conservation estimates that as much as 12–15 million acres of the country’s industrial timberland will be transferred out of industry ownership in the next decade.

High-Grading Timber Stands: A forester who sees a tract of land with large stumps and small, sparsely scattered trees suspects a “For Sale” sign will appear on the property in the near future. The forest stand has been, to use a forestry term, high-graded. Once the trees with value are gone, the income stream for timber harvesting halts for perhaps 40 to 60 years. If the land must produce income in the interim, nonforest uses are a landowner’s only option.

To further exacerbate the conversion to nonforest uses, to the untrained eye, a high-graded stand may still look like a forest. The appearance of an existing forest will maintain the marketability of the land as compared to a clearcut. In fact, the real estate value of a high-graded forest may be the same before and after the cut, owing to the way the land is appraised for real estate. Typically real estate appraisers do not value timber, but support a value of forest land based on comparable sales of similar size in the general area. The value of forest uses decreases compared to the development value.

Social Threats

A change in social values may threaten some forest uses, including timber harvesting and public access. Traditions based in a rural setting are changing as values from other parts of the country are seeping into rural life. A tradition in many northern and New England States is to allow the public to walk on private property unless it is posted for no trespassing. Local economies may be dependent on the forest products industry. Yet lawmakers may respond to citizens who become vocal in their intolerance for forestry practices, or signs may appear prohibiting trespassing where access was traditionally allowed. Evidence of social value change includes referendums to prohibit clearcutting, which have been introduced in some States, and local ordinances prohibiting harvesting.

Both social and economic threats to forest uses can be deterred through legal means. Conservation easements counter the threats to forest land by providing a financial incentive to permanently provide for forest uses on a property without regard to their source of conversion threat. More importantly, the landowner has the reverse economic incentive to manage the forest land sustainably because a continual income from the land is only available through sustainable forest management. Identifying the reasons a forest is important and worthy of protection is the foremost job of the Forest Legacy Program. However, identifying the threat will help in general understanding of the imminence of conversion.

Implementation

The Forest Legacy Program has been funded for 10 years. Over that time, the pioneering States have learned some lessons, through trial and tribulation, and offer the following advice to ease the way of their fellow Forest Legacy States.

Lesson Learned: Start Small

Neophyte Forest Legacy Programs

- The Forest Legacy Program process, including project solicitation, project proposal, grant request, negotiations, and appraisal, requires a steep learning curve.
- A State's first project should be a single tract. It takes so much effort to learn the process that it becomes overwhelming to guide multiple tracts through the process.
- After a State has "learned the ropes" of the Forest Legacy process, it should then pursue a multiple tract project.
- It helps to enlist staffmembers with a land acquisition background or to develop a good relationship with the State's or the nonprofit group's land acquisition team.

Lesson Learned: Think Big

The realities of large Forest Legacy Program projects

- *Large projects need to be fully formulated prior to proposal.*
- *Large projects will fluctuate, attract attention, and attract pressure to get the deal done.*
- *The larger the project the more public interest will be generated in issues such as the terms of the conservation easement and the value of the interests being acquired.*
- *Invest in public involvement on a project basis. Large projects need buy-in of all partners to succeed: congressionals, executive branches of Federal and State governments, the Forest Stewardship Committee, land trusts, and the general public.*
- *The Forest Stewardship Committee plays an important part. Their full involvement will help flush out project details.*

Lesson Learned: Patience Prevails

Everything takes longer than you expect

- The length of time from application to completion should be clearly stated to an applicant.*
- Landowners who are committed to the protection of their forest land will bear with the process.*
- The appraisal process cannot be rushed.*
- States can speed up the process by having land appraised and easements negotiated before applying for Federal funding.*

Recently Completed Forest Legacy Projects

FY2002 accomplishments in the Northeastern Area occurred in four States, where a total of 38,366 acres of land was protected from conversion to nonforest uses.

Accomplishments of the Forest Legacy Program include projects in the States of Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire highlighted in the following pages.

The Indiana Forest Legacy properties that were completed are the first federally funded Forest Legacy projects in the State.

Little Richland Creek Tract Indiana – November 2001

Lloyd Keisler and his family are leaving a forest legacy to their fellow Hoosiers. The 298-acre property known as Little Richland Creek will remain forested forever as part of the Forest Legacy Program with a conservation easement on the land.

On November 6, 2001, the Little Richland Creek Forest Legacy property became the first in Indiana funded by the USDA Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program. The purchase price of the conservation easement was valued at \$110,000, of which the Forest Legacy Program provided \$83,500. The Keisler family through a bargain sale donated the remaining amount.

The easement on the property will be owned by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, who will also be responsible for the monitoring the easement. The Little Richland Creek forest consists of high-quality hardwoods, planted white pine, and a variety of karst features. The family has actively managed the tract for over 35 years, most recently under a cooperative agreement with Pike Lumber Company, who first suggested the land for inclusion in the Forest Legacy Program.

The land, located 5 miles from Bloomington and 3 miles from Bloomington Municipal Airport, is under increasing development pressure from the surrounding community and has been enrolled in the Indiana Classified Forest Program for several years. Under the Legacy agreement, the Keislers will continue active management activities on the property, including managing for the protected resource, wildlife habitat, soil conservation, air and water quality, timber, and aesthetic values.

Indiana Department of Natural Resources representatives presented the Keisler family with a signed easement, payment, and a Forest Legacy sign for the property at a ceremony at the Meadowwood Retirement Community clubhouse in Bloomington.

"The Division of Forestry is proud to help Mr. Keisler fulfill a long-time dream of permanently protecting this forest," said Dan Ernst, Assistant State Forester and Indiana Forest Legacy Program coordinator.

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Indiana Department of Natural Resources representatives Burney Fischer, Nick Heinzelman, Dan Ernst, and John Davis (back row, left to right) present members of the Keisler family—David Gray, June Keisler, Susan Gray, and Lloyd Keisler (front row, left to right)—with a ceremonial check and a Forest Legacy sign at the property closing.
Photo by Natalie Himebaugh

Pond of Safety Tract New Hampshire – December 2001

The Pond of Safety will continue to be a safe haven from development because of the Forest Legacy Program. The 10-acre pond forms the headwaters to the Upper Ammonoosuc River. The origin of the pond's name dates back to a small group of Patriots from the American Revolution who had been released by the British and sought refuge at the remote pond. The British had released them after they promised to not take up arms again. Instead of being labeled as deserters by the Americans, they fled to the pond, hoping to not be found.

Located in Randolph and Jefferson, New Hampshire, the Pond of Safety property provides the only link of protected land between the largest unit of the White Mountain National Forest and the smaller Kilkenny unit. The tract was protected forever on December 4, 2001, with the help of the USDA Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program. A State-held conservation easement was purchased from the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and will keep the 10,192-acre property undeveloped. An adjacent 3,200-acre tract will become part of the White Mountain National Forest. TPL had purchased the land from Hancock Timber Resources Group until sufficient public and private funds could be acquired.

The Pond of Safety conservation easement was purchased using \$2,109,000 of Forest Legacy Program funds, and \$250,000 from New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. The town of Randolph used \$1,485,000 in private contributions, led by a fundraising effort by TPL, to purchase the property with the easement in place, creating the Randolph Community Forest.

"I am proud we could work with the local communities, the Federal government, and the Trust for Public Land to ensure that future generations will enjoy the scenic beauty of the Pond of Safety," commented New Hampshire Governor Jeanne Shaheen at the closing.

U.S. Representative Charlie Bass added, "I have been pleased to work with Senator (Judd) Gregg, State conservation groups, and local officials to obtain Federal funding to secure these key holdings near the scenic Pond of Safety."

"The Pond of Safety project is an excellent example of how the Forest Legacy Program and the State can work directly with communities to protect recreational, ecological, and timber values that are so important to us all," said Philip Bryce, New Hampshire State Forester.

The property will continue to provide habitat for wildlife, but will also provide public recreation opportunities such as hiking, fishing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. Timber harvesting will continue on the property under a forest management plan approved by the State, which is a required part of every Forest Legacy Project.

The New Hampshire Forest Legacy Program protects important forests from conversion to nonforest uses and to ensures traditional uses can continue. These forests provide essential wildlife habitat, protect water quality, offer outstanding recreation opportunities, afford outstanding scenic views, are home to historic sites, and/or provide the opportunity to continue traditional forest uses. A Federal-State partnership allows landowners to keep their land private while ensuring it remains forest forever through the use of conservation easements.



Federal, State, local, and nonprofit partners were all critical to the successful creation of the Randolph Community Forest.

Photo by Neal Bungard

Bunnell Mountain Tract

New Hampshire – December 2001

An unusual forest habitat type known as high elevation spruce-fir forest has been protected with a Forest Legacy conservation easement. This forest type contains more rare and endangered species than any other habitat in New Hampshire.

The 18,430-acre Bunnell Mountain Forest Legacy tract shares an 8-mile border with the 40,000-acre Nash Stream State Forest, protecting a contiguous block of 7,600 acres this rare habitat, one of the largest blocks of high elevation spruce-fir forest in New England.

The State of New Hampshire acquired a conservation easement on the forested tract on December 21, 2001, with \$1,675,000 in USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy funds. The easement, valued at \$2,050,000, was sold as a bargain sale by the landowner, The Nature Conservancy.

The acquisition includes 10,330 acres designated as the Vickie Bunnell Preserve. The preserve, comprising lands above 2,700 feet in elevation, will allow public recreation but will not be managed for timber production.

The property is named after prominent Bunnell Mountain, the highest mountain north of the White Mountain National Forest at 3,723 feet. Originally known as Blue Mountain, it was renamed in 1998 in memory of former town of Colebrook selectman and part-time judge Vickie Bunnell, who was killed in August 1997. Vickie Bunnell often climbed the mountain in her spare time.

“Vickie understood the value of keeping wild lands wild. She also understood the economic importance of working forest. I know she would have been very pleased with this exciting conservation effort,” said Vickie’s father, Earl Bunnell.

The entire property will continue to be open for public recreation access such as hiking, hunting, fishing, skiing, and snowmobiling. The 8,070 acres that is not part of the preserve will be managed for sustainable timber harvests according to a management plan approved by the State.

“The Bunnell Tract will remain open to public recreation, generate local tax revenues, and provide continued opportunities for sustainable forest management,” commented U.S. Senator Judd Gregg. “This project represents a major New Hampshire conservation achievement, a moving tribute to Judge Vickie Bunnell, and the permanent protection of 18,430 acres of precious forest land in northern New Hampshire for the benefit and enjoyment of our children and our children’s children.”

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The large contiguous forests of the highly visible Bunnell Mountain are protected forever from development, protecting rare forest habitat types and the highest mountain in New Hampshire north of the White Mountain National Forest.
Photo by Jerry Monkman

Indian Creek Tract

Indiana – February 2002

Two Hoosier landowners have partnered with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the USDA Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program to leave a legacy for future generations by protecting their property from commercial development.

On February 15, 2002, Hubert Tieman and Hubert Tieman, Jr. transferred development rights on their 820-acre forested tract in Greene County to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources via a conservation easement.

This marks the Indiana Forest Legacy Program's second purchase. Indiana's Forest Legacy Program was formed to protect local forests from future development to commercial, residential and other nonforest uses by purchasing the development rights to environmentally sensitive forests from willing landowners like the Tieman's.

The Tieman's were paid \$328,000 for the conservation easement that was valued at \$470,000. The \$142,000 difference was made up by a donation from the landowners to serve as the non-Federal cost share for the project.

"This property plays a vital role supporting the area's threatened and unique scenic, cultural, fish, wildlife, and forest resources," Dan Ernst, Forest Legacy Coordinator, observed.

The Tiemans initially bought the property to keep it from being commercially developed. "The biggest farm in our neighborhood has been clear cut and is now being sold off in 5-acre lots. I could not let this happen to a beautiful place like this," commented Hubert Tieman, Jr.

Several ecological features are located on the property, including bottomland hardwoods forests, upland hardwoods forests, cave communities, and bluff communities. Archeological sites, including remnants of an old gristmill, a possible sawmill, and a cemetery that dates back to the early 1800's, are also present.

Indian Creek, which runs along the property and directly into White River, is part of the area's largest watershed. Deep ruts from the old wagon trains have left a visible ford. Possible Native American villages are also located along the creek. "I have a very strong Native American heritage and preserving a large piece of land such as this is very important to me," Tieman Jr. said.

"My goal is to leave this forest as natural as possible," he continued, "and look as close as possible to the way our forefathers found it."

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Landowners Hubert Tieman Jr. (left) and Hubert Tieman unveil their Forest Legacy sign at the property's dedication in June 2002. Photo by Dan Ernst

Ossipee Mountains Tract

New Hampshire – March 2002

The Ossipee Mountains are considered by many geologists to be the best example of a ring dike formation in the world. A ring dike is the remains from a long extinct volcano that has eroded over millions of years. The Ossipee Mountains are a nearly circular range, 10 miles in diameter, located at the center of the former volcanic crater. The clustered Ossipee Mountains have nearly a dozen peaks above 2,000 feet, two of which are above 2,500 feet, offering a scenic backdrop to the many lakes in the area.



This snowmobile trail leading into the Ossipee Mountains Forest Legacy tract is one of the many recreational opportunities protected by the conservation easement on the property. Photo by Neal Bungard

landowner and the State of New Hampshire. The 4.8-mile trail utilizes the network of truck roads and skid trails throughout the property. Six miles of maintained hiking trails are also protected from development, including trails that ascend the summits of Bayle and Flagg Mountains.

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Adding to the scenic character of the mountains is the absence of development within the mountains themselves. The mountains are also easily accessible for recreation as many trails for hiking and snowmobiling are located in the area.

The State of New Hampshire, Department of Resources and Economic Development permanently protected a 5,372-acre property in the Ossipee Mountains on March 27, 2002, through the purchase of a conservation easement. The \$1,685,000 easement was purchased with \$1,400,000 USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy funds and the landowner, Chocorua Forestland, donated the remaining value. The property remains in private ownership and will continue to be managed for forest products guided by a state approved forest management plan. The purchase of the conservation easement by the State of New Hampshire ensures that the property will not be developed and continue in traditional forest and recreational uses.

“It is exciting to be a part of the protection of the Ossipee Mountains Forest Legacy tract because it is one of the few Forest Legacy tracts that complements a world-renown geological feature,” says Deirdre Raimo Northeastern Area Forest Legacy Program Manager. “The easement will include the protection of Special Management Areas that have been identified to ensure protection of sensitive areas, including two old growth forests totaling 27 acres.”

Recreation opportunities on the property will continue. A State snowmobile trail is protected through a Snowmobile Agreement between the

Hatfield Watershed #2 Tract Massachusetts – July 2002

A forested property in Hatfield, Massachusetts, is a primary watershed recharge area where spring-fed streams flow into the town's only reservoir. The town of Hatfield's 3,400 residents rely heavily on the reservoir, as it provides between 60 and 70 percent of the town's water. Forests help cleanse water as precipitation runoff flows through a forest and the natural landscape also provides ground water recharge. Those benefits are lost when a forest is developed.

The 133-acre Hatfield Watershed property was protected from development with a conservation easement on July 12, 2002. The easement was purchased from landowners William and Kathy Kogut for \$590,000. The USDA Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program contributed \$442,500 to the total purchase price. The town of Hatfield contributed \$100,000 and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management contributed \$47,500. The Valley Land Fund, a local land trust, will purchase the fee title to the property to close out the transaction, and will later sell it to the town when more local funds are available.



Access roads such as this one will be used for removal of timber according to an approved Forest Management plan on the Hatfield Watershed property.

Photo by Terry Blunt

The conservation restriction, which will be held by the Department of Environmental Management and the town, prohibits residential development, installation of communications towers, and placement of billboards on the property. It also prohibits dumping, mining, and excavations, and the use of motorized vehicles is limited to activities related to managing the forest and Christmas tree operations.

James Reidy, Director of the Hatfield Department of Public Works, and Paul Davis, chair of the Hatfield Conservation Commission, lauded the transaction as significant, noting that the quality of the water entering the headwaters of the reservoir depend upon that site being left undeveloped. "With appropriate forest management, the town can receive income from the sale of timber over the long haul," James Reidy said.

As with all Forest Legacy property protections the Koguts were willing sellers wanting to conserve the land, and wanted to do the right thing for the property. The Koguts wanted to protect the property through the Forest Legacy Program, and in the last few weeks before the closing date, decided to sell not only the conservation restriction, but also the remaining interest in the land. Reidy credits the Valley Land Fund with its quick ability to move in and purchase the remaining interest and hold it for later purchase by the town.

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Kimball Pond Tract

New Hampshire – July 2002

A 60-acre pond with no shoreline development is becoming rare in southern New Hampshire. An even rarer find would be such a pond within 15 miles of New Hampshire's largest city, Manchester, and its capital city, Concord. Yet such a pond does exist—Kimball Pond in the town of Dunbarton.

As part of a protection deal, the town of Dunbarton purchased a 664-acre property and then sold a 972-acre conservation easement to the State of New Hampshire on the newly acquired property and adjacent forest land on July 18, 2002. This newly protected block is adjacent to additional existing protected open space lands creating a 1,300-acre block of protected forests around Kimball Pond.

The project's total cost of \$1,085,000 was comprised of funds from many sources: \$700,000 from the USDA Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program, \$210,000 from New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, \$100,000 from the Dunbarton Conservation Commission, \$50,000 from private donations, and \$25,000 in town funds approved by Dunbarton residents for protection of the forest.

"Protection of the Kimball Pond land can only be described as a miracle for the town of Dunbarton," said Larry Cook, chair of the Dunbarton Conservation Commission. "The project's success would not have been possible without support at the local, State, and national levels. Dunbarton residents, with their votes at Town Meeting and with their generous financial contributions, were the true drive behind this project. The Trust for Public Land's assistance was also critical, as was the leadership of the New Hampshire congressional delegation. Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone involved," said Cook.

"Kimball Pond is a pristine pond located 13 miles from both Manchester and Concord, one of the most densely populated regions of our State," said U.S. Senator Judd Gregg. "This protection will ensure a diverse habitat for wildlife, including otter, bear, moose, and deer, as well as protection for various wetlands in a significant section of Dunbarton. Kimball Pond is an excellent New Hampshire resource and I am pleased that these funds will continue its use by so many wildlife species for years to come."

The Kimball Pond property includes two beaver ponds, several vernal pools, and a black gum-red maple basin swamp. The property and surrounding conservation land provide habitat for many rare wildlife species and serve as an important wildlife and recreation corridor linking Bela Brook and the Turkey Ponds to the north with Black Brook to the south.

Public recreation opportunities such as fishing, hiking, hunting, bird watching, and snowmobiling are allowed on the property, which will be managed for sustainable timber harvesting by the Dunbarton Conservation Commission.

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essential wildlife habitat, protect water quality, offer outstanding recreation opportunities, afford outstanding scenic views, are home to historic sites, and/or provide the opportunity to continue traditional forest uses. A Federal-State partnership allows landowners to keep their land private while ensuring it remains forest forever through the use of conservation easements.



Many different recreational opportunities, in all types of weather, will continue to be enjoyed by the public on the Kimball Pond Forest Legacy tract.
Photo by Deirdre Raimo

Alford Springs Tract Massachusetts – July 2002

Nearly 2 miles of the scenic Taconic ridgeline along the Massachusetts/New York border has been protected from development forever with the help of the USDA Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program. Protection of the 632-acre property in Alford, Massachusetts, preserves the scenic values of the ridgeline and contributes to the protection of wildlife habitat, working forests, and the higher elevations of the Scribner and Alford Brook watersheds.

The Berkshire Natural Resources Council (BNRC) purchased the Alford Springs tract from landowner Reed Rubin in June 2002. The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement then purchased a conservation easement on the tract on July 25, 2002, with funding from the Forest Legacy Program. "This is a key parcel for Alford and the Taconic Range," said Tad Ames, president of BNRC. "This parcel commands almost 2 miles of the beautiful Taconic ridgeline overlooking the Alford Valley. A string of trophy homes up there would have been an abomination."

The Forest Legacy Program contributed \$945,000 to the easement purchase; the \$5,000 difference represents a bargain sale to the State by the BNRC. "Selling the conservation restriction achieved two things," Ames explained. "It gave a fail-safe guarantee that the land will be protected, and, by helping us recoup most of our investment, it gives us the chance to reinvest these funds in another project."

Ames added, "Tremendous thanks and credit for making this work must go to our partners at the USDA Forest Service and Massachusetts Division of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement, as well as to some exceptionally generous philanthropists."

To meet the Federal cost-share requirements of the Forest Legacy Program, conservation easements on two nearby properties in the Taconic Range Forest Legacy Area were donated to the BNRC. The first consists of 205 acres of managed forest land in Williamstown, adjacent to the Taconic State Forest, valued at \$215,000. The second easement, on a 110-acre property in nearby Richmond located on the popular Taconic Skyline Trail, was donated to the BNRC and the Richmond Land Trust. The easement, valued at \$110,000, provides for public access to the trail for hiking.

The protection of the Alford Springs tract adds to conservation efforts in the region both in Massachusetts and neighboring New York State, where the recent protection of the 950-acre Harvey Mountain State Forest just over the state line to the north offered added incentive to protect the Alford Springs property.

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The Alford Springs Forest Legacy property, located on the Taconic Ridge in western Massachusetts, encompasses about 80 percent of the ridgeline pictured. Photo by Tad Ames

Program Reviews

Cooperative Forestry Programs are reviewed approximately every 5 years.

Two State Forest Legacy Programs were reviewed during 2002: New Hampshire and Wisconsin. Program reviews offer an opportunity to showcase accomplishments and to surface issues and opportunities that, if addressed, could improve the overall FLP performance. A team of Forest Service and State partners meet for field trips and discussions with other program partners. A report is written that includes an action plan to address the issues and opportunities.

Recommendations that are identified in one State program review could overlap into other States. Hence, the general, overlapping recommendations uncovered in the 2002 reviews are provided here to help all active States in strengthening their Forest Legacy Programs.

Mission Statement

Each State Assessment of Need should articulate a clear mission for the State FLP that is simply stated and easily understood by potential partners. The many partners interested in the FLP means that there is the possibility of having divergent goals for the FLP and disorder in attaining the goals.



Tract Monitoring

The effort to protect the expanse of important forest land has been in the forefront, but it is now time to plan for financing the annual monitoring of FLP easements. *Monitoring audits will be an important component of future FLP reviews to ensure the tracts are being monitored and thus reinforce the viability of the FLP.*

A field visit by State, Federal, and nonprofit partners at the Kimball Pond Forest Legacy Project during the New Hampshire Forest Legacy Program Review was a success despite the heavy downpours. Photo by Deirdre Raimo

Public Recreation Financing

Once public access has been paid for with public money, it should not be chargeable to the public again. However, improvements associated with public access such as trails, camp sites, roads, pavilions, docks, and toilets warrant support by the public. *The Forest Service should clarify the distinction between public access and recreational use management in order to identify where fees can be charged.*

Camp Leases

Camps are a traditional use of the northern forest. Camps are an exclusive private use, but the lease arrangements provide funds to the agency and allow people to access and enjoy remote forest land. However, the camp building could be perceived to be in direct conflict with prohibition on residential development. *State Assessments of Need should specify the type of recreation that is a forest use and specify the differences between residential and recreation housing structures.*

Cost-Share Accounting

There are a number of Federal programs that provide Federal funds for land protection. The source of funds can be obscured by combining Federal funds with State land protection grant programs. Nonetheless, the total amount of Federal funds in a Forest Legacy project cannot exceed 75 percent, and the non-Federal cost-share cannot be counted as cost-share for any other Federal funds. *An accounting of all funds that go into projects must clearly show the source of Federal funds as well as the cost-share requirements of all the Federal programs.*



A combined Forest Legacy Program and Forest Stewardship Program review allowed the review team to observe a harvesting operation during a site visit in Wisconsin.

Photo by Neal Bungard

Budget Summary

Appropriations for the National Forest Legacy Program (dollars in thousands)

FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95*	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03
4,938	9,915	6,948	6,688	3,000	2,000	4,000	7,012	29,933	59,768	65,000	68,370

* \$7.8 million of unspent funds were rescinded in FY1995. The amount shown was the original appropriation before the rescission.

Completed Forest Legacy Acquisition Tracts Within Northeastern Area States 4/93–9/30/02

State	Cases	Acres	Value	Federal Payment
Connecticut	12	1,261	\$ 2,271,000	\$ 390,000
Illinois	3	143	716,000	492,000
Indiana	3	1,261	705,000	411,000
Maine	6	32,195	7,572,000	5,941,000
Maryland	4	966	2,325,000	650,000
Massachusetts	14	2,468	8,879,000	5,059,000
Minnesota	2	239	663,000	238,000
New Hampshire	18	47,769	13,776,000	7,688,000
New Jersey	5	2,597	14,003,000	2,262,000
New York	6	1,555	4,773,000	2,403,000
Rhode Island	8	915	2,436,000	1,498,000
Vermont	11	50,955	8,738,000	5,707,000
Total	92	142,324	\$66,857,000	\$32,739,000

In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Within Northeastern Area States

State	Cases	Acres	Value	Federal Payment
Connecticut	9	6,271	\$ 6,666,000	\$ 5,244,000
Delaware	1	5,600	6,700,000	1,994,000
Illinois	5	316	1,904,000	1,267,000
Indiana	9	9,150	23,118,000	7,538,000
Iowa	5	2,272	1,772,000	1,195,000
Maine	4	352,484	38,540,000	22,764,000
Maryland	6	781	1,525,000	1,523,000
Massachusetts	7	2,207	4,759,000	2,905,000
Minnesota	23	1,920	4,963,000	2,887,000
New Hampshire	2	143,220	33,000,000	12,048,000
New Jersey	3	10,118	23,500,000	9,002,000
New York	4	74,760	18,850,000	5,712,000
Pennsylvania	1	250	500,000	500,000
Rhode Island	6	1,161	3,296,000	2,023,000
Vermont	5	34,328	6,220,000	4,903,000
Wisconsin	3	52,287	25,246,000	9,422,000
Total	93	697,125	\$200,559,000	\$90,927,000

Prospective Forest Legacy Acquisition Tracts Identified in Northeastern Area States

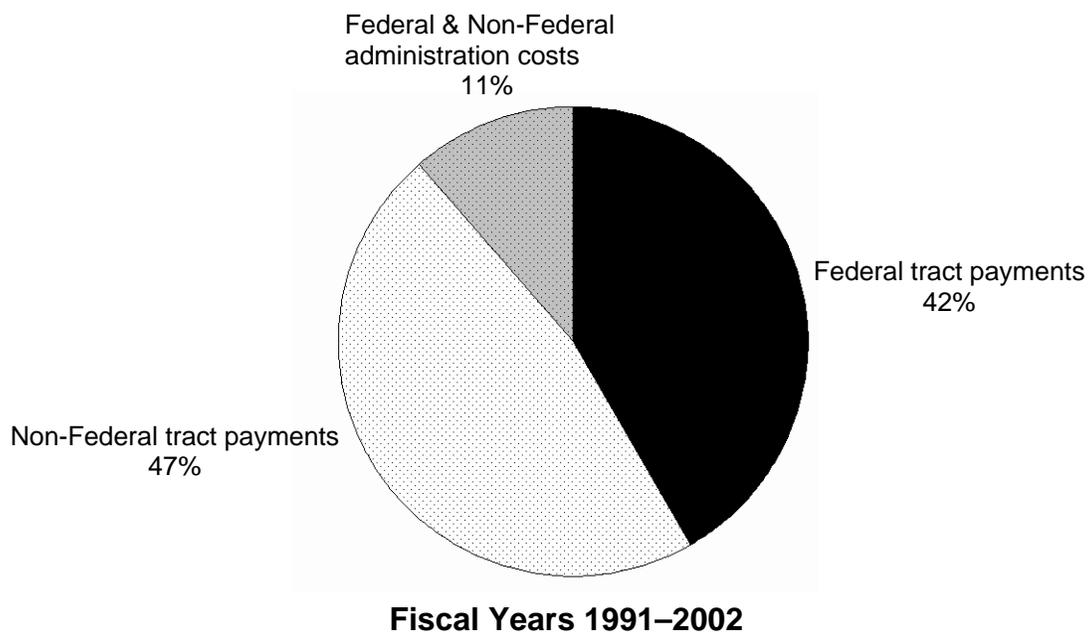
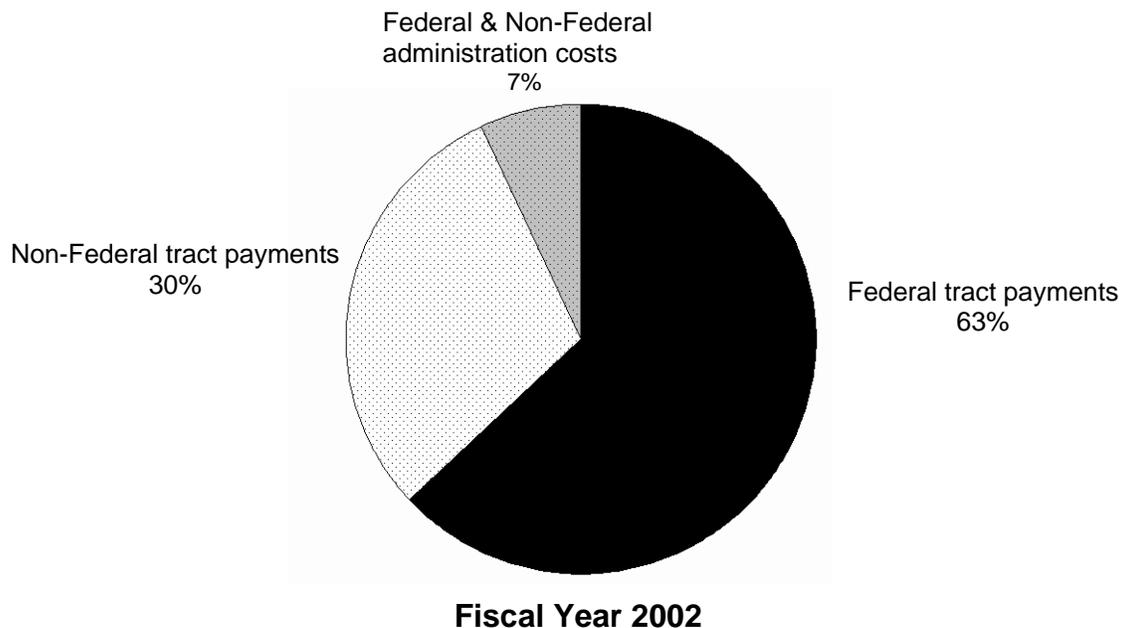
State	Cases	Acres	Approximate Total Value	Requested Federal FLP Payment
Connecticut	3	672	\$ 2,050,000	\$ 2,050,000
Delaware**	1	**	**	3,000,000
Illinois	1	75	1,640,000	1,230,000
Indiana**	10	1,630	3,243,000	11,514,000
Iowa	14	1,836	1,958,000	1,467,000
Maine	6	636,820	76,800,000	20,750,000
Maryland	4	1,767	4,280,000	3,280,000
Massachusetts	5	2,040	8,634,000	2,718,000
Minnesota	9	1,273	7,691,000	3,713,000
New Hampshire	4	18,645	6,881,000	6,750,000
New Jersey	12	9,503	40,386,000	26,286,000
New York	3	118,835	17,500,000	9,500,000
Pennsylvania	11	7,615	7,945,000	7,945,000
Rhode Island	2	253	560,000	325,000
Vermont	13	13,178	7,080,000	7,080,000
Wisconsin	5	60,278	31,077,000	14,598,000
Total	103	874,420	\$217,725,000	\$122,206,000

** Acres and total value figures do not include projects partially funded in previous years.

Northeastern Area Forest Legacy Program Costs by Federal and Non-Federal Entities

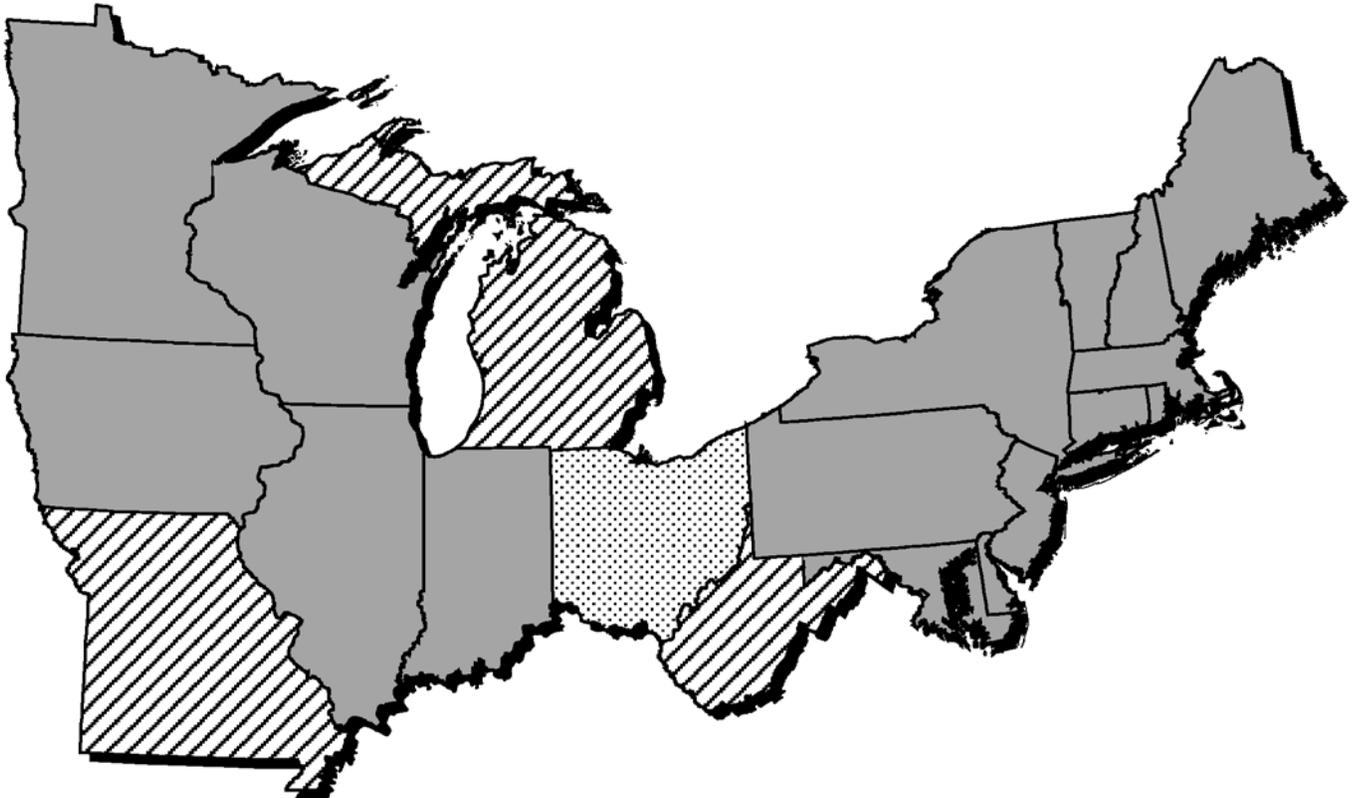
To the extent practicable, the Federal share of the total program costs shall not exceed 75 percent, including any in-kind contribution. (16 U.S.C. 2103c Forest Legacy Program)

As a goal, a maximum of 15 percent of Forest Legacy Program funds will be used for program administration. (Forest Legacy Program Guidelines)



Forest Legacy Program Activity

Forest Legacy Program activity is steadily increasing in the 20 States served by the Northeastern Area. Sixteen States are currently active in the program, three others are completing an Assessment of Need, and one has expressed an interest in enrolling.



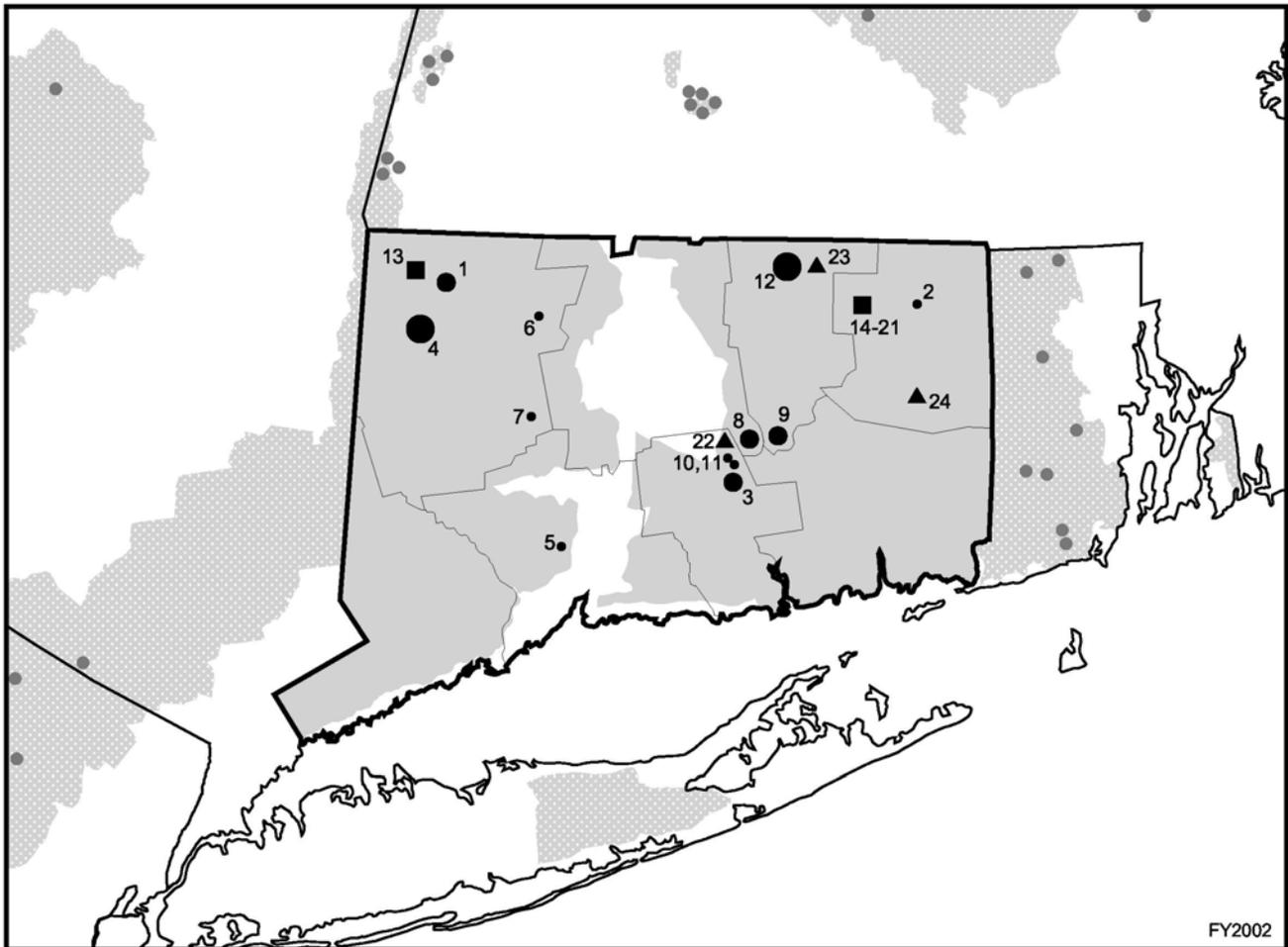
Assessment of Need Status* September 30, 2002

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-  In progress
-  Interested



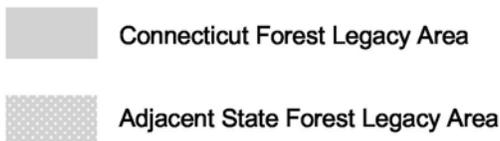
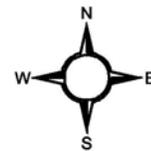
* A completed Assessment of Need is required before a State becomes an active participant in the program.

Connecticut Forest Legacy Program



State 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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <100 acres
- Completed 100-200 acres
- Completed >200 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

Connecticut Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2002

No.	Name	Location	Acres	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
Completed Projects Total:			1,261	\$ 2,271,000	\$ 390,000

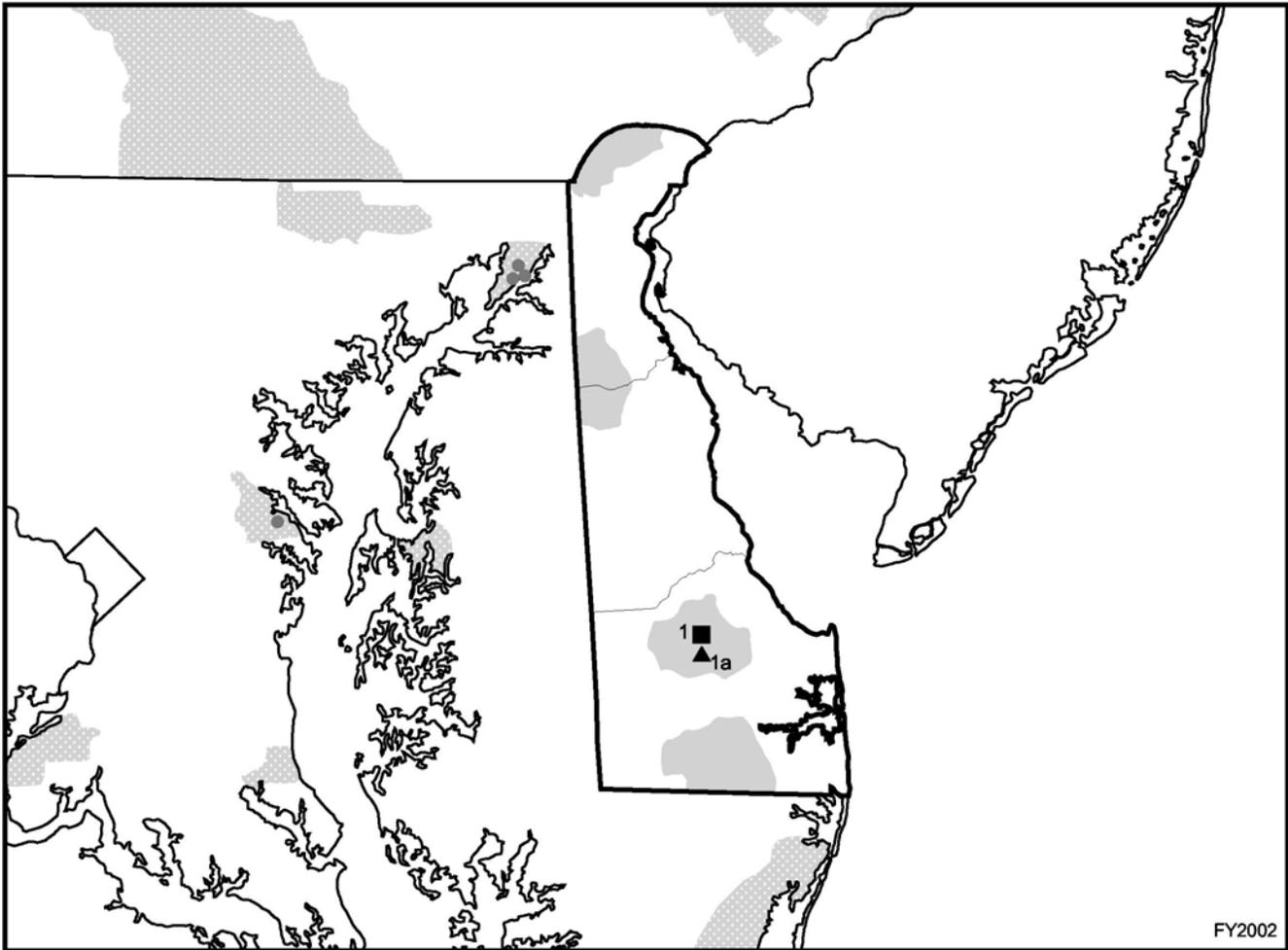
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
13	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.					
14-21	Stonehouse Brook Watershed #1-8	Windham County	706	1,101,000	1,093,000
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.					
In Progress Projects Total:			6,271	\$6,666,000	\$5,244,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

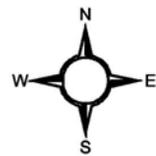
No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
22	Peaceful Hill	Middlesex County	40	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
A working farm and forest, the tract contains habitat for the endangered timber rattlesnake and abuts an 8,000-acre State Forest.					
23	Nipmuck	Tolland County	132	350,000	350,000
The property, family-owned since 1914, is managed as a farm and forest. It abuts a State Forest and water company lands.					
24	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.					
Proposed Projects Total:			672	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000

Delaware Forest Legacy Program



State 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 in 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 Tract Status

- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

Delaware Forest Legacy Program

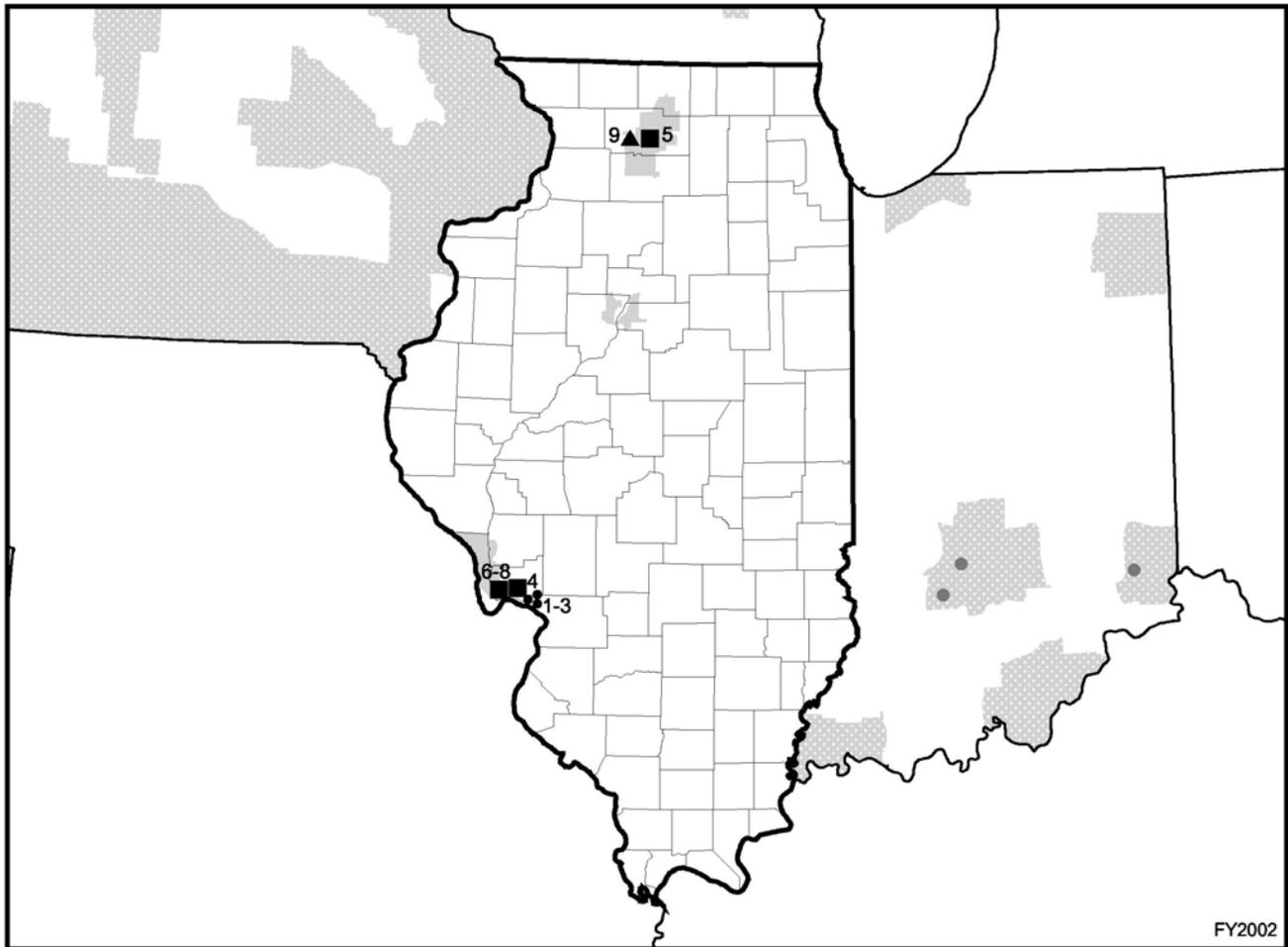
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Green Horizons	Sussex County	5,600	\$ 6,700,000	\$ 1,994,000
Comprised of 35 individual parcels all belonging to the same entity. 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.					
In Progress Projects Total:			5,600	\$6,700,000	\$1,994,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

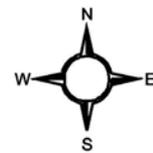
No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
1a	Green Horizons	Sussex County	See # 1	See # 1	\$ 3,000,000
Additional funding is needed for this project to be completed (see #1).					
Proposed Projects Total:					\$3,000,000

Illinois Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <100 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

Illinois Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2002

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

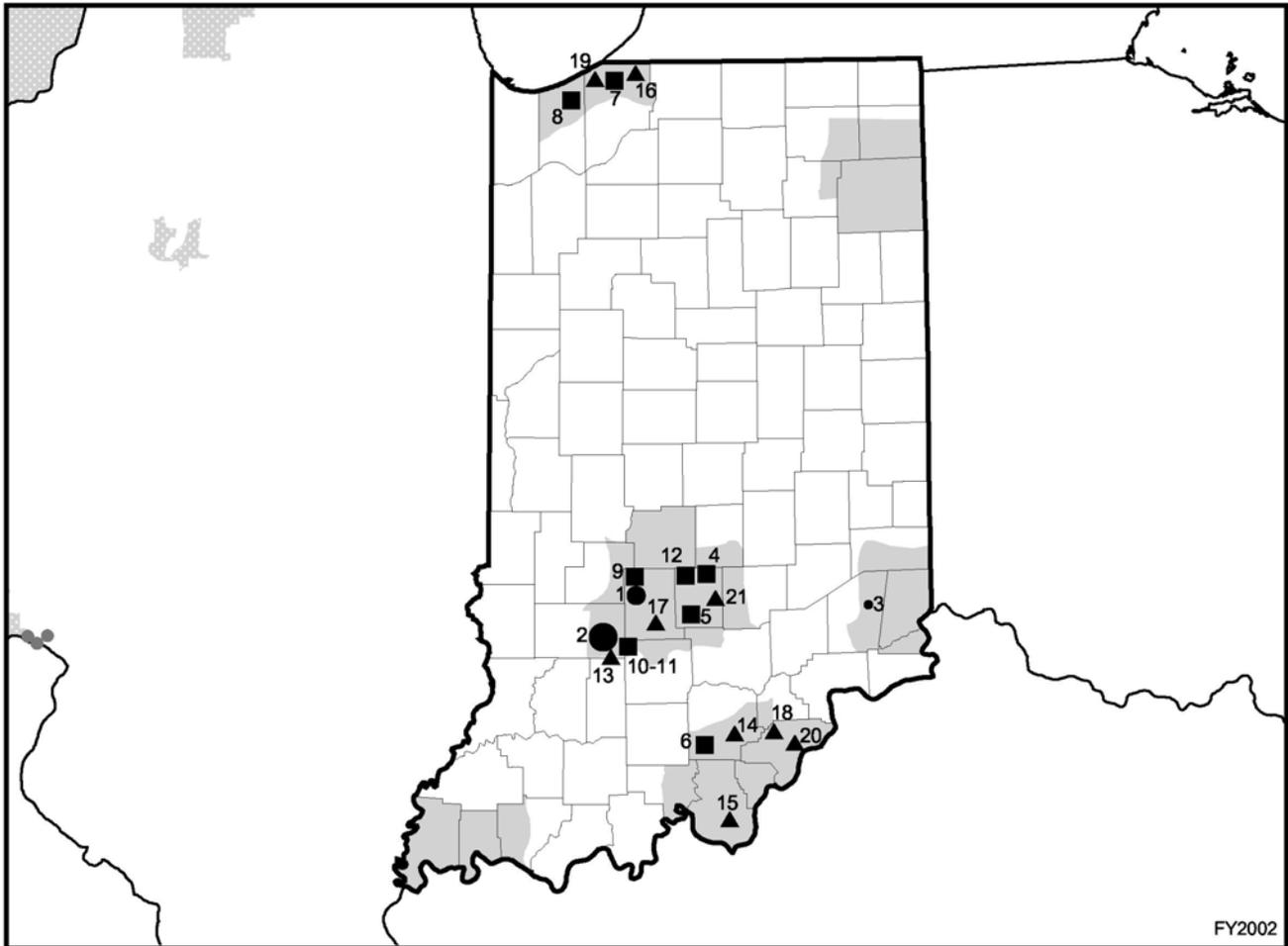
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	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	575,000	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.					
8	Coon Creek Woods	Jersey County	63	127,000	94,000
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.					
In Progress Projects Total:			316	\$1,904,000	\$1,267,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

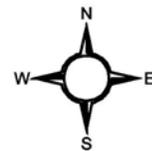
No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
9	Byron Rock River	Ogle County	75	\$ 1,640,000	\$ 1,230,000
This tract is the pivotal piece of property in an initiative that could protect 1,000 acres of contiguous forest land on the west side of the Rock River between Byron and Rockford. Land to the south and west of this property has been converted to housing and recreational development.					
Proposed Projects Total:			75	\$1,640,000	\$1,230,000

Indiana Forest Legacy Program



State 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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <200 acres
- Completed 200-500 acres
- Completed >500 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

Indiana Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2002

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Little Richland Creek	Monroe County	299	\$ 110,000	\$ 83,000
2	Indian Creek #1	Greene County	820	470,000	328,000
3	Corning Woods	Ripley County	142	125,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			1,261	\$705,000	\$411,000

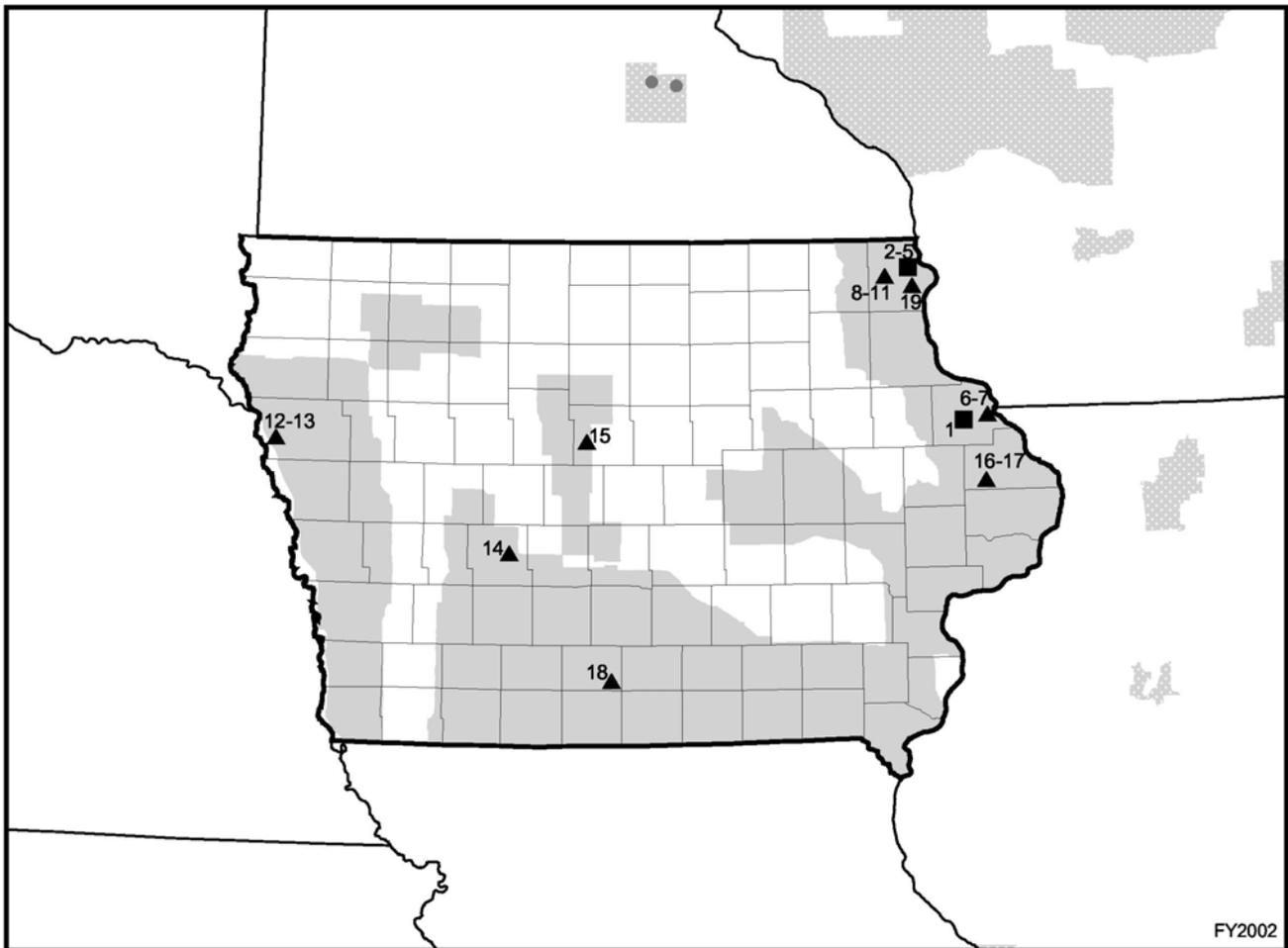
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
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	1,403	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	105	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	120	200,000	100,000
This actively managed forest adjoins a prime wetland protected by The Nature Conservancy.					
8	River's Edge	Porter County	77	347,000	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.					
10-11	Indian Creek #2 & #3	Lawrence and Greene Counties	1,255	1,500,000	1,100,000
This large parcel, consisting of two tracts, adjoins the Indian Creek #1 tract.					
12	Shawnee Hills	Brown County	5,330	14,650,000	1,590,000
A very unique opportunity on one of Indiana's largest forest holdings. Parcel has been actively managed.					
In Progress Projects Total:			9,150	\$23,118,000	\$7,538,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

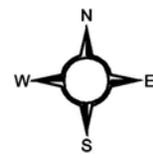
No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
12a	Shawnee Hills	Brown County	See #12	See #12	\$ 9,380,000
Additional funding is needed for this very unique opportunity on one of Indiana's largest forest holdings.					
13	Indian Creek #4	Greene County	255	\$ 310,000	250,000
This project consists of two tracts adjoining the completed Indian Creek #1 tract.					
14	Koetter Caves	Washington County	310	310,000	233,000
This rural parcel of well-managed forest contains several ecological communities, including noteworthy karst communities.					
15	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.					
16	Rattlesnake Creek #2	LaPorte County	50	75,000	75,000
A 50-acre project adjoining the Rattlesnake Creek project. Site is a mix of hardwood forests and natural wetlands.					
17	Ramp Creek	Monroe County	170	540,000	360,000
Highly developable tract on the outskirts of Bloomington. Extensive frontage on Ramp Creek.					
18	Poplar Branch	Clark County	56	75,000	56,000
A mixed hardwood forest of 55-acres adjoining public lands and the south fork of Poplar Branch Creek.					
19	Oasis Forest	LaPorte County	60	360,000	270,000
Most forest in this area has disappeared, making this wetland and upland tract almost an island.					
20	Charlestown	Clark County	300	600,000	450,000
Combination of pine and hardwood forest in the headwaters of Silver Creek. Site contains a picturesque 14-acre lake.					
21	Fox Hollow	Brown County	200	400,000	10,000
In a heavily forested but developing area along a State highway between Columbus and Nashville.					
Proposed Projects Total:			1,630	\$3,243,000	\$11,514,000

Iowa Forest Legacy Program



State 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 and 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 Tract Status

- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

Iowa Forest Legacy Program

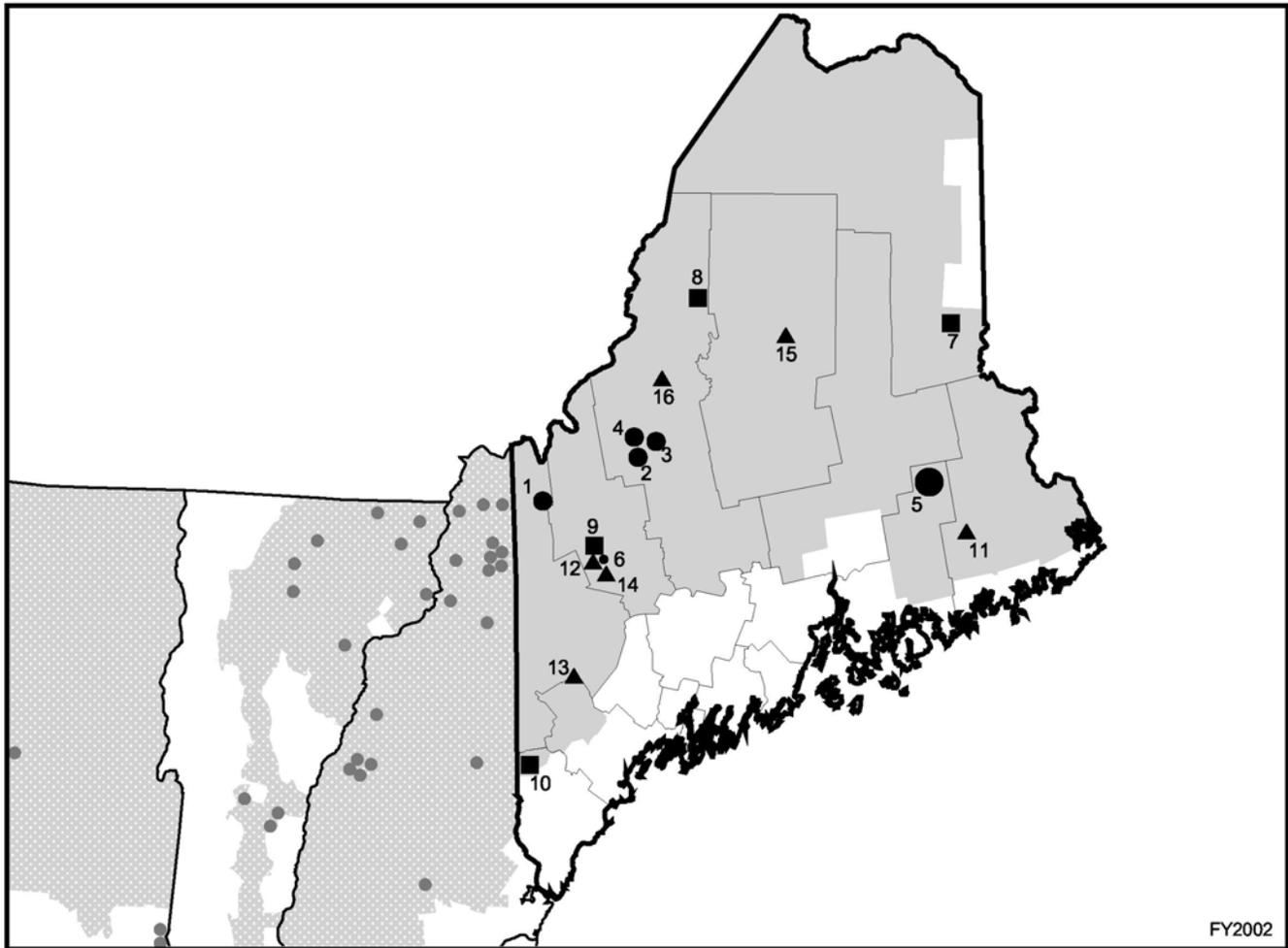
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Swiss Valley	Dubuque County	1,065	\$ 586,000	\$ 500,000
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.					
2-5	Yellow River Phase 1	Allamakee County	1,207	1,186,000	695,000
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.					
In Progress Projects Total:			2,272	\$1,772,000	\$1,195,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
6-7	Canyons #1 & 2	Jones and Dubuque Counties	322	\$ 387,000	\$ 290,000
Two separate tracts with limestone bluffs and caves that contain critical bat habitat. Canyon and cave formations are rare in Iowa; both tracts would protect these rare geological formations while continuing the working forest management.					
8-11	Allamakee #1-4	Allamakee County	684	790,000	593,000
Four separate tracts that are working forests with contiguous forests critical to fish and wildlife habitat (coldwater trout streams), possess scenic viewing points, and protect several archeological, cultural, and geologic resources.					
12-13	Stone State Park #1 & 2	Woodbury County	64	69,000	49,000
These two tracts are outstanding examples of oak savannas that are in need of restoration and also contain several threatened and rare prairie/savanna plants and butterflies. Urban/rural interface issues are encroaching in this area.					
14-15	Boone Raccoon #1 & 2	Hamilton and Guthrie Counties	356	338,000	254,000
Two tracts with oak-hickory forests are key pieces in tying together public/permanently protect lands to maintain contiguous forest cover and wildlife habitat. Both tracts are critical to maintaining water quality protection efforts					
16-17	Maquoketa Caves #1 & 2	Jackson County	265	239,000	179,000
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.					
18	Stephens Forest	Clarke County	60	43,000	33,000
Located 2 miles from Stephens State Forest in Clarke County. The oak-hickory timber located on the property is high quality turkey habitat.					
19	Yellow River Phase 2	Allamakee County	85	92,000	69,000
Property contains central hardwood forest within the watersheds of Yellow River State Forest, Effigy Mounds National Monument, and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge.					
Proposed Projects Total:			1,836	\$1,958,000	\$1,467,000

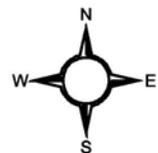
Maine Forest Legacy Program



FY2002

State Program Goals

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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <1,000 acres
- Completed 1,000-10,000 acres
- Completed >10,000 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

Maine Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2002

No.	Name	Location	Acres	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	Wilderness Watershed	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
6	Mt. Blue Tumbledown Phase1	Franklin County	797	279,000	148,000
Completed Projects Total:			32,195	\$7,572,000	\$5,941,000

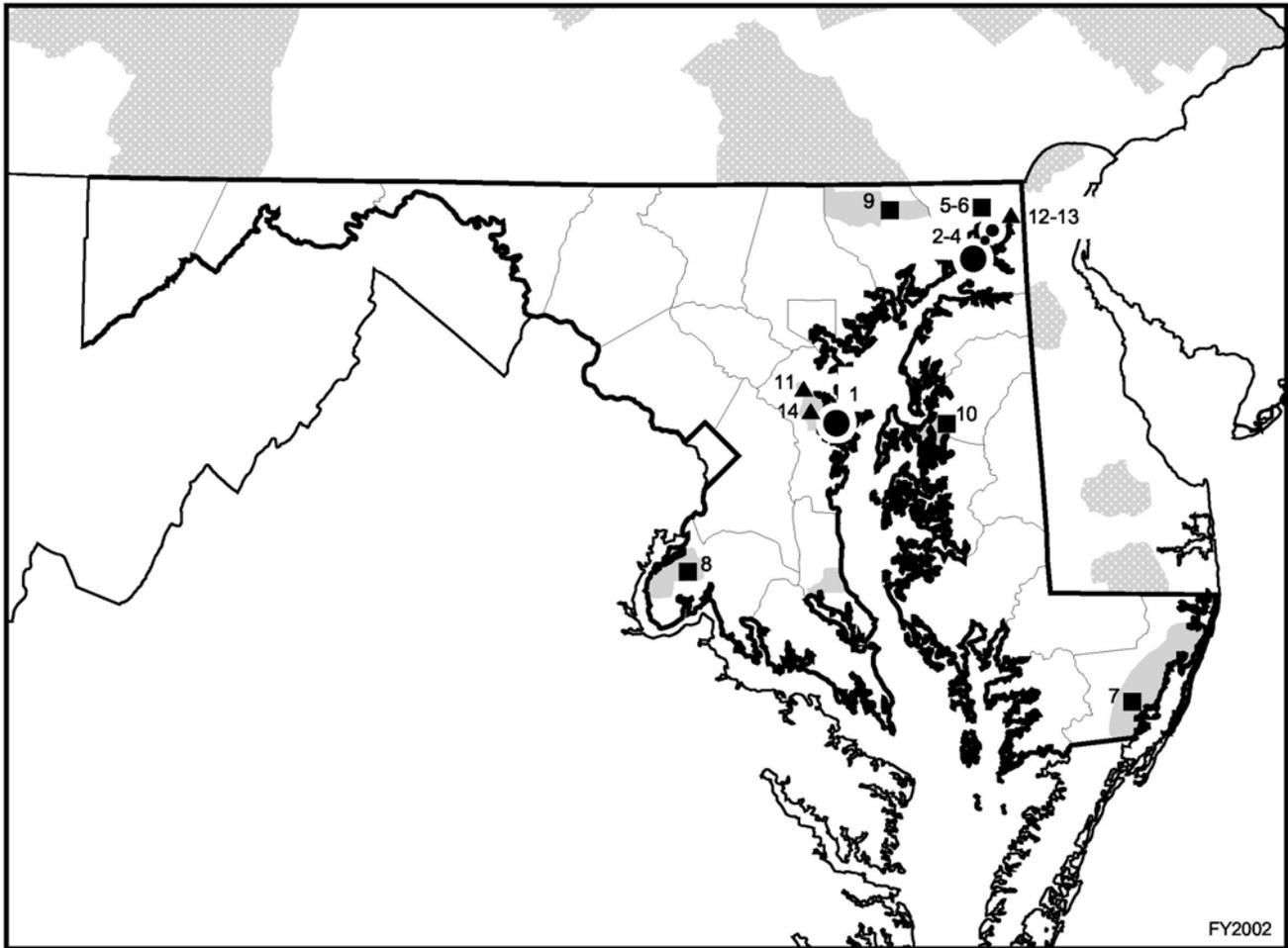
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
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	Somerset County	329,000	32,000,000	19,657,000
This property is a large contiguous block of forest that encompasses the headwaters of both the St. John and Penobscot Rivers.					
9	Mt. Blue Tumbledown Phase 1 & 2	Franklin County	11,611	3,300,000	2,141,000
This tract is in a region of low but spectacular peaks, popular hiking trails, small alpine ponds, and beautiful Webb Lake.					
10	Leavitt Plantation	York County	8,600	2,750,000	596,000
Property is the largest contiguous ownership of managed forest in southern Maine.					
In Progress Projects Total:			352,484	\$38,540,000	\$22,764,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

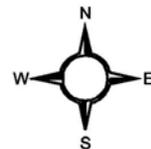
No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
11	Machias River	Washington County	12,800	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
Would protect lands along the Machias River. Includes over 50% of priority Atlantic salmon habitat.					
12	Mt. Blue Tumbledown Phase 3	Franklin County	7,711	4,000,000	3,000,000
Additional forest land around the Mt. Blue project area that would add to the overall goal of over 30,000 protected acres in the area.					
13	Sebago Lands	Cumberland County	6,309	1,800,000	500,000
This project will protect some of the largest remaining open spaces in southern Maine through the purchase of conservation easements. The goals of the project are to provide open space, guarantee public access, protect important wildlife and plant habitat, and maintain forest productivity.					
14	Bald Mountain	Franklin County	10,000	4,000,000	2,250,000
The Bald Mountain project area includes several properties located south of the Mt. Blue/Tumbledown project area. Although separate from the Mt. Blue/Tumbledown project area, this effort would link the two project areas and provide additional protection of the unique natural resources in the region.					
15	Katahdin Forest	Piscataquis & Penobscot Counties	200,000	17,000,000	8,000,000
Will protect 200,000 acres of sustainably managed private forest land connecting several State-owned lands west and south of Baxter State Park.					
16	Boundary Mountains to Namakanta Phase 1	Somerset, Piscataquis, and Franklin Counties	400,000	45,000,000	5,000,000
A multi-year, multi-phase project to acquire conservation easements over 400,000 acres of forest land in western Maine. These lands contain an incredible array of water resources, and recreational, ecological, and forest values.					
Proposed Projects Total:			636,820	\$76,800,000	\$20,750,000

Maryland Forest Legacy Program



State 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



-  Maryland Forest Legacy Area
-  Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <100 acres
- Completed 100-200 acres
- Completed >200 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed

Maryland Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2002

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

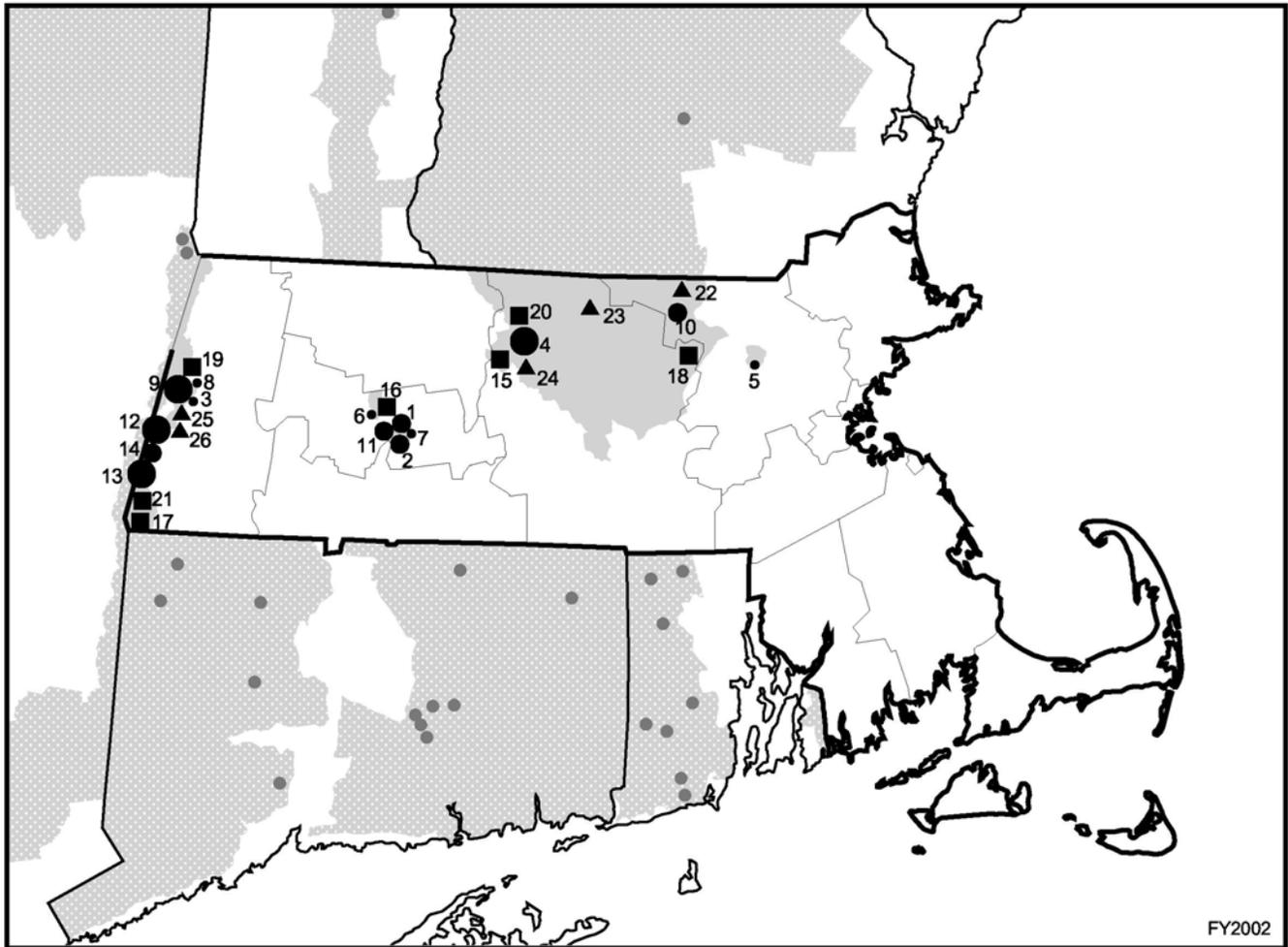
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	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.					
9	Deer Creek	Harford County	73	150,000	149,000
A tributary to one of the few streams in the coastal plain with a naturally reproducing trout population.					
10	Pintail	Queen Anne's County	75	150,000	149,000
This parcel is at the northern end of the largest remaining block of forest land in this portion of the county.					
In Progress Projects Total:			781	\$1,525,000	\$1,523,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
11	Broad Creek	Harford County	1,600	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
There is a stand of potentially old growth eastern hemlock. Several State listed rare, threatened, and endangered species are known to exist on the property.					
12-13	Elk River Project #1 & 2	Cecil County	104	200,000	200,000
Adjacent to Elk Neck State Forest. This is an actively managed woodlot, with the landowner doing most of the work.					
14	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. Short commute to Baltimore and Washington, DC.					
Proposed Projects Total:			1,767	\$4,280,000	\$3,280,000

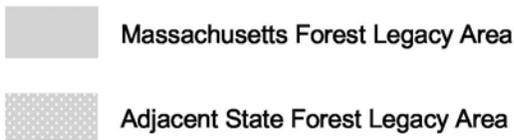
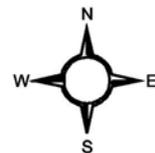
Massachusetts Forest Legacy Program



FY2002

State Program Goals

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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <100 acres
- Completed 100-200 acres
- Completed >200 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

Massachusetts Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2002

No.	Name	Location	Acres	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
11	Hatfield Watershed #2	Hampshire County	133	590,000	442,000
12	Alford Springs	Berkshire County	632	950,000	945,000
13	Williamstown	Berkshire County	205	215,000	0
14	Richmond	Berkshire County	110	110,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			2,468	\$8,879,000	\$5,059,000

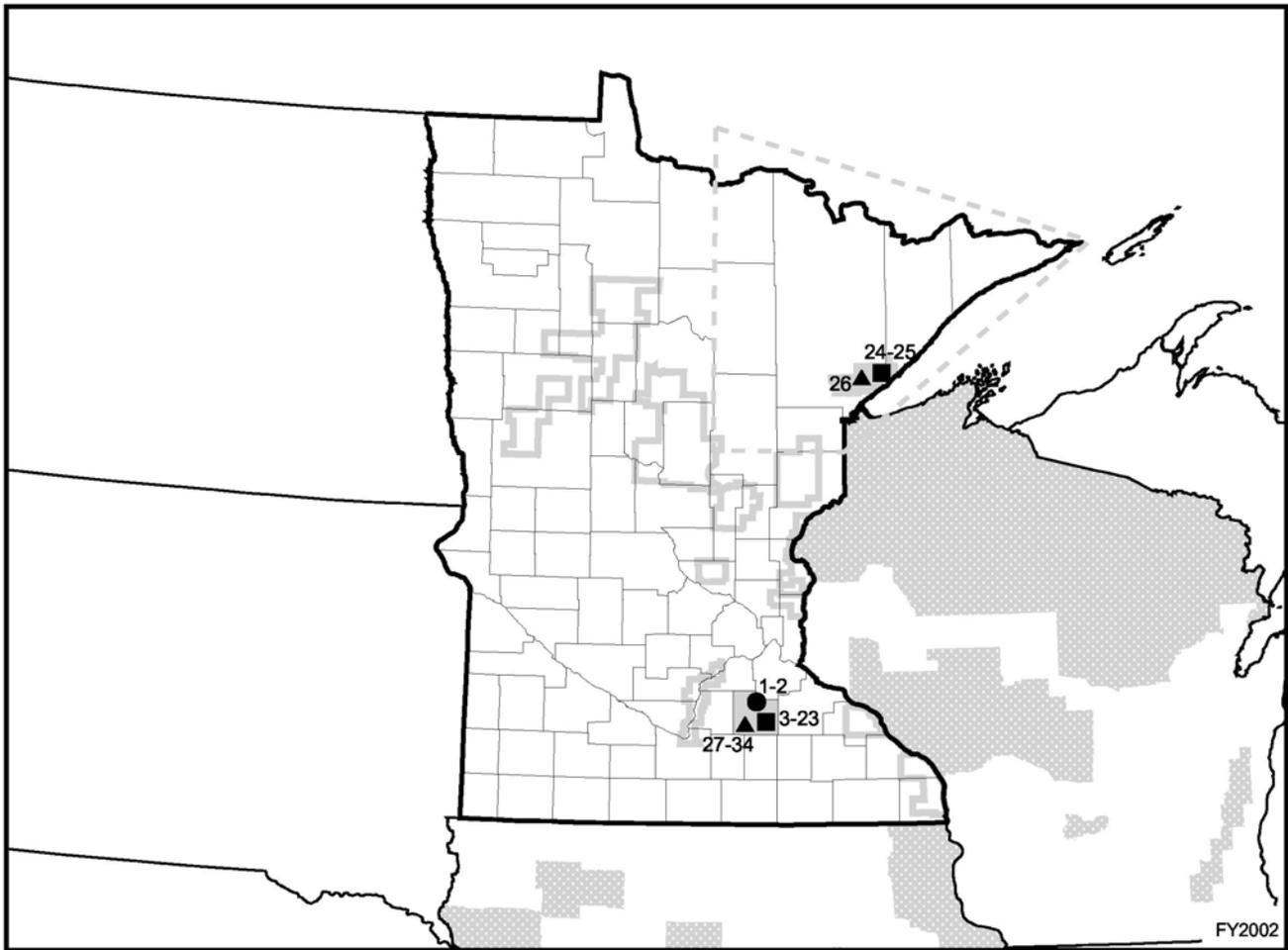
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
15	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.					
16	Hatfield Watershed #1	Hampshire County	66	106,000	34,000
A multi-phase project where the overall goal is to protect the town of Hatfield's municipal water supply watershed and aquifer.					
17	Mt. Washington Hi Rock	Berkshire County	800	1,500,000	997,000
The largest unprotected property in the Berkshire Taconic plateau, this tract provides critical linkage to other protected lands.					
18	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.					
19	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.					
20	Eagleville Pines	Worcester County	300	1,263,000	830,000
Identified as unprotected core habitat, an area that represents the highest priority for biodiversity conservation and protection.					
21	Karner Brook Ridge	Berkshire County	250	975,000	303,000
Provides a connective link of protected Commonwealth lands to federally protected Appalachian Trail land and private lands.					
In Progress Projects Total:			2,207	\$4,759,000	\$2,905,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
22	Belmont Springs	Middlesex County	235	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 1,400,000
This tract is bisected by a hemlock gorge, contributes water to both the town of Pepperell and a private water bottling company.					
23	Bush Hill	Worcester County	445	845,000	227,000
The property will serve as a core for future purchases of land to be protected in Westminister, MA and Rindge, NH.					
24	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.					
25	Mahanna Cobble	Berkshire County	320	3,000,000	500,000
A 320-acre tract surrounding a ski area with extensive views that includes wildlife habitat, watershed, and recreation benefits.					
26	Silo Farm	Berkshire County	71	243,000	182,000
The tract is noted for its spectacular views and working forest land, and has the support of surrounding landowners.					
Proposed Projects Total:			2,040	\$8,634,000	\$2,718,000

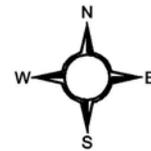
Minnesota Forest Legacy Program



FY2002

State 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



-  Minnesota Forest Legacy Area - Active
-  Minnesota Forest Legacy Area - Candidate
-  Minnesota Large Sites, Possible Forest Legacy Area
-  Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed >100 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed

Minnesota Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2002

No.	Name	Location	Acres	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
Completed Projects Total:			239	\$663,000	\$238,000

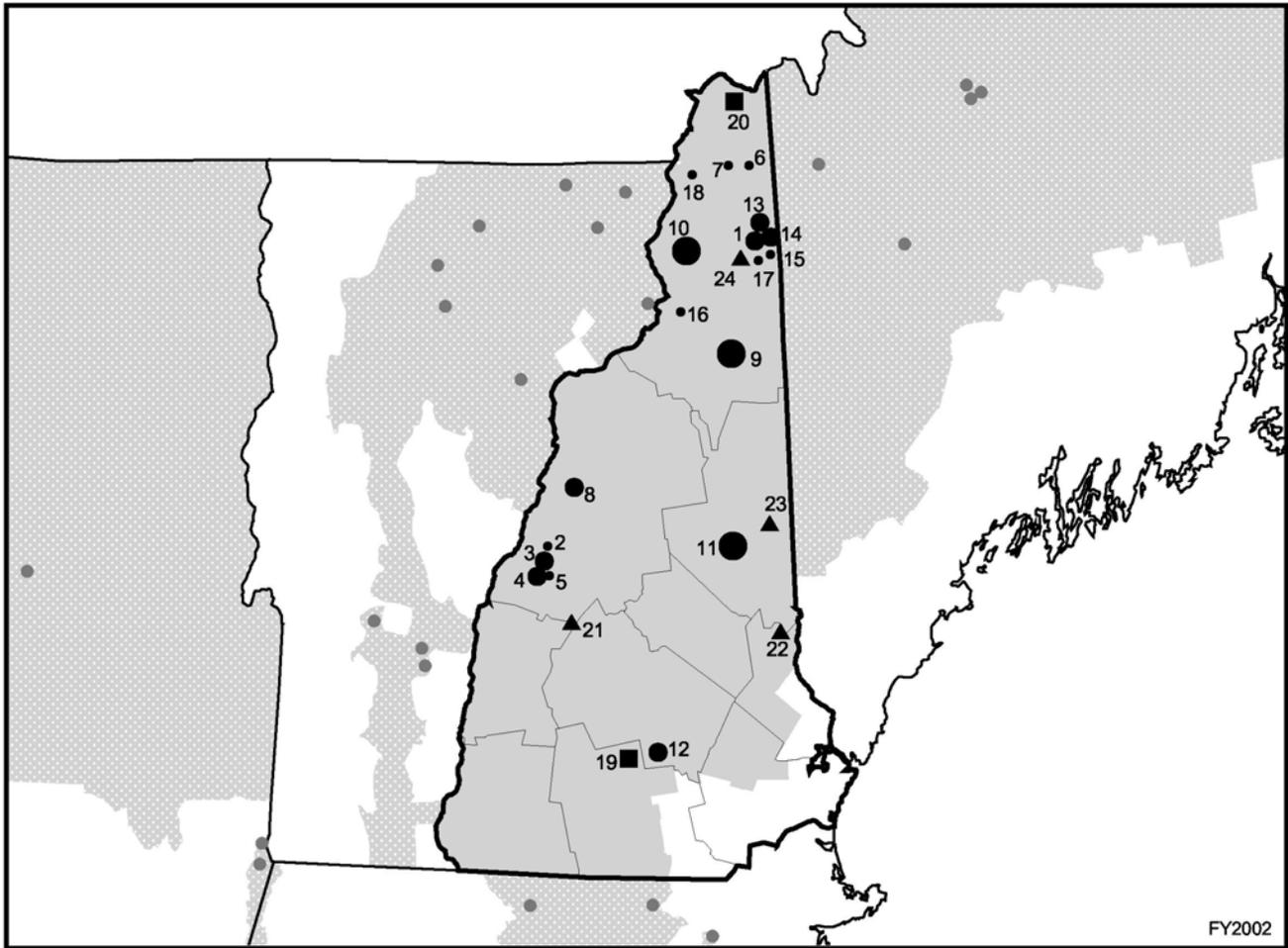
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
3-10	Seven-Mile Woods #1-8	Rice County	397	\$ 943,000	\$ 587,000
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.					
11-13	Cannon River Wilderness #1-3	Rice County	111	288,000	152,000
These tracts adjoin the Cannon River Wilderness Area, a Rice County Park. Protection will help buffer the wilderness area.					
14-20	Nerstrand Woods #2-8	Rice County	376	1,420,000	1,064,000
These tracts near Nerstrand Big Woods State Park help conserve continuity of riparian forest habitat and endangered species.					
21-22	Cannon River Big Woods #1 & 2	Rice County	148	1,048,000	539,000
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.					
23	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.					
24-25	North Duluth #1 & 2	St. Louis County	780	1,080,000	407,000
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.					
In Progress Projects Total:			1,920	\$4,963,000	\$2,887,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

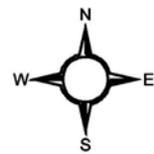
No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
26	North Duluth #3	St. Louis County	710	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 500,000
Project will protect over 2 miles of undeveloped shoreline on the Lester River, an area known for its old growth forests and unique wildlife habitats.					
27-28	Rice County Big Woods #24-25	Rice County	90	858,000	381,000
This project will protect over 1,500 feet of undeveloped shoreline and 90 acres of mature maple/basswood forest, oak forest, and regenerating forest.					
29-34	Rice County Big Woods #26-31	Rice County	473	5,833,000	2,832,000
These six tracts in the Rice County Legacy Area will protect the maple-basswood forest type and build on previous Forest Legacy projects.					
Proposed Projects Total:			1,273	\$7,691,000	\$3,713,000

New Hampshire Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <500 acres
- Completed 500-5,000 acres
- Completed >5,000 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

New Hampshire Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2002

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	13-Mile Woods	Coos County	2,754	\$ 555,000	\$ 555,000
2-5	Smarts Mountain	Grafton County	3,911	879,000	873,000
6	Jahoda	Coos County	344	105,000	105,000
7	Jahoda/Johnson	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	Ossipee Mountains	Carroll County	5,372	1,685,000	1,400,000
12	Kimball Pond	Merrimack County	972	1,085,000	700,000
13	James River	Coos County	3,005	2,000,000	0
14	Oxford Paper	Coos County	602	1,000,000	0
15	Union Water Power	Coos County	24	167,000	0
16	Sullivan	Coos County	122	30,000	0
17	Pingree	Coos County	16	75,000	0
18	Hurlburt Swamp	Coos County	313	30,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			47,769	\$13,776,000	\$7,688,000

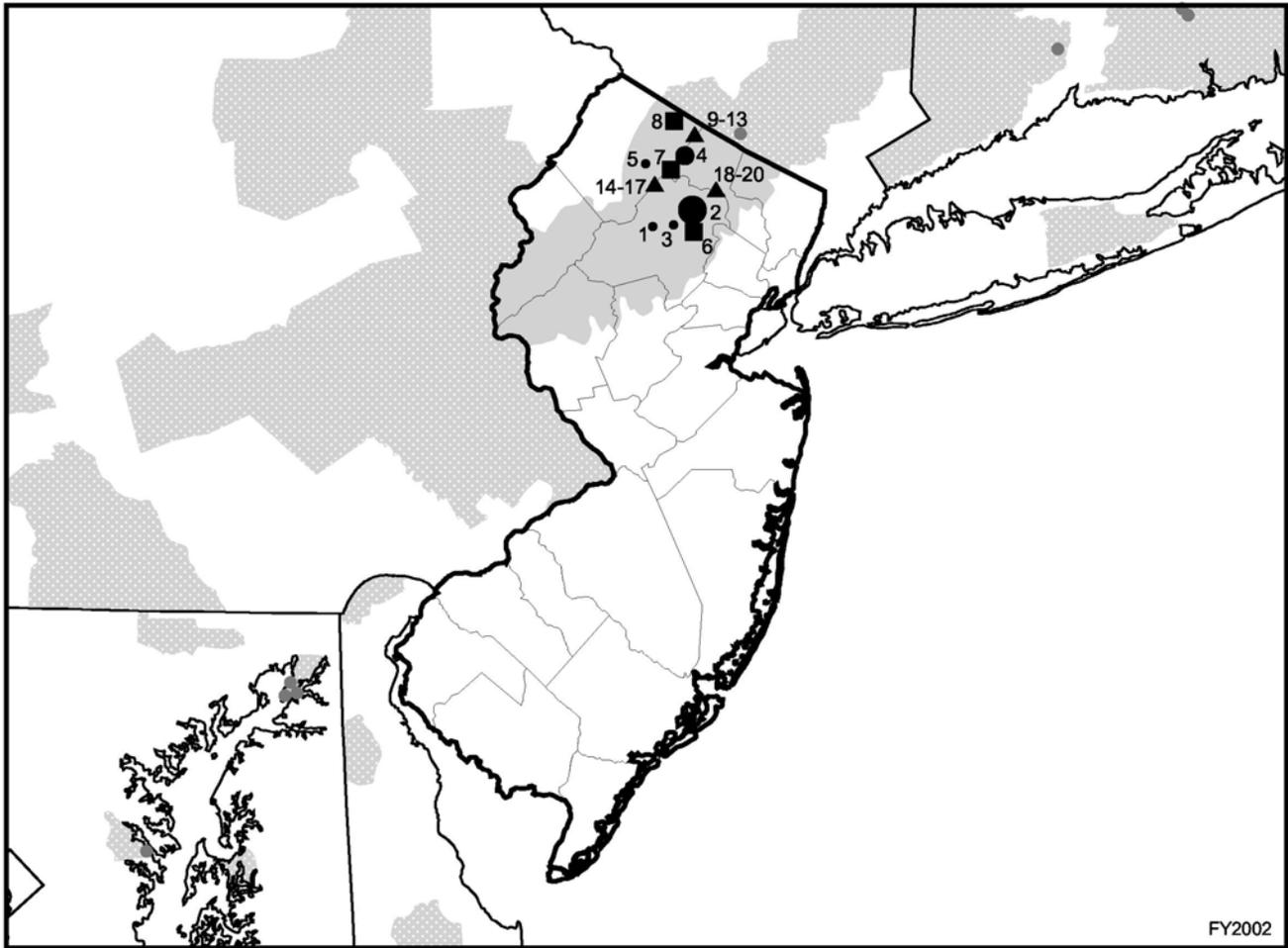
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
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	142,000	32,000,000	11,548,000
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 25,000 acres in fee in a separate part of the project					
In Progress Projects Total:			143,220	\$33,000,000	\$12,048,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

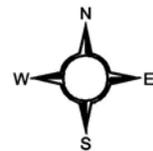
No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
21	Pillsbury-Sunapee Highlands	Grafton, Sullivan, and Merrimack Counties	6,962	\$ 2,531,000	\$ 2,531,000
Located along the highlands area between Mt. Monadnock and the White Mountains, this area has been identified as containing the last unfragmented large blocks of forests south of the White Mountains.					
22	Moose Mountain/Beaver Brook	Strafford and Carroll Counties	4,167	1,150,000	1,019,000
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.					
23	Trout Pond	Carroll County	2,200	1,200,000	1,200,000
Protection of this tract of upland and ecologically sensitive pine barrens would complement nearby public and privately held protected land. It is located in the rapidly developing Ossipee area.					
24	13-Mile Woods II	Coos County	5,316	2,000,000	2,000,000
This 5,000-acre property, adjacent to the completed 13-Mile Woods project in northern New Hampshire, includes 8 miles of river frontage as well as upland forest area and a 45-acre pond. The property offers outstanding opportunities for outdoor recreation, timber management, and fish and wildlife habitat.					
Proposed Projects Total:			18,645	\$6,881,000	\$6,750,000

New Jersey Forest Legacy Program



State 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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <500 acres
- Completed 500-1,000 acres
- Completed >1,000 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

New Jersey Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2002

No.	Name	Location	Acres	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
5	Highlands Greenway	Sussex County	257	859,000	600,000
Completed Projects Total:			2,597	\$14,003,000	\$2,262,000

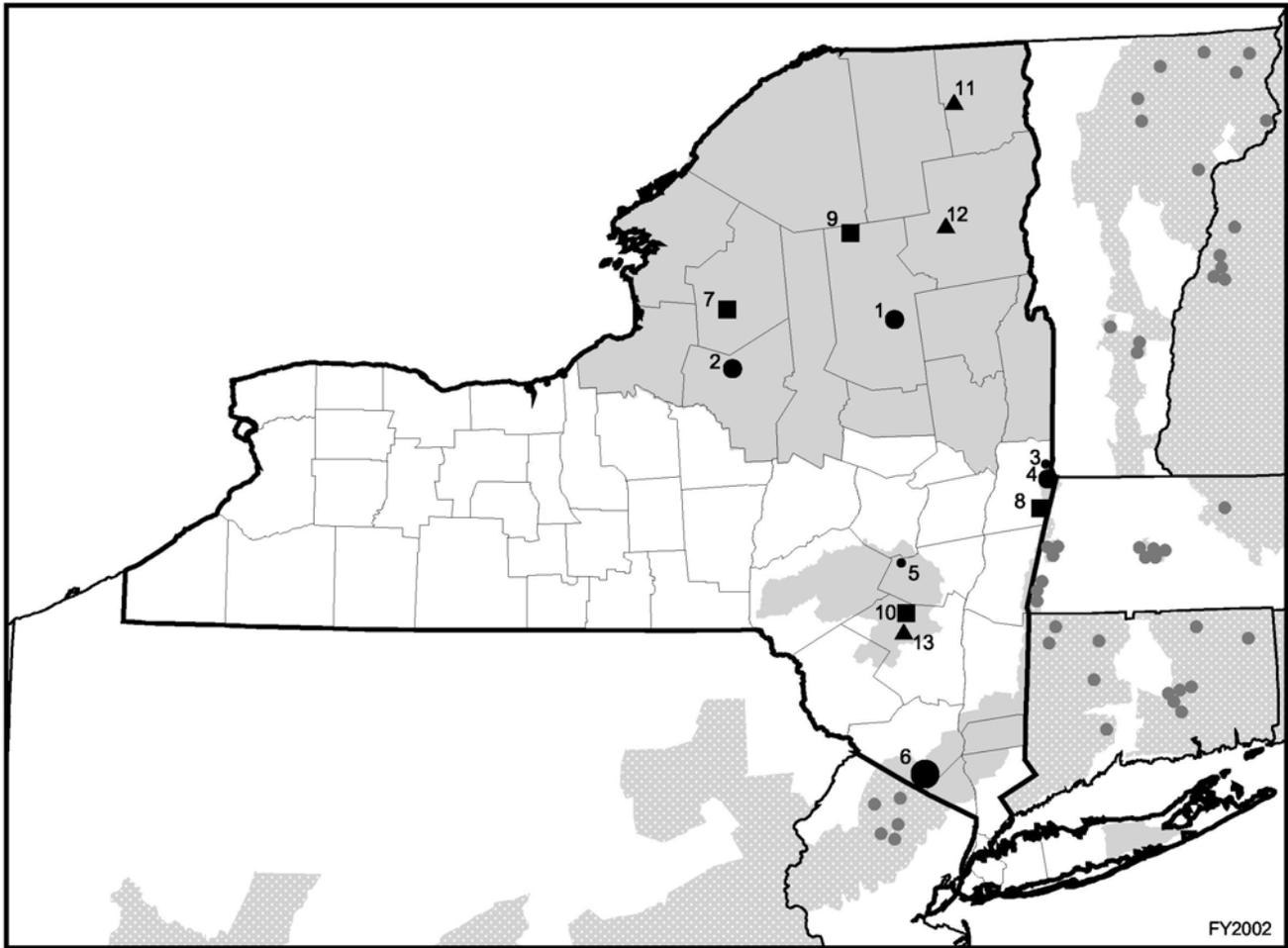
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
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 5	Morris, Passaic, and Sussex Counties	7,700	12,500,000	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.					
8	Lake Gerard	Sussex County	1,893	8,000,000	2,981,000
This property is critical to preservation efforts in the Sparta Mountain Greenway, a Highlands Coalition Critical Treasure Area.					
In Progress Projects Total:			10,118	\$23,500,000	\$9,002,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
9–13	Upper Delaware Project #1–5	Sussex and Hunterdon Counties	1,723	\$ 18,486,000	\$ 13,865,000
The project is comprised of approximately 1,700 acres on five different tracts of contiguous forest land within the Upper Delaware Watershed. The Upper Delaware has received national recognition as a Wild and Scenic River.					
14–17	Passaic Ramapo Project #1–4	Morris, Passaic, and Sussex Counties	7,314	14,450,000	6,563,000
The project is comprised of approximately 7,300 acres of forest land on four tracts of land protecting the Passaic and Ramapo River watersheds. The properties are forested and each is contiguous with land managed by the State or a municipality.					
18–20	Raritan Project #1–3	Hunterdon and Morris Counties	466	7,450,000	5,858,000
The Spruce Run Reservoir, adjacent to the three tracts within the project, is the only reservoir fed directly by stream flow. A large part of the acreage serves as headwaters to the Raritan River.					
Proposed Projects Total:			9,503	\$40,386,000	\$26,286,000

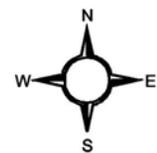
New York Forest Legacy Program



FY2002

State Program Goals

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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <100 acres
- Completed 100-500 acres
- Completed >500 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

New York Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2002

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	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	231,000	131,000
5	Greene Frog	Greene County	70	66,000	66,000
6	Sterling Forest	Orange County	847	4,270,000	2,000,000
Completed Projects Total:			1,555	\$4,773,000	\$2,403,000

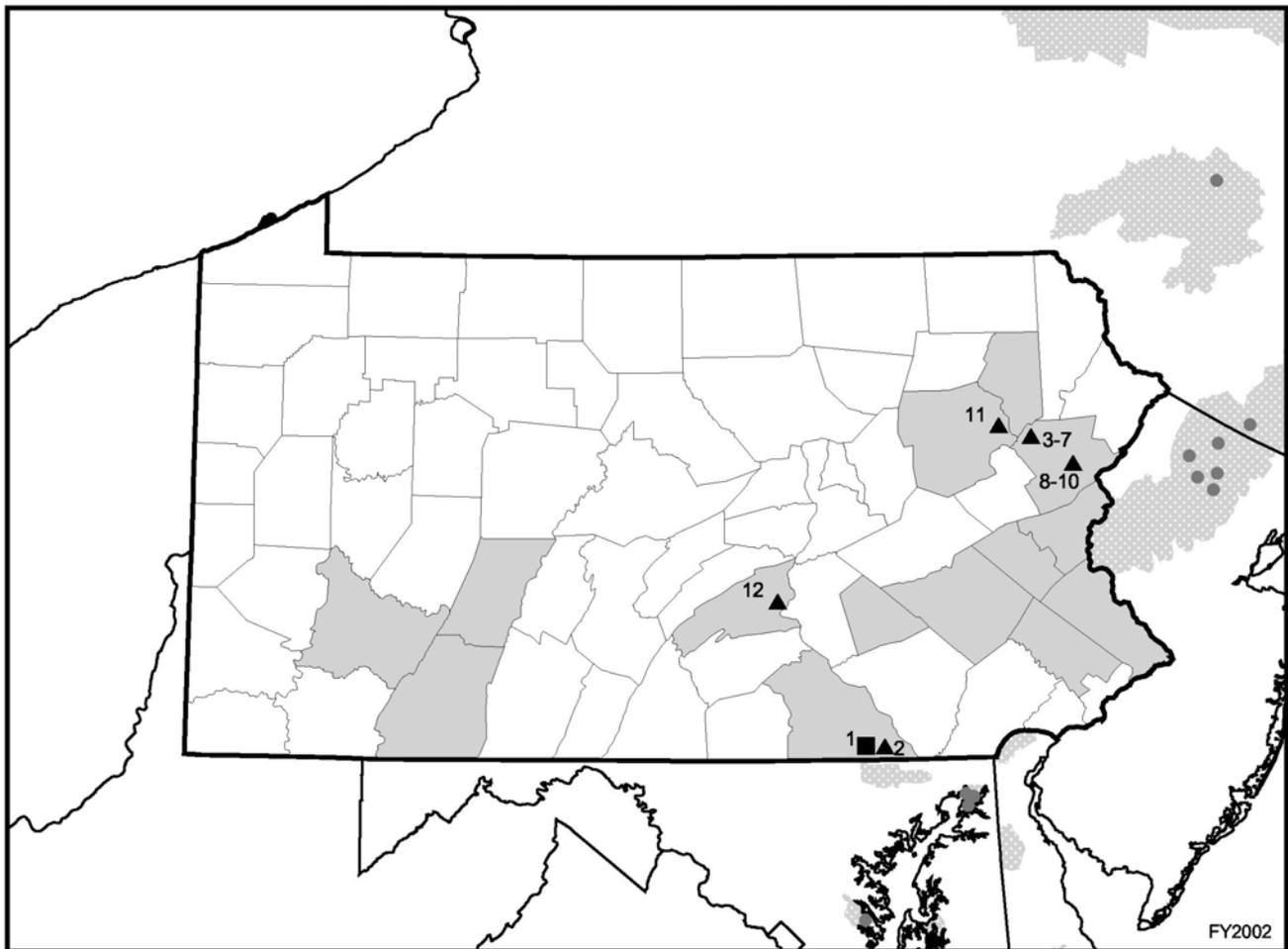
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
7	East Branch Fish Creek	Lewis County	47,300	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 2,362,000
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.					
In Progress Projects Total:			74,760	\$18,850,000	\$5,712,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

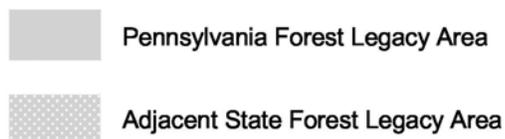
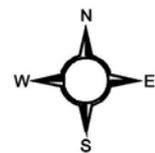
No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
11	Sable Highlands	Franklin and Clinton Counties	107,000	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Currently marketed as 13 separate tracts, acquisition of a conservation easement will ensure protection of a landscape supporting a mosaic of ecosystems where human needs and ecological health are integrated.					
12	Tahawus	Essex County	11,360	7,000,000	3,500,000
Large forested property with several peaks more than 4,000 feet in elevation. It contains seven lakes (Henderson Lake, Lake Sally, Lake Jimmy, Upper Preston Ponds and Lower Preston Ponds).					
13	Ticeteneck Mountain	Ulster County	475	1,500,000	1,000,000
The property involves most of the south facing slopes and portions of the east, west, and north slopes beneath the 2,450 foot summit, and is in the New York City Watershed Legacy Area and the Ashokan Reservoir system.					
Proposed Projects Total:			118,835	\$17,500,000	\$9,500,000

Pennsylvania Forest Legacy Program



State 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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

Pennsylvania Forest Legacy Program

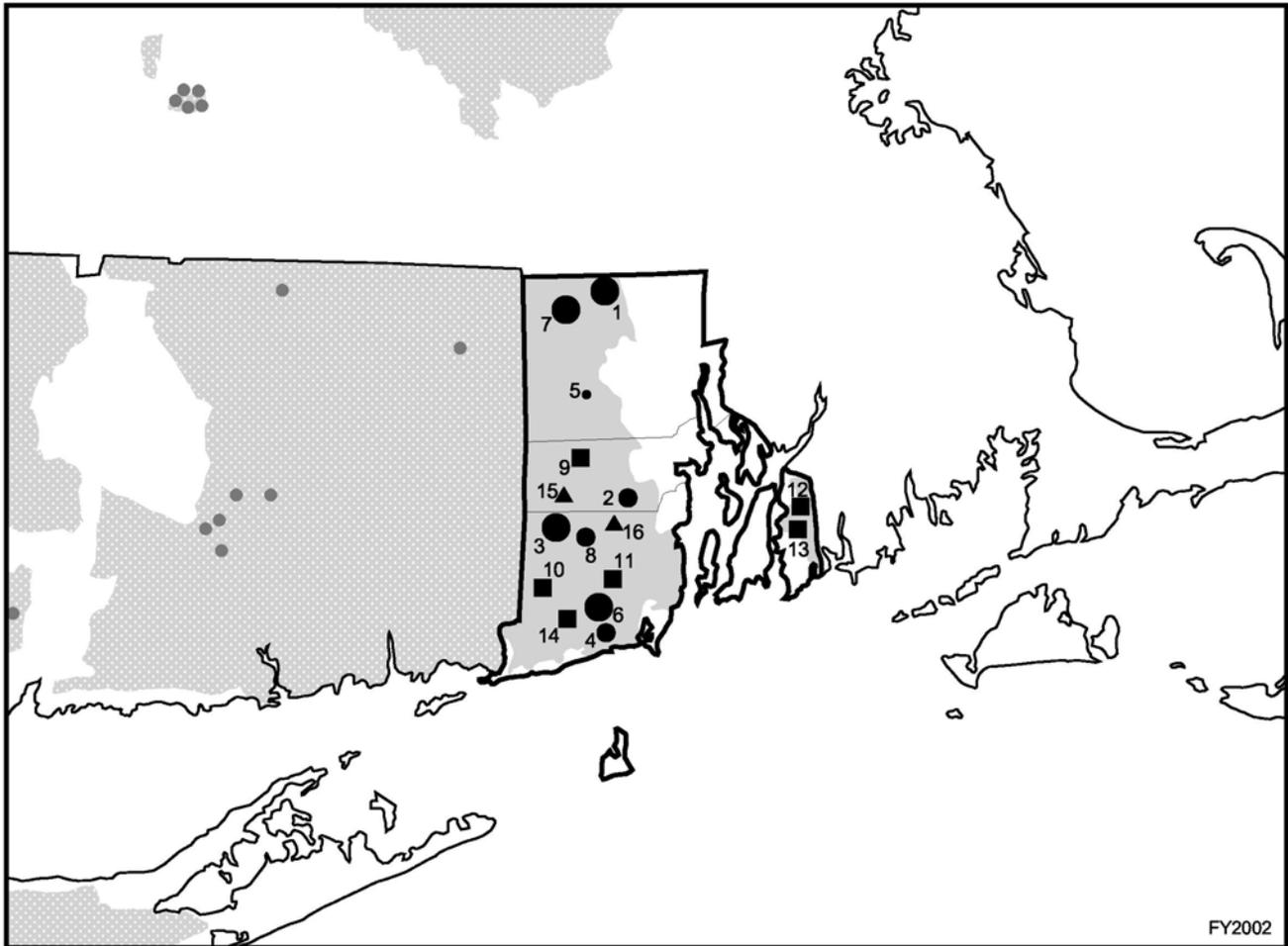
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	River Hills #1	York County	250	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Chesapeake Bay Watershed, exceptional scenic value, scenic overlooks, Mason/Dixon Trail, near State Game Lands, managed for sustainable forest production.					
In Progress Projects Total:			250	\$500,000	\$500,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

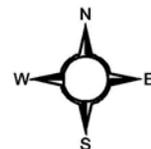
No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
2	River Hills #2	York County	290	\$ 580,000	\$ 580,000
Chesapeake Bay Watershed, exceptional scenic value, scenic overlooks, Mason/Dixon Trail, near State Game Lands, managed for sustainable forest production.					
3-7	Paradise Creek #1-5	Monroe County	1,726	1,726,000	1,726,000
Located in the Pocono region, which is known for its tourism industry. Paradise Creek runs through all involved tracts.					
8-10	Appalachian Haven #1-3	Monroe County	2,401	2,401,000	2,401,000
Located in the Pocono region, which is known for its tourism industry. The Appalachian Trail runs through one of the tracts.					
11	Pocono Retreat	Luzerne County	3,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
3,200 acres surrounded by 20,000 acres of State Forest and State game lands.					
12	Hickory Ridge	Perry County	198	238,000	238,000
In the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.					
Proposed Projects Total:			7,615	\$7,945,000	\$7,945,000

Rhode Island Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <50 acres
- Completed 50-100 acres
- Completed >100 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

Rhode Island Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2002

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Screech Hole Bog	Providence County	132	\$ 53,000	\$ 50,000
2	Queen's River Aquifer	Kent County	80	155,000	155,000
3	Mount Tom Trail	Washington County	145	270,000	270,000
4	Suzannah's Woods	Washington County	75	445,000	445,000
6	Cork Brook	Providence County	45	218,000	218,000
5	DuVal Trail Corridor	Washington County	166	360,000	360,000
7	Willoughby	Providence County	200	575,000	0
8	Pratt Farm	Washington County	72	360,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			915	\$2,436,000	\$1,498,000

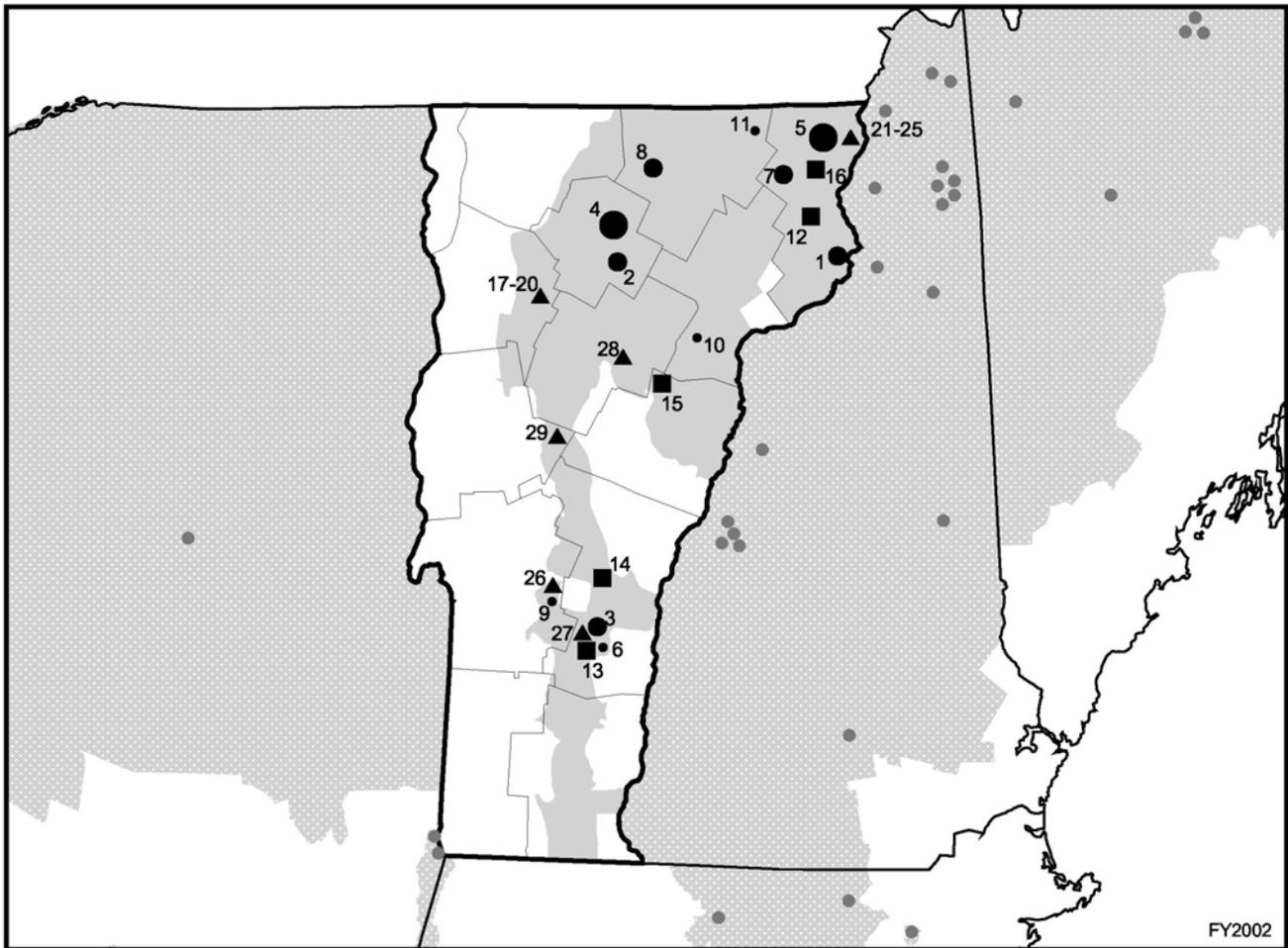
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
9	Coventry Greenway	Kent County	72	\$ 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, and educational opportunities, and protect scenic vistas.					
10	Canonchet	Washington County	471	1,000,000	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.					
11	Barber's Ponds	Washington County	73	800,000	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.					
12-13	Weetamoo Woods #1 & #2	New Port County	500	1,000,000	498,000
Phases 1 and 2 represent 500 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.					
14	DuVal Trail Corridor West	Washington County	45	200,000	199,000
Parcel is a groundwater recharge area for a sole source aquifer and has been managed as a tree farm since the early 1960's.					
In Progress Projects Total:			1,161	\$3,296,000	\$2,023,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
15	Great Grass Pond	Kent County	150	\$ 360,000	\$ 175,000
Parcel is a groundwater recharge area for a sole source aquifer and has been managed as a tree farm since the early 1960's.					
16	Sodom Trail	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.					
Proposed Projects Total:			253	\$560,000	\$325,000

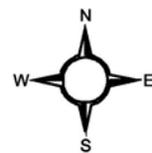
Vermont Forest Legacy Program



FY2002

State 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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <1,000 acres
- Completed 1,000-5,000 acres
- Completed >5,000 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

Vermont Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2002

No.	Name	Location	Acres	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	2,526,000	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
Completed Projects Total:			50,955	\$8,738,000	\$5,707,000

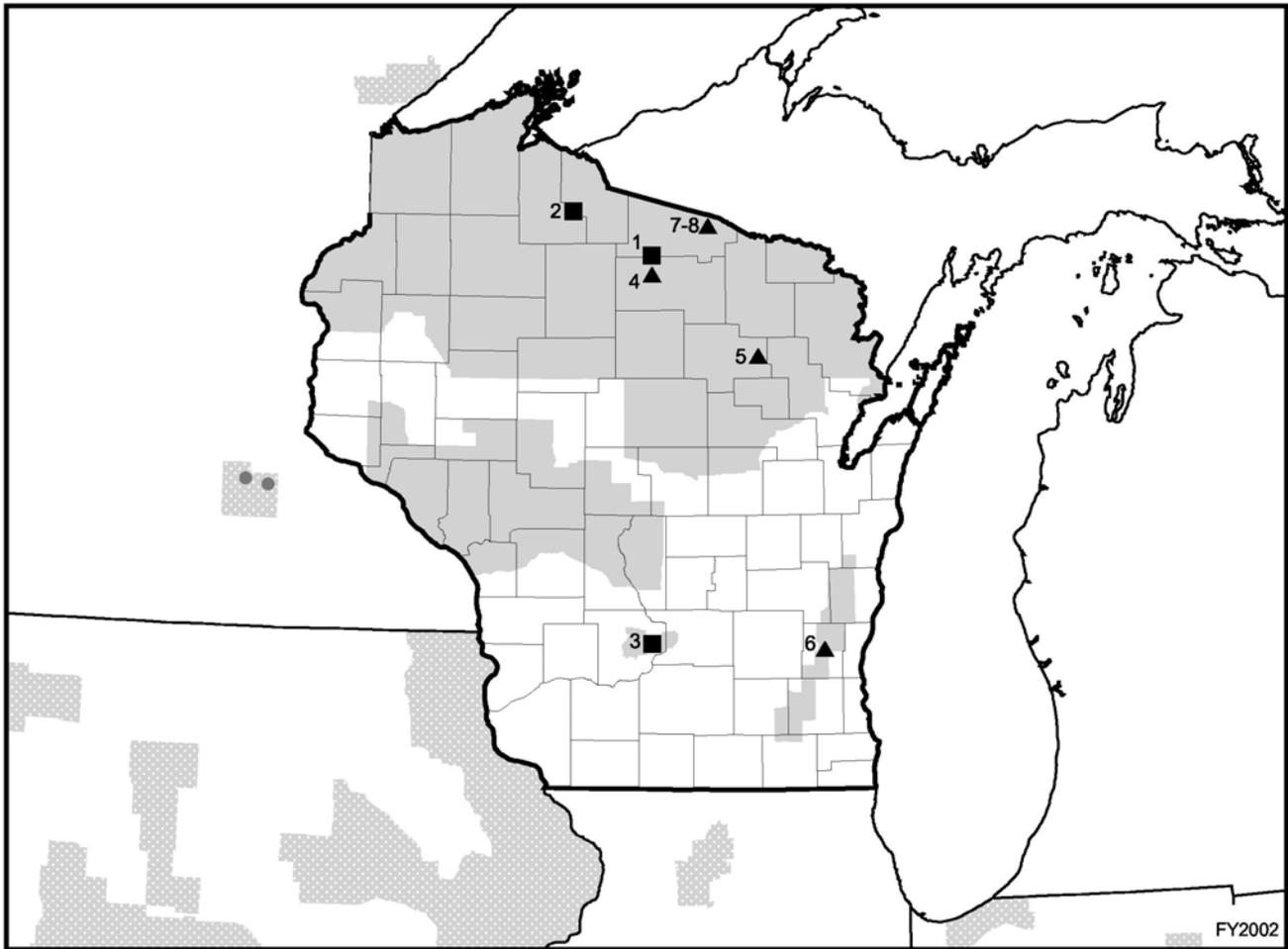
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
12	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	500,000	375,000
This proposed conservation easement is on several forested parcels within a key wildlife corridor adjacent to conserved land.					
14	Chateaugay No Town	Windsor County	1,257	800,000	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.					
16	Bull and Sable Mountains	Essex County	24,405	2,800,000	2,583,000
The parcels in this 24,000+ acre project offer potential for forest management, protection of wildlife habitat, including habitat for several rare species, and outstanding opportunities for public access.					
In Progress Projects Total:			34,328	\$6,220,000	\$4,903,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

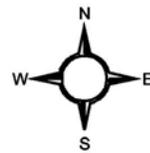
No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
17-20	Chittenden Uplands #1-4	Chittenden County	6,650	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 4,200,000
Project will conserve forest land in Vermont's most populated county. Properties include very productive, rich woodland with a tremendous amount of plant diversity. Forest types range from northern hardwoods to pine stands and oak communities.					
21-25	Monadnock Mountain #1-5	Essex County	4,194	1,500,000	1,500,000
This 4,194-acre project encompasses virtually all of Monadnock Mountain, five in holdings in Victory State Forest and a wildlife management area, and other parcels adjacent to other conserved property.					
26	Mendon Brook	Rutland County	951	200,000	200,000
This project involves the State's purchase of a conservation easement on a 951-acre parcel of land in Shrewsbury and Mendon, Vermont. Of the 951 acres, 901 acres are productive forest land and 50 acres are old fields reverting to woods.					
27	Mt. Holly Wildlife Corridor 2	Windsor County	448	705,000	705,000
This project would protect critical wildlife habitat, provide the continuation of sustainable forest management, preserve undeveloped lakeshore and associated wetlands, and ensure continued public access for traditional recreation uses.					
28	Mallory Brook	Washington County	489	250,000	250,000
The forest land is well managed in accordance with a professional management plan. The resource is especially noteworthy for a 19-acre stand of high quality white pine saw timber. Other values include public recreation, and a mapped deer wintering area.					
29	Green Road North	Addison County	446	225,000	225,000
This project is located adjacent to the Green Mountain National Forest Bristol Cliffs Wilderness Area. Features of the project include productive, well-managed woodland; mapped deer yard; large pond and wetlands; and remains of three old homesteads.					
Proposed Projects Total:			13,178	\$7,080,000	\$7,080,000

Wisconsin Forest Legacy Program



State 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 Tract Status

- Funded
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- Adjacent State Completed Tracts

Wisconsin Forest Legacy Program

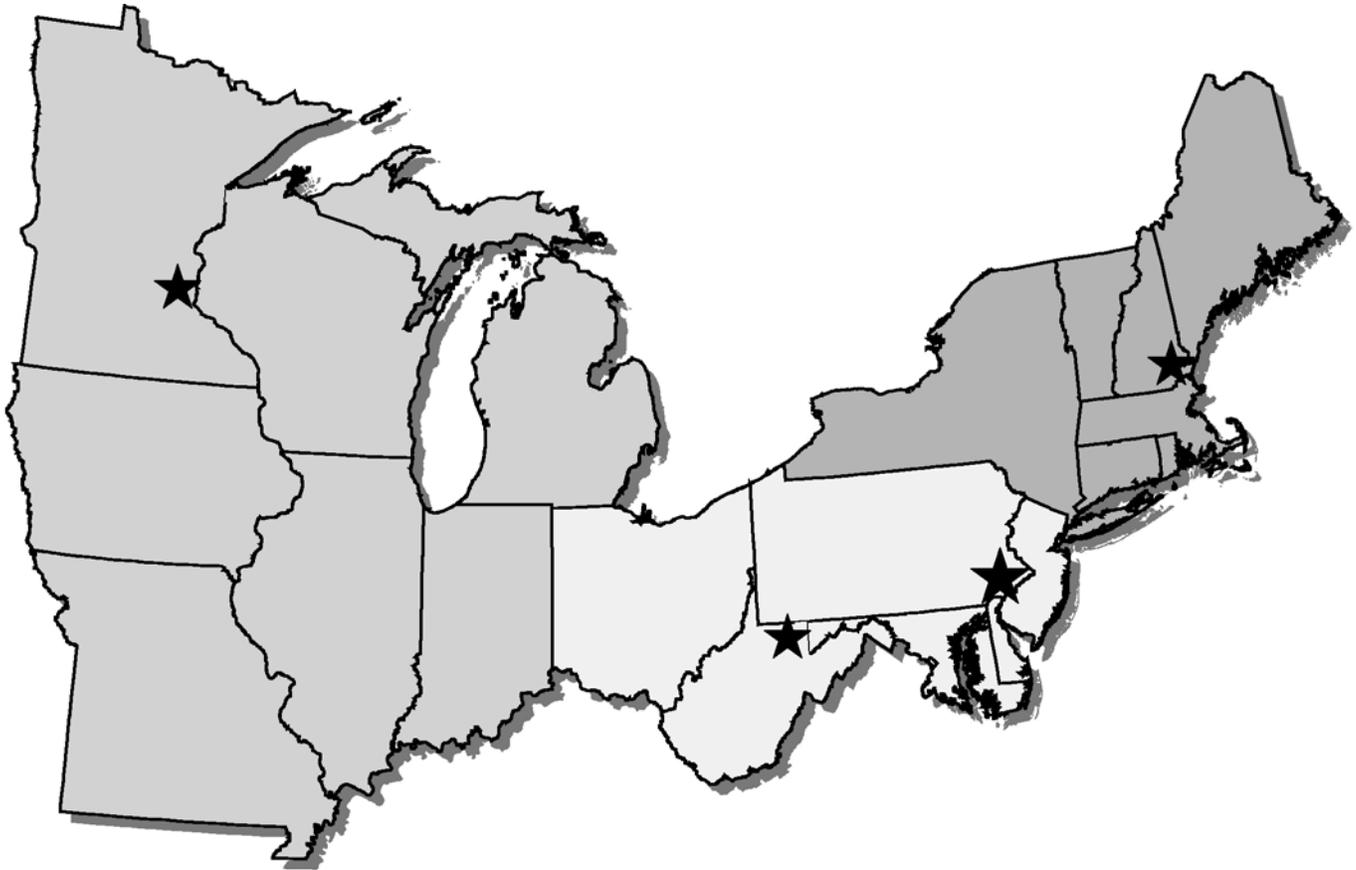
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2003 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Tomahawk Northwoods Phase 1 & 2	Oneida, Marathon, Lincoln, and Iron Counties	35,337	\$ 13,251,000	\$ 5,000,000
<p>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 Cerulean warbler. The property provides quality forest products throughout the region.</p>					
2	Bad River Headwaters	Ashland and Iron Counties	16,000	10,000,000	3,428,000
<p>Located in the headwaters of the Bad River watershed in Ashland and Iron Counties. This Forest Legacy proposal consists of 16,000 acres in a large tract of private industrial land in a nearly contiguous block of northern hardwood forest. Acquiring this land would prevent fragmentation and conversion of the forest to other uses and will allow historic and current sustainable forestry practices and other uses to continue.</p>					
3	Baraboo Hills	Sauk County	950	1,995,000	994,000
<p>Acquisition of easements from a grouping of smaller landowners, combined with a wide variety of other conservation efforts in the area, will help protect the long-term conservation and forest production values of the Baraboo Hills.</p>					
In Progress Projects Total:			52,287	\$25,246,000	\$9,422,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2004 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
4	Tomahawk Northwoods Phase 3	Oneida, Marathon, Lincoln, and Iron Counties	35,000	\$ 14,000,000	\$ 5,250,000
<p>Phase 1 and 2 are funded with FY2001 and FY2002 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.</p>					
5	Wolf River	Langlade County	23,000	9,200,000	4,500,000
<p>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 1-2 hours driving time of large metropolitan areas. Portions of the scenic and recreationally important National Ice Age Trail are located on the tract.</p>					
6	Holy Hills	Washington County	835	7,300,000	4,415,000
<p>Nine targeted properties near the town of Erin and the Holy Hill Region. Holy Hill is on the register of National Historic Places and draws over 30,000 visitors per year. Last vestiges of unbroken forest are found here and are comprised of rich upland forests, extensive wetlands, natural lakes, and a diversity of wildlife.</p>					
7-8	Land O' Lakes #1 & #2	Vilas County	1,443	577,000	433,000
<p>1,443 acres on two tracts in northern hardwood and conifer forests types. Both tracts have significant scenic and riparian buffer values and much undeveloped shoreline on important fish habitat. Contains rare communities, endangered species, and State species of concern. Connects State, Federal, and county forest lands in proximity to a Nature Conservancy preserve.</p>					
Proposed Projects Total:			60,278	\$31,077,000	\$14,598,000

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