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The Forest Legacy Program protects important forested lands by purchasing conservation easements or fee titles from willing landowners whose lands are threatened with conversion to nonforest uses.



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

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Forest Legacy Program Overview

Forest Legacy Program Goal

To identify and protect important forest land that is threatened by conversion to nonforest uses.

Conservation easements are the primary 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 State Grant Option as authorized by the 1996 Farm Bill.
- Where the Federal government does hold the easement, State or local units of government agree 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 privately owned 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.

Executive Summary

The Forest Legacy Program purpose is to protect important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses. This report outlines program activity and results in the 20 States served by the Northeastern Area in Fiscal Year 2004:

- The Forest Legacy Program, implemented by State and local governments, land trusts, landowners, and the USDA Forest Service, is entirely voluntary and operates only in States that have elected to join the program. As of 2004, the 20 States served by the Northeastern Area have elected to join the program.
- Larger areas of conserved land are being assembled tract by tract, like putting together pieces of a puzzle. As a result, many recent project accomplishments in the Forest Legacy Program have occurred over more than 1 year.
- Conservation easements do not protect land; they give us the legal means to protect land and ensure that the conservation values purchased or donated are not eroded. It is people and partnerships that protect land. The purchase of development rights is not the end of the effort.
- The projects completed in 2004 run the extent of protecting the Chincoteague Bay, the northern tip of New Hampshire, a forested youth camp, extensive river frontage and hills of gold in Indiana, the largest private forest in Connecticut, and two tracts along the Mississippi bluffs in Illinois; restoring the Big Woods in southern Minnesota; enhancing Atlantic salmon habitat; protecting the most famous Forest Legacy project and a prized recreation area in Maine; securing Delaware's first Forest Legacy tract; and linking more forests within the wildlife corridor in Vermont.
- FY2004 accomplishments in the Northeastern Area occurred in nine States, where a total of 497,278 acres of land were protected from conversion to nonforest uses. This significantly contributed towards pushing the national total past the 1-million-acre mark of forest land protected since the program started.
- During the course of a year, difficulties are encountered during day-to-day program management, and issues are identified during program reviews. Major issues identified throughout the year are addressed in this report.
- The national appropriations for the Forest Legacy Program have been increasing over the past 6 years, from \$7.012 million in 1999 to \$64.515 million in 2004. The Northeastern Area's share of the FY2004 budget was \$30.5 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 FY2004, the Federal government had paid only 54 percent of total program costs, while keeping administrative costs under 15 percent.

Partner Roles

The Federal Role

The significance of public benefits of a particular forest ranges from local to national. Larger forests tend to be nationally significant because the values they provide are becoming rarer. Extensive forest areas 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. The Federal government provides oversight, and financial and technical assistance to help protect important forests.

The State Role

States integrate partner 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. Responsibilities include the following:

- Collecting information to identify and delineate important forest areas that may be selected as Forest Legacy Areas.
- Consulting with the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee to achieve program purposes.
- Addressing land protection and forest management issues.
- Integrating policies and incentives to conserve a forest land base.
- Holding and administering the lands or interests in land that enter the FLP.

State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee Role

The State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee is identified in the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act. The committee's consulting and recommending duties for the Forest Legacy Program are identified in the Act and the FLP Guidelines. The committee:

- Prioritizes lands for inclusion in the FLP.
- Establishes Eligibility Criteria and recommends Forest Legacy Areas in the Assessment of Need process.

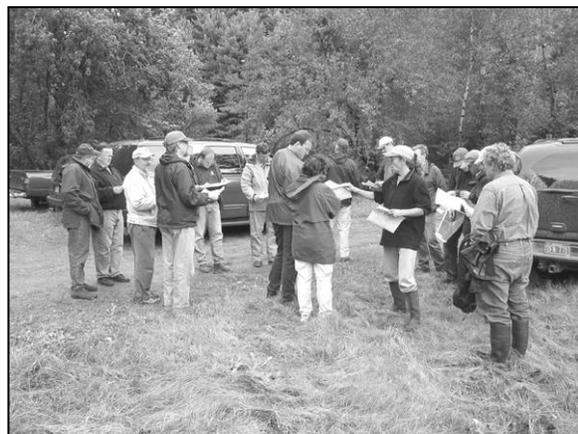
- Advises the State lead agency in order to achieve Forest Legacy Program objectives.

The Nongovernmental Organization (Land Trust) Role

Nongovernmental organizations, specifically land trusts or similar organizations have a distinctive relationship with the FLP. Because of their compatible interest in protecting land for conservation purposes, land trusts can be a primary contact with landowners to negotiate the purchase of conservation easements and to monitor the conservation easements once they are enrolled in the FLP. 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 the forest land base by implementing management activities to conserve the values for which the land entered the program.



Federal, State, local, and nonprofit partners are all critical components to help ensure successful completion of Forest Legacy projects.

Photo by Neal Bungard

Assembling Smaller Tracts for a Larger Impact

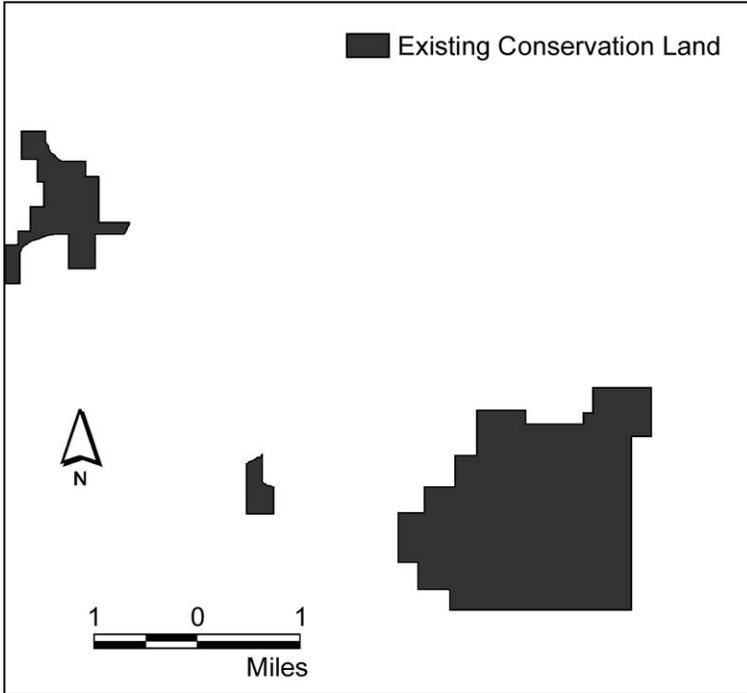
Many project accomplishments in recent years in the Forest Legacy Program have occurred over more than 1 year. Larger areas of conservation are being assembled tract by tract, like putting together pieces of a puzzle.

Targeting smaller tracts in an area over time is a strategy that can help create larger areas of conservation. This strategy can also help complete FLP projects that may be too large to be funded in a single year.

The following pages explore two examples of Forest Legacy projects, one in Maine and one in Minnesota, that have successfully completed multiple tracts over time in a specific area, creating a much larger conservation area.

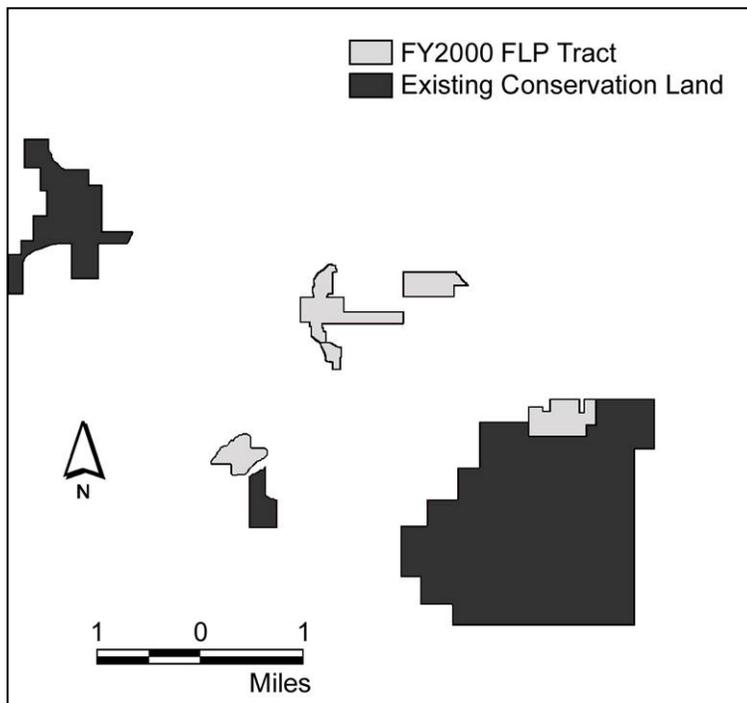
Minnesota Rice County Big Woods

In northeastern Rice County, Minnesota, the Minnesota Forest Legacy Program targeted smaller land holdings in the area where they wanted to restore the historic Big Woods that once covered the landscape.



Year: 1999

Before the Forest Legacy Program, Cannon Wilderness County Park, Caron County Park, and Nerstrand Big Woods State Park comprised the existing conservation land in the area.



Year: 2000

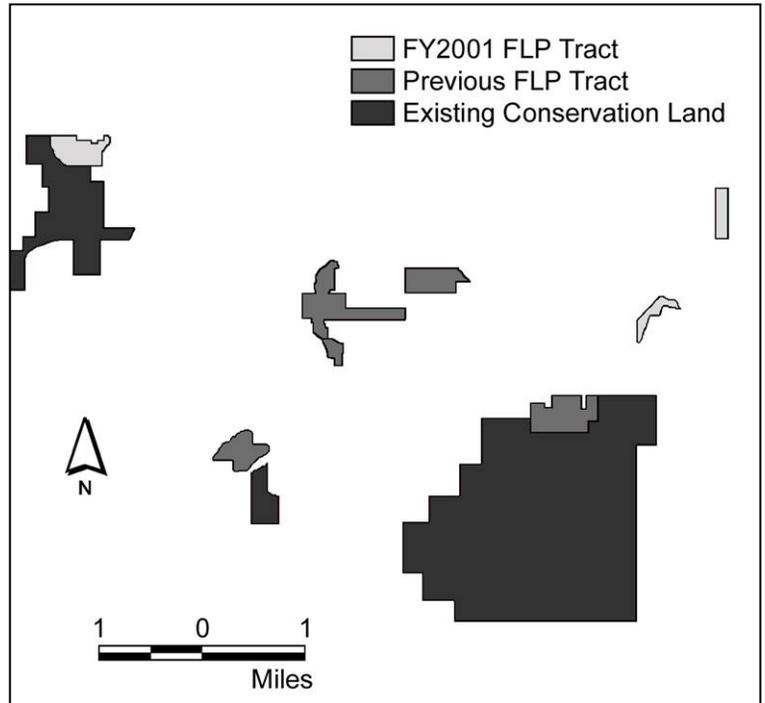
The first Forest Legacy tracts were funded with FY2000 funds. In an area with many smaller land holdings, the State focused its efforts on a number of tracts as a group, thus proposing a larger project area.

Minnesota Rice County Big Woods

Year: 2001

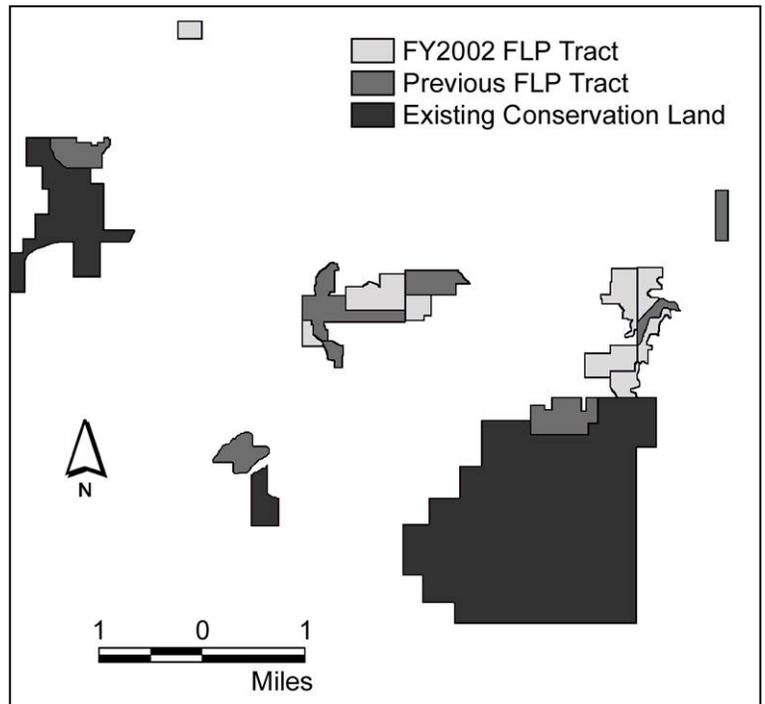
The second phase of Forest Legacy tracts were funded with FY2001 funds.

One of these tracts is adjacent to Cannon Wilderness County Park; the other tracts are located just north of the larger Nerstrand State Park.



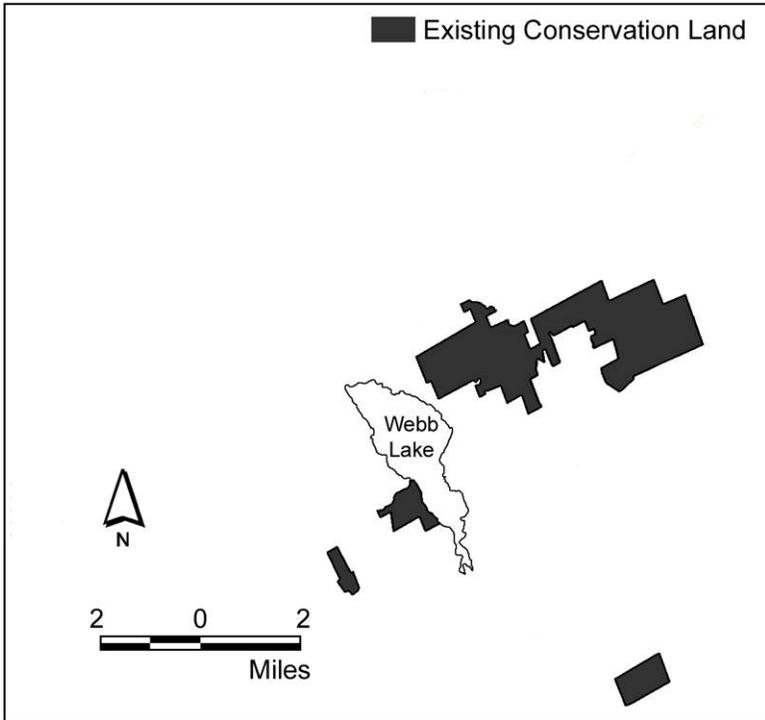
Year: 2002

In 3 years, the Minnesota FLP added 895 acres of conservation land in this part of the county. An area larger than any single landownership in the area of the parks was protected by grouping the tracts and focusing the effort for a number of years.



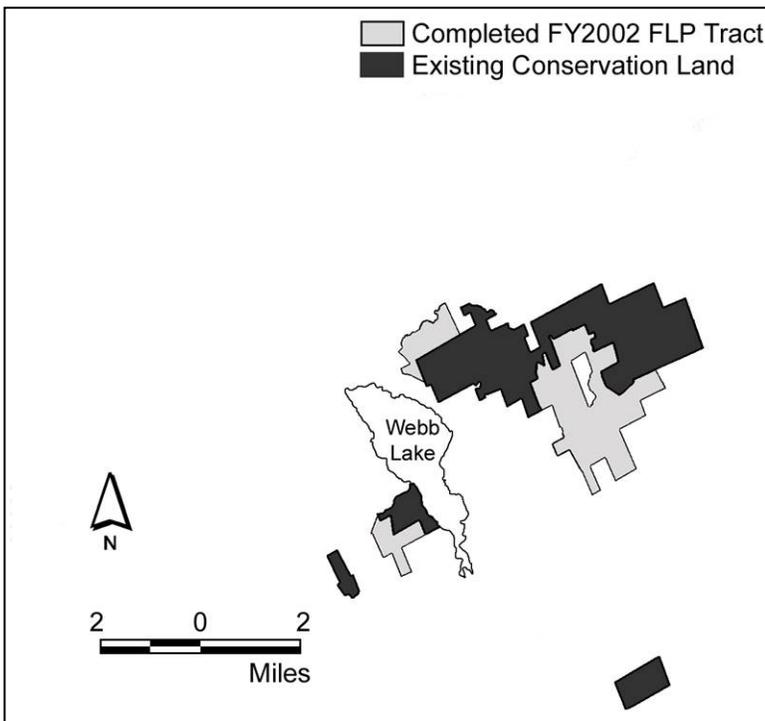
Maine Mt. Blue State Park and Tumbledown Mountain

In the Mt. Blue State Park and Tumbledown Mountain area, the issue wasn't that there were no large landholdings. In fact, it was just the opposite. Around the popular Mt. Blue State Park, there were many large landholdings that had the potential to be Forest Legacy projects.



Year: 2001

Before the Forest Legacy Program, Mt. Blue State Park in western Maine was a popular recreation destination, but it was surrounded by private lands that were seeing an increased threat of conversion to other uses.



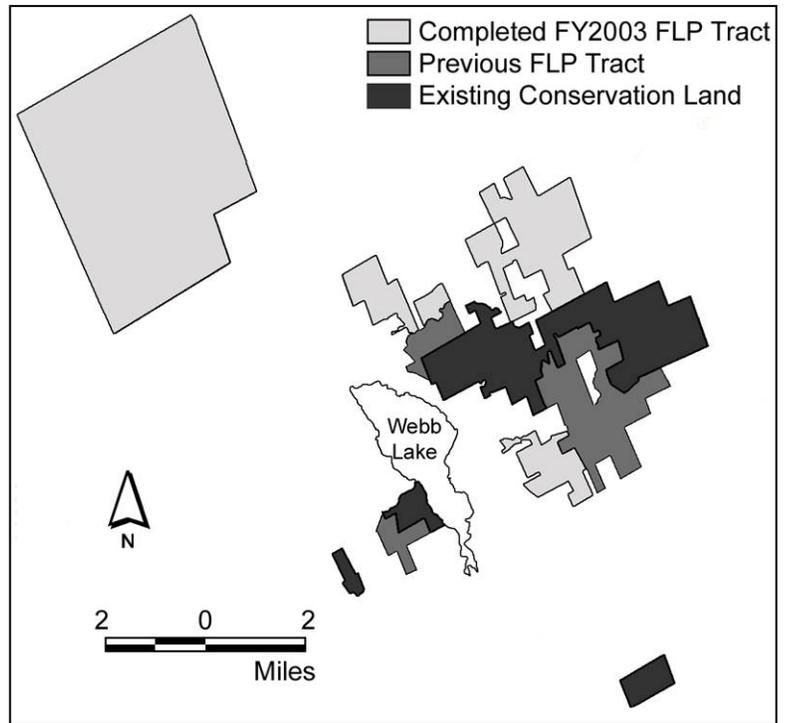
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First, three fee acquisitions added acreage to the State Park and expanded the recreation opportunities in the area.

Maine Mt. Blue State Park and Tumbledown Mountain

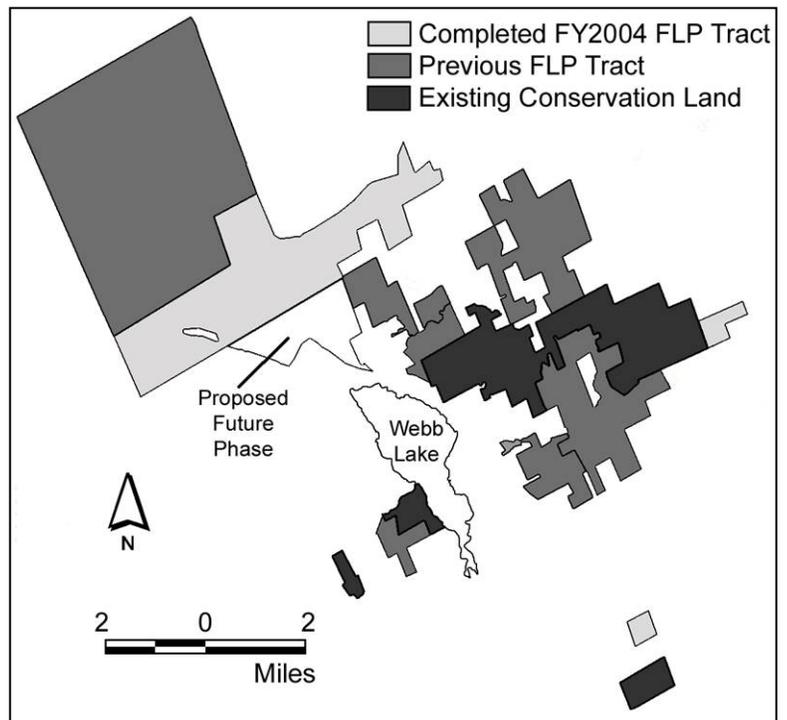
Year: 2003

Newly acquired conservation easements buffer the lands around the State Park. A larger area to the northwest of the park was protected through a conservation easement and fee acquisition.



Year: 2004

This past year, connecting the two protected areas was the goal. To date 25,776 acres have been conserved through fee and conservation easements around this popular recreation destination.



Partnership: the Foundation of Land Protection

Protecting land with conservation easements may not be as simple as interpreting legal language. Conservation easements are legal tools that encumber land by transferring some of the real property rights to an entity other than the holder of the underlying fee. Conservation easements do not protect land; they give us the legal means to protect land and ensure that the conservation values purchased or donated are not eroded. It is people and partnerships that protect land. The purchase of development rights is not the end of the effort.

These partnerships bear the burden of representing the interests of the people of the United States.

Over 1,000,000 acres have been either purchased in fee or are encumbered by conservation easements through the Forest Legacy Program. As we begin the real work of ensuring that those properties continue to provide the conservation values for which they were protected, the partnerships forged through the common goal of acquiring these lands should be capitalized upon. The key parties of these partnerships include the holder of the easement, the landowner, and interested third parties. These partnerships bear the burden of representing the interests of the people of the United States. That

is to say, these partnerships must protect the conservation values for which the property was entered into the FLP.

Monitoring, while required, should not be seen as an onerous duty to be endured; it is an opportunity. A commitment to land protection through conservation easements is a commitment to relationships. As the people currently involved in the FLP relationship move on, new relationships must be forged. Good relationships don't just happen, they need to be cultivated. Planning for monitoring requires not only a strong conservation easement, good baseline documentation, and a commitment to annual site visits. It also includes developing a framework that constantly fosters and renews relationships. The landowner has the obligation to manage the land, but the easement holder can help the landowner see possibilities and achieve goals. The ultimate result can be not merely an adherence to the conservation easement; the outcome could be forest management, which exceeds the minimum requirements expressed in the easement.

Securing the interest in a piece of land is the first step, and some might say it is the easy part of land protection. While purchasing a conservation easement may be less expensive than full fee acquisition, acquisition and management of conservation easements is far more complicated than those same activities associated with outright land purchase. The grantee is taking on the responsibility to ensure that the conservation values secured are protected into perpetuity (i.e., long after those involved in the initial protection have moved on, and with them, their knowledge of the property and its history). To protect the interests acquired, our commitment to the land must be

accompanied by a commitment to partnerships. We must also be prepared for violations that do occur.

If a monitoring plan is not developed, the lack of communication to the next generation of responsible parties could easily result in multiple mistakes.

Maintaining good relationships can help prevent violations, but they may still occur. Forest Legacy conservation easements have been acquired to protect public values and, if those values are not protected, the public suffers a loss. Not an abstract loss, but an actual economic loss—something the public has paid for has been compromised. A positive partnership should be an aspiration, which can be enhanced if we plan for violations and enforcement actions.

To ensure we are monitoring what matters in an effective way, we need to have a plan at the outset. If a monitoring plan is not developed, the lack of communication to the next generation of responsible parties could easily result in multiple mistakes. The most foreseeable mistakes include monitoring elements that do not address the conservation values of the easement, expending resources without adequate return, and failing to develop a sufficient paper trail for enforcement. If these mistakes are made and a violation of the conservation easement occurs, we may not be able to protect the land. Monitoring is not an afterthought. In the crafting of conservation easements, the easement holders should make sure that each conservation purpose, restriction, and permitted use can be monitored and is enforceable.

In Fiscal Year 2004, the Northeastern Area and participating States have launched a Monitoring Task Force. Through this effort, the task force is working to develop a picture of the actual on-the-ground monitoring situation, and will share lessons learned and identify potential policy needs. This will be done to ensure that the immediate success of land protection will continually be protected through the partnerships we have forged that are the hallmark of the FLP.

Recently Completed Forest Legacy Projects

Fiscal Year 2004 accomplishments in the Northeastern Area occurred in nine States, where a total of 497,278 acres was protected from conversion to nonforest uses. These accomplishments contributed to the national Forest Legacy Program exceeding 1 million acres of land protected from conversion to nonforest uses. At the end of FY2004, the FLP had protected 1,001,057 acres since the first FLP project, Cow Mountain Pond in Vermont on April 10, 1993. The Northeastern Area cumulative accomplishments in the FLP totaled 707,877 acres at the end of FY2004.

Accomplishments of the Northeastern Area Forest Legacy Program, including projects in the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, and Vermont, are highlighted on the following pages.

Coastal Bay Maryland – October 2003

Along the sheltered bays of Maryland's Atlantic coastline, farms, forests, and fisheries have long sustained local communities. In recent years, however, the Coastal Bays region has been losing ground to development and rapid population growth.

The Forest Legacy Program completed its first project in the 56,800-acre Chincoteague Bay Forest Legacy Area. The 95-acre Coastal Bay property complements over 600 acres of existing conservation easement land on the tract's southwestern border. The Coastal Bay property is a key parcel in the area, in which several programs ranging from the State of Maryland's Rural Legacy Program and private conservation initiatives by The Conservation Fund are being implemented to maintain the area's scenic character.

"I'm encouraged to see this first Forest Legacy easement finalized within the Chincoteague Forest Legacy Area that will ensure unique and pristine areas for future generations," noted Maryland State Forester Steven W. Koehn on the protection of the tract.

Coastal Bay is located on the Delmarva Peninsula between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. The property is located in Worcester County in the State's

southeastern corner, which includes Maryland's entire Atlantic Ocean frontage.

Conservation values on this tract include mixed pine/hardwood forest, scattered nontidal wetlands, forest interior dwelling bird habitat, and resting habitat for migratory birds. Threatened and endangered species known to occur within the vicinity of this tract include Atamasco lily, dwarf trillium, and single-headed pussytoes.

On October 6, 2003, Bill McCain, the landowner, accepted \$78,000 for a conservation easement. He is currently managing the property for wildlife and has created a variety of wildlife habitats.

Stewardship goals for this Forest Legacy Area include the following: maintain opportunities for traditional forest uses, including forest management and hunting; continue to foster scenic quality along Chincoteague Bay and its tributaries; provide for stop-over habitat for migratory birds; promote forest stewardship, particularly in regards to riparian areas; and provide for the protection and management of habitat for threatened and endangered species.



This Coastal Bays tract will provide habitat and water quality protection for the Chincoteague Bay Forest Legacy Area. Photo by Don VanHassent

Connecticut Lakes Headwaters New Hampshire – October 2003

The permanent protection of a 146,400-acre wilderness area has enormous significance for New Hampshire's natural environment, timber and tourist economies, and cultural identity. The Connecticut Lakes Headwaters project, located in northernmost towns of Pittsburg, Clarksville, and Stewartstown, accounts for 3 percent of the State's total area. It encompasses almost the entire watershed of the four lakes that form the headwaters of the Connecticut River and offers significant timber resources, recreation opportunities, and diverse wildlife and plant habitats.

In 2001 the largest privately owned tract of forest land in New Hampshire was sold by International Paper to the Trust for Public Land, while a broad coalition of partners began work on developing a conservation and economic strategy for the property. On October 10, 2003, the project was completed with the purchase of the 146,400-acre property by a private company, Lyme Timber, subject to a conservation easement held by the State of New Hampshire. In addition, as part of a protection deal, the State purchased 25,000 acres of especially sensitive and significant wildlife habitat for management as a natural area. A conservation easement over this land is held by The Nature Conservancy. An additional 100 acres was added to the Connecticut Lakes State Forest for outdoor recreation. The protection of the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters tract links it with 13,700 acres of other conservation lands in northern New Hampshire, creating a 185,200-acre block of protected forests and conservation lands in the State.

The success of the project was possible owing to the broad coalition of nonprofit conservation organizations, public agencies, municipalities, and individual efforts. The Trust for Public Land, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, The Nature Conservancy of New Hampshire, and the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development worked cooperatively to identify funding sources and complete the project. The USDA Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program provided \$11,494,000 toward purchase of a conservation easement that was valued at \$15,325,000. Additional sources of project funding included New Hampshire's Land and Community



The spectacular views off Lake Francis in the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters property will remain undeveloped, but forestry and recreation will still be allowed on this economically important property. Photo by Neal Bungard

Heritage Investment Program, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and private donations.

A Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Partnership Task Force, called for and cochaired by then-Governor Jeanne Shaheen and U.S. Senator Judd Gregg, created a conservation strategy designed to balance recreation, economic viability, and natural resource protection.

Roughly 70 percent of the region's jobs depend on tourism and timber harvesting. The forest products industry is the third-largest manufacturing industry in the State. The continuation of managed timber operations on the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters property will have tremendous impact on the State's forest product industry. At the closing ceremony, Senator Gregg commented on the project, "Together we have seized a once-in-a-generation opportunity to preserve the multiuse tradition of the North Country."

The property offers richly diverse habitat ranging from mature conifer forest and mixed northern hardwood forest to boreal peat bog and freshwater wetland. Sixty-seven rare and endangered species have been identified. The land supports the highest density moose population in the State, and contains over 3,000 acres of deer wintering yards.

The Connecticut Lakes Headwaters property includes remarkable outdoor recreation opportunities such as fishing, boating, wildlife observation, snowmobiling, hunting, and hiking. The property includes over 840 miles of streams and brooks, 16 lakes and ponds, and 120 miles of designated snowmobile trails.

Rice County Big Woods Minnesota – October 2003 to September 2004

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forestry Division acquired conservation easements on 10 separate tracts totaling 551 acres within the Rice County Big Woods Forest Legacy Area located just 45 minutes south of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The tracts are within an area in Minnesota's historic Big Woods, originally a 3,000-square-mile hardwood forest in south-central Minnesota. In the years since settlement, over 90 percent of the Big Woods has been converted to agriculture, housing, or industrial use.

The local community has been involved in protecting the Big Woods. For over 10 years, a group of citizens, conservation groups, and universities, as well as local and State governments, have been working to restore, preserve, and maintain what remains of the Big Woods. That effort, known as the Big Woods Project, was instrumental in bringing the USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy Program to Minnesota.

The 10 properties protected with conservation easements in the past year were the culmination of a 4-year effort that has protected a total of 1,171 acres of forests on 17 tracts in the Big Woods Project Area. Details on nine of the protected tracts, including date protected, acres, and landowners, are listed here:

October 7, 2003, 56 acres, Ralph and Hollida Ungerwager; October 9, 2003, 79 acres, Howard and Edna Hong; April 28, 2004, 19 acres, Dirk Peterson and Marilyn Danks; June 11, 2004, (three different properties) 35 acres, Roger Elwood; 28 acres, David Bice and Jennifer Macalady; and 75 acres, Gary and Linda Wagenbach; June 25, 2004, 57 acres, Timothy and Juanita Keilin; June 26, 2004, 77 acres, John and Sandra Trebelhorn; and July 29, 2004, 65 acres, Keith and Carol Schrader.

The tenth property is owned by Dan and Joan Zielske, who saw the trend of conversion that was occurring on other

lands in the area and wanted to do something different. "Homes are popping up all over, especially on wooded properties and sites next to the lakes. The Forest Legacy Program gives us a chance to protect our woods and lakeshore from development while still allowing us to the opportunity to manage the forest, and hunt, fish, and hike on the property," said Dan and Joan about their reason for applying to be part of the FLP in 2001. Their 60-acre property was protected with a conservation easement on September 27, 2004. Their bargain sale of \$207,450 for an easement valued at over \$276,000 shows their commitment to ensure that their vision of their land is upheld.

The appraised values for the conservation easements on all 10 tracts totaled \$1,628,140. The USDA Forest Legacy Program contributed \$1,142,950 towards the purchase price, with the State contributing \$279,890. The balance of the appraised value, \$205,300, was donated by the landowners in varying amounts as a bargain sale to the State of Minnesota. The State also provided funds for acquisition services, including appraisals and surveys. The Minnesota DNR Forestry Division will conduct annual monitoring visits to each of the tracts, ensuring that the landowners continue to abide by the conservation easement terms.



Landowners Dan and Joan Zielske stand proudly next to the Forest Legacy sign identifying their property as being protected with a Forest Legacy conservation easement. The property will be managed to restore the traditional oak savanna forest type in accordance with a Stewardship Plan. Photo by Dick Peterson

Hills of Gold Indiana – December 2003

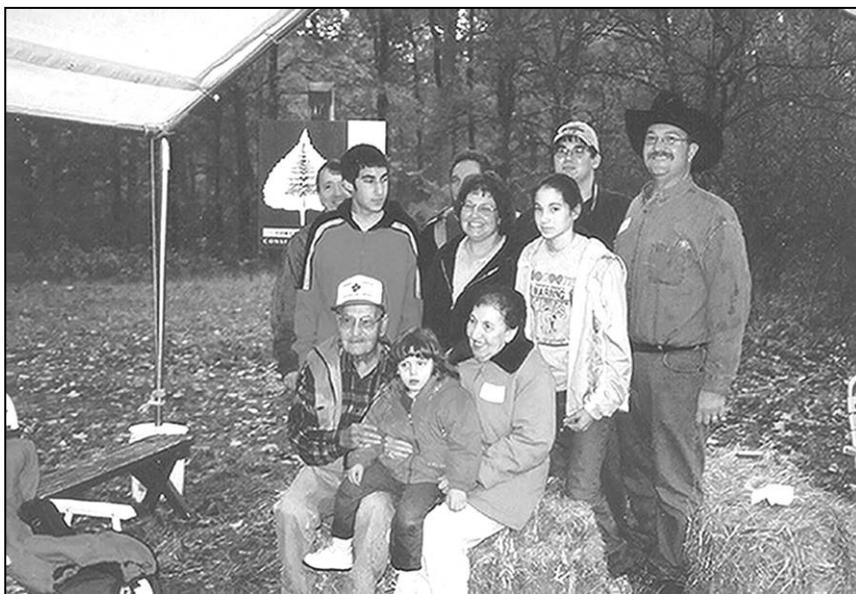
The Hills of Gold Forest Legacy project is a rags-to-riches story of land exploitation, recovery, and conservation. The 800-plus forested acres of the Hills of Gold property seen today in the picturesque Brown County hills is a gleaming transformation of its former self.

The property has endured the consequences of its location along the edge of the Wisconsin glacier some 10,000 years ago. Settlers cleared the land of its forest in the late 1800s, struggling to eke out a living in the hills by farming ridge tops, narrow valleys, and hillsides of the modified glaciated landscape, which made the land clearing easier. Somewhere along the way “GOLD” brought in by the glacier washed downstream and was discovered in the nearby creeks. Subsequent placer mining resulted in the washing away of untold tons of productive soil and altered the ecology of the area.

The gold played out over time and left behind eroding hills, gullies, and a comparative wasteland. Land was subdivided into smaller ownerships and forest recovery was left to the healing powers of nature. In the 1960s came a new owner to the area, Aloysius Meyer, who saw promise in the struggling forest. Over four decades he pieced the ownerships back together, planted thousands of trees on the eroding hills, and nurtured the recovering hardwood forests. His consolidation work bucks the local trend of parcelizing land in this area within an easy commute to Indianapolis—a short 30 miles due south of the State Capitol building. The tract also

occupies part of the upper watershed of Indiana’s largest public water reservoir (Lake Monroe). This reservoir is the primary drinking water supply for the city of Bloomington. “This unique tract marks the southern limit of the first and only glacier invasion of Brown County,” stated landowner Aloysius Meyer about the geological history of the property.

His care has been rewarded with productive forests producing over half a million board feet of quality hardwood timber and a legacy extending beyond his generation. The now 460-acre tract called the “Hills of Gold” project is protected through a Forest Legacy Program conservation easement purchased and held by the State of Indiana valued at \$830,000. The project closed on December 5, 2003, with a bargain sale to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and a Forest Legacy payment of \$726,250.



Seated in front are landowners Aloysius and Ida Meyer, surrounded by some of their children and grandchildren celebrating the protection of the Hills of Gold property with a conservation easement for future generations to enjoy.

Photo by Amy Thompson

Great Mountain Forest Connecticut – December 2003

Great Mountain Forest has a long tradition of forest management, dating back to 1909. In fact, Yale University conducts a summer camp for forestry graduate students on the Great Mountain property, and several organizations, including the Forest Service, have conducted forestry and ecological research on the property for many years. The protection of the property through the Forest Legacy Program will ensure that the legacy of research and these important activities will continue into the future.

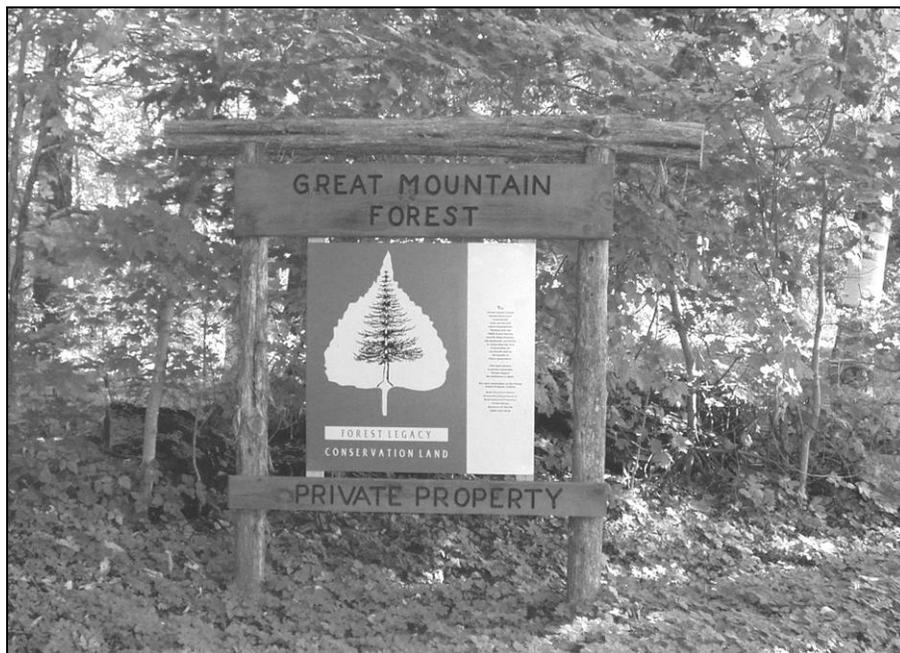
The protection of the Great Mountain Forest on December 23, 2003, is one of the crowning glories in the efforts of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and the USDA Forest Service to conserve forest land in the State.

One of the key ideologies behind the Connecticut Forest Legacy Program is to conserve lands that abut or are in close proximity to already protected existing land. With the

purchase of 145 acres in fee and a conservation easement on 5,343 acres, the Great Mountain Forest has now been incorporated into a protected land base of almost 20,000 acres in northwestern Connecticut.

The USDA Forest Service paid \$4,089,000 and the State of Connecticut contributed \$1,124,000 to landowner Elizabeth Childs to conserve this valuable forest land that had a value of \$5,452,000. The remaining \$239,000 was donated by the landowner through a bargain sale.

Don Smith, Connecticut State Forester, commented on this acquisition, "The protection of Great Mountain Forest, the largest nonindustrial private forest in the State of Connecticut, is a true triumph in our efforts to protect and conserve important forest lands for the benefit of future generations."



The largest private forest land in the State of Connecticut, the Great Mountain Forest, will continue to provide opportunities for learning and research, as well as to continue to allow forest management operations with the protection of the Forest Legacy Program. Photo by Larry Rousseau

Machias River Phase I Maine – December 2003

More than 210 miles of Machias River shoreline and portions of six key tributaries have been permanently conserved with the help of the Forest Legacy Program. A mix of conservation easements and outright purchases has conserved 24,759 acres along this important river corridor. Completed on December 23, 2003, the project— running from the outlet of Third Machias Lake east to Whitneyville— ensures sustainable forestry, guarantees public access for traditional backcountry outdoor experiences, and protects important wildlife habitat.

The partners in the Machias River project include International Paper, the Atlantic Salmon Commission, the Maine Department of Conservation, the Machias River Watershed Council, The Nature Conservancy, and the USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy Program.

The project consists of two parts. The first is a 6,316-acre purchase by the Maine Department of Conservation (DEC) from the landowner, International Paper. The outright purchase encompasses lands along the Machias River from Route 9 north to the outlet of Third Machias Lake. The acreage includes portions around First and Second Machias Lakes, approximately 4,800 acres along the Machias River corridor, and several primitive backcountry sites embedded within the easement area that will be managed by the DEC. These lands will be open to the public for a wide variety of recreational pursuits, including hunting, hiking, canoeing, snowmobiling, and fishing.

Funding for the purchase came from \$1,987,000 of Forest Legacy Program funds, \$716,040 from the Land For Maine's Future Program, and \$200,000 from private donations.

The second part of the project is an 18,443-acre conservation easement that runs 1,000 feet wide on each side of the Machias River and the six tributaries for many miles. This conservation easement portion was funded through a variety of public and private funds. International Paper will continue to own and manage both the forest land and the recreation lease lots under the conservation easement.

The Machias Rivers Project protects critical habitat for Atlantic salmon, which was listed as an endangered species in 2000. The project ensures that a full 86 percent of endangered Atlantic salmon habitat in the Machias River system will be protected forever. That represents a full 20 percent of the remaining wild Atlantic salmon spawning and nursery habitat in the entire country.

“From the beginning, this has been a shared vision with government, industry, and community partners seeking the same ends. Together we have worked to balance and protect the ecological, recreational, and economic values of an entire river system,” said Governor John Baldacci when he announced that land conservation efforts in the area would now focus on an additional 7,700 acres in a second phase of the Machias River project.



Sustainable forest management, recreational opportunities, and endangered species habitat protection will all coexist on the Machias River Forest Legacy project.
Photo by Tom Abello

West Branch Maine – December 2003

The West Branch region in western Maine is widely recognized as one of the most important areas within Maine's North Woods, and also within the greater Northern Forest region, which spans from New York to Maine. Its importance is due to the significant forest products and the ecological, recreational, historic, and cultural values found there. After a significant effort, the 328,364-acre West Branch Forest Legacy project, valued at \$36,167,465, was protected from conversion to nonforest uses on December 23, 2003.

The West Branch project is made up of two components. The first is 46,817 acres of ecologically and recreationally significant lands around Moosehead Lake, Seboomook Lake, Canada Falls Lake, Baker Lake, and the St. John River Headwater Ponds. It was acquired from Wagner Forest Management and transferred to the Maine Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands for the value of \$20,849,200. Of this amount, \$19,647,145 in USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy funds and \$1,010,190 in funds from the Land for Maine's Future Program was used for the acquisition of the land. In addition, the landowner provided a bargain sale by accepting payment of \$191,865 less than the appraised value.

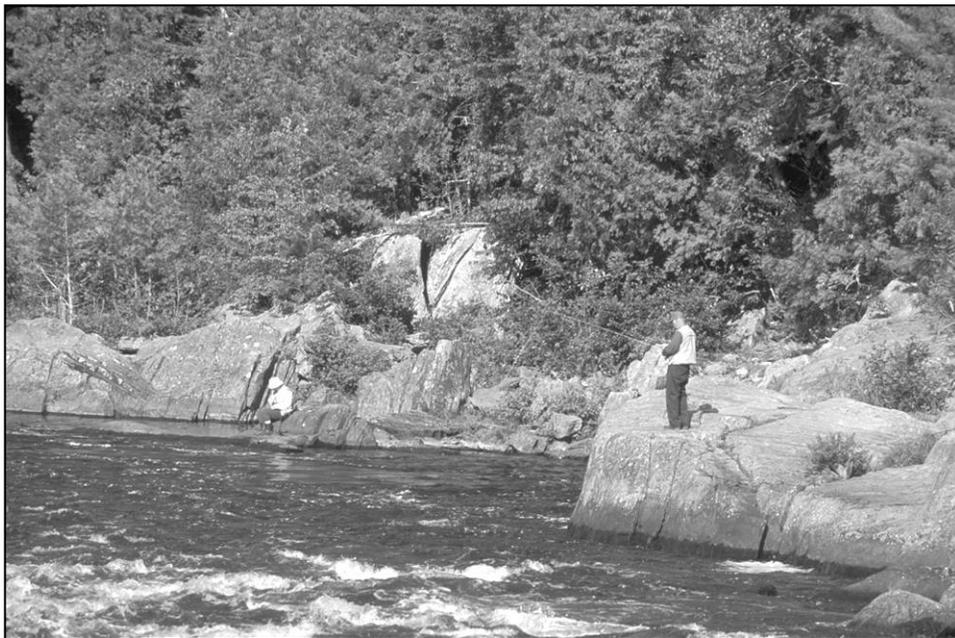
The second component of the project is a comprehensive conservation easement on 281,547 adjacent acres of forest land owned by Wagner Forest Management surrounding the State-acquired lands and the West Branch of the Penobscot River, and stretching west to the Canadian border and north to Baker Lake and the St. John River headwaters. The easement, to be held by the Forest Society of Maine, represents the non-Federal cost share to the entire project. Valued at \$15,318,265, it was acquired through a bargain sale from the landowner for \$11,117,365 from a wide variety of sources through private fundraising efforts by the Forest Society of Maine.

The acquisition of this land and conservation easement ensures that a huge expanse of Maine's northern forest will never be developed, will always be harvested in an environmentally sustainable manner, and will continue to be accessible to the public for traditional recreational uses such as hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, snowmobiling, canoeing, and kayaking.

Both of Maine's Senators were champions of the project and the Forest Legacy Program in the years it took for the appropriations to come through. "What a historic day for Maine, its people, and its forest lands! The journey has been a long one—but we never tired because we all believed in the West Branch project," reflected Senator Olympia Snowe.

"I am thrilled to see this remarkable project come to completion," remarked Senator Susan Collins. "The great diversity of stakeholders committed to this endeavor clearly illustrates the extraordinary affection that the people of Maine share for wild places and the values that they contain."

The local community was also pleased to see the project come to completion "This is a great day for Greenville, Maine, where nearly all the businesses depend upon the timber harvesting and recreational activities enjoyed on the West Branch to survive," remarked John Simko, Greenville Town Manager. "Conservation of these lands will go far to protect the economic and cultural interests of our community."



Anglers will continue to enjoy the fishing experience on the West Branch of the Penobscot River, which is one of the many benefits that will continue on the lands of the West Branch Forest Legacy project.
Photo by Bill Silliker, Jr.

LaVista Woods Illinois – March 2004

The village of Godfrey, the Great Rivers Land Trust, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), and the USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy Program worked together to add another tract in the Great Rivers Bluffs Forest Legacy Area near Alton, Illinois. The 52-acre LaVista Woods tract, which helped give the project area its name, was added to the Oblate-LaVista Woods Forest Legacy Project Area with the closure of a conservation easement between the village of Godfrey and the IDNR on March 9, 2004.

This is the fourth tract to be added to Oblate-LaVista Woods project. This project was formed in 2000 within the Great Rivers Bluffs Forest Legacy Area. With the protection of this tract, 195 acres has been protected to date. An additional 25-acre funded tract and a 44-acre proposed tract are located in the same project area. The objective of the project is to protect the forested bluffs and watershed above the Mississippi River from future development to commercial, residential, and other nonforest uses by purchasing the development rights from willing landowners such as the village of Godfrey.

The Great Rivers Land Trust worked with the village of Godfrey and the IDNR on this project by providing the non-Federal cost-share portion. The total cost for the project is \$330,000. The village of Godfrey was paid \$236,880 in Forest Legacy funds for the conservation easement on the LaVista Woods tract. The Great Rivers Land Trust then donated a conservation easement valued at \$93,140 on a neighboring forested tract that is owned by the land trust.

“This is a good example of Federal, State, and local government agencies working

together with local citizens to protect a valuable natural resource,” said Alley Ringhausen, Executive Director of Great Rivers Land Trust.

“We are pleased to be a partner in the protection of this forest,” said Mayor Michael Campion of the village of Godfrey. “Not only is the forest protected, but the LaVista property can continue to provide forest recreational opportunities to our citizens.”

The protection of this forested tract ensures the protection of the Youngblood Hollow watershed, which is part of the boundary between the LaVista Woods and the Oblate Forest, both Forest Legacy tracts. The forested area is a fine example of the oak-hickory forest typical to the bluffs above the Mississippi River. The area also contains unique sink holes and roosting trees for bald eagles. The forest land will be managed under a Forest Stewardship Plan approved by the State Forester.



The LaVista Woods tract on the Oblate-LaVista Woods Forest Legacy project will help protect the scenic bluffs and the forested watershed above the Mississippi River near Alton Illinois. Photo by Dave Gillespie

Green Horizons Phase I Delaware – May 2004

The first phase of the Green Horizons Forest Legacy project was completed on May 7, 2004. The property, known as the Ponders tract, is Delaware's first completed Forest Legacy project, and is located within the Redden/Ellendale Forest Legacy Area. This Forest Legacy Area is one of the largest concentrated areas of forest on the Delmarva Peninsula. Unfortunately this area is also one of the most rapidly developing areas on the East Coast, and the Ponders tract was one of the largest unprotected tracts remaining in the area.

The Ponders tract was purchased by The Nature Conservancy from the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company for \$7,700,000. The State of Delaware then purchased a conservation easement from The Nature Conservancy on the property, valued at \$4,800,000, utilizing \$1,994,000 of USDA Forest Service Forest



The first phase of the Green Horizons Forest Legacy project in Delaware contains a stand of Atlantic white cedar; this species has been in decline owing to the draining of wetlands in the past.

Photo by Rich Neumann

Legacy funds. Other funding sources, including Delaware's Open Space Program, contributed the remaining amount. This effort was the culmination of a multiorganization initiative to protect this tract, located on the fringe of a rapidly developing area. Other partners included the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Sussex County Land Trust.

"Protecting the Green Horizons Ponders tract is an excellent example of what State and Federal government can achieve when we work together with organizations like The Nature Conservancy and local land trusts. This property will continue to provide a variety of benefits to Delawareans, as well as Delaware's visitors for generations to come," said Austin Short, Delaware State Forester.

The Ponders tract is located within an area that is an important resting area for migratory birds. It also contains a stand of Atlantic white cedar; populations of this species have significantly declined due to past drainage of wetlands. The Nature Conservancy has also designated the area as a focal point for its conservation efforts in Delaware. The permanent protection of the Ponders tract will help further efforts to establish a corridor of protected lands within the central portion of the Delmarva Peninsula from the Chesapeake Bay to the Delaware Bay.

Gnaw Bone Camp Indiana – June 2004

The Nashville area of Brown County in Indiana has long been known for its artist colony and spectacular fall foliage. Now, nestled in the nearby forested hills lies Indiana's largest Forest Legacy conservation project. On June 17, 2004, the decades-long land protection and conservation efforts of original landowner Fred Lorenz culminated in Governor Joseph Kernan's acceptance of a 1,368-acre conservation easement on the Gnaw Bone Camp.

The current landowners, sisters Alice Lorenz and Linda Norton, have followed in their father's footsteps and left a legacy for future generations. Gnaw Bone Camp began with a simple purchase of 46 acres in 1943 as a place for Fred Lorenz to take Scouts for weekend outings. The tract eventually grew one parcel at a time to a rustic summer camp for young boys and girls that continues to build living legacies even today.

Gnaw Bone Camp lies just outside Brown County State Park, the State's largest and most popular State park, and begins to link thousands

of acres of State lands and the Hoosier National Forest to the south. The conservation easement, valued at \$2,420,000, was acquired for \$1,818,749, with the landowners contributing \$601,251 in a bargain sale arrangement.

The property also occupies part of the upper watershed of Lake Monroe, Indiana's largest public water reservoir. This reservoir is the primary drinking water supply for Bloomington, Indiana. Keeping the land of the Lake Monroe watershed forested helps keep high quality water flowing into the lake.

A quote from one a project supporter puts the impact of this project in perspective: "What you have created (Fred Lorenz) is valued by more people than we both know at this point in time." Alice Lorenz also added, "As a tribute to Fred Lorenz (our father) and his vision, we hope to leave a property better than we found it and a forest that will provide benefits for years to come."



Young campers will continue to enjoy and experience the beautiful forests and rugged setting of the Gnaw Bone Camp property as they have since the 1940s.

Photo by Neal Bungard

Mt. Holly Wildlife Corridor Vermont – August 2004

The USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy Program enhanced efforts by State and Federal agencies, and local land trusts to keep a corridor of land that lies between the north and south units of the Green Mountain National Forest protected. A total of 425 acres of forest land on what is called the Lake Lot is now protected from conversion to nonforest uses. The tract is part of Vermont's Mt. Holly Wildlife Corridor Forest Legacy project. The property has historically been managed for the sustainable harvest of timber. Management of the property's timber resources will continue under the direction of a Forest Stewardship Plan approved by the State of Vermont.

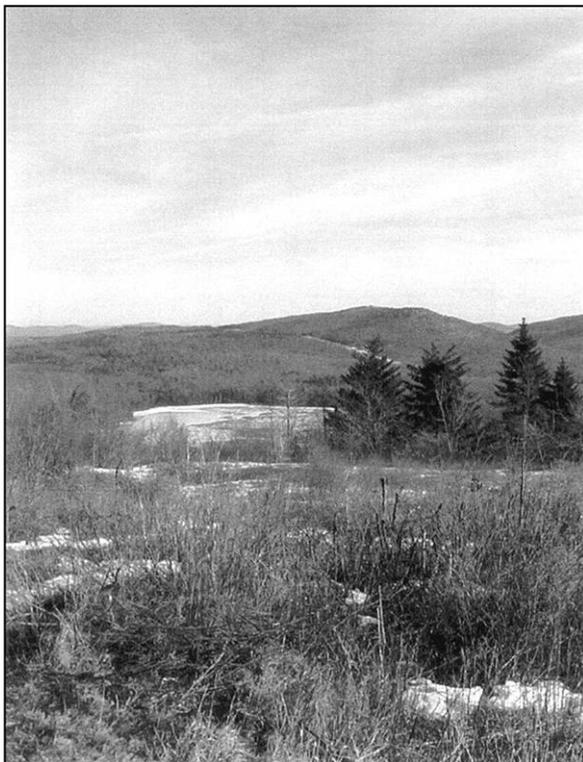
On August 2, 2004, the State of Vermont acquired a conservation easement on 425 acres from the landowner, the Ninevah Foundation. The funds to acquire the conservation easement, valued at \$747,000, came entirely from the Forest Legacy Program. For all Forest Legacy projects, a non-Federal cost share of 25 percent of the total project cost is required. The State

of Vermont exceeded the required cost share through a previous acquisition of the full fee purchase of a nearby 273-acre tract for \$340,000 on December 31, 2002.

The Forest Legacy Program has previously protected other lands in the corridor between the two units of the Green Mountain National Forest. The 2,086-acre Wilderness Corporation tract was protected with funds from the Forest Legacy Program on October 2, 1995; the 560-acre Snow

property was protected on September 19, 1997; and the 391-acre Garrow tract was protected on December 23, 2002. Protecting the corridor is necessary to keep wildlife travel corridors open, especially for black bears. Between local, State, and Federal efforts, over \$12 million has been spent acquiring lands and conservation easements in the corridor so that it will continue to be available for wildlife.

In addition to protecting the forests and wildlife habitat, limited dispersed recreation will occur on the property, with restrictions in place to keep from damaging critical habitat areas.



Black bears and other wildlife will continue to travel between the north and south units of the Green Mountain National Forest. Vermont File Photo

Big Spring Farm Indiana – August 2004

“The Big Spring Farm Forest Legacy project is one of those truly special places that clearly demonstrate the value of the Forest Legacy Program in conserving important forest lands and the partnerships that contribute so greatly to successful conservation.”

So says Dan Ernst, Indiana Assistant State Forester, who first began working on the Big Spring project in fall 2000. The project was culminated by Indiana Governor Joseph Kernan’s acceptance of the conservation easement on the property on August 13, 2004.

The 183-acre Big Spring Farm project in Washington County, Indiana, was made possible by the combined efforts of landowners Billy and Peggy Smith, the Indiana Division of Forestry, the USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy

Program, and The Nature Conservancy. The Forest Legacy Program acquired a conservation easement on 140 acres of the farm for the appraised value of \$175,000. This acreage includes large diameter hardwood forests, cave and karst features, extensive river frontage, and the entire length of the Big Spring stream.

The conservation easement includes provisions to restore 7 acres of bottomland hardwood forests and protects riparian corridors

along 1¼ miles of the Big Spring stream and Little Blue River. The project also buffers the State-dedicated Big Spring Nature Preserve. This preserve contains a fascinating “blue hole” spring surrounded by a luxuriant old-growth

forest. This large spring flows approximately 650,000 gallons of water a day through the new Forest Legacy project in Big Spring stream until it empties into the Little Blue River.

A farmland conservation easement on the remaining 43 acres of the land conservation project was acquired through efforts from The Nature Conservancy and the landowners. This additional acreage contrasts with the Forest Legacy project, consisting primarily of pasture, cropland, and significant forest riparian frontage along the Little Blue River, forming a visually pleasing landscape. Another

forested property consistent with Forest Legacy purposes is being used as cost share for the Big Springs project.

Landowners Billy and Peggy Smith have left a legacy on the Indiana landscape, both with this project and their donation of the Big Spring Nature Preserve in 1992. Billy Smith commented at the project closing, standing on a hill overlooking the old homestead and clear spring stream, “Have you ever seen anything more beautiful?”



Riparian corridors along the Little Blue River are going to be restored and protected as part of the protection of the Big Spring Farm Project.

Photo by Dan Ernst

Mt. Blue and Tumbledown Mountain Phase III Maine – August 2004

The Mt. Blue State Park and Tumbledown Mountain area in western Maine has long been prized for its scenic beauty, opportunities for recreation, wildlife habitat, and productive forest. In response to large-scale changes in ownership and management practices in the region, five organizations—the Webb Lake Association, Friends of Maine State Parks, Western Maine Audubon Society, Foothills Land Conservancy, the Appalachian Mountain Club, and many local residents—formed the Tumbledown Conservation Alliance to promote a conservation vision for the region. The Maine Department of Conservation, Trust for Public Land, and the alliance have been working to conserve high-priority conservation land, including mountaintops, popular recreation trails, and habitat for declining wildlife species like the peregrine falcon, Bicknell's thrush, and spring salamander.

The most recent land protection accomplishment occurred on August 31, 2004, when the State of Maine acquired 6,702 acres of forest land. The land was appraised at \$2,650,000 and was acquired through a bargain sale from the landowner, Mead-Westvaco, for \$2,430,000. The State's Land for Maine's Future Program provided \$960,000 and the USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy Program contributed \$1,470,000 to the project.

"I applaud the Trust for Public Land, the Tumbledown Conservation Alliance, Mead-Westvaco, the Maine Department of Conservation, and the partnering Federal, State and local agencies for their unwavering efforts to protect the natural beauty of Tumbledown Mountain. The Forest Legacy Program, which has protected nearly 25,000 acres within the Mt. Blue/Tumbledown region, continues to honor the traditions of Maine, serving as the model private-public partnership," said Senator Olympia Snowe at the closing celebration.

This latest acquisition includes the mountains that ring Webb Lake to the north, including the 6-mile ridgeline extending from just below the summit of Tumbledown and east to Route 142. The property includes the eastern half

of Jackson Pond; the summits of Jackson, Little Jackson, and Blueberry Mountains; and the trails that reach them. The transaction also includes a portion of the summit of Bald Mountain and critical inholdings to Mt. Blue State Park. To date, the efforts on the Mt. Blue/Tumbledown Forest Legacy project has protected 25,776 acres through fee acquisitions and conservation easements valued at \$7,690,000 using \$4,240,000 from the Forest Legacy Program.

Varied wildlife habitat, productive forests, and some of Maine's best-loved recreational resources were conserved through this project. The property includes the three trailheads and trails to the summit of Tumbledown, and the trailhead and trail to the top of Little Jackson Mountain.

"The Mt. Blue/Tumbledown property is a magnificent example of how the Forest Legacy Program, through public and private partnerships, can conserve working forests so they can continue to provide clean air and water, forest products, critical wildlife habitat, and an abundance of recreation opportunities," said Joel Holtrop, Forest Service's Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry.



Scenic recourses like this image of Mt. Blue in the early morning mist will continue to be enjoyed as part of the Mt. Blue and Tumbledown Mountain Forest Legacy Project Area which also will provide recreational opportunities and sustainable forest management.
Photo by Jerry and Marcy Monkman

Rattlesnake Ridge Illinois – September 2004

The first conservation easement in Illinois' new Pere Marquette Forest Legacy Project Area was completed September 15, 2004, between the landowner of the Rattlesnake Ridge tract, the Great River Land Trust, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

The acquisition of this easement marks the fourth such acquisition under the Forest Legacy Program in the Great Rivers Bluffs Forest Legacy Area. The property is highly desirable for development owing to its close proximity to Grafton, Godfrey, and Alton, Illinois, and the St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area.

Located just east of Pere Marquette State Park and in the hills and bluffs north of the village of Grafton, this 79-acre forested tract is one of the most biologically important tracts in the 20,000-acre contiguous forest along the bluffs of the Mississippi River between Alton, Illinois, and Pere Marquette State Park. The oak/hickory forest that dominates the site helps protect the watershed above the village of Grafton, plus provides nesting sites for forest interior nesting birds and Neotropical migratory species. The tract's coves and valleys abound with forest wildflowers. In addition to the forested habitats, a small hill prairie is located on the north to south

ridgetop of the property. The tract also helps to provide a buffer along the east boundary of Pere Marquette State Park.

The Great River Land Trust has been instrumental in assisting the IDNR with the acquisition of conservation easements on other tracts in this Forest Legacy Area. This is the first tract where the land trust is the owner of the property. "We have been very active in working with the Forest Legacy Program in this area," said Alley Ringhausen, Executive Director of the Great River Land Trust. "The Forest Legacy Program has been a very effective tool in helping Great River Land Trust, the IDNR, and the Forest Service in our mutual goal of protecting the forest land for future generations."

The Great River Land Trust was paid \$76,763 for the conservation easement, which was valued at \$103,350. The \$25,587 difference was made up by a donation from the landowner to serve as the non-Federal cost share for the project.



The Rattlesnake Ridge tract will help buffer Pere Marquette State Park from development on the park's boundaries while continuing to provide habitat for forest dwelling wildlife. Photo by Dave Gillespie

Implementation Issues

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During the course of a year, difficulties are encountered during day-to-day program management, and issues are identified during program reviews. Major issues identified throughout the year are identified below.

Issue: Unspent funds

A significant amount of grant funds have been unspent for over 2 years. The goal of the Forest Legacy Program is to have land or interests in land acquisitions completed within 2 years. Legitimate delays in the acquisition process may be caused by the title search or appraisal review, as well as a State's inexperience with the process. However, when delays are drawn out over years, it appears as if the acquisition issues are being avoided rather than addressed.

Addressing the issue: The Northeastern Area has begun limiting the grant extension time periods to under 1 year and imposing deadlines after which the grant funds must be turned back.



A field visit by State, Federal, and nonprofit partners at a New Jersey Forest Legacy Program Review allows for the partners involved in program implementation to address issues and opportunities.

Issue: Documenting review of Assessments of Need

The June 2003 Forest Legacy Guidelines instituted an Assessment of Need (AON) review requirement whereby States, the Northeastern Area, and the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee review their AON every 5 years to assess whether AON amendments or updates are necessary. The results of reviews will be documented by the State lead agency. During the FLP review process, it became evident that documentation of the AON reviews was lax.

Addressing the issue: The Northeastern Area has pointed out the need for the documentation during the FLP reviews, which coincidentally occur at 5-year intervals. States that have had an FLP review within the last year have agreed to provide the documentation.

Issue: Quarterly progress reports

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) includes requirements for specific program grants including 10.676 Forest Legacy Program. The CFDA specifies for the 10.676 Forest Legacy Program under the reports subheading: “States are required to submit quarterly reports on outstanding grants.” These progress reports are also asked for in the award letter with each grant. However, the compliance with this requirement is spotty.

Addressing the issue: The Northeastern Area post Forest Legacy Program updates to its Web site quarterly. At that time, the Northeastern Area reminds State coordinators to report any quarterly accomplishments. The Northeastern Area also reminds the States to submit the quarterly progress reports for their outstanding grants.

Issue: Project configuration

In a competitive grant environment, where competition is for funds to protect land, the size of the proposed project may influence the rank of the project. This is because the larger-sized projects tend to encompass a larger number of environmental values. This puts small tracts at a disadvantage in the scoring process. Yet, small tracts located within a larger forest area have important contributions to offer the FLP.

Addressing the issue: The Northeastern Area encourages States to include small tracts of land within a logical area with other small tracts or a large tract of forest land to make a project. The State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee (SFSCC) or Forest Legacy Committee provides guidance for designing projects that are submitted to the Forest Service for funding consideration. The SFSCC or Forest Legacy Committee is also important as the State goes through the acquisition process and the project changes. If key tracts or parts of a project fall out, the committee assesses whether the project is worth continuing and makes its recommendation to the State and the Forest Service.

Issue: Monitoring conservation easements

In order for the Forest Legacy Program to be considered successful, no land under conservation easement should convert to nonforest uses. One way to ensure that protected privately owned land does not convert to nonforest uses is to monitor conservation easements periodically, usually no less than annually. The activity surrounding the FLP is associated with the accomplishment of closing a deal. Planning the monitoring of tracts, which is considered by many to be the most important part of the program, may not receive sufficient attention.

Addressing the issue: The Northeastern Area is focusing the attention of the State coordinators on monitoring. Monitoring plans have become a requirement as part of the close-out of grants. The Northeastern Area has established a task force of State and Federal personnel to investigate ways to elevate the attention paid to monitoring FLP tracts.

Budget Summary

Appropriations for National Forest Legacy Program (dollars in thousands)

FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95 ¹	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04 ²	FY05 ³
4,938	9,915	6,948	6,688	3,000	2,000	4,000	7,012	29,933	59,768	65,000	68,370	64,515	57,129

¹ \$7.8 million of unspent funds were rescinded in FY1995. The amounts shown are the original appropriation before the rescission.

² FY2004 Appropriations language requires the use of \$7 million in unspent prior year funds in addition to the appropriated amount.

³ FY2005 Appropriations language requires the use of \$7.2 million in unspent prior year funds in addition to the appropriated amount.

Summary of Completed Forest Legacy Acquisition Tracts Within Northeastern Area States 4/93–9/30/04

State	Tracts	Acres	Total Value	FLP Payment
Connecticut	13	6,789	\$7,724,000	\$4,479,000
Delaware	1	908	4,800,000	1,994,000
Illinois	6	367	1,513,000	1,079,000
Indiana	10	3,737	4,903,000	3,764,000
Maine	16	403,795	57,683,000	32,763,000
Maryland	5	1,061	2,403,000	728,000
Massachusetts	17	2,999	12,268,000	5,215,000
Minnesota	17	1,171	3,437,000	2,180,000
New Hampshire	21	194,059	29,101,000	19,182,000
New Jersey	5	2,597	14,003,000	2,262,000
New York	6	1,555	4,773,000	2,403,000
Rhode Island	10	1,458	3,732,000	2,344,000
Vermont	14	52,044	10,128,000	6,757,000
Wisconsin	2	35,337	13,251,000	5,000,000
Total	143	707,877	\$169,719,000	\$90,150,000

Summary of Funded in Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Within Northeastern Area States

State	Tracts	Acres	Total Value	FLP Payment
Connecticut	10	878	\$1,796,000	\$1,637,000
Delaware	2	3,848	16,530,000	2,961,000
Illinois	3	163	2,340,000	1,502,000
Indiana	4	4,098	6,350,000	4,665,000
Iowa	12	2,359	2,824,000	1,698,000
Maine	2	200,514	16,900,000	4,930,000
Maryland	2	786	2,130,000	1,618,000
Massachusetts	10	2,686	11,598,000	4,915,000
Michigan	2	300	1,200,000	494,000
Minnesota	4	4,690	4,750,000	2,873,000
New Hampshire	4	19,467	10,011,000	6,586,000
New Jersey	6	8,858	37,500,000	17,589,000
New York	6	85,710	26,755,000	8,672,000
Pennsylvania	1	442	663,000	500,000
Rhode Island	6	918	3,968,000	2,387,000
Vermont	14	36,218	12,259,000	9,497,000
West Virginia	2	2,954	3,967,000	1,160,000
Wisconsin	5	58,785	35,965,000	10,341,000
Total	95	433,674	\$197,506,000	\$84,025,000

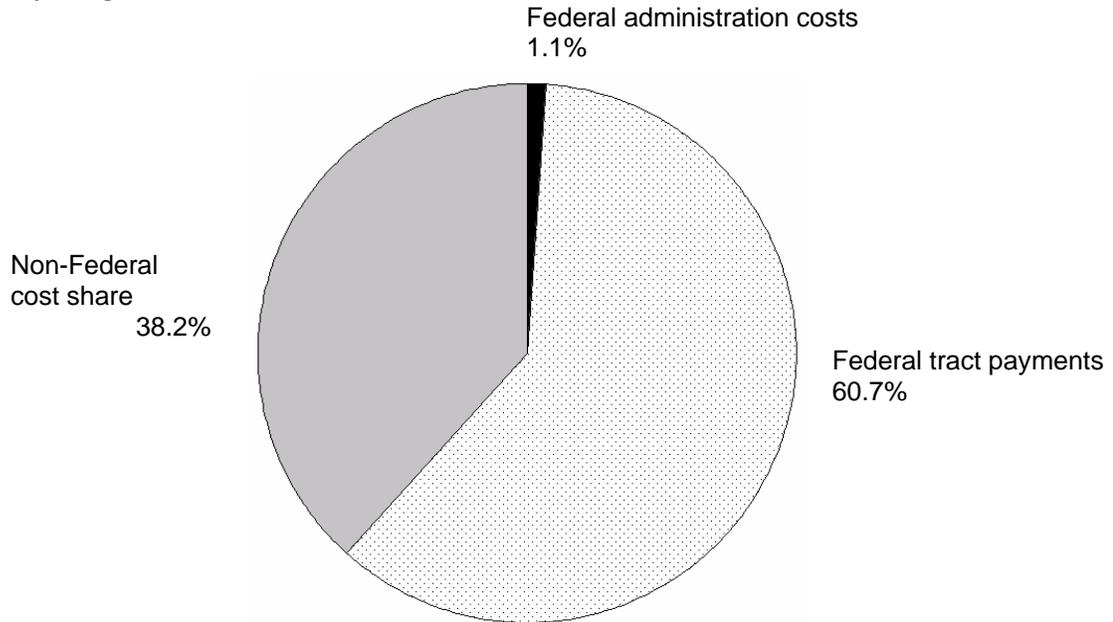
Summary of Proposed Forest Legacy Acquisition Tracts Identified in Northeastern Area States

	Tracts	Acres	Total Value	FLP Payment
Total	119	556,075	\$195,500,000	\$112,565,000

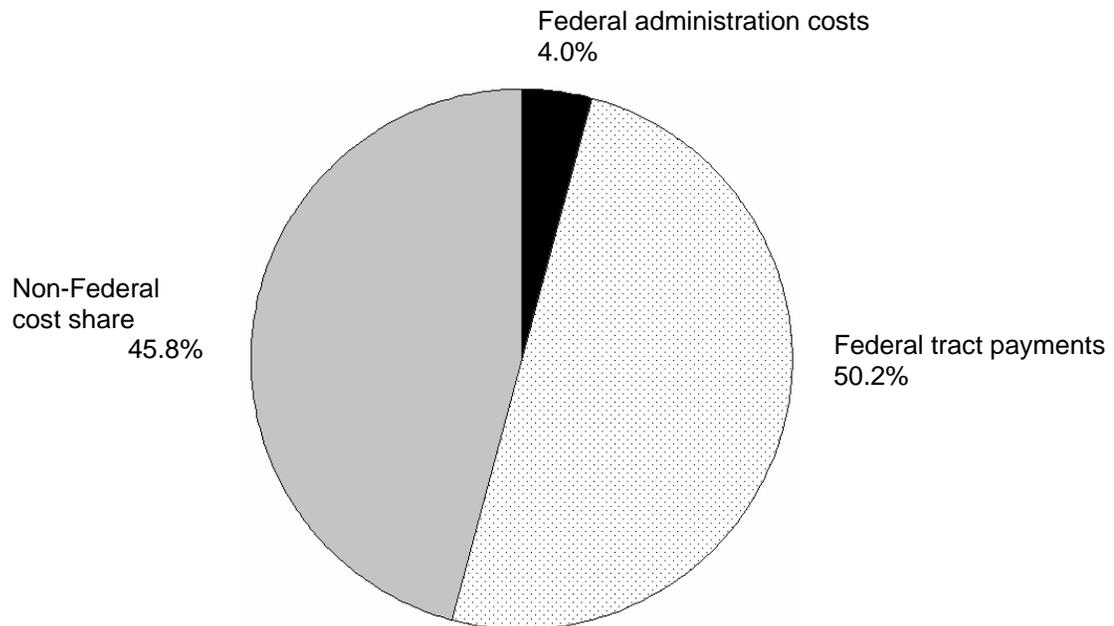
Northeastern Area Forest Legacy Program Costs by Federal and Non-Federal Entities

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, administrative funds will be kept under 15 percent of appropriated funds. (Forest Legacy Program Guidelines Part 1, X.B.)



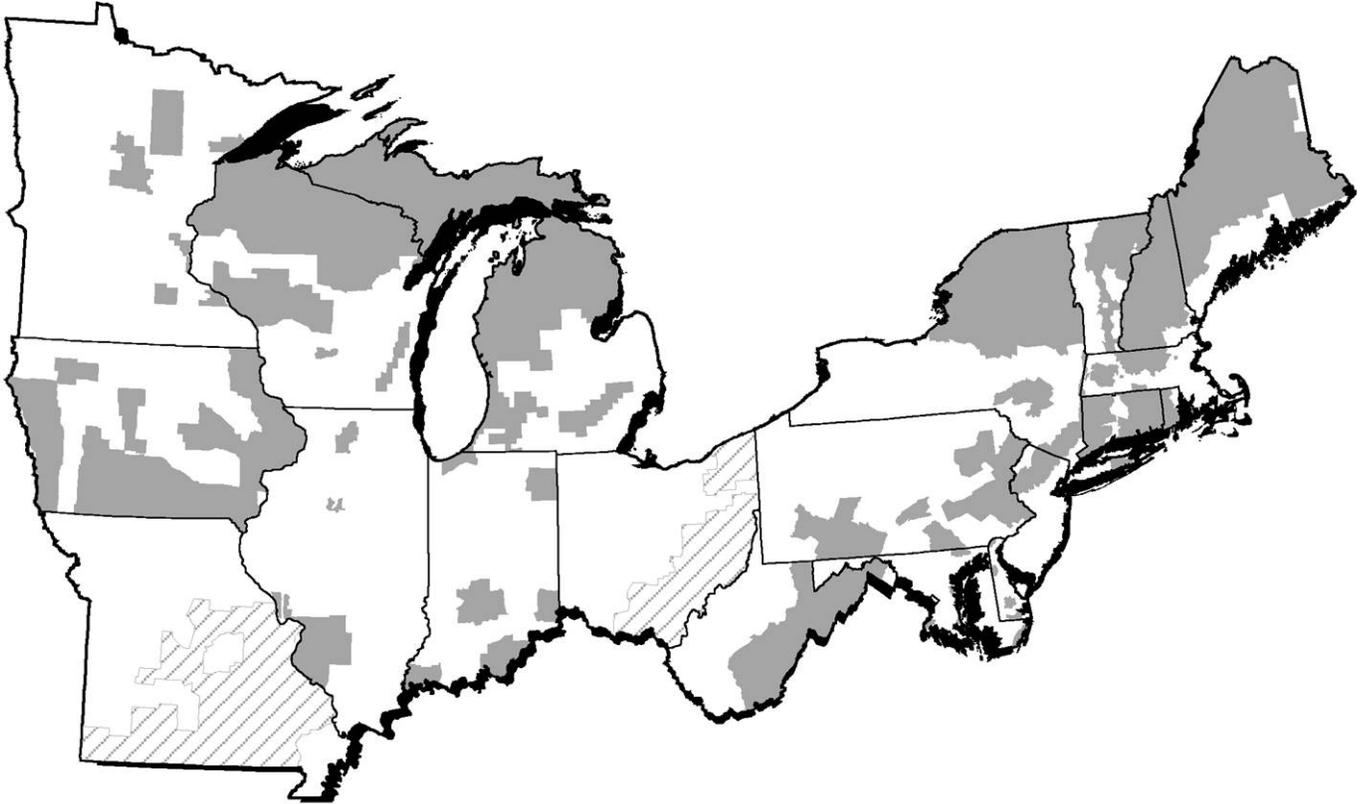
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Forest Legacy Program Activity

Eighteen States are currently active in the program; the remaining two States have submitted an Assessment of Need (AON) for approval.



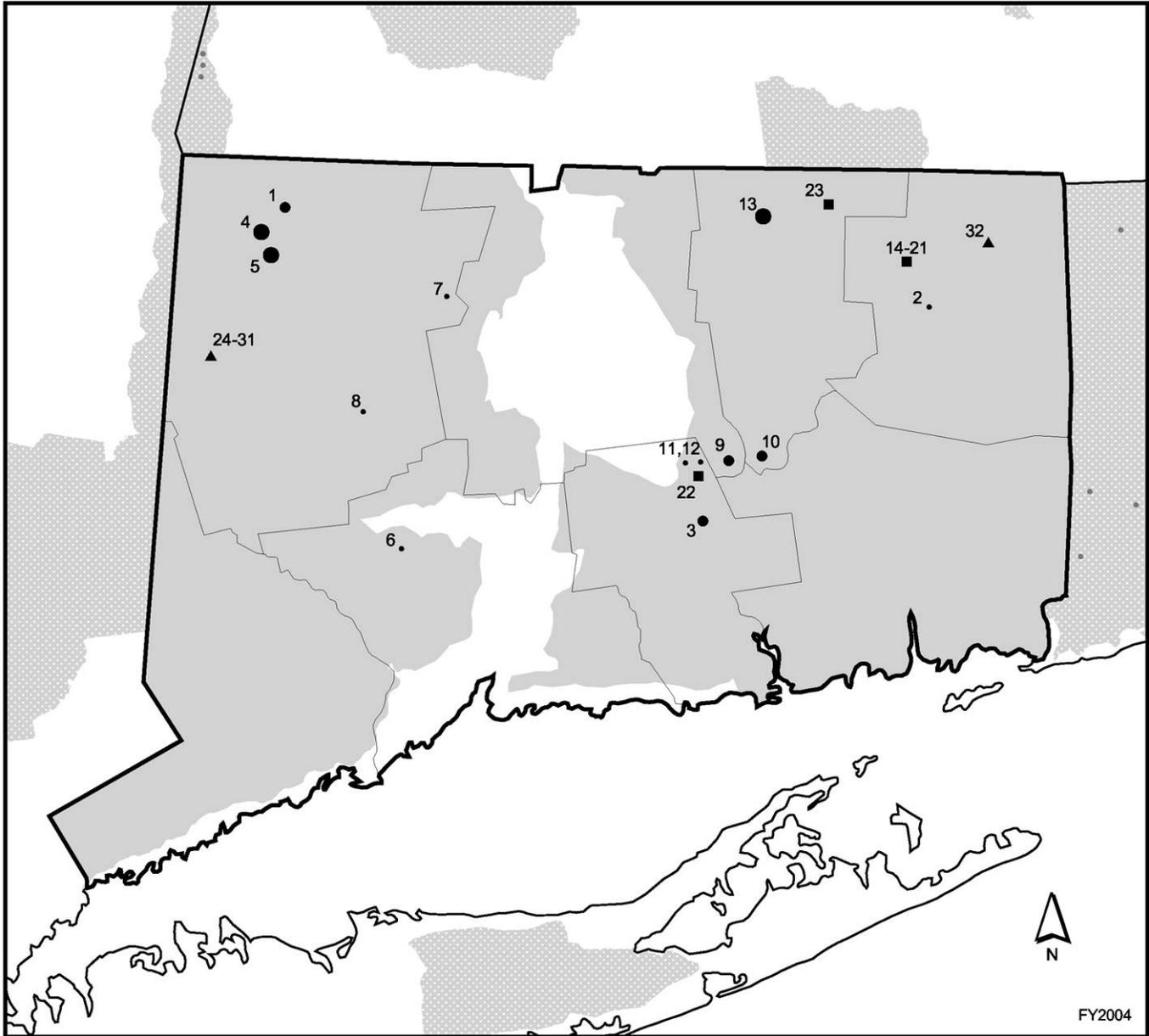
Forest Legacy Program Status September 30, 2004

-  Forest Legacy Area
-  Proposed Forest Legacy Area



* 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

Assessment of Need approved October 26, 1994



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <100 acres
- Completed 100-200 acres
- Completed >200 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

Connecticut Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

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	Great Mountain Forest	Litchfield County	5,528	5,453,000	4,089,000
5	Housatonic	Litchfield County	204	410,000	0
6	Naugatuck	New Haven County	27	85,000	0
7	Nepaug	Litchfield County	27	45,000	0
8	Mattatuck	Litchfield County	55	170,000	0
9	Salmon River	Hartford County	158	315,000	0
10	Meshomasic I	Tolland County	102	233,000	0
11	Meshomasic II	Middlesex County	20	18,000	0
12	Meshomasic III	Middlesex County	6	8,000	0
13	Shenipsit	Tolland County	311	597,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			6,789	\$7,724,000	\$4,479,000

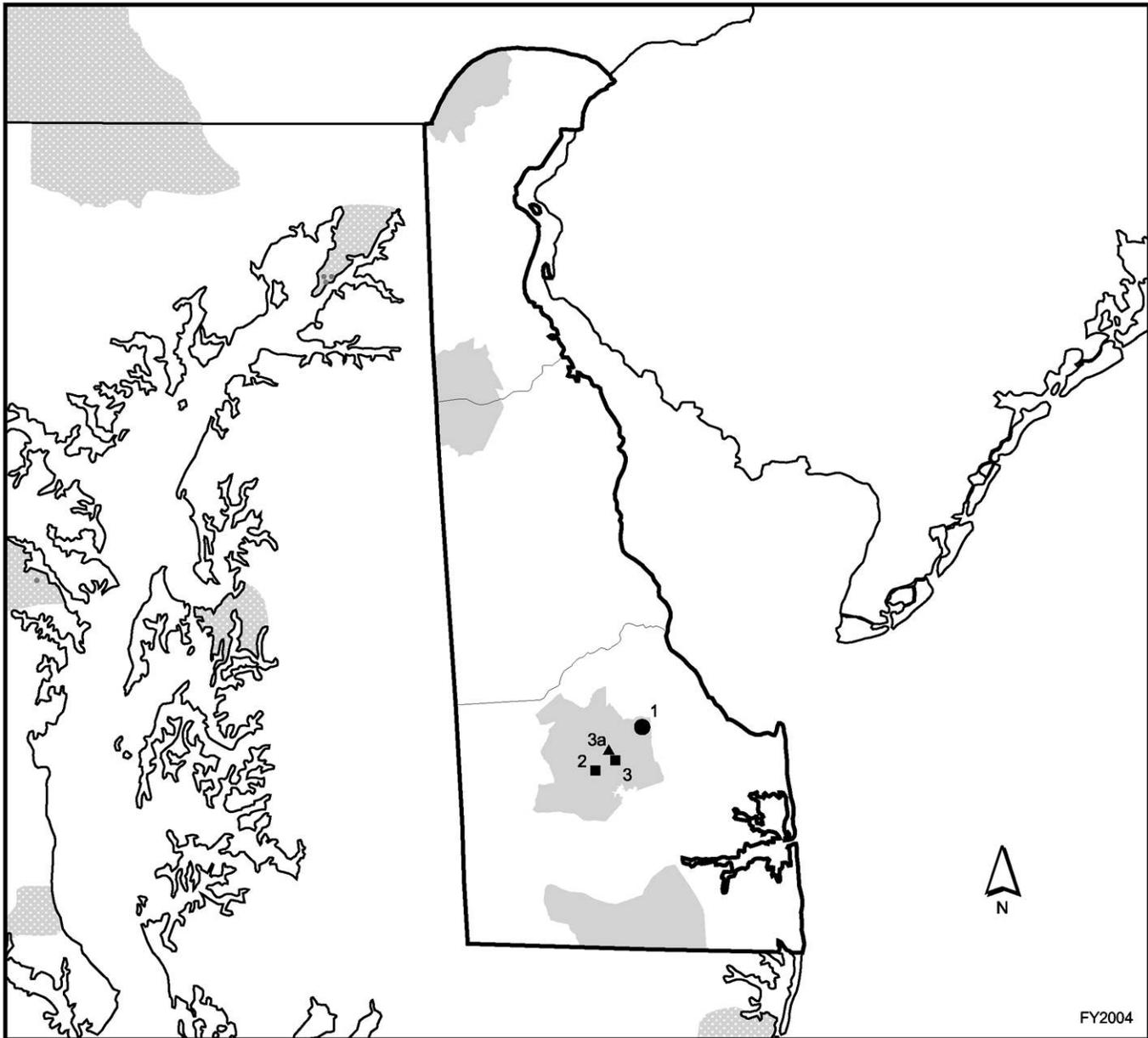
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
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.					
22	Peaceful Hill	Middlesex County	40	200,000	198,000
Peaceful Hill is a family owned forest. In addition to growing Christmas trees, the owners manage 40 acres of forest land. The timber rattlesnake, a rare and endangered species in Connecticut, is found on the property.					
23	Nipmuck	Tolland County	132	495,000	346,000
This property abuts the Nipmuck State Forest and Connecticut Water Company lands. Wetlands on the property feed into the water company's reservoir, which is a source of drinking water for the residents of Stafford, Connecticut.					
In Progress Projects Total:			878	\$1,796,000	\$1,637,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
24-31	Skiff Mountain #1-8	Litchfield County	987	\$3,455,000	\$2,470,000
A cooperative effort involving eight landowners working with the Trust for Public Land, the Kent Land Trust, and the Sharon Land Trust to preserve almost 1,000 acres of land that straddle the Kent/Sharon town lines in northwestern Connecticut.					
32	Nightingale Brook	Windham County	1,000	2,000,000	1,500,000
These lands are under pressure of development owing to their proximity to Boston, MA; Providence, RI; and Hartford, CT. The property contains "The Lost Village," a relatively intact Revolutionary War settlement. Development of the property could destroy this cultural relic.					
Proposed Projects Total:			1,987	\$5,455,000	\$3,970,000

Delaware Forest Legacy Program



FY2004

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

Assessment of Need approved December 10, 1998



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed >500 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

Delaware Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Green Horizons Phase 1	Sussex County	908	\$4,800,000	\$1,994,000
Completed Projects Total:			908	\$4,800,000	\$1,994,000

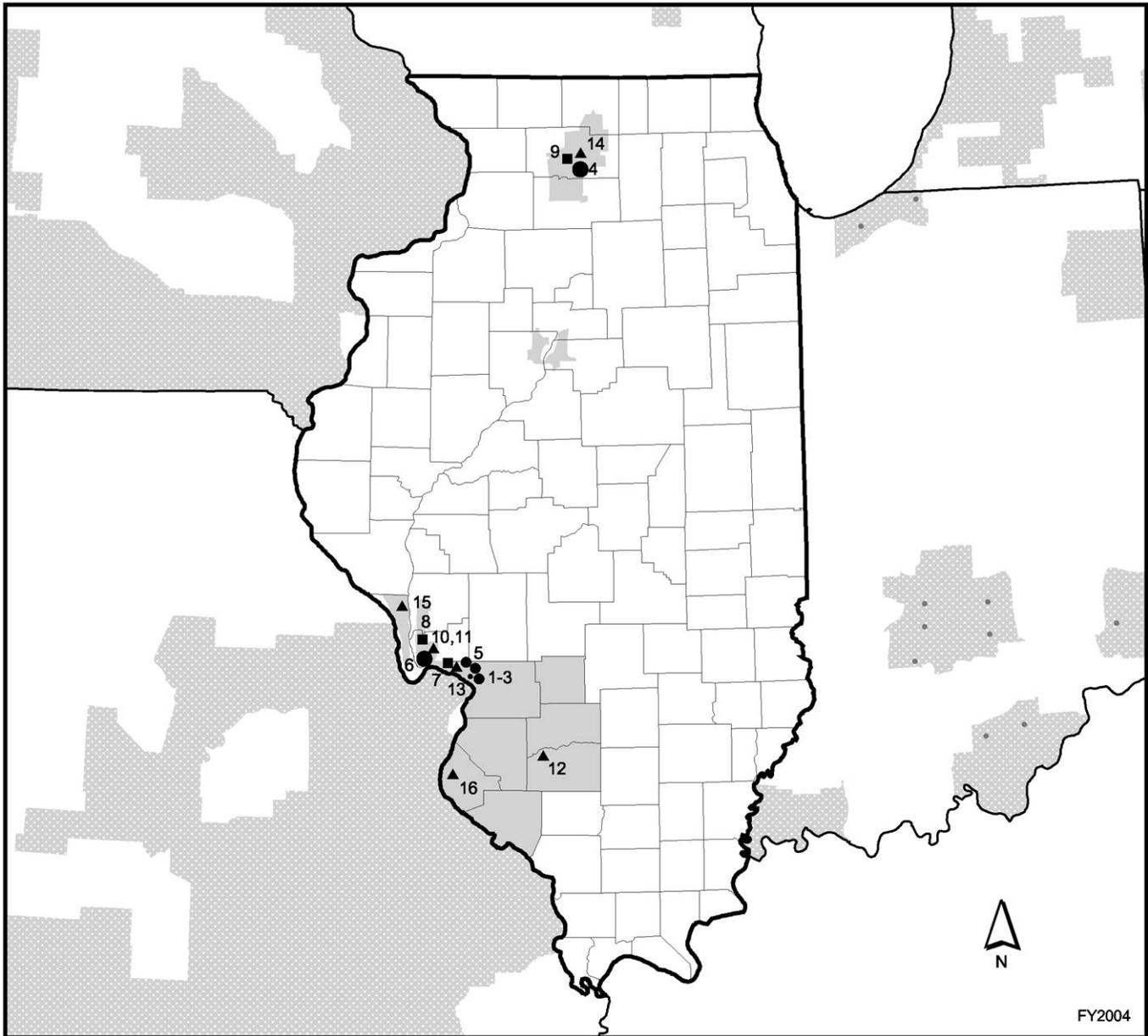
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
2	Green Horizons Phase 2	Sussex County	448	\$3,030,000	\$1,975,000
Will continue the Green Horizons project by protecting additional lands through fee simple and conservation easement purchases around Redden State Forest. Will help to further reduce development pressures in this very important forest resource.					
3	Green Horizons Phase 3	Sussex County	3,400	13,500,000	986,000
This project is protecting the forest land around Redden State Forest that is held by one owner. The consolidation of protected land will enhance a conservation corridor on the Delmarva Peninsula.					
In Progress Projects Total:			3,848	\$16,530,000	\$2,961,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
3a	Green Horizons Phase 3	Sussex County	See #3	See #3	\$5,000,000
Additional funding is required to complete the Green Horizons project that protects lands around Redden State Forest. These funds will help to further reduce development pressures in this very important forest resource area.					
Proposed Projects Total:					\$5,000,000

Illinois Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

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

Assessment of Need approved November 29, 1994



- Illinois Forest Legacy Area
- Adjacent NA State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <50 acres
- Completed 50-75 acres
- Completed >75 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

Illinois Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-3	Oblate Woods	Madison County	143	\$716,000	\$492,000
4	Daysville Forest	Ogle County	93	365,000	273,000
5	LaVista Woods	Madison County	52	330,000	237,000
6	Rattlesnake Ridge	Jersey County	79	102,000	77,000
Completed Projects Total:			367	\$1,513,000	\$1,079,000

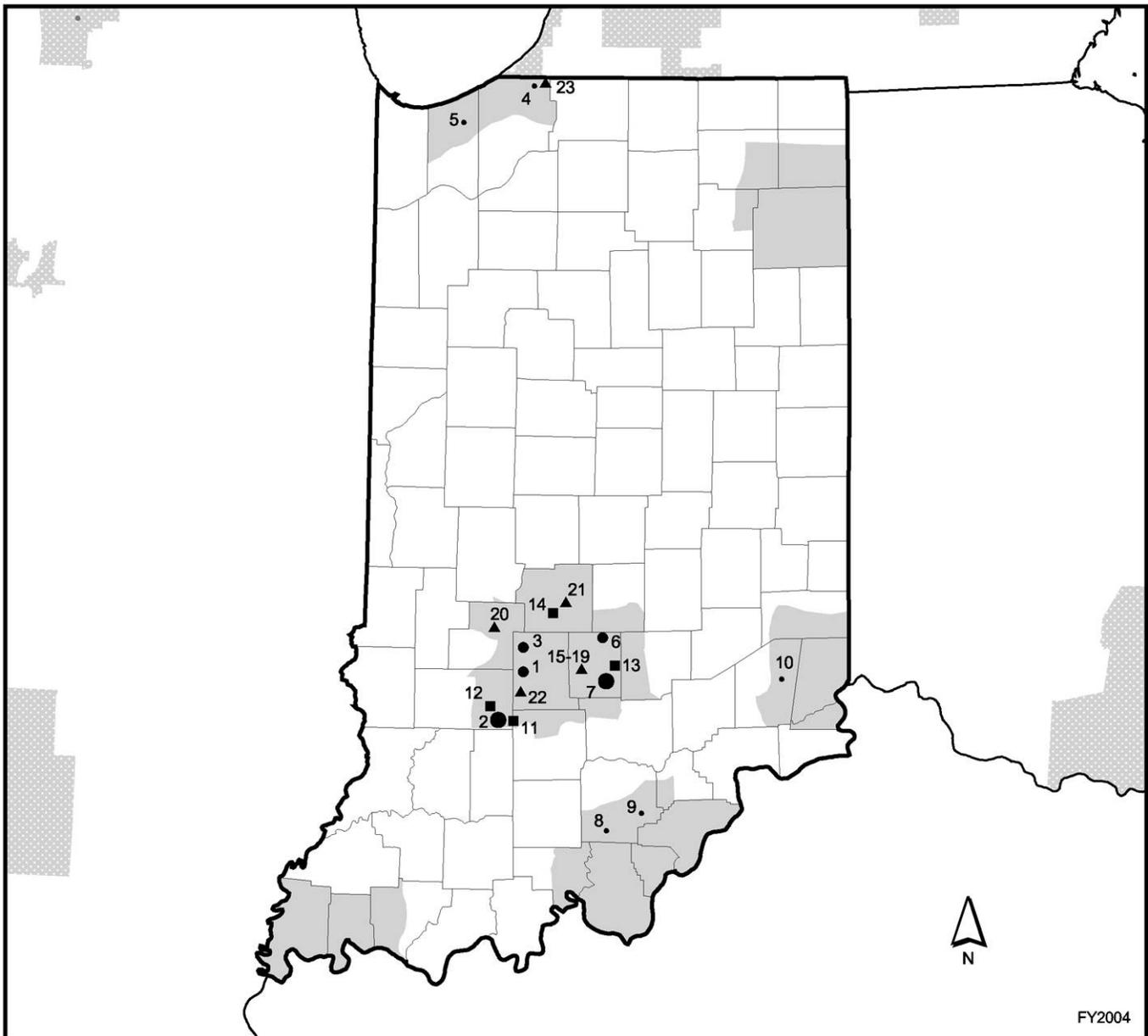
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
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	125,000	94,000
This tract is located adjacent to Pere Marquette State Park. The surrounding area is under pressure to be developed into small wooded lots, increasing forest fragmentation.					
9	Byron Rock River	Ogle County	75	1,640,000	1,185,000
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. Land to the south and west of this property has been converted to housing and recreational development.					
In Progress Projects Total:			163	\$2,340,000	\$1,502,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
10-11	Daggett Ridge/Pere Marquette	Jersey County	736	\$3,967,000	\$2,975,000
Protection of these two tracts will continue the now longstanding effort to protect thousands of acres of forest habitat in the watersheds of the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers along the bluffs associated with those rivers. Adjacent to Pere Marquette State Park.					
12	Kaskaskia	Washington County	54	73,000	55,000
Will help protect the largest contiguous bottomland forest in the State of Illinois. Protection will maintain the high quality wetlands and riparian forest land along the Kaskaskia River through a conservation easement held by the State.					
13	River Forest	Madison County	44	260,000	195,000
In close proximity to the Oblate Woods and LaVista Woods projects, the proximity of these forest tracts to the Mississippi River makes it prime area for development. Heavily wooded tracts on scenic bluffs overlooking the river contribute to the attraction of the area.					
14	McCormick	Ogle County	300	600,000	450,000
Protection of this tract will continue the goal of protecting forested areas adjacent to the Rock River. Protection will ensure continued natural resource education efforts at the site, as well as protect critical habitat for two State threatened plant species.					
15	Calhoun	Calhoun County	480	1,056,000	792,000
Bounded on three sides by the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, and only accessible by one bridge and two river ferries, the upland oak/hickory forest in the hills of Calhoun County retain an untouched quality not associated with most Illinois forest land.					
16	Karst	Monroe County	750	1,300,000	975,000
Protection of the forested land in this area is needed to protect the unique forest features that are associated with the sinkholes that occur there. Neotropical migrants and forest interior nest bird species are quite common.					
Proposed Projects Total:			2,364	\$7,256,000	\$5,442,000

Indiana Forest Legacy Program



FY2004

Assessment of Need approved December 10, 1998

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 200-800 acres
- Completed >800 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

Indiana Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

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	Jack's Defeat Creek	Monroe County	225	398,000	338,000
4	Rattlesnake Creek	LaPorte County	163	145,000	123,000
5	River's Edge	Porter County	77	167,000	167,000
6	Hills of Gold	Brown County	460	830,000	726,000
7	Gnaw Bone Camp	Brown County	1,368	2,425,000	1,824,000
8-9	Big Spring Farm	Washington County	183	233,000	175,000
10	Corning Woods	Ripley County	142	125,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			3,737	\$4,903,000	\$3,764,000

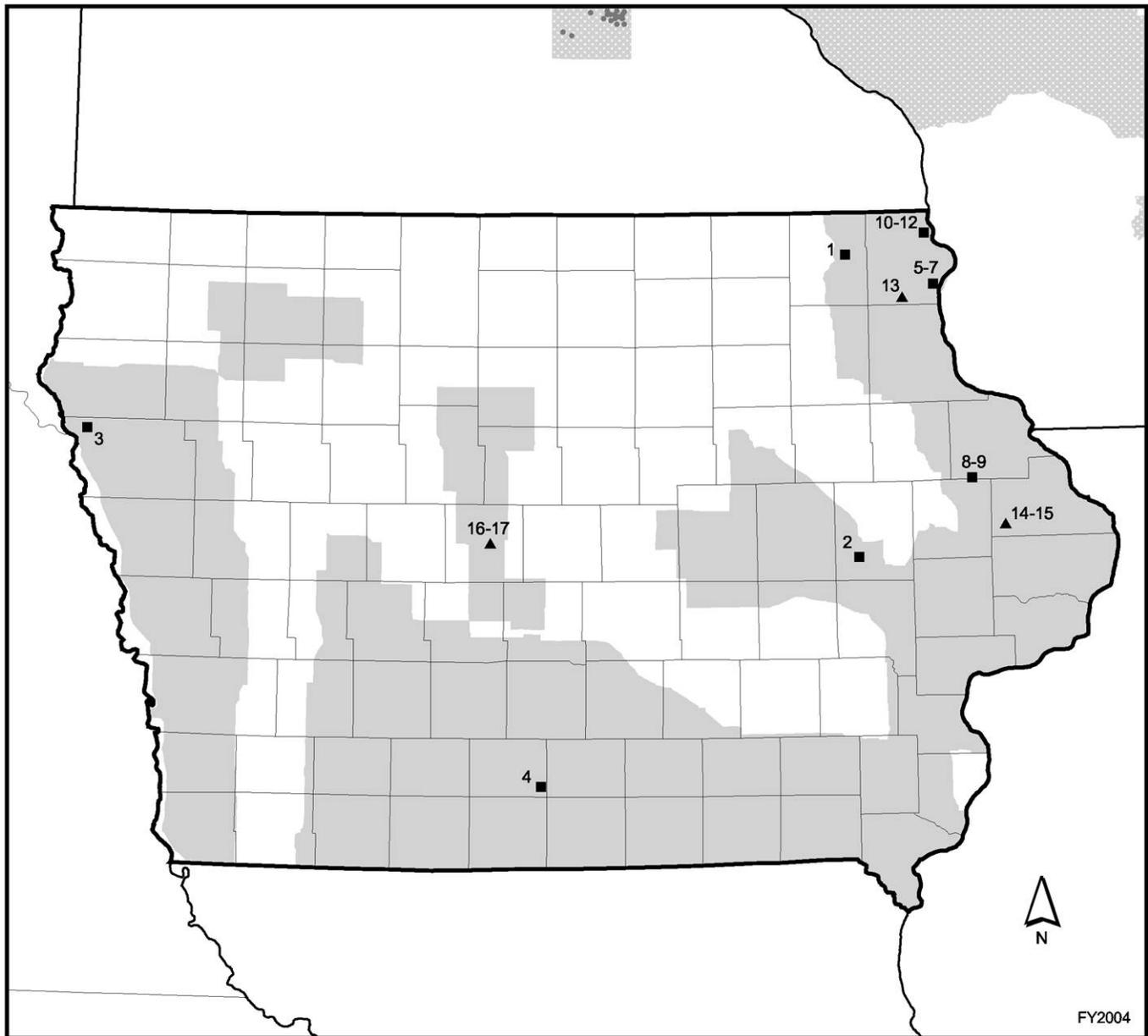
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
11-12	Indian Creek #2 & #3	Lawrence and Greene Counties	1,481	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Two tracts under two different ownerships totaling nearly 1,500 acres adjoin an existing 825-acre protected parcel. Rolling hills and prime examples of central hardwood forests add protection to the Indian Creek watershed.					
13	Mt. Tea Ridge	Brown County	1,266	2,650,000	1,590,000
Located less than 35 miles from Indianapolis, this forested property contains valuable mixed hardwoods and scenic views.					
14	Hurricane Hills	Morgan County	1,351	2,600,000	1,975,000
A very unique opportunity on one of Indiana's largest forest holdings. This central hardwoods forest has been actively managed.					
In Progress Projects Total:			4,098	\$6,350,000	\$4,665,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
15-19	Land Bridge	Brown and Monroe Counties	936	\$2,240,000	\$1,680,000
This project protects over 900 acres of working forest in Indiana's beautiful hill country. The rugged hills with stunning hardwood forests make this region prime real estate for commuters, retirees, and vacation home owners from Indianapolis.					
20	Luke's Run	Owen County	909	2,000,000	1,500,000
This block of well-managed central hardwood forests with karst features is an easy 45-mile commute to Indianapolis. Bordering is the 6,000-acre Owen-Putnam State Forest and nearby is the popular 1,500-acre Cagles Mill Lake and 8,000-acre Lieber State Recreation Area.					
21-22	Shawnee Hills	Morgan and Monroe Counties	1,146	1,940,000	1,455,000
Two parcels adjacent or in the vicinity of the Hurricane Hills project that will protect important central hardwood forests in a larger contiguous block of managed forest within an hour of Indianapolis.					
23	Rattlesnake Creek II	LaPorte County	50	100,000	100,000
A 50-acre project adjoining the Rattlesnake Creek Forest Legacy project. Site is a mix of hardwood forests and natural wetlands.					
Proposed Projects Total:			3,041	\$6,280,000	\$4,735,000

Iowa Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need approved March 7, 2002

State Program Goals

- 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
- Protect Iowa's publicly owned or permanently protected forested tracts from environmental threats caused by the development of nearby forest areas
- Prevent and reverse the fragmentation and parcelization of Iowa's contiguous forests by reconnecting parcels of land and keeping forests in contiguous parcels
- Preserve the beauty and public enjoyment of Iowa's forested landscape



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

Iowa Forest Legacy Program

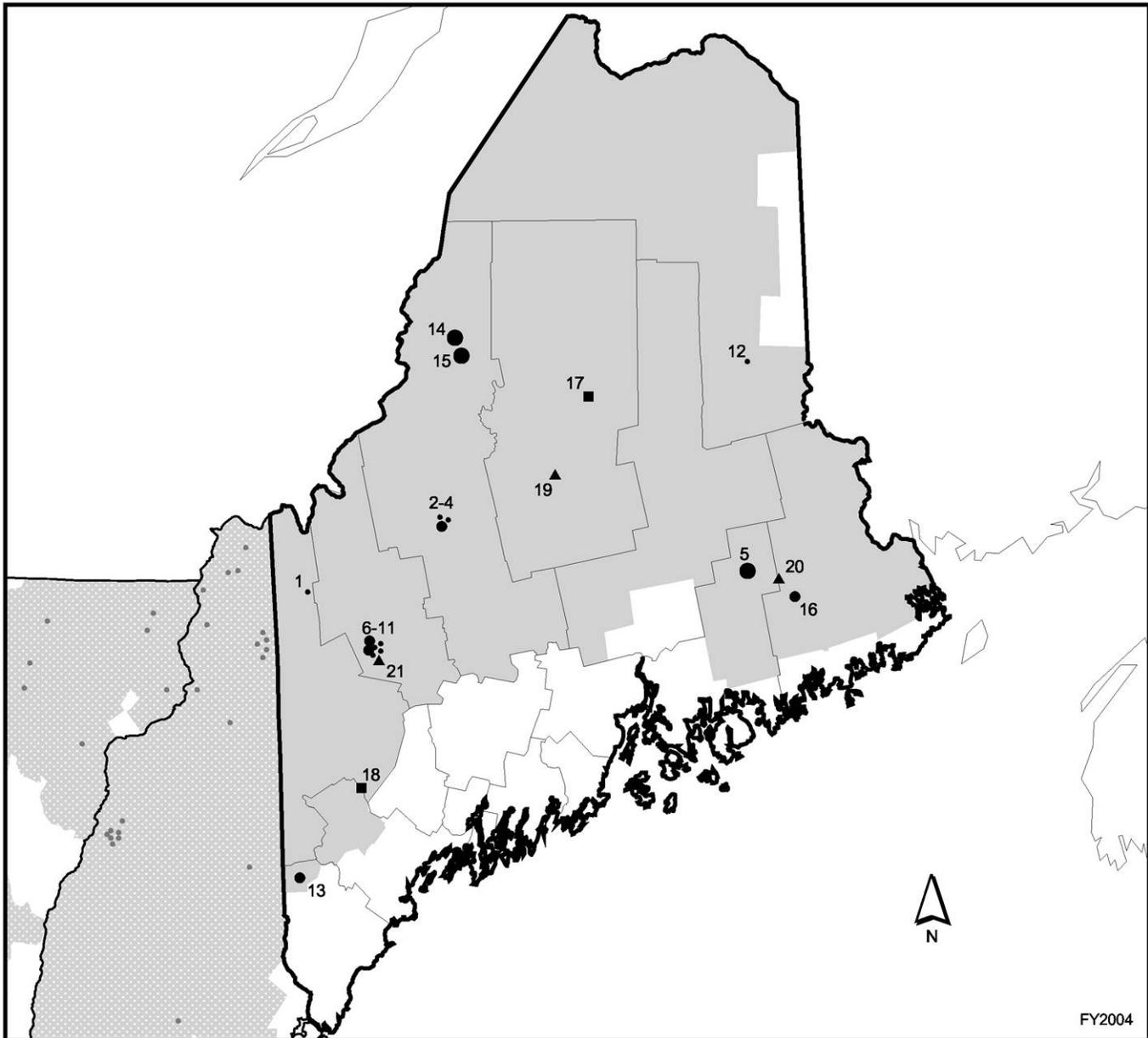
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Upper Iowa	Winneshiek County	165	\$561,000	\$365,000
	Located along the Upper Iowa River bordering the city of Decorah. Under forestry management since 1971. Property overlooks the river—a popular fishing and canoeing area where bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and snowy owls are seen.				
2	Bertram	Linn County	121	628,000	127,000
	A central hardwood forest within 2 miles of the city limits of Cedar Rapids. The southeastern corner of the property is a highpoint in Linn County and overlooks the Cedar River Valley near the junction of US Highways 30 and 151.				
3	Stone Park	Woodbury County	30	32,000	24,000
	This tract is an outstanding example of oak savanna that is in need of restoration and contains several threatened and rare prairie/savanna plants and butterflies. Urban/rural interface issues are encroaching in this area.				
4	Stephens Forest	Clarke County	60	19,000	4,000
	The oak-hickory timber located on the property is high quality turkey habitat. The forest will protect the fragile soils from eroding, thus protecting water quality in the Chariton River and Rathbun Reservoir, which supply drinking water to southern Iowa.				
5-7	Yellow River #1-3	Allamakee County	1,027	552,000	414,000
	Three separate properties abutting and/or in proximity to Yellow River State Forest. The forests contain various hardwood species of red and white oak, sugar maple, basswood, black walnut, shagbark hickory, white ash, and native white pine.				
8-9	Canyons #1-2	Jones and Dubuque Counties	322	296,000	222,000
	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 working forest management.				
10-12	NE Upper Bluffs #1-3	Allamakee County	634	736,000	542,000
	These four separate tracts are working forests that contain contiguous forests critical to fish and wildlife habitat (coldwater trout streams), possess scenic viewing points, and protect several archeological, cultural, and geologic resources.				
In Progress Projects Total:			2,359	\$2,824,000	\$1,698,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
13	Monona	Allamakee County	214	\$429,000	\$321,000
	Central hardwood forest in northeastern Iowa (Allamakee County) that is part of an 800-acre contiguous working farm. The property is along a paved county road north of the community of Monona. The ease of access is causing the road to become frontage for housing developments.				
14-15	Maquoketa Caves #1-2	Jackson County	265	260,000	195,000
	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.				
16-17	Saylorville Greenbelt #1-2	Boone County	103	206,000	155,000
	Central hardwood forests on working farms are rare in Iowa's landscape, which is dominated by corn and soybeans—especially lands that border the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers's Saylorville Reservoir, approximately 30 miles north of Des Moines.				
18	Bertram	Linn County	See #2	See #2	334,000
	Additional funds are needed to fully protect this project with a conservation easement on over 100 acres of central hardwood forests.				
Proposed Projects Total:			582	\$895,000	\$1,005,000

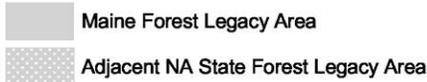
Maine Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Prevent the conversion of Maine's forest to nonforest uses, and thereby protect an array of Maine's traditional forest uses. These uses include timber harvesting, public access, and recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, and hiking, to name but a few.
- Protect a wide range of public values, including, but not limited to, wetlands, significant fish and wildlife habitat, historical or archaeological sites, scenic resources, rare or exemplary natural communities, biodiversity, and sustainable forest management.

Assessment of Need approved March 18, 1994



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <5,000 acres
- Completed 5,000-20,000 acres
- Completed >20,000 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

Maine Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Cupsuptic Lake	Oxford County	1,272	\$843,000	\$843,000
2-4	Pierce Pond	Somerset County	9,858	1,950,000	1,950,000
5	Nicatous Lake	Hancock County	20,268	4,500,000	3,000,000
6-11	Mt. Blue/Tumbledown	Franklin County	25,776	7,690,000	4,240,000
12	Mattawamkeag	Aroostook County	3,338	895,000	500,000
13	Leavitt Plantation	York County	8,603	2,735,000	596,000
14-15	West Branch	Somerset County	328,364	36,167,000	19,647,000
16	Machias River	Washington County	6,316	2,903,000	1,987,000
Completed Projects Total:			403,795	\$57,683,000	\$32,763,000

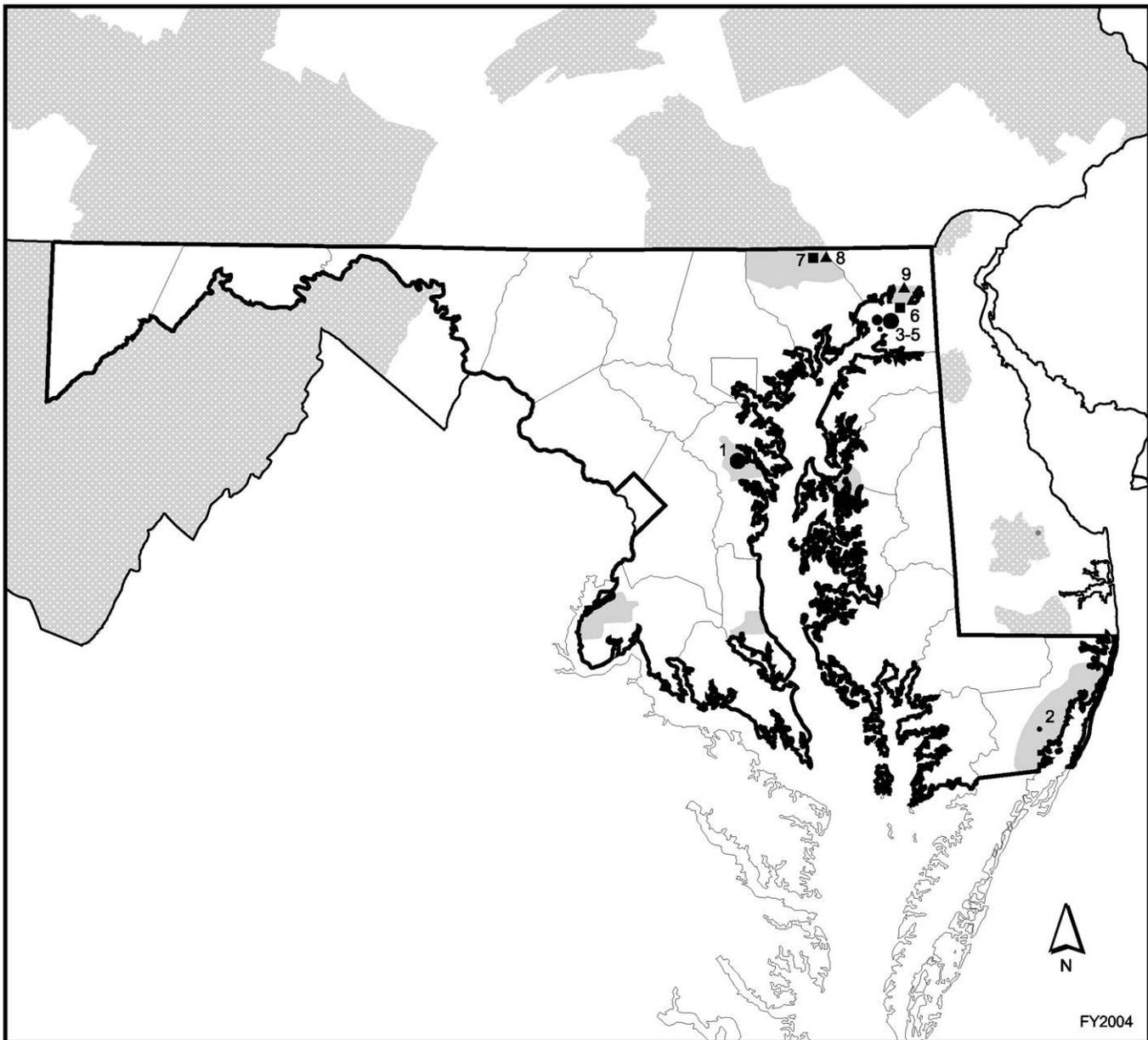
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
17	Katahdin Forest	Piscataquis and Penobscot Counties	194,751	\$15,000,000	\$4,437,000
The project preserves an unfragmented forest connecting several important State lands, including Baxter State Park, Nahmakanta and Seboeis Public Reserve Lands Units, the West Branch Penobscot River Conservation Easement area, and the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.					
18	Sebago Lands	Cumberland and Oxford Counties	5,763	1,900,000	493,000
This project will protect some of the largest remaining open spaces in southern Maine with conservation easements. Goals are to guarantee public access, protect important wildlife and plant habitat, and maintain forest productivity.					
In Progress Projects Total:			200,514	\$16,900,000	\$4,930,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
19	Katahdin Iron Works	Washington and Hancock Counties	37,000	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000
At the heart of the 100-Mile Wilderness, home to the last and wildest stretch of the Appalachian Trail, lies over 37,000 acres of high mountain ridgelines, undeveloped lakes, scenic river corridors, expansive forests, and sweeping vistas.					
20	Machias River Phase 2	Washington and Hancock Counties	7,785	8,100,000	3,000,000
Phase 2 begins at the outlet of Third Machias Lake where Phase 1 leaves off. It includes the upper portion of the Machias River watershed, encompassing its headwater lakes and streams. The northern part connects to the Nicatous Lake Forest Legacy Project.					
21	Mt. Blue/Tumbledown 3B	Franklin County	1,468	1,000,000	700,000
The Mt. Blue/Tumbledown Mountain Project, over 25,000 acres protected through the FLP to date, lies in the western mountains of Maine's Northern Forest and has long been valued for its scenic landscapes, recreational and natural resources, and productive managed forests.					
Proposed Projects Total:			46,253	\$19,100,000	\$8,700,000

Maryland Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need approved January 22, 1996

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 NA State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <100 acres
- Completed 100-200 acres
- Completed >200 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

Maryland Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Green Cathedral	Anne Arundel County	298	\$1,550,000	\$650,000
2	Coastal Bay	Worcester County	95	78,000	78,000
3-5	Rodney, Caveat, and McDaniel	Cecil County	668	775,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			1,061	\$2,403,000	\$728,000

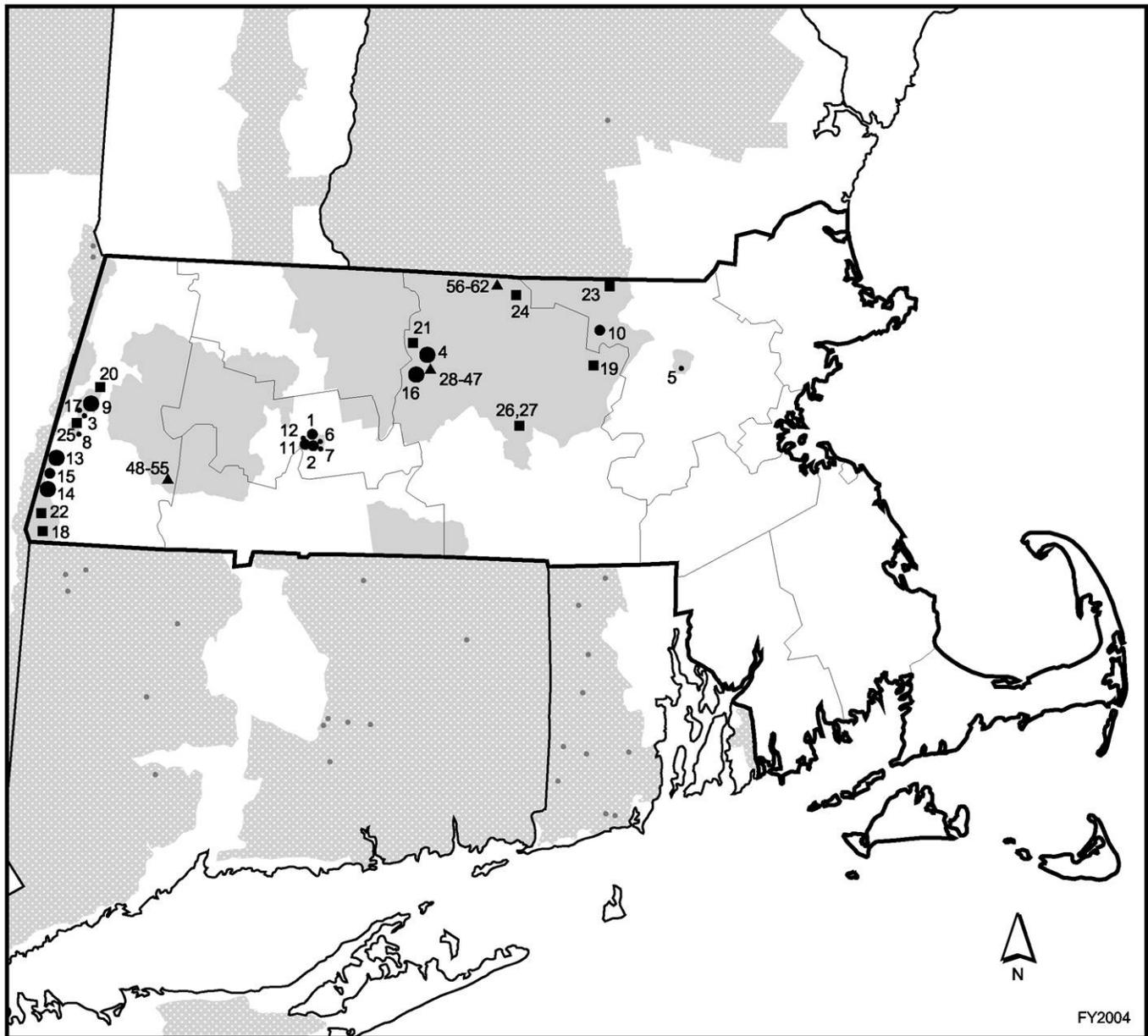
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
6	Muddy Creek	Cecil County	186	\$630,000	\$630,000
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.					
7	Broad Creek	Harford County	600	1,500,000	988,000
This large property is predominantly forested with the oak-hickory forest type. 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.					
In Progress Projects Total:			786	\$2,130,000	\$1,618,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
8	Broad Creek	Harford County	1,400	\$3,850,000	\$2,500,000
Additional funds are needed for the project to be fully completed to permanently protect this large tract of forest land.					
9	Wapiti	Cecil County	620	4,000,000	3,000,000
The largest remaining unprotected, single ownership of forested property in the Elk Neck Forest Legacy Area. Will protect water quality of the Chesapeake Bay, wildlife habitat, and continued forest management.					
Proposed Projects Total:			2,020	\$7,850,000	\$5,500,000

Massachusetts Forest Legacy Program



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

Assessment of Need approved August 5, 1993



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <100 acres
- Completed 100-200 acres
- Completed >200 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

- Massachusetts Forest Legacy Area
- Adjacent NA State Forest Legacy Area

Massachusetts Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Holich	Hampshire County	113	\$220,000	\$220,000
2	Anciporch	Hampshire County	106	198,000	165,000
3	Audubon	Berkshire County	75	180,000	180,000
4	Hutchinson	Worcester County	490	616,000	450,000
5	Pippin Tree	Middlesex County	73	7,000,000	1,500,000
6	Boudreau	Hampshire County	56	321,000	241,000
7	Johnson	Hampshire County	47	59,000	47,000
8	Stockbridge Sportsman's Club	Berkshire County	67	60,000	60,000
9	Kripalu (BNRC)	Berkshire County	225	280,000	280,000
10	Pumpkin Brook Link	Middlesex County	174	750,000	250,000
11-12	Hatfield Watershed	Hampshire County	145	681,000	512,000
13-15	Alford Springs	Berkshire County	947	1,265,000	945,000
16	2-Mile Landbridge	Worcester County	467	600,000	330,000
17	Williams	Berkshire County	14	38,000	35,000
Completed Projects Total:			2,999	\$12,268,000	\$5,215,000

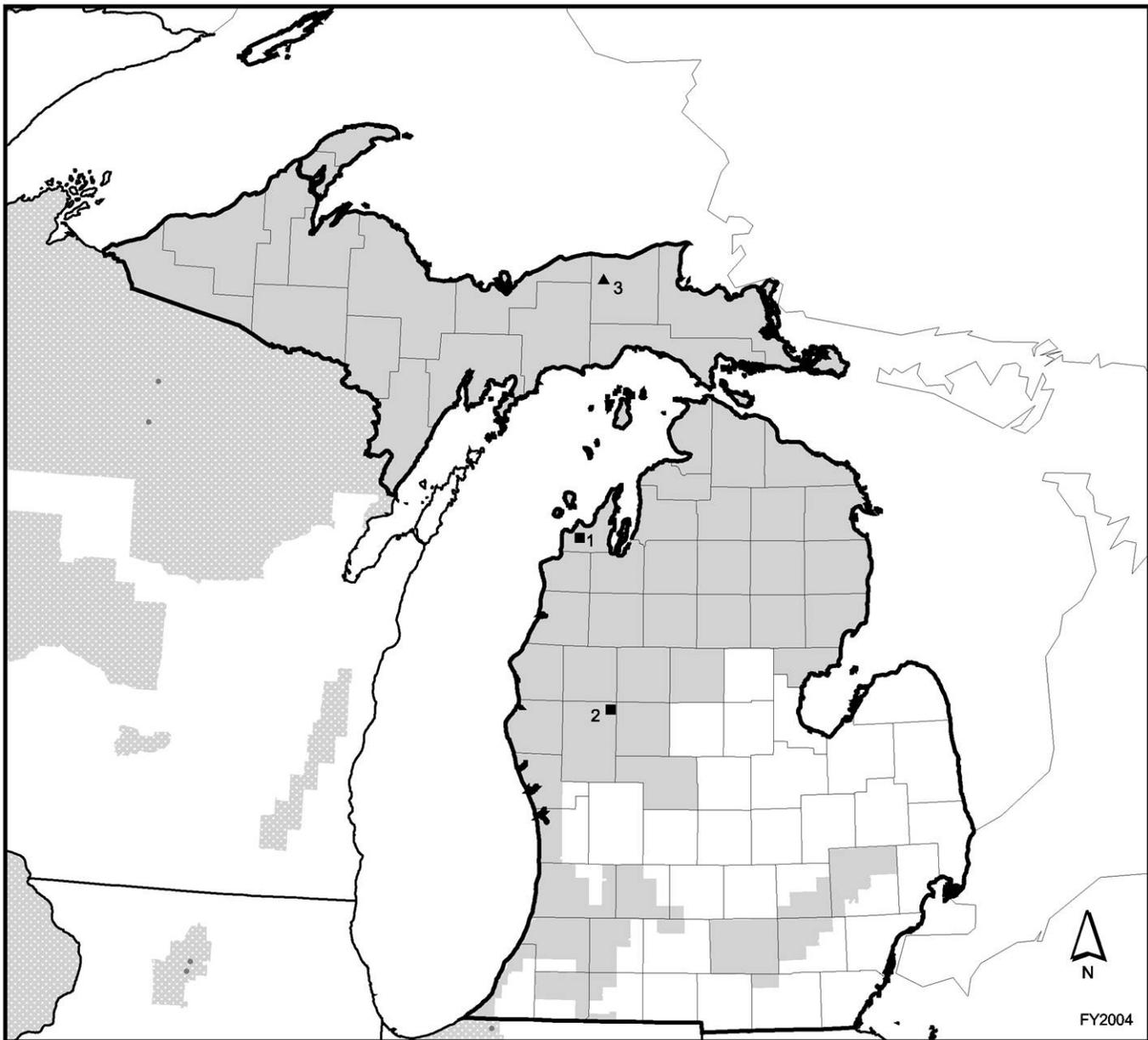
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
18	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.				
19	Ballard Hill	Worcester County	33	115,000	57,000
	Tract consists of 30 acres of upland forest and 3.4 acres of floodplain and wetlands with an intermittent stream and riverbank.				
20	Brickhouse Mountain	Berkshire County	250	400,000	334,000
	The tract has road frontage on a public way and abuts Pittsfield State Forest and Berkshire Community College.				
21	Eagleville Pines	Worcester County	300	1,263,000	830,000
	Identified as unprotected core habitat, this area represents the highest priority for biodiversity conservation and protection.				
22	Karner Brook Ridge	Berkshire County	231	975,000	303,000
	Provides a connective link of protected Commonwealth lands to federally protected Appalachian Trail land and private lands.				
23	Belmont Springs	Middlesex County	235	4,000,000	1,383,000
	This tract, bisected by a hemlock gorge, contributes water to the town of Pepperell.				
24	Bush Hill	Worcester County	445	845,000	247,000
	The property will serve as a core for future purchases of land to be protected in Westminster, MA, and Rindge, NH.				
25	Stock Mountain North	Berkshire County	178	500,000	370,000
	This scenic property that has been actively managed for forest products in the past will allow public access on existing trails.				
26-27	Muschopauge Brook #1-2	Worcester County	214	2,000,000	394,000
	This project is a partnership effort to preserve the forest land for its watershed, forest habitat, recreational, and scenic values.				
In Progress Projects Total:			2,686	\$11,598,000	\$4,915,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
28-47	Quabbin Corridor Connection #1-20	Worcester County	2,095	\$5,047,000	\$3,784,000
	Project will protect 20 parcels and extends over a 9-mile expanse of rolling hills and intact forest lands. It will add crucial links to an 80,000-acre tapestry of protected properties, including three previous Forest Legacy projects and the Quabbin Reservoir.				
48-55	Quarry Woods #1-8	Berkshire County	1,280	1,456,000	1,092,000
	This 8-tract project of will create a block of contiguous forest land stretching from the Farmington River in the west to the Cobble Mountain public water supply lands to the east and provide public recreational opportunities like hiking, biking, fishing, hunting, and birdwatching.				
56-62	Mid-State Trail #1-7	Worcester County	543	3,030,000	2,100,000
	Today about 50% of the Mid-State Trail runs through private, unprotected property and along town roads. This large project would help connect tens of thousands of acres of land protected by the Commonwealth, land trusts, and municipalities.				
Proposed Projects Total:			3,918	\$9,533,000	\$6,976,000

Michigan Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need approved February 20, 2004

State Program Goals

- Identify and protect environmentally important, privately owned forests threatened by conversion to uses inconsistent with traditional forest uses
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by parcelization/subdivision and development
- Provide environmental benefits through the protection of riparian areas, native forest plants and animals, and natural ecosystem functions
- Maintain scenic resources
- Enhance recreational opportunities
- Promote forest stewardship
- Provide undeveloped buffer areas to already protected areas
- Complement other State or Federal interests or assistance programs
- Protect rare, threatened, and endangered species
- Enhance habitat connectivity



- Michigan Forest Legacy Area
- Adjacent NA State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

Michigan Forest Legacy Program

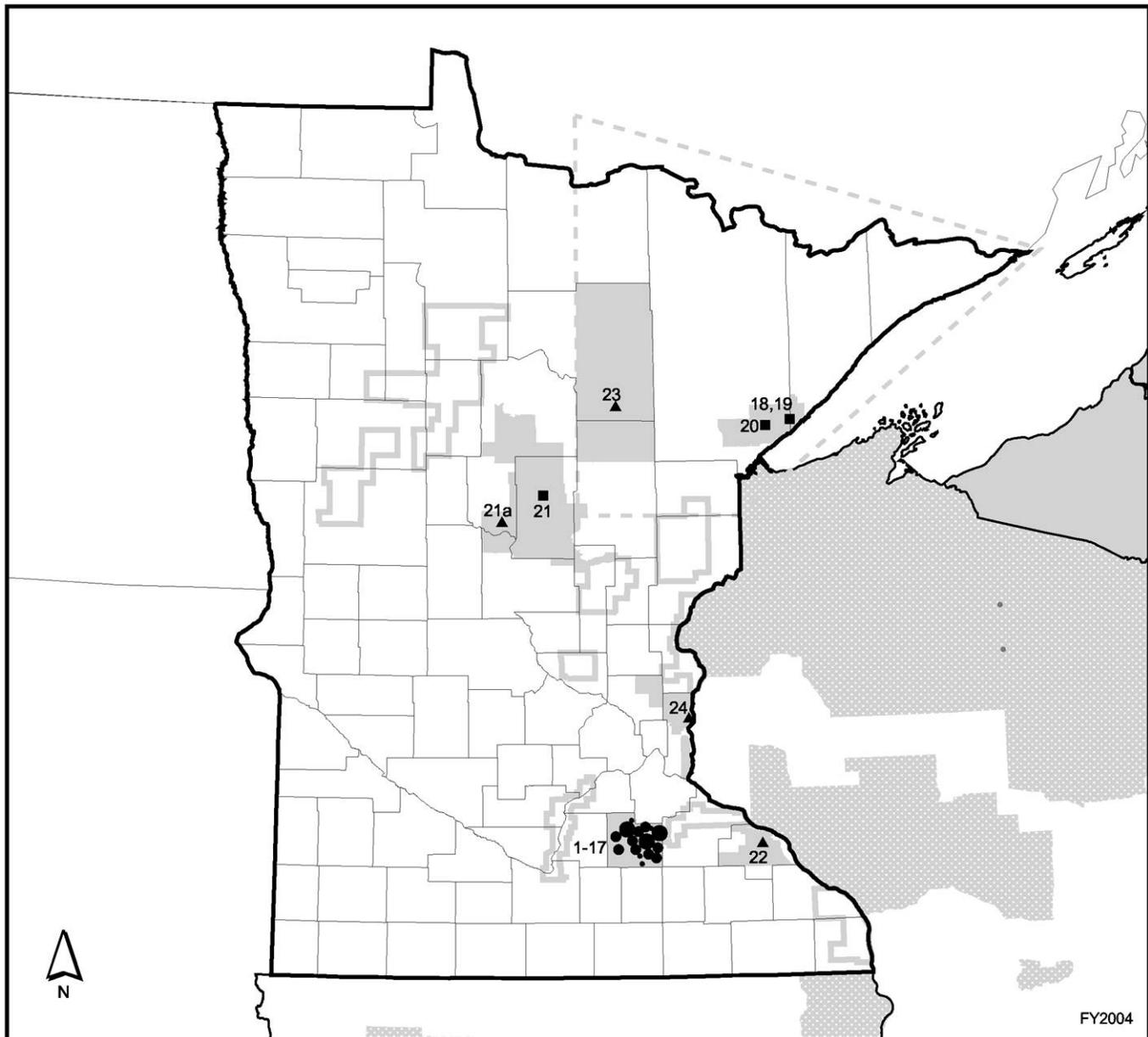
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Sleeping Bear Dunes	Leelanau County	150	\$600,000	\$296,000
<p>This 150-acre parcel abuts the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, considered a fragile and rare ecosystem, on its entire eastern and northern boundaries. It provides several scenic ridgelines. It is an undeveloped high quality northern hardwood forest and contains pockets of old-growth hemlock. The property has high quality wildlife habitat and corridors for bear, bobcat, Neotropical songbirds, a variety of raptors, and other game wildlife.</p>					
2	Grass Lake	Newaygo County	150	600,000	198,000
<p>This 150-acre tract is the first part of a 1,175-acre goal to protect a property located in the northern Lower Peninsula that abuts the Huron-Manistee National Forest. It contains a creek that is part of the headwaters to the Pere Marquette River, which is classified as a National Wild and Scenic River. The Pere Marquette watershed contains high quality coldwater trout habitat and is nationally renowned for providing a high quality fly-fishing experience.</p>					
In Progress Projects Total:			300	\$1,200,000	\$494,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
3	Kamehameha	Alger, Chippewa, Gogebic, Luce, Marquette, Ontonagon and Schoolcraft Counties	248,000	\$52,000,000	\$10,000,000
<p>This project will place a conservation easement, which includes public access, on approximately 248,000 acres of forest land located within seven counties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Protecting the property from conversion to nonforest uses will assist in effectuating the maintenance of the unfragmented forested matrix of the Upper Peninsula by connecting significant blocks of public land and providing significant landscape linkages to those public lands already protected within the Upper Peninsula, currently totaling roughly 3 million acres.</p>					
Proposed Projects Total:			248,000	\$52,000,000	\$10,000,000

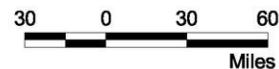
Minnesota Forest Legacy Program



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

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

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <50 acres
- Completed 50-100 acres
- Completed >100 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

Minnesota Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-6	Nerstrand Woods 1-6	Rice County	464	\$1,252,000	\$1,001,000
7-12	Seven Mile Woods 1-6	Rice County	347	868,000	478,000
13-14	Cannon River Wilderness 1-2	Rice County	84	184,000	135,000
15-16	Cannon River Big Woods 1-2	Rice County	148	724,000	566,000
17	Big Woods Heritage Forest	Rice County	128	409,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			1,171	\$3,437,000	\$2,180,000

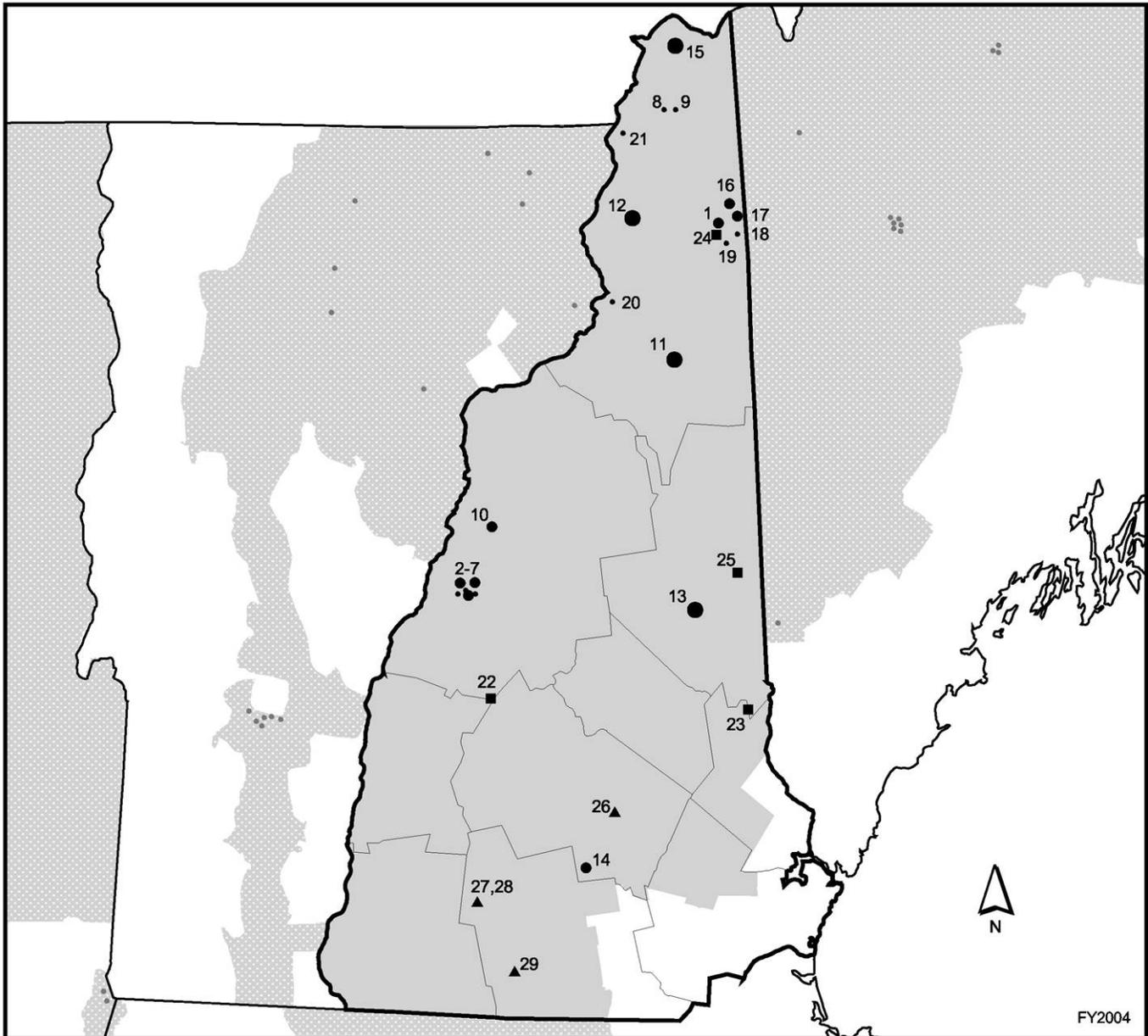
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
18-19	North Duluth #1-2	St. Louis County	780	\$1,080,000	\$407,000
A wide range of forest types exist on these two tracts, adjacent to State and county forests. Development pressure is high.					
20	Lester River	St. Louis County	710	1,000,000	494,000
Protects over 2 miles of undeveloped shoreline on the Lester River, known for its old-growth forests and unique wildlife habitats.					
21	Brainerd Lakes	Crow Wing County	3,200	2,670,000	1,972,000
This project will protect over 3.4 miles of river frontage on the Pine River, a designated canoe and boating route, and will connect to approximately 22,000 acres of protected forested land in the fast-growing Brainerd Lakes region.					
In Progress Projects Total:			4,690	\$4,750,000	\$2,873,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
21a	Brainerd Lakes	Cass County	1,600	\$1,600,000	\$1,200,000
Additional funding is required for the full completion of this project that will protect 4,800 acres of Minnesota forests.					
22	Zumbro Bottoms	Wabasha County	400	600,000	400,000
This 400-acre tract is immediately adjacent to the 3,000+-acre Zumbro Bottoms Unit of the Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest. It provides an important buffer to one of the largest roadless and undeveloped areas in southeastern Minnesota.					
23	Mississippi Oxbows	Itasca County	291	255,000	163,000
As part of the Mississippi Headwaters River Corridor, this project contributes to efforts to protect and improve public drinking water to downstream communities, including St. Cloud, Minneapolis, and St. Paul, MN.					
24	Arcola Mills	Washington County	45	1,500,000	800,000
The Arcola Mills site, with ½-mile frontage on the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, is an ideal Forest Legacy site with diverse mature forests, rich lumbering history, exceptional natural resources, and educational opportunities.					
Proposed Projects Total:			2,336	\$3,955,000	\$2,563,000

New Hampshire Forest Legacy Program



FY2004

Assessment of Need approved February 11, 1994

State Program Goals

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



- New Hampshire Forest Legacy Area
- Adjacent NA State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <500 acres
- Completed 500-5,000 acres
- Completed >5,000 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

New Hampshire Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	13-Mile Woods	Coos County	2,754	\$555,000	\$555,000
2-7	Smarts Mountain	Grafton County	3,911	879,000	873,000
8-9	Jahoda & Jahoda/Johnson	Coos County	400	157,000	157,000
10	Piermont Mountain	Grafton County	1,650	219,000	219,000
11	Pond of Safety	Coos County	10,198	3,844,000	2,109,000
12	Bunnell Mountain	Coos County	18,430	2,050,000	1,675,000
13	Ossipee Mountains	Carroll County	5,372	1,685,000	1,400,000
14	Kimball Pond	Merrimack County	972	1,085,000	700,000
15	Connecticut Lakes Headwaters	Coos County	146,290	15,325,000	11,494,000
16-21	Northern Forest Cost Share Tracts	Coos County	4,082	3,302,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			194,059	\$29,101,000	\$19,182,000

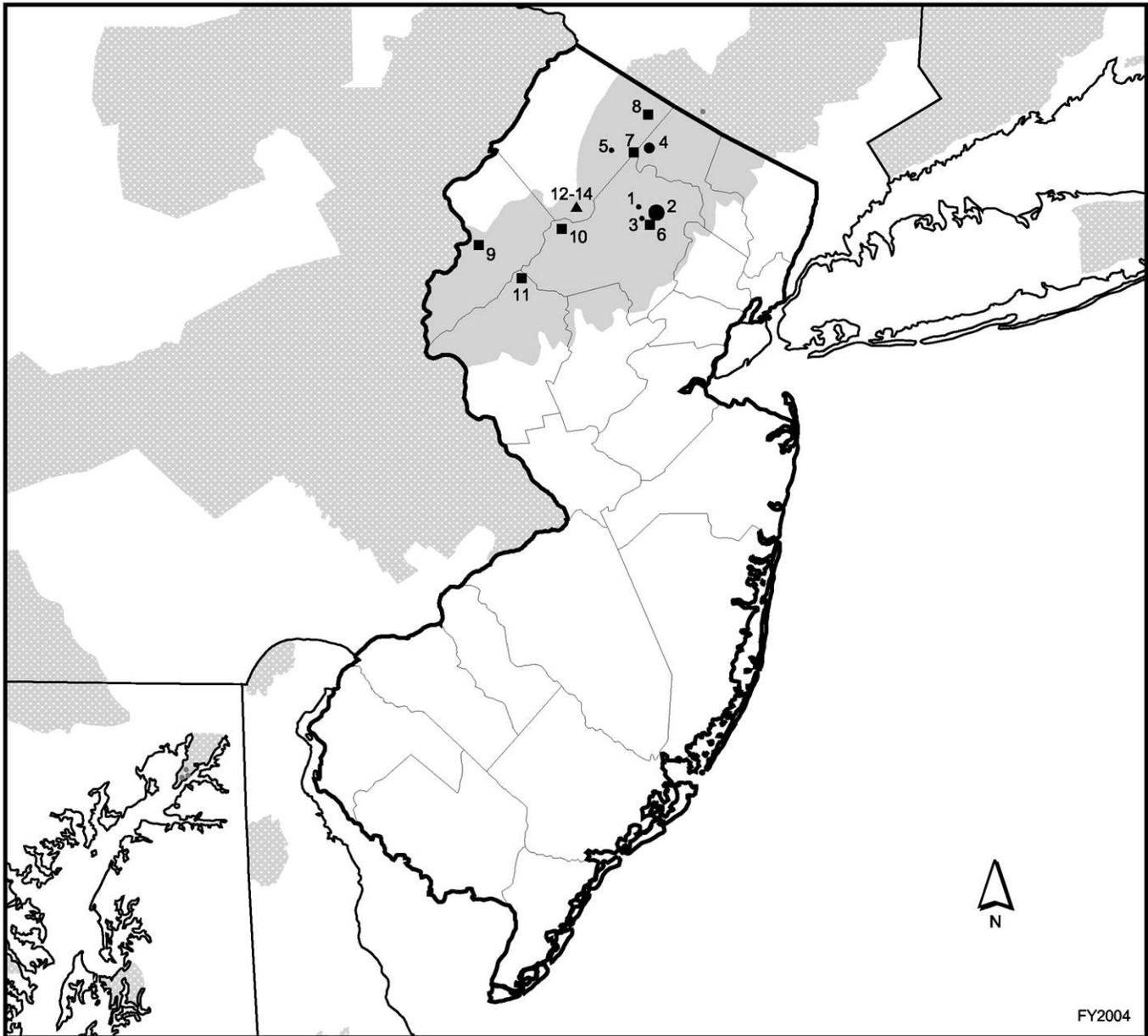
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
22	Pillsbury-Sunapee Highlands	Grafton, Sullivan, and Merrimack Counties	7,784	\$3,478,000	\$2,443,000
Located along the highlands area between Mt. Monadnock and the White Mountains, this area has been identified as containing the last unfragmented large blocks of forests south of the White Mountains.					
23	Moose Mountain/Beaver Brook	Strafford, Belknap, and Carroll Counties	4,167	1,150,000	988,000
Existing conservation lands bridge two forested tracts of approximately 2,100 acres each. Other lands in the area have been protected in an attempt to create greenways of protected forest land.					
24	13-Mile Woods II	Coos County	5,316	3,000,000	1,972,000
Adjacent to the completed 13-Mile Woods project; includes 8 miles of river frontage as well as upland forest area and a 45-acre pond. The property offers outstanding fish and wildlife habitat and opportunities for outdoor recreation, and timber management.					
25	Trout Pond	Carroll County	2,200	2,383,000	1,183,000
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.					
In Progress Projects Total:			19,467	\$10,011,000	\$6,586,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
26	Rossvie	Merrimack County	515	\$3,500,000	\$2,600,000
The property, farmed and timbered for over 200 years, has been in the same family since the 1950s. It contains a wide diversity of forest, wildlife, scenic, and riparian resources in one of the most rapidly growing parts of New Hampshire.					
27-28	Willard Pond	Hillsborough County	2,031	3,769,000	2,825,000
The Willard Pond project is located in southwestern New Hampshire, an area where there still remains large unfragmented blocks of forest land, but where residential development has seen an dramatic increase thanks to improved access to population centers.					
29	Temple Mountain	Hillsborough County	293	670,000	500,000
Temple Mountain is one of southwestern New Hampshire's most visible landmarks and one of a few mountains that is not yet under protection. The property features many natural resources and public benefits, including productive forest land that has been managed for timber in the past.					
Proposed Projects Total:			2,839	\$7,939,000	\$5,925,000

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

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Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <500 acres
- Completed 500-1,000 acres
- Completed >1,000 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

New Jersey Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

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

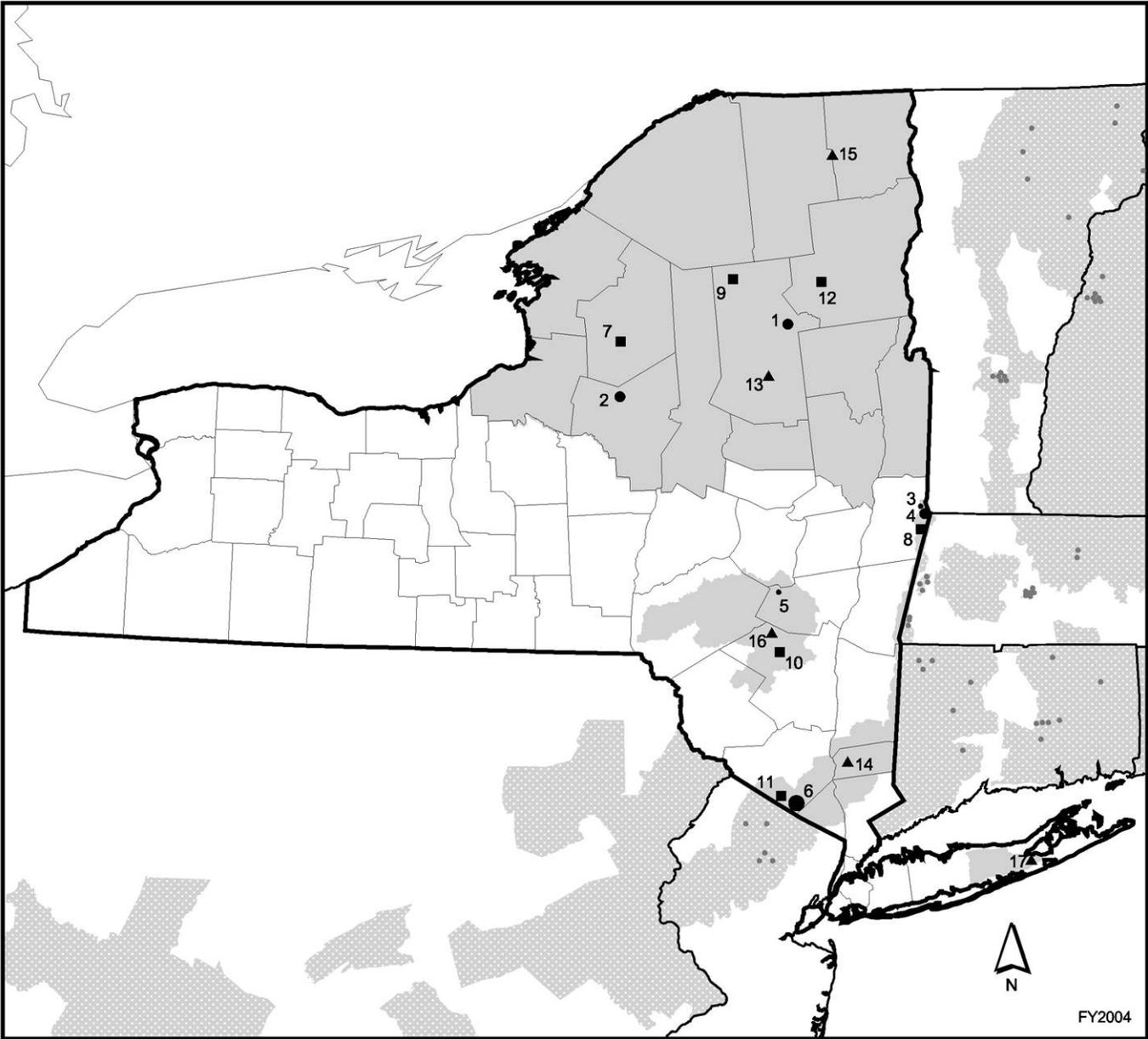
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
6	Farny Highlands/Koehler	Morris County	525	\$3,000,000	\$1,021,000
The property sits atop the Rockaway Township drinking water aquifer.					
7	Newark Watershed	Morris, Passaic, and Sussex Counties	5,000	10,000,000	5,000,000
This property is adjacent to permanently protected land acquired with Forest Legacy funding—the Macopin tract (see #4)—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 and provides a link between the Hamburg and Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Areas.					
9–10	Upper Delaware Project #1–2	Morris and Warren Counties	1,200	10,500,000	4,840,000
Two different tracts connected to contiguous forest land; both tracts are located in the Upper Delaware River watershed.					
11	Raritan River Watershed	Hunterdon and Morris Counties	240	6,000,000	3,747,000
This tract of land is critical to the protection of the area's forest cover and water supply. The property is connected to other publicly preserved land.					
In Progress Projects Total:			8,858	\$37,500,000	\$17,589,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
12–14	Sparta Mountain South	Sussex County	2,200	\$5,200,000	\$3,900,000
The Sparta Mountain chain is a significant geologic feature within the federally designated New York/New Jersey Highlands Region. The mountain extends from the Allamuchy range at Allamuchy State Park northward to the Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area.					
Proposed Projects Total:			2,200	\$5,200,000	\$3,900,000

New York Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need approved October 26, 1994

State Program Goals

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



- New York Forest Legacy Area
- Adjacent NA State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <100 acres
- Completed 100-500 acres
- Completed >500 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

New York Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

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

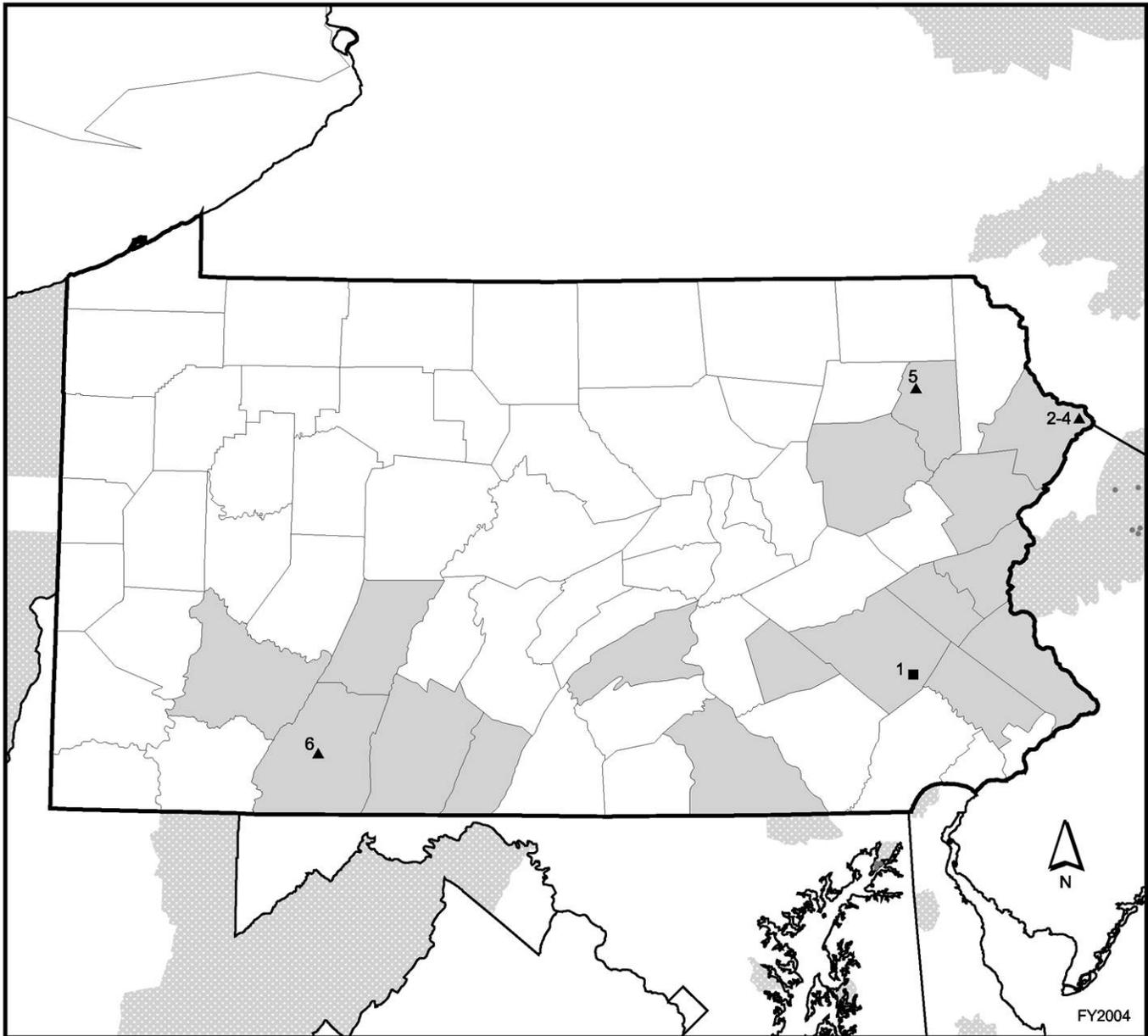
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
7	East Branch Fish Creek	Lewis County	45,490	\$3,140,000	\$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	1,370	437,000	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 County	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	Ticetenyck Mountain	Ulster County	475	1,500,000	500,000
This project is in the New York City watershed and is part of the Ashokan Reservoir system. The property involves most of the south-facing slopes and portions of the east, west, and north slopes beneath the mountain's 2,450-foot summit.					
11	Pochuck Mountain	Orange County	515	2,678,000	1,284,000
This property is an important landmark in the community of Warwick. The property is situated on the New York/New Jersey border and is adjacent to the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge and Appalachian Trail lands.					
12	Tahawus	Essex County	11,360	7,000,000	1,676,000
A large forested property with several peaks more than 4,000 feet in elevation. It contains several lakes, including Henderson Lake, Lake Sally, Lake Jimmy, Upper Preston Ponds, and Lower Preston Ponds, and the Opalescent River.					
In Progress Projects Total:			85,710	\$26,755,000	\$8,672,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
13	Adirondack Working Forest	multiple counties	81,188	\$15,000,000	\$10,000,000
This property is part of a 257,000-acre project in the Adirondacks. Through a 3-year phased acquisition, the State will acquire a conservation easement on 255,000 acres from the largest private landowner in Adirondack Park; 2,000 acres will be acquired in fee.					
14	Lake Surprise	Putnam County	665	1,900,000	1,000,000
Surprise Lake Camp is located in the heart of the Hudson Highlands. The Highlands are characterized by special geologic features, critical habitat areas, and exceptional scenic vistas, and are identified as a priority area in the 2002 New York State Open Space Conservation Plan.					
15	Sable Highlands	Franklin and Clinton Counties	107,000	9,000,000	5,000,000
This is one of the last remaining privately owned tracts of 5,000 acres or larger in the Adirondacks. It is bordered on the west, south, and east by existing New York State Forest Preserve lands already protected in State ownership.					
16	Cruickshank	Ulster County	1,300	2,000,000	1,000,000
This tract consists of approximately 1,300 acres of vacant land, including portions of Balsam Mountain and the headwaters of the Lost Clove, and will expand recreational opportunities within Catskill Park.					
17	Dwarf White Pine	Suffolk County	287	5,655,000	3,000,000
This acquisition will prevent conversion of the property from a globally rare forest community (dwarf pine barrens) into a light industrial site. It is one of the last large, privately owned parcels in the Core Preservation Area of the Long Island Pine Barrens.					
Proposed Projects Total:			190,440	\$33,555,000	\$20,000,000

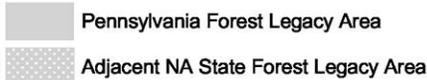
Pennsylvania Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need approved March 7, 2002

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
- Completed project in adjacent NA state

Pennsylvania Forest Legacy Program

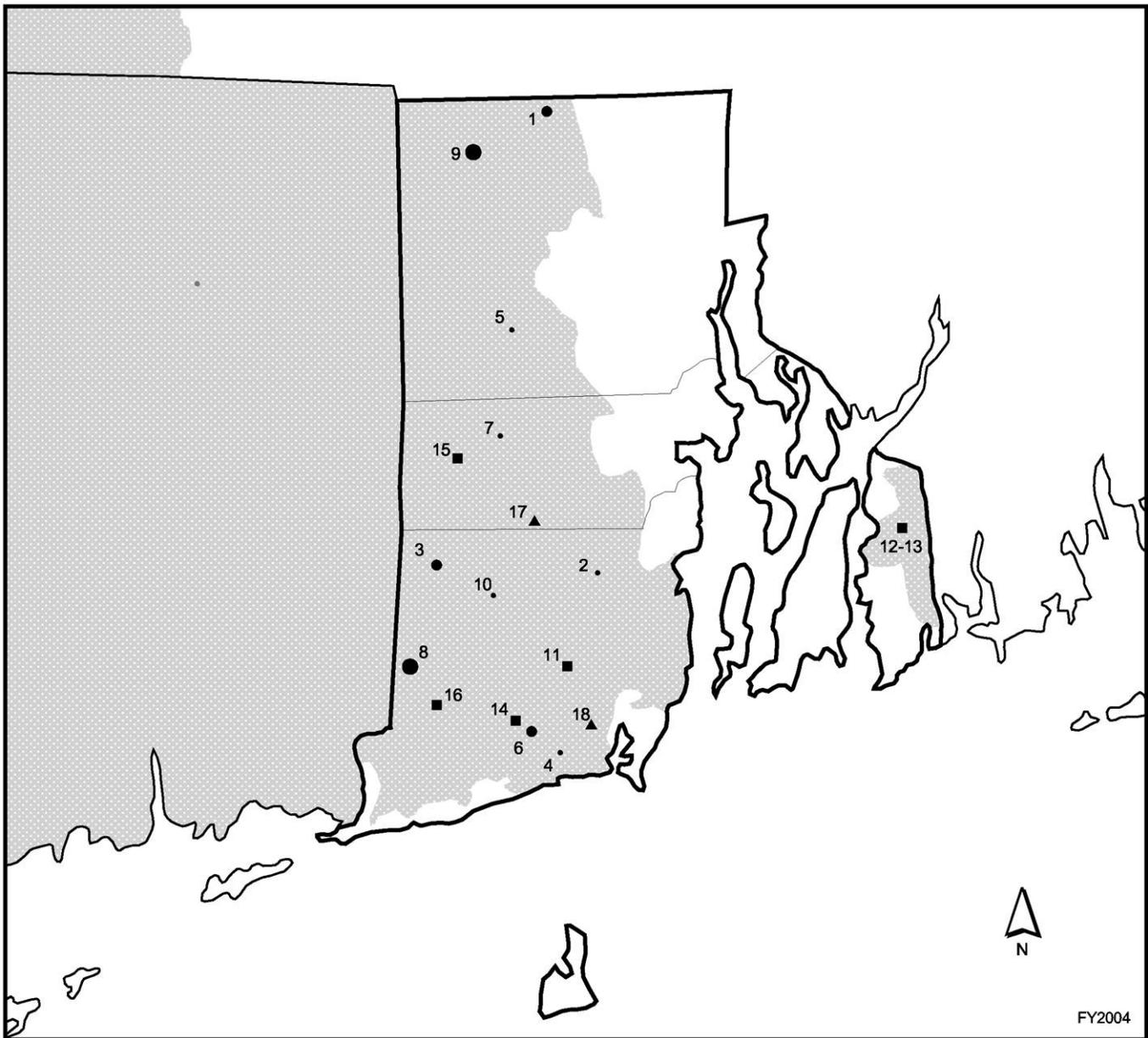
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Birdsboro Waters	Berks County	442	\$663,000	\$500,000
This project is expected to be the cornerstone of the Hopewell Big Woods Project, a major conservation effort within the Pennsylvania Highlands region, and is the last remaining large, unfragmented forest in southeastern Pennsylvania. A second phase of 690 additional acres will be submitted for future funding consideration.					
In Progress Projects Total:			442	\$663,000	\$500,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
2-4	History of Forestry #1-3	Pike County	2,571	\$6,942,000	\$5,206,000
This project is significant to the history of forestry in the United States and the history of the USDA Forest Service itself, as much of the property was formerly owned by Gifford Pinchot and is still owned by descendents of him and his brother. Gifford Pinchot was the first Chief of the Forest Service and is considered the "Father of American Forestry." The project also contains a property that was part of an original "warrant" from the family of William Penn and a property that was a haven for Civil War draft dodgers.					
5	Hemlock Tree Farm	Lackawanna County	445	1,875,000	1,406,000
This project was designated Pennsylvania's 1,000 th Tree Farm in 1967 by Governor Raymond Schaffer. It contains a broadleaf-conifer swamp that includes a glacial kettle hole. This kettle-hole formation is ringed with arctic and subarctic plants. Traditional forest uses take place on this property. The property includes a 6-acre deer enclosure demonstration project.					
6	Somerset Headwaters	Somerset County	230	460,000	345,000
Farmland that's been planted in timber in the last 10-25 years; plays an important role in the water supply for the city of Somerset. This property supports a diverse range of timber species, including cherry, oak, ash, and walnut. The property also supports a pulpwood plantation					
Proposed Projects Total:			3,246	\$9,277,000	\$6,957,000

Rhode Island Forest Legacy Program



FY2004

Assessment of Need approved December 30, 1993

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

- Completed <100 acres
- Completed 100-200 acres
- Completed >200 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

- Rhode Island Forest Legacy Area
- ◻ Adjacent NA State Forest Legacy Area

Rhode Island Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Screech Hole Bog	Providence County	132	\$53,000	\$50,000
2	Queen's River	Washington County	80	155,000	155,000
3	Mount Tom Trail	Washington County	145	270,000	270,000
4	Susanna's Woods	Washington County	75	445,000	445,000
5	Cork Brook	Providence County	45	218,000	218,000
6	DuVal Trail Corridor	Washington County	166	360,000	360,000
7	Coventry Greenway	Kent County	72	296,000	296,000
8	Canonchet	Washington County	471	1,000,000	550,000
9	Willoughby	Providence County	200	575,000	0
10	Pratt Farm	Washington County	72	360,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			1,458	\$3,732,000	\$2,344,000

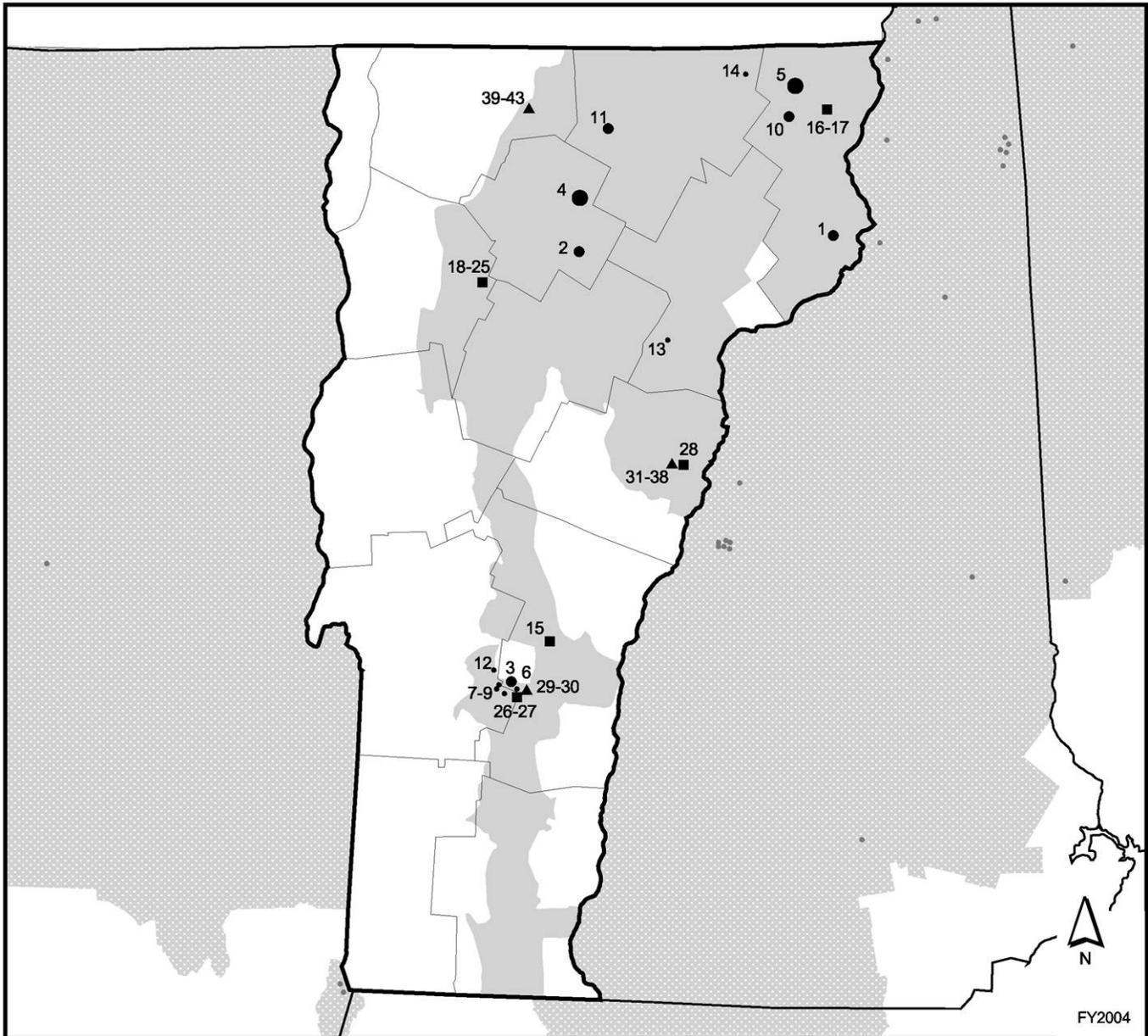
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
11	Yawgoo Pond	Washington County	73	\$1,100,000	\$528,000
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.					
12-13	Weetamoo Woods #1-2	New Port County	500	1,200,000	498,000
The two tracts are part of an effort to protect over 2,000 acres of contiguous mature mixed hardwood forest canopy, including the uncommon oak-holly forest type.					
14	DuVal Trail Corridor #2	Washington County	45	200,000	199,000
This actively managed tract abuts and complements several past FLP acquisitions and a portion of 271 acres acquired by the State as a match for those acquisitions.					
15	Great Grass Pond	Kent County	150	328,000	324,000
The landowner manages his parcel for forest products, including timber. Past efforts have resulted in a forest stand with a significant economic resource. The sale of this parcel and its subsequent conversion will result in the loss of this resource.					
16	Hoxsie Farm	Washington County	150	1,140,000	838,000
Property lies within the watershed of a public drinking water supply for the towns of Westerly and Hopkinton, and includes a tributary stream (Canonchet Brook) and its associated wetlands.					
In Progress Projects Total:			918	\$3,968,000	\$2,387,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
17	Bugnet Woodlands	Kent County	66	890,000	600,000
This forested tract within the watershed of a public drinking water supply is actively managed for forest products. Property abuts the State-owned Big River Management Area.					
18	Noyes Farm	Washington County	247	2,000,000	1,500,000
This conservation easement will protect scenic and cultural values, wildlife habitat, and watershed values, and provide passive recreational public access on the largest undeveloped parcel in the town of South Kingston.					
In Progress Projects Total:			313	\$2,890,000	\$2,100,000

Vermont Forest Legacy Program



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

Assessment of Need approved February 11, 1994



- Vermont Forest Legacy Area
- Adjacent NA State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <1,000 acres
- Completed 1,000-5,000 acres
- Completed >5,000 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

Vermont Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Cow Mountain Pond	Essex County	1,660	\$500,000	\$271,000
2	Atlas	Lamoille County	2,281	342,000	342,000
3	Wilderness Corp.	Windsor County	2,086	771,000	618,000
4	Green River	Lamoille County	5,113	2,526,000	1,776,000
5	Hancock	Essex and Orleans Counties	31,450	2,847,000	2,500,000
6	Snow	Windsor County	560	200,000	200,000
7-9	Mt. Holly Wildlife Corridor 1-3	Rutland County	1,089	1,390,000	1,050,000
10	McConnell Pond	Essex County	4,790	928,000	0
11	Lowell Mountain	Orleans County	1,241	177,000	0
12	Pierce	Rutland County	235	141,000	0
13	Macks Mountain	Caledonia County	730	210,000	0
14	Stookey	Orleans County	809	96,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			52,044	\$10,128,000	\$6,757,000

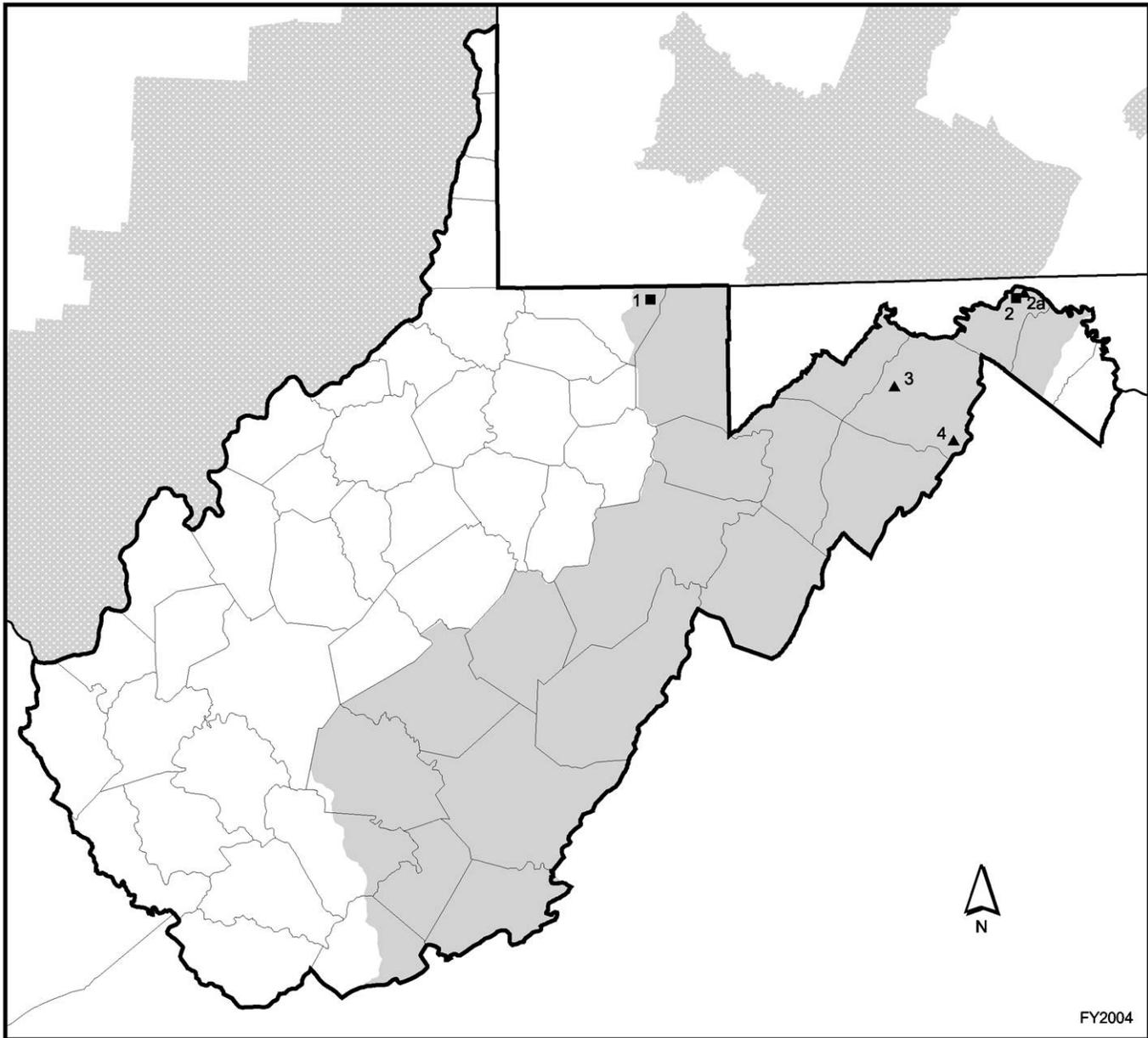
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
15	Chateauguay No Town	Windsor County	1,257	\$800,000	\$500,000
Located within a mile of Killington Ski Resort, this project contains important forestry, wildlife, recreation, and scenic values.					
16-17	Bull, Sable, & Monadnock Mountains	Essex County	25,807	3,350,000	3,077,000
This project encompasses virtually all of Monadnock Mountain, five inholdings in Victory State Forest and a Wildlife Management Area, and parcels adjacent to other conserved property.					
18-25	Chittenden Uplands #1-8	Chittenden County	6,266	6,029,000	4,333,000
This project will conserve forest land in Vermont's most populated county. Properties include very productive, rich woodland with tremendous plant diversity. Forest types range from northern hardwoods to pine stands and oak communities.					
26-27	Mt. Holly Wildlife Corridor #4-5	Rutland and Windsor Counties	1,362	1,300,000	1,143,000
Critical wildlife habitat and travel corridors, the continuation of sustainable forestry management, undeveloped lakeshore and associated wetlands, and public access for traditional recreational uses will all be protected with this project.					
28	Orange County Headwaters #1	Orange County	1,526	780,000	444,000
Located at the Connecticut and Winooski River headwaters, the nine properties are characterized by calcium-rich soils. These parcels are outstanding producers of high quality northern hardwoods, particularly sugar maple.					
In Progress Projects Total:			36,218	\$12,259,000	\$9,497,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
29-30	Green Mountain Wildlife Corridor #1-2	Windsor County	703	\$1,403,000	\$1,052,000
This project continues the previous FLP efforts in the area to conserve and protect property strategically located within the designated wildlife corridor between the north and south units of the Green Mountain National Forest.					
31-38	Orange County Headwaters #2-9	Orange County	1,517	1,573,000	1,098,000
Additional funding is being sought for full completion of this project, which will protect over 3,000 acres over 9 different tracts.					
39-43	Adams Pond #1-5	Franklin County	610	1,169,000	875,000
Five separate tracts in which the objective is to protect each property with an easement emphasizing sustainable forestry, critical habitat protection, and public access. The properties are located in the second largest unfragmented forest in Enosburgh, VT.					
Proposed Projects Total:			2,830	\$4,145,000	\$3,025,000

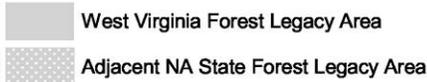
West Virginia Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Maintain large and intact forest land tracts
- Invest in areas that will not be engulfed by other land uses
- Conserve tracts with significant timber resource values
- Support communities by conserving the raw materials for the timber, recreation, and tourism industries
- Maintain important water features by conserving working forests, wetlands, and riparian buffers
- Sustain the most ecologically significant areas of the State

Assessment of Need approved December 2, 2003



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

West Virginia Forest Legacy Program

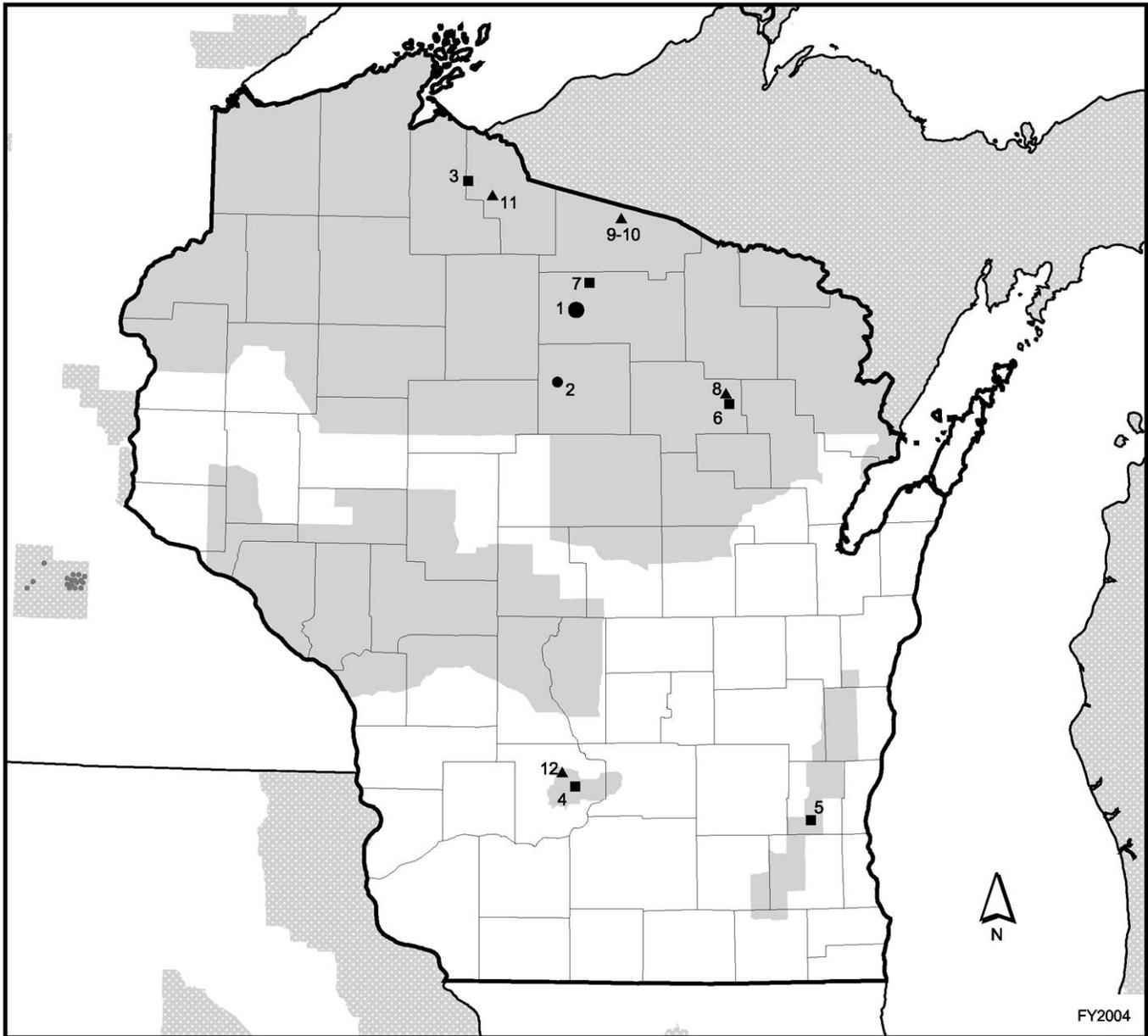
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Coopers Rock	Preston County	154	\$232,000	\$174,000
This property is completely surrounded by the WV University Forest, which is part of Coopers Rock State Forest. This property is in a high-growth area and is threatened by development. Acquisition of this parcel will maintain the integrity of the 12,713-acre State forest.					
2	Potomac River Hills	Morgan County	2,800	3,735,000	986,000
Important forests adjoining and near the Potomac River, situated in a rapidly growing area. Protection of these properties will help protect scenic vistas, maintain an important watershed, and secure a productive forest land base. The "Nation's River," the Potomac, is the drinking water source for several million people and has the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail running along most of its length.					
In Progress Projects Total:			2,954	\$3,967,000	\$1,160,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
2a	Potomac River Hills	Morgan County	See #2	See #2	\$1,800,000
Additional funding is required for this project to reach full completion to protect 2,800 acres of important forests.					
3	Shanty	Hampshire County	260	\$780,000	585,000
The property borders the South Branch of the Potomac River. The protection of this property is extremely important to the watershed for drinking water, riparian buffers on a renowned smallmouth bass fishery, bald eagle nesting, and natural vista of the area.					
4	Yellow Springs Farm	Hampshire County	266	798,000	599,000
This is a critical parcel connecting a 4,750-acre conservation hub permanently protected by private conservation easements. Situated in a rapidly growing area, protection of this tract will safeguard the preservation of the farming operation as well as approximately 3 miles of riparian buffers for a native trout and smallmouth bass stream in a very important watershed.					
Proposed Projects Total:			526	\$1,578,000	\$2,984,000

Wisconsin Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- 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

Assessment of Need approved January 16, 2001



- Wisconsin Forest Legacy Area
- Adjacent NA State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed <10,000 acres
- Completed >10,000 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

Wisconsin Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2004

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-2	Tomahawk Northwoods #1 & 2	Oneida, Vilas, Marathon, Lincoln, Iron, and Forest Counties	35,337	\$13,251,000	\$5,000,000
Completed Projects Total:			35,337	\$13,251,000	\$5,000,000

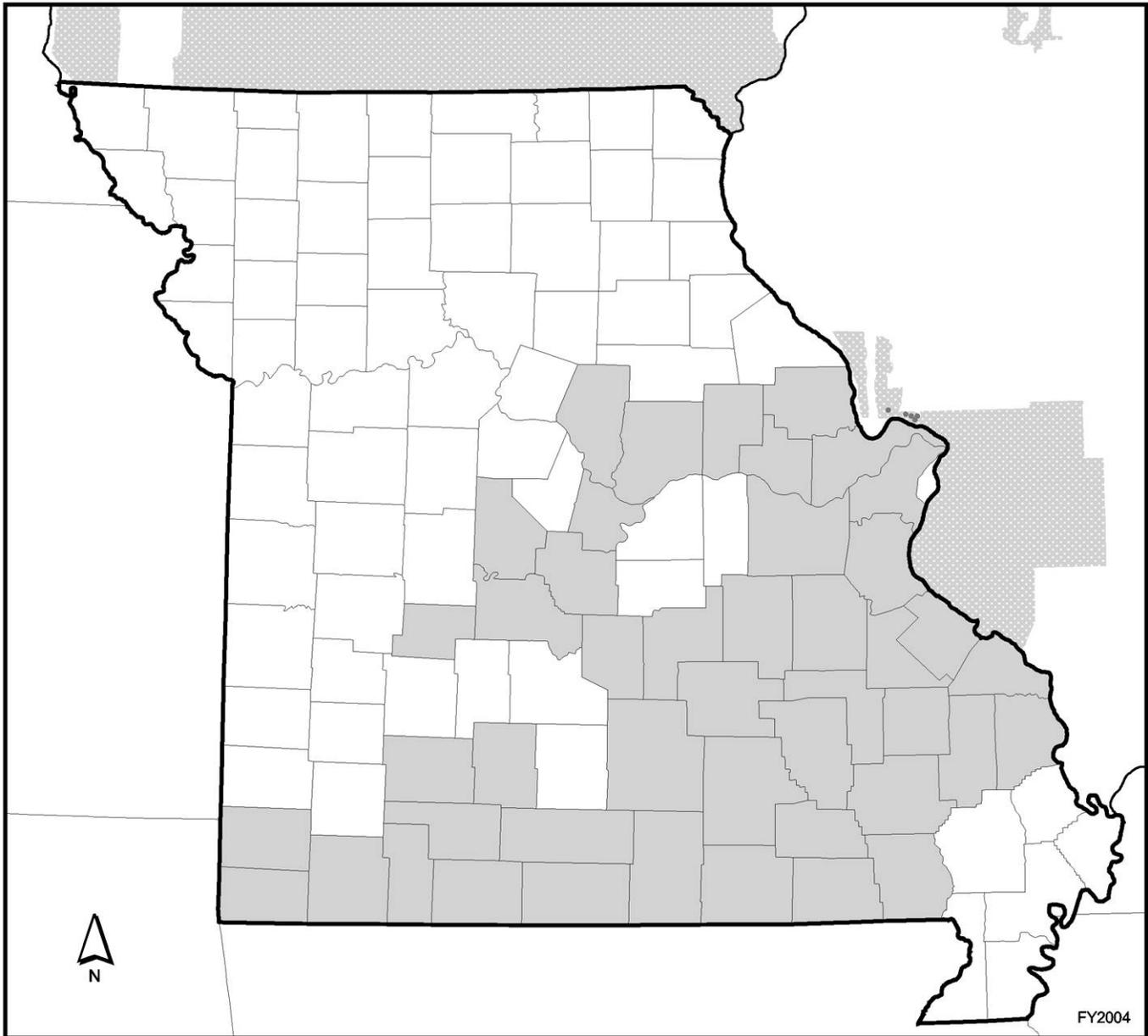
In Progress Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2005 Funding

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
3	Bad River Headwaters	Ashland and Iron Counties	16,000	\$10,000,000	\$3,428,000
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.					
4	Baraboo Hills	Sauk County	950	1,995,000	994,000
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.					
5	Holy Hills	Washington County	835	7,300,000	1,975,000
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 in the area are found here and are comprised of rich upland forests.					
6	Wolf River	Langlade County	6,000	2,670,000	1,972,000
The tract provides quality hardwood sawlogs and veneer to local mills; public access will continue on the property. Portions of the scenic and recreationally important National Ice Age Trail are located on the tract.					
7	Tomahawk Northwoods Phase 3	Oneida, Vilas, Marathon, Lincoln, and Iron Counties	35,000	14,000,000	1,972,000
Phases 1 and 2, totaling 35,337 acres, were completed in November 2002. Additional funding is being used to complete the third phase of this 70,000-acre project in the northern part of Wisconsin, where forest management practices will continue.					
In Progress Projects Total:			58,785	\$35,965,000	\$10,341,000

Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2006 and Beyond

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
8	Wolf River	Langlade County	15,000	\$7,515,000	\$5,500,000
Additional funds are required for the completion of this 21,000-acre forest protection project.					
9-10	Land O' Lakes #1-2	Vilas County	1,443	577,000	433,000
Two tracts in northern hardwood and conifer forests types that have significant scenic and riparian buffer values and undeveloped shoreline on important fish habitat. Contains rare communities, endangered species, and State species of concern.					
11	Northern Great Divide Headwaters	Iron County	26,244	9,200,000	6,900,000
This project, in the vast industrial forest lands in northern Wisconsin, is surrounded by national forest, and county and State holdings. A conservation easement on the property will protect over 30 miles of class I, II, and III trout streams.					
12-13	Baraboo Hills II	Sauk and Columbia Counties	493	1,300,000	950,000
Two tracts that are part of the geologically significant Baraboo Range. These acquisitions would add to the group effort put forth by several conservation groups and governmental entities that protect this unique area.					
Proposed Projects Total:			43,180	\$18,592,000	\$13,783,000

Missouri Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need submitted for approval

Proposed State Program Goal

- To maintain large blocks of important privately owned forest land that will supply the infrastructure to protect and conserve the important forest values for which the forest was selected. These values are critical watersheds and water supply protection, species richness, native forest ecosystems, karst features, and species of conservation concern. Protection will be in accordance with providing for economic viability and stability, forest stewardship, and sustainability through the promotion of working forests.

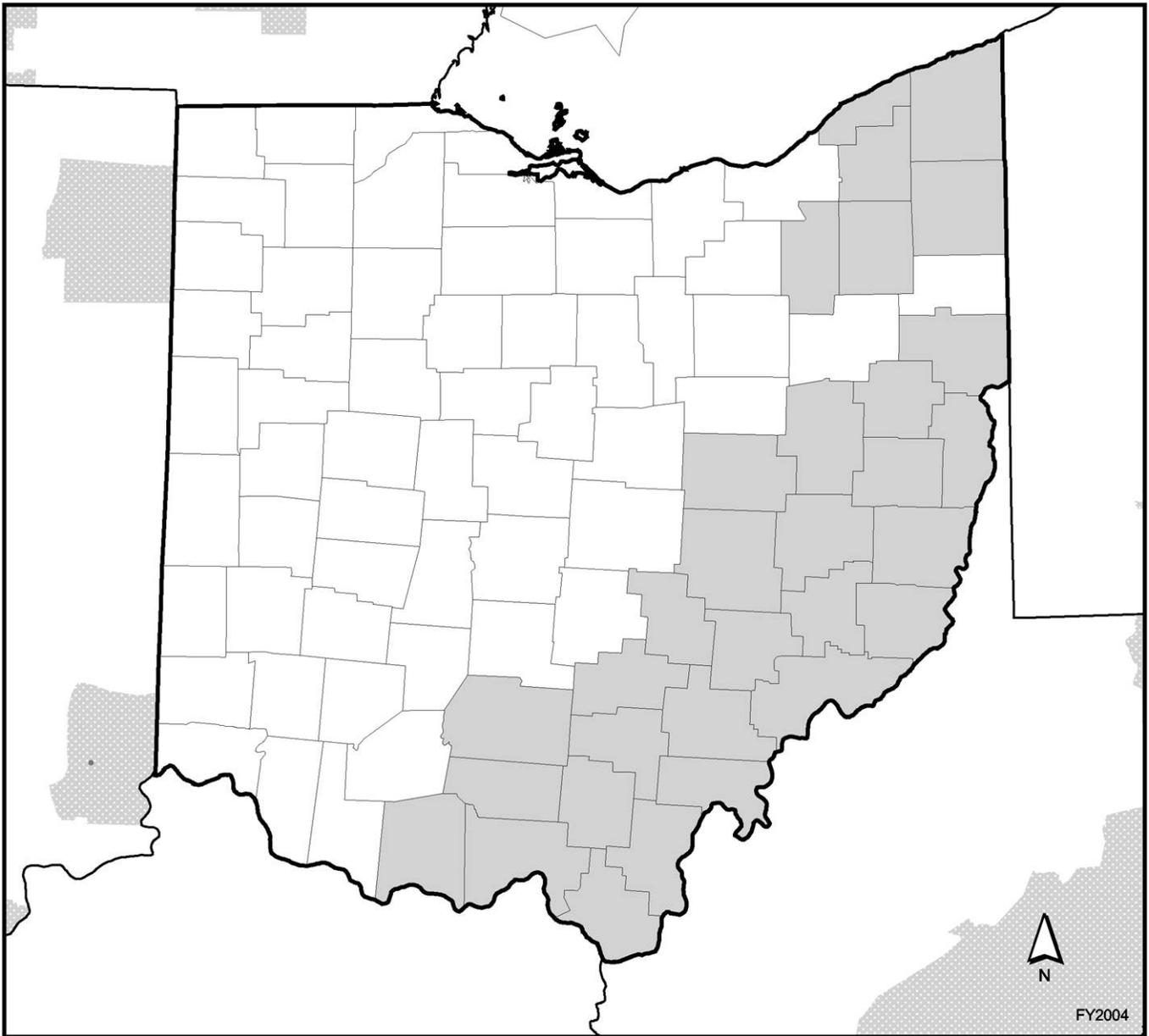


- Missouri Forest Legacy Area - Proposed
- Adjacent NA State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Accepting Applications
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

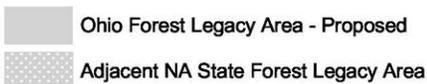
Ohio Forest Legacy Program



Proposed State Program Goal

- Protect working forests, which are defined as a forest with a management plan stating clearly identified management goals that incorporate timber harvesting as an essential management tool.

Assessment of Need submitted for approval



Forest Legacy Tract Status

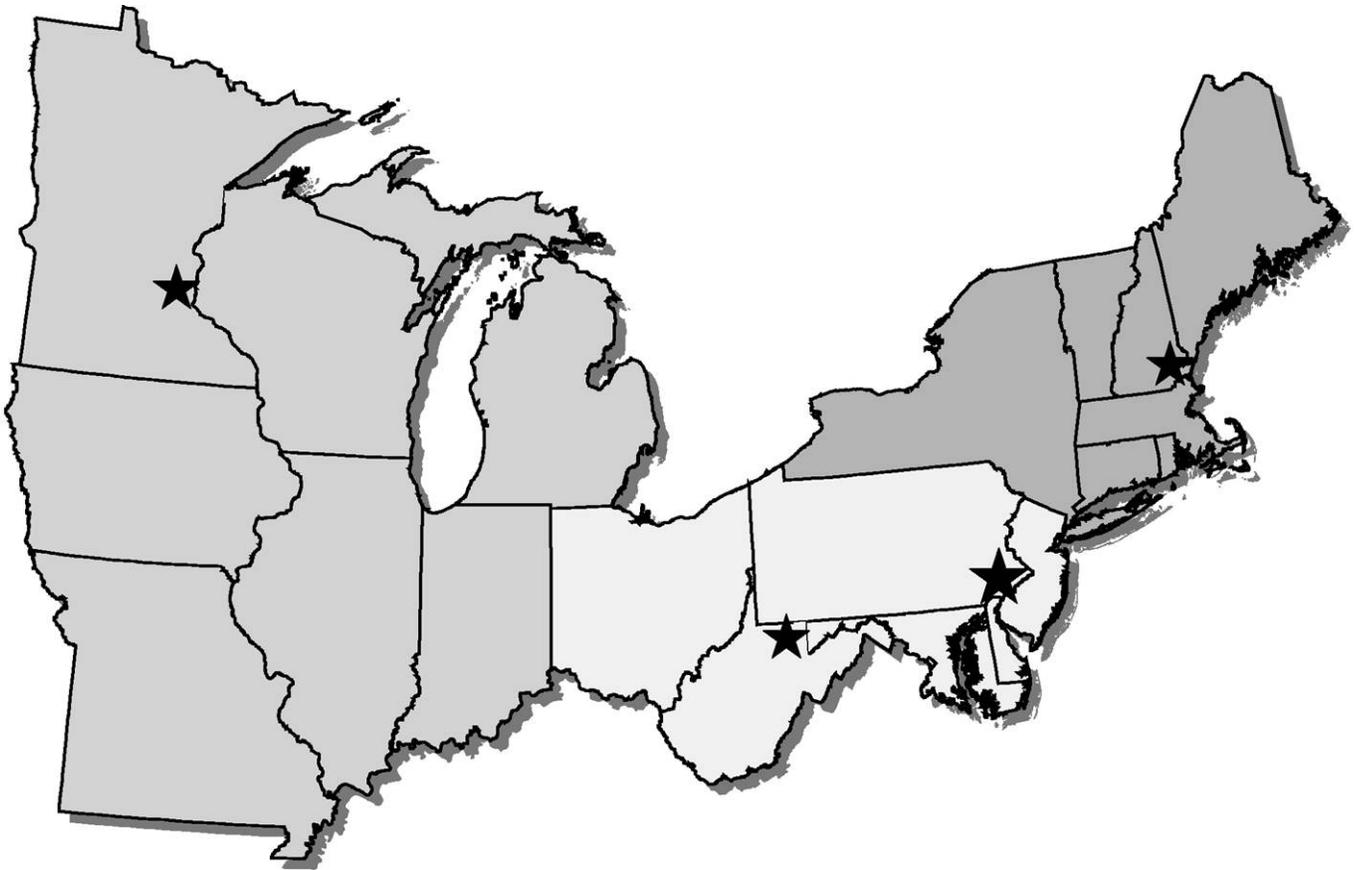
- Accepting Applications
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

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The following pages have the contact information for Federal and State staff that are involved with the Forest Legacy Program in the Northeastern Area. Included in the information is the scope of responsibility of the Northeastern Area Forest Service staff in the implementation of the Forest Legacy Program.

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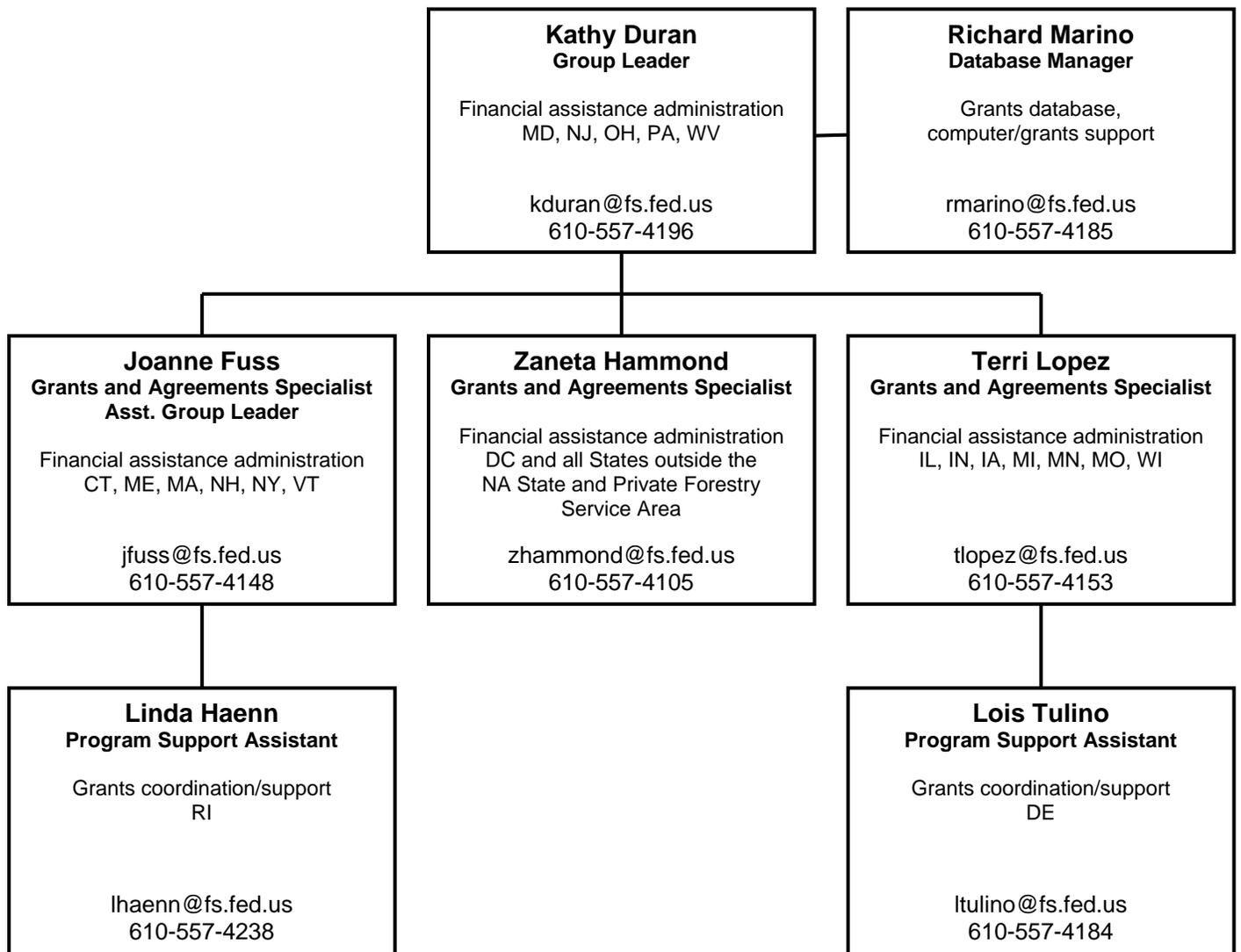
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