

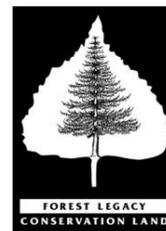
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The Forest Legacy Program protects important forest lands by purchasing conservation easements or fee titles from willing landowners whose lands are threatened with conversion to nonforest uses. Forest Legacy properties offer recreational opportunities, watershed protection, timber resources, wildlife habitat, and protection from development.

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Forest Legacy Program Synopsis

Program Description

The Forest Legacy Program is a partnership between participating States and the USDA Forest Service to identify and protect environmentally 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.
- When the Federal government holds 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.

Forest Legacy Program of the Northeastern Area

The purpose of the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) 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, a unit of the State and Private Forestry branch of the USDA Forest Service, in Fiscal Year 2005 (October 1, 2004–September 30, 2005):

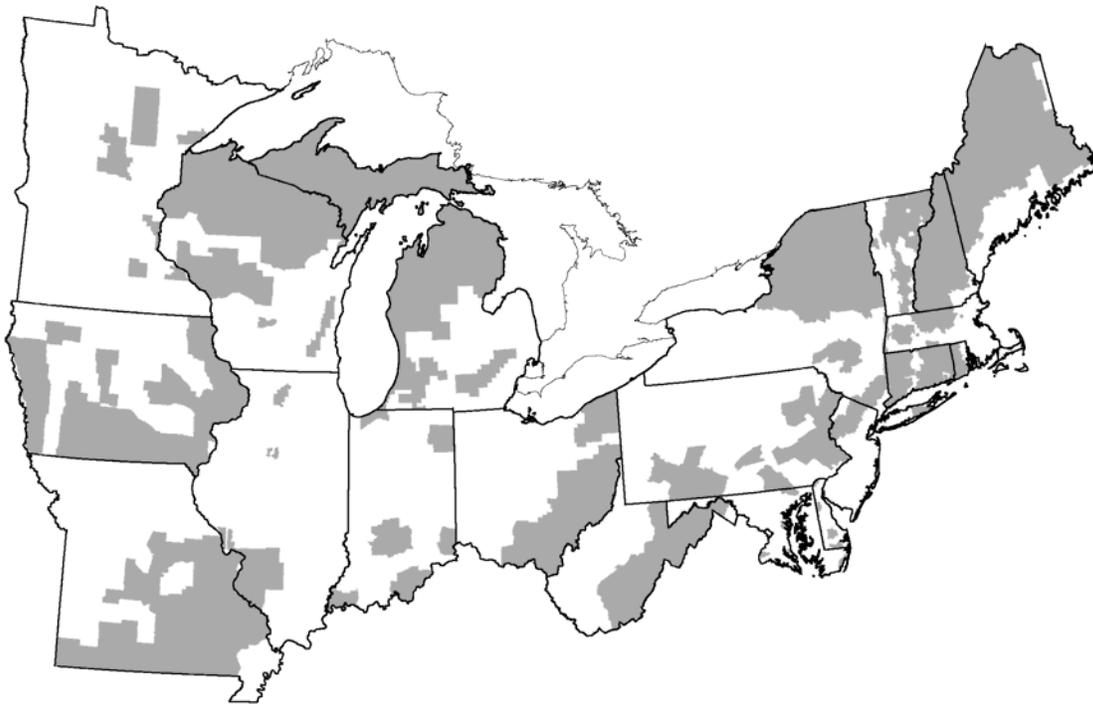
- The Forest Legacy Program, implemented by State and local governments, land trusts, landowners, and the USDA Forest Service, is entirely voluntary and operates only in States that have elected to join the program. As of 2005, all 20 States served by the Northeastern Area have joined the program. Missouri and Ohio received approval of their Assessments of Need (AON) from the Secretary of Agriculture on August 5, 2005.

- In FY05, accomplishments occurred in 10 States served by the Northeastern Area, where a total of 22,636 acres was protected from conversion to nonforest uses. The Northeastern Area's cumulative FLP accomplishments total 730,728 acres on 182 tracts through FY05. The total Federal investment of \$105,944,000 in the States served by the Northeastern Area has protected forests valued at \$194,124,000 through conservation easements and fee acquisitions since 1993.

- The national appropriations for the Forest Legacy Program have been relatively steady over the past 5 years:

2001	\$59,868,000
2002	\$65,000,000
2003	\$68,380,000
2004	\$64,134,000
2005	\$57,134,000

The Northeastern Area's share of the FY05 budget for projects was \$26,174,000.



Properties considered for inclusion in the Forest Legacy Program must be located within a State's designated Forest Legacy Area (shaded areas on map).

Partner Roles

The Federal Role

The significance of the 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 more rare. Extensive forest areas are often subject to the additional challenge of multiple ownerships and numerous political jurisdictions. Through the Forest Legacy Program, the Federal government helps State and local governments look beyond their political boundaries to identify important 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:

- Collect information to identify and delineate important forest areas that may be selected as Forest Legacy Areas.
- Consult with the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee to achieve program purposes.
- Address land protection and forest management issues.
- Conduct land acquisition activities
- Integrate policies and incentives to conserve a forest land base.
- Hold and administering the lands or interests in land that enter the FLP.
- Monitor tracts for program compliance.

The 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, and include the following:

- Prioritize lands for inclusion in the FLP.
- Establish eligibility criteria and recommends Forest Legacy Areas in the Assessment of Need process.

- Advise 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 distinct 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 and the lands are located within a Forest Legacy Area.

The Landowner Role

Landowner participation in the FLP is voluntary. A landowner joins the program either by conveying interests in lands to achieve the 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 Kathryn Conant

Four Aspects of Monitoring

Monitoring of Forest Legacy conservation easements is the true implementation of the program. Projects are monitored to ensure that the conservation values that enabled the property to be entered into the FLP are not compromised. If a violation is discovered, a well-managed monitoring program can be an important reference if court action is necessary for remediation. Four aspects of monitoring that a State must consider for conservation easements are monitoring plans, baseline documentation, annual site visits, and recordkeeping.

Monitoring Plans

A strong conservation easement monitoring program must first start with a monitoring plan. A formal plan or policy for monitoring in a State maintains consistency in monitoring through personnel changes and assigns responsibility so that monitoring is not overlooked.



“OK, now what?”

BAD PLANNING

- Having no plan or guessing
- Not training those responsible for monitoring
- Not being consistent from year to year or from one property to another



“The monitoring policy states that Bob is responsible.”

GOOD PLANNING

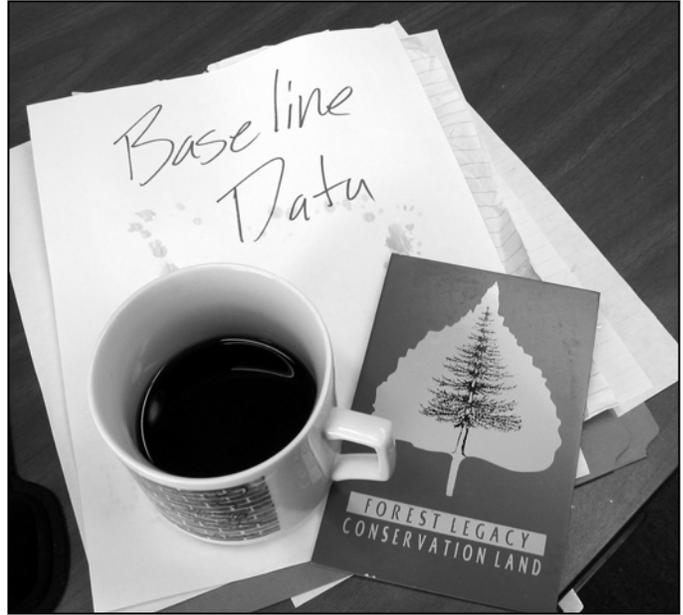
- Assigning monitoring to a specific individual or job position
- Establishing agency policy on how to monitor conservation easement administration
- Involving State legal staff to ensure monitoring reports contain complete information
- Keeping reference documents on hand, such as *The Conservation Easement Handbook*

Baseline Documentation

Baseline documentation is an evaluation of the current condition of the property documenting the property's conservation values at the time the conservation easement is put in place.

BAD BASELINE DOCUMENTATION

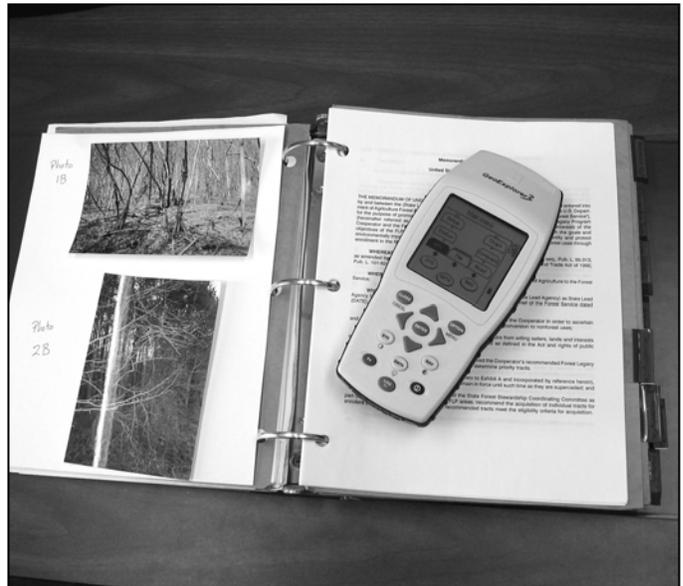
- Completed months or years after a conservation easement is in place
- Contains only handwritten notes of unreferenced observations
- Lacks photographs or reference points



"I think the original is on Joe's desk."

GOOD BASELINE DOCUMENTATION

- Completed at the time the conservation easement is put in place
- Consists of an organized notebook or file with dates of photos and GPS reference points
- Includes interpretation of the images and photos



"The georeferenced photos are in the binder."

Annual Site Visits

Annual site visits are systematic, annual, on-the-ground evaluations to determine whether the conservation values outlined in the conservation easement are intact. This evaluation can be supported by aerial photos, informal observations, and input from interested parties.



“Looks good from here.”

BAD SITE VISITS

- Consist of only a quick drive-by or fly-by without photo reference or written documentation
- Substitute an actual visit with a review of aerial photos
- No news is good news—waiting for the neighbors to complain



“The landowner is planning on cutting in this stand.”

GOOD SITE VISITS

- Meeting with the landowner
- Walking the property
- Discussing upcoming management activities to ensure planned activities are consistent with the easement
- Recording observations and tying them to land reference points

Recordkeeping

An efficient recordkeeping system means never having to say, “It’s around here somewhere.” It also means that the records can be used as evidence in the event of a court proceeding relating to a violation.

BAD RECORDKEEPING

- Unsecured documentation
- Unorganized folders
- An elaborate post-it note scheme
- Original documents scattered in different offices across the State
- Lack of field copies
- Lack of a sign-out procedure for original documents



“I know it’s in here somewhere.”

GOOD RECORDKEEPING

- All original documents stored in flood- and fire-proof safes
- A strict sign-out policy in order to look at the original documents
- Only copies of documents are used in the field and in other offices



“Let me sign out the original from the vault.”

Appraisals

Initial steps in protecting important forest areas through the Forest Legacy Program include identifying a parcel and securing funding. Next up—determining the appropriate amount to compensate a landowner for the acquisition of real property. Enthusiasm for a project must be tempered in order to negotiate a fair price, ensuring that taxpayer contributions are spent wisely.

The appraisal and appraisal review process provides lands agents with a set of procedures to arrive at a fair price. Because public money is involved, every assurance must be made to protect the unbiased opinions of the appraisers and appraisal reviewers. When applied correctly, the appraisal and appraisal review process ensures compliance with appropriate Federal appraisal standards and provides fair and equal consideration of the landowner as well as the taxpayer.

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Forest Legacy Program acquisitions require unique experience and training in appraisal methodology. Most assignments are partial acquisitions involving conservation easements. Not all appraisers have the experience and training necessary to complete this type of assignment competently.

The minimum requirements for appraisers and appraisal reviewers outlined in appendix H of the *2003 Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines* attempt to address the competency issue by establishing criteria to assist in identifying competent appraisal professionals in a particular area. The Forest Service can help with assessing potential appraisers.

Success does not mean meeting the landowner's, the project manager's, or anyone else's value expectations.

Once the appraisal team has been identified, it is time to conduct a pre-appraisal meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to go over the specific assignment as well as Federal appraisal standards in general. It is an opportunity for the appraiser and appraisal reviewer to discuss issues critical to the successful completion of the assignment. Success means having a reviewed and approved appraisal in a timely manner that shows the appraiser's independent and appropriately documented opinion of value. Success does not mean meeting the landowner's, the project manager's, or anyone else's value expectations.

Federal land acquisition law states that "*The Agency shall have an appraisal review process, and, at a minimum, a qualified reviewing appraiser shall examine all appraisals to assure that they meet applicable appraisal requirements and shall, prior to acceptance, seek necessary corrections or revisions.*"

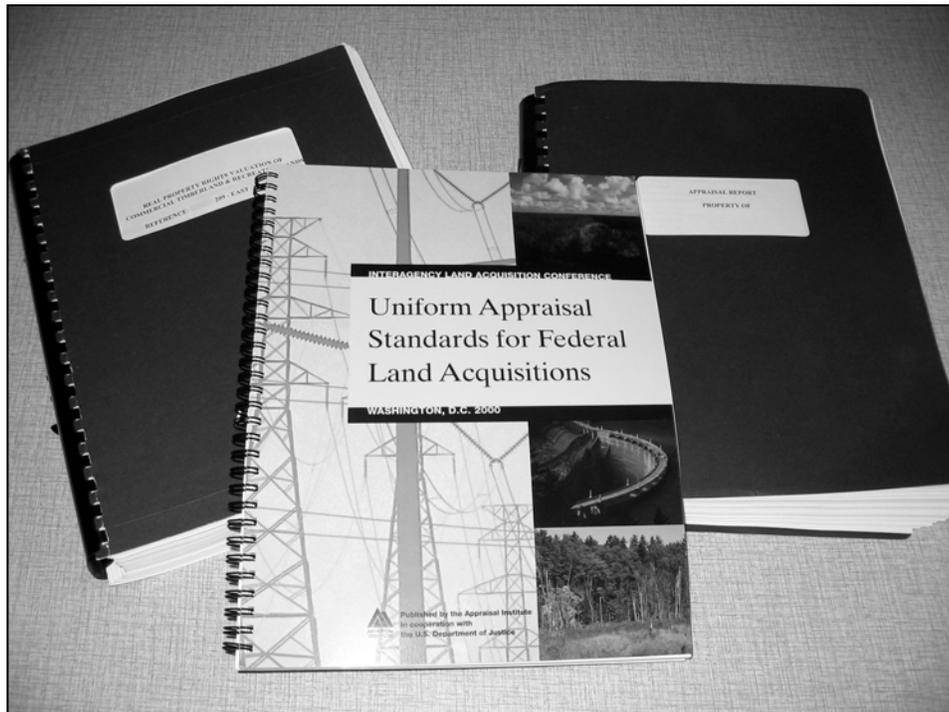
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The process of seeking corrections and revisions is time consuming and usually difficult. The pre-appraisal meeting can minimize or eliminate the need for changes once the appraisal is complete. The time spent preventing problems is generally shorter and less confrontational than the time spent addressing issues after an appraisal has been completed.

Selecting appropriately qualified appraisal professionals, conducting a prework meeting, and encouraging communication between the appraiser and appraisal reviewer during the development of the appraisal are the foundational elements to success.

When a third party commissions an appraisal with the ultimate intent to use it for Forest Legacy acquisition purposes, it is incumbent upon the State lead agency as the grant recipient to maintain adequate control over the appraisal and appraisal review process. The State should be assured that only properly qualified appraisal professionals are used, appropriate appraisal instructions are issued, and that a pre-appraisal meeting is conducted.

The appraisal and appraisal review process must be administered in a manner consistent with Federal land acquisition standards. Selecting appropriately qualified appraisal professionals, conducting a prework meeting, and encouraging communication between the appraiser and appraisal reviewer during the development of the appraisal are the foundations of success.



All Forest Legacy conservation easement appraisals must be completed according to the standards in the *Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions*, also referred to as the Yellow Book.

Forest Legacy Projects Completed During FY05

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FY05 accomplishments of the Northeastern Area Forest Legacy Program, including projects in the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Vermont, and Wisconsin, are highlighted on the following pages.

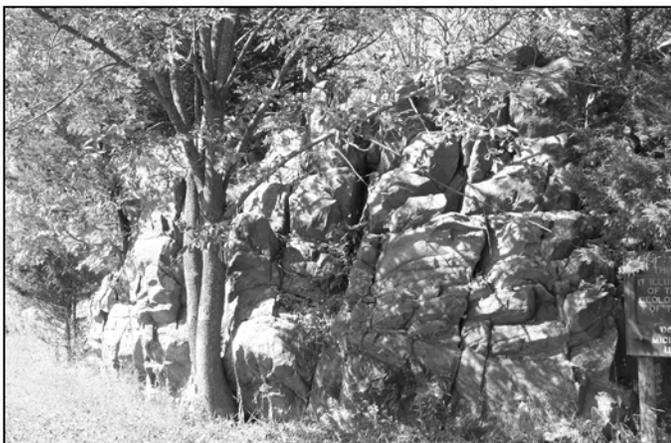
Crown Towers – New Jersey

The Crown Towers tract was slated for 117 luxury homes before the State of New Jersey, with the help of the Trust for Public Land (TPL), acquired the 611-acre tract on May 7, 2004, for \$7,350,000. TPL had successfully negotiated the purchase of the Crown Towers tract from landowner Larry Paragano, Sr., who had plans to build luxury homes on the property. In November 2005, the Forest Service transferred \$3,176,250 in Forest Legacy funds to the State of New Jersey once FLP standards were met. The cost share for the acquisition came from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, the Mount Olive Township, Morris County, and the State of New Jersey Green Acres Program. Crown Towers will be managed as an addition to the 7,770-acre Allamuchy Mountain State Park.



Hikers will continue to enjoy the view of the New Jersey Highlands from the Crown Towers property, which was slated for 117 luxury homes.

Photo by the Highlands Coalition



Formerly islands in an ancient tropical sea, today the Baraboo Hills feature rock outcroppings of 500-million-year-old formations.

Photos by Julia Hanks

Baraboo Hills – Wisconsin

Wisconsin's Baraboo Hills, a geologically unique feature in southern Wisconsin, has been the target of forest protection efforts by many groups. The Wisconsin Forest Legacy Program is a primary partner in conserving "the hills." Conservation easements on 11 tracts owned by 11 different landowners have been completed. The first eight conservation easements, with a cumulative appraised value of \$650,915, were completed on December 10, 2004, protecting 470 acres. The Forest Legacy Program provided \$488,186 and the State of Wisconsin cost shared the remaining \$162,729. Three additional tracts were protected on February 10, 2005. The Forest Legacy Program contributed \$225,375 and the State of Wisconsin paid \$75,125 for the \$300,500 appraised value of conservation easements on 202 acres. All of the lands in this project are actively managed for forestry and are part of Wisconsin's Managed Forest Law Program, which ensures the sustainability of woodlands statewide.

Green Horizons II – Delaware

Delaware completed a second phase in the protection of the largest private forest land holding in the State. Phase II of the Green Horizons Forest Legacy project involved a State fee acquisition of 448 acres on January 21, 2005. The three tracts have been added to the Redden State Forest and represent the second phase of the Green Horizons Forest Legacy project in the Redden/Ellendale Forest Legacy Area. This area is identified as important forest land in Delaware and falls within the larger identified Conservation Corridor promoted by The Nature Conservancy. The State purchased the land from the Glatfelter Pulpwood Company for \$3,030,000, using \$1,975,000 from the Forest Legacy Program; the State provided the remaining \$1,055,000. The conservation of these tracts will help maintain the integrity of a corridor of protected lands within the central portion of the Delmarva Peninsula from the Chesapeake Bay to the Delaware Bay.



Mature loblolly pines on the Redden tract of the Green Horizons Phase II acquisition will continue to provide forest products and wildlife habitat.

Photo by Rich Neumann



The Pillsbury Sunapee Highlands will continue to provide water resource protection, scenic views, wildlife habitat, and forest products from managed forests.

Photo by Brian Hotz

Pillsbury Sunapee Highlands – New Hampshire

A protection effort will conserve a significant portion of forest between other protected public and private forest lands, including Pillsbury and Sunapee State Parks. New Hampshire's Pillsbury Sunapee Highlands Forest Legacy project lies within an important large forest block identified through an amendment to the New Hampshire Forest Legacy Program. Conservation easements on 11 tracts totaling 6,875 acres owned by a single landowner were purchased on March 31, 2005. An additional 172 acres were acquired in fee by the State from the same landowner. The conservation easement lands as well as the fee-owned property will continue to be actively managed for timber resources and remain open to the public for recreational purposes. The Forest Legacy Program provided \$2,356,000 for the conservation easements and \$87,000 for the fee purchase. Donations of conservation easements on three privately owned properties totaling 737 acres at a value of \$1,035,000 were used as cost share for this project.

Monadnock Mountain – Vermont

Vermont's Monadnock Mountain is a spectacular recreational resource that includes a hiking trail to a fire tower on the 3,140-foot summit and habitat for the threatened spruce grouse and Bicknell's thrush. It also possesses forest management potential. Public acquisition has generated tremendous local enthusiasm for taking care of the mountain's special resources. Vermont completed the acquisition on March 31, 2005, through the assistance of the Trust for Public Land. The 1,471-acre Monadnock Mountain parcel was purchased in fee for \$596,000 in FLP funds. The property was transferred to the town of Lemington, with a conservation easement retained by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.



Volunteers gather on the summit of Monadnock Mountain.
Photo by the NorthWoods Stewardship Center



The Nurse Mountain Forest Legacy tract features a large forested wetland complex in addition to working forests that will be managed for forest products.

Photo by Seth Davis

Nurse Mountain – Vermont

The Monadnock, Bull, and Sable project, which is protecting a tremendous base of conserved land in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, includes the 935-acre Nurse Mountain parcel. This project consists of a conservation easement with the primary purpose of ensuring the parcel's continued use as a managed forest. The conservation easement was purchased by the State of Vermont from the Trust for Public Land for \$60,000 in FLP funds. TPL transferred the underlying fee property to a local logger who is committed to continuing traditional forest uses and allowing dispersed pedestrian public access. The property features the 2,302-foot Nurse Mountain and a large shrub-scrub and forested wetland complex, as well as significant expanses of northern hardwoods.

Muddy Creek I and II – Maryland

A uniquely positioned, large tract that connects Elk Neck State Forest to the Elk River, located in Cecil County, Maryland, helps maintain water quality in the Chesapeake Bay. The Muddy Creek I and II tracts entered the FLP with conservation easements on the Clara Dilks Estate in March 2005. The two tracts totaling 185 acres provide fish and terrestrial wildlife habitat for both game and threatened and endangered species, scenic vistas, riparian forest buffers to protect water quality, timber, and other forest resources. The purchase was made possible with \$630,000 in Forest Legacy funding. This project complements other acquisitions by providing protected and sustainable working landscapes for future generations to enjoy.



The forests of the Muddy Creek tracts will continue to naturally filter water that drains into the Chesapeake Bay, as well as provide forested wildlife habitat.

Photo by Don VanHassent



Though hard to find, the Trout Pond area is a popular hunting and fishing destination in New Hampshire's Ossipee region.

Photo by the Friends of Trout Pond

Trout Pond – New Hampshire

The largest parcel of undeveloped land in Freedom, New Hampshire, situated over the largest stratified drift aquifer in the State, was protected from development on June 21, 2005. The 2,660-acre Trout Pond property links adjacent conserved properties, forming a block of over 5,000 acres of protected land. The Forest Legacy Program provided \$1,184,000 to New Hampshire for the purchase of the conservation easement. The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program contributed \$250,000 toward the fee interest purchased by the town of Freedom. The Trust for Public Land acquired the land to allow the State time to seek funding from the FLP. To complete the fee purchase, the town of Freedom appropriated \$100,000 and a local fundraising campaign coordinated by the Trust for Public Land raised an additional \$596,000.

Lansing Big Lake – Iowa

Iowa's first tract to be protected through the FLP will enhance the Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge management scheme. The Lansing Big Lake tract was protected on June 16, 2005, when the State of Iowa purchased a conservation easement valued at \$77,875 for \$58,406 from landowners Ed and Vickie Staheli. The property is adjacent to the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge. Keeping the property forested enhances the resource values of the refuge by maintaining the landscape and allowing natural processes to continue unabated. The tract boasts fantastic views overlooking the wildlife refuge, making it an attractive location for residential development. Now the view from the refuge will remain untarnished and forever forested.



From the Lansing Big Lake tract one can look out over the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge.

Photo by Bruce Blair



Floyd and Mary Lou Sollien, landowners of the Cold Air Slope tract, have reforested the property and have been managing it for forest uses since 1964.

Photo by Gary Beyer

Cold Air Slope – Iowa

A globally rare geological feature called a cold air slope can be found in northeastern Iowa. A cold air slope produces a cooling effect in fissures in the limestone slopes and creates microclimates for plants that have adapted to the cold air that flows out from the fissures during the summer months. With the use of FLP funds, an identified cold air slope and the surrounding forests were protected from conversion to nonforest uses. On June 23, 2005, the State of Iowa acquired a conservation easement valued at \$561,000 for \$364,650 on the 165-acre Cold Air Slope tract just out side of city of Decorah. Landowners Floyd and Mary Lou Sollien had been named as the Northern Regional Tree Farmer of the Year in 1982 for their outstanding sustainable forestry efforts.

Stephens Forest – Iowa

An important educational forest mission has been expanded to adjacent private forest land in southern Iowa. A conservation easement on the 60-acre Stephens Forest tract, valued at \$19,200, was conveyed from landowners Ben and Julie Van Gundy for \$3,840 on June 23, 2005. The property is adjacent to a 12,000-acre portion of the Stephens State Forest. The State forest's original and most important function is to serve as an example of forest management for Iowa residents. Stephens State Forest was a base of operations for the Civilian Conservation Corps demonstration plantings of hardwoods and conifers in the 1930s.



Adjacent to a portion of Stephens State Forest, this tract may also provide opportunities for forestry education.

Photo by Iowa DNR Forestry



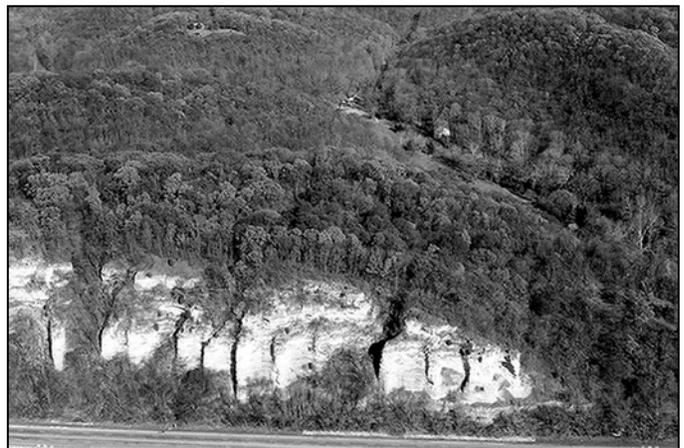
Landowner John Reynolds, left, and CT FLP Program Manager Fred Borman on the first of the Stonehouse Brook properties to join the FLP. Photo by Dick Raymond

Stonehouse Brook – Connecticut

The Stonehouse Brook project in northeastern Connecticut is comprised of seven tracts owned by six individual landowners. In 2001, the landowners decided to protect the watershed where they lived from residential development occurring in their community. The first tract of 16 acres was protected on July 28, 2005, with the purchase of a conservation easement from landowners John and Anastasia Reynolds for \$35,000 of FLP funds. The remaining six tracts totaling 462 acres will be completed in early FY2006. The cost share for the entire Stonehouse Brook project was made by the State of Connecticut on a fee acquisition that added 45 acres to the Pootatuck State Forest.

Chautauqua Woods – Illinois

Located on the forested bluffs along the Mississippi River are unique wildlife habitats shared by bald eagles and bobcats. The State of Illinois and other conservation partners have been conserving the bluffs from conversion to nonforest uses. The Illinois FLP has already protected 299 acres on the scenic bluffs around Pere Marquette State Park. The most recent land protection effort occurred on July 28, 2005, when the State purchased a conservation easement on the 25-acre Chautauqua Woods tract from the Great Rivers Land Trust. The easement, valued at \$156,000, was purchased using \$117,000 from the FLP and \$39,000 provided by a bargain sale from the Great Rivers Land Trust. The land trust has been an important partner on FLP projects in this part of Illinois in the past.



The forests on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River are a popular location for home development owing to the river view and their proximity to St. Louis, Missouri.

Photo from the Illinois DNR



The rolling hills of forests and farms in northeastern Iowa can be viewed from the Effigy Mounds FLP project. The project will continue to contribute to this rural landscape.

Photo by Bruce Blair

Effigy Mounds – Iowa

The Yellow River watershed is one of a few remaining forested watersheds in Iowa. With the Yellow River State Forest at its core and the Effigy Mounds National Monument adjacent, a 192-acre parcel in Allamakee County was protected through the FLP on August 6, 2005. A partnership of the Forest Service, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources–Forestry Bureau, and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation worked with landowners Mike and Randi Kluesner to develop a sustainable forestry conservation easement to manage the oak-hickory forests that help protect the Yellow River watershed. The northeastern Iowa property was purchased using \$160,500 in Forest Legacy funds and a donation by the Kluesner family of \$53,500.

Loess Hills – Iowa

The soil deposits found on Iowa’s Loess Hills FLP project are so unique that they occur only in Iowa and China. In Harrison County, a 255-acre forested tract owned by Warren and Gail Gee was purchased in fee on September 27, 2005, to become part of the Little Sioux Unit of the Loess Hills State Forest. This was a key acquisition for the forest because of its unique oak woodlands, bur oak savanna, and native tallgrass prairie. The funding included \$131,510 from the FLP and \$474,115 from the Iowa Resources Enhancement and Protection Program.



The Loess Hills tract added 255 protected acres to this unique forest landscape.

Photo by Brent Olson



The 13-Mile Woods II tract borders the Androscoggin River, allowing for the continuation of high-quality fishing experiences while the forest continues to be managed for forest products.

Photo by Jerry and Marcy Monkman

13-Mile Woods II – New Hampshire

Continuing the initiative set through the 2,754-acre 13-Mile Woods project completed in 1996, a 5,269-acre forest was conserved with a FLP conservation easement on August 10, 2005. The property, known as 13-Mile Woods II, is adjacent to the original 13-Mile Woods project, which was protected with FLP funds in 1997. The property was acquired from Lyme Timber Company by the Trust for Public Land, who then sold a conservation easement to the State of New Hampshire using \$1,640,000 in FLP funds. The restricted property, valued at \$2,410,000, will be acquired from the Trust for Public Land in the near future by the town of Errol to serve as the cost-share for the project. The property will become part of the Errol Town Forest.

Hurricane Hills – Indiana

The winds of change were evident in Indiana on August 26, 2005, when the 1,351-acre Hurricane Hills tract was protected with an FLP conservation easement. The tract is part of over 2,800 acres that had been owned by the Indianapolis Power and Light Company. When plans for a proposed power plant changed, the largest consolidated private forest landholding within an hour's drive of Indianapolis went up for sale. The State of Indiana purchased 1,500 acres to add to the Morgan-Monroe State Forest. The remaining adjoining acres were purchased by CCM Land, LLC, at auction. The FLP provided \$2,300,000 and the Indiana Heritage Trust contributed \$300,000 toward purchasing a conservation easement on the Hurricane Hills tract from CCM Land.



The hardwood forests of Hurricane Hills will continue to provide quality forest products and recreational opportunities, all within commuting distance of Indianapolis.

Photo by Tom Swinford



The Indian Creek III tract conservation easement adds 108 acres to 820 acres of forests that have already been conserved through the FLP.

Photo by Brenda Huter

Indian Creek III – Indiana

The protection of the Indian Creek III tract was the third in a series of projects that began with the Indian Creek I FLP project in 2000 and continued through the enthusiasm spread by the Indian Creek I landowner. On September 1, 2005, the completion of the Indian Creek III tract protected an additional 108 acres of the Indian Creek watershed. The FLP contributed \$60,000 for a conservation easement on the Jerry and Kimberly Waldrige property adjoining the Indian Creek I project. Indiana's newest Forest Legacy property, located in the southwestern part of the State, protects hardwood forests, over 500 feet of Indian Creek, and the bordering forested slopes with outcroppings of limestone.

Victory Forest – Vermont

The acquisition of five separate in-holdings within Vermont's Victory State Forest and Victory Wildlife Management Area will enhance management over both units. The five tracts totaling 514 acres were purchased by the State of Vermont on September 30, 2005. The Trust for Public Land purchased the in-holdings from former landowner International Paper Realty and sold them to Vermont for \$160,000. The first Victory State Forest parcel was acquired in the 1930s; the State forest and wildlife management area now totals over 20,000 acres. Rich in natural features, the property's varied topography provides valuable wildlife habitat including a significant deer wintering area, the Moose River, and numerous wetlands, and significant recreational use including multiple use trails, canoeing, hunting, and fishing.



An aerial view of Victory State Forest shows the unfragmented nature of the forest, which will maintain its integrity with the addition of the five parcels through the FLP.

Photo by Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation

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	FY05	FY06
4,938	9,915	6,948	6,688	3,000	2,000	4,000	7,033	29,933	59,868	65,000	68,380	64,134	57,134	56,538

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

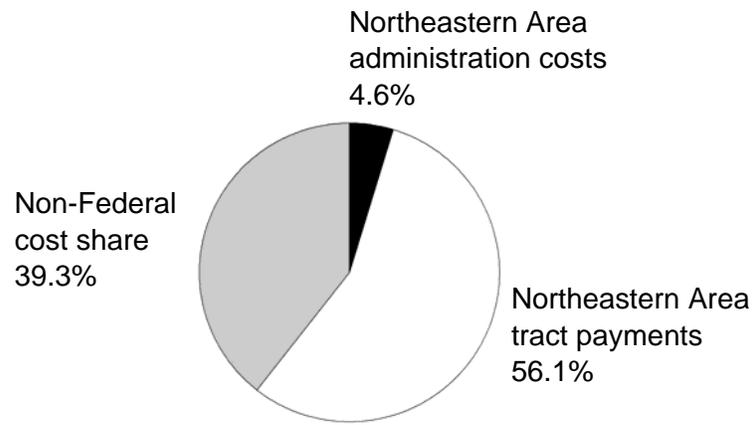
Summary of Completed Forest Legacy Acquisition Tracts in States Served by the Northeastern Area 4/10/93–9/30/05

State	Tracts	Acres	Total value	FLP payment
Connecticut	15	6,850	\$8,071,000	\$4,514,000
Delaware	2	1,356	7,830,000	3,969,000
Illinois	7	392	1,669,000	1,196,000
Indiana	12	5,196	7,563,000	6,124,000
Iowa	5	707	1,478,000	720,000
Maine	16	403,795	57,683,000	32,763,000
Maryland	7	1,247	3,033,000	1,358,000
Massachusetts	17	2,999	9,568,000	5,215,000
Minnesota	17	1,171	3,437,000	2,180,000
New Hampshire	31	209,821	38,848,000	24,505,000
New Jersey	6	3,208	21,353,000	5,438,000
New York	6	1,555	4,773,000	2,403,000
Rhode Island	10	1,458	3,732,000	2,344,000
Vermont	17	54,964	10,884,000	7,501,000
Wisconsin	14	36,009	14,202,000	5,714,000
Total	182	730,728	\$194,124,000	\$105,944,000

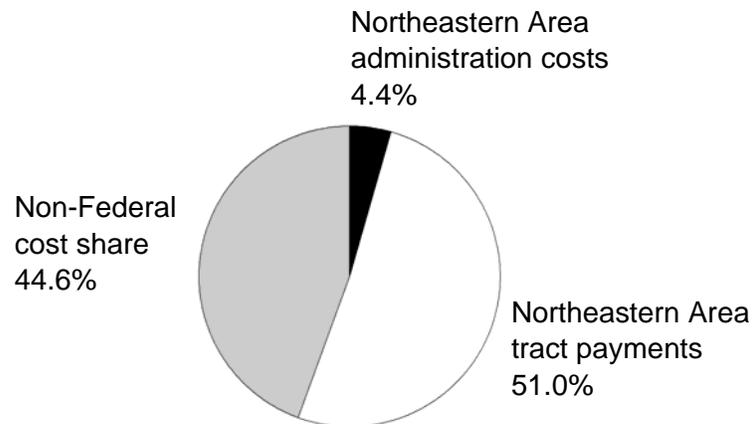
Summary of Funded in Progress Forest Legacy Tracts in States Served by the Northeastern Area

State	Tracts	Acres	Total value	FLP payment
Connecticut	12	970	\$2,380,000	\$1,906,000
Delaware	2	755	12,000,000	2,956,000
Illinois	2	138	1,765,000	1,279,000
Indiana	5	2,605	3,752,000	2,807,000
Iowa	6	1,405	1,416,000	1,079,000
Maine	4	245,299	35,000,000	10,842,000
Maryland	1	1,564	3,495,000	1,973,000
Massachusetts	29	4,443	14,532,000	7,378,000
Michigan	5	37,076	6,168,000	2,465,000
Minnesota	4	6,226	6,080,000	3,489,000
New Hampshire	3	2,960	5,065,000	3,500,000
New Jersey	6	13,636	36,970,000	16,214,000
New York	7	136,137	37,357,000	9,657,000
Ohio	1	436	657,000	493,000
Pennsylvania	4	3,262	7,835,000	2,766,000
Rhode Island	6	626	4,530,000	2,978,000
Vermont	22	25,209	13,490,000	9,556,000
West Virginia	1	2,800	3,735,000	2,267,000
Wisconsin	4	52,135	26,702,000	7,184,000
Total	124	537,682	\$223,929,000	\$90,789,000

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



Fiscal Year 2005



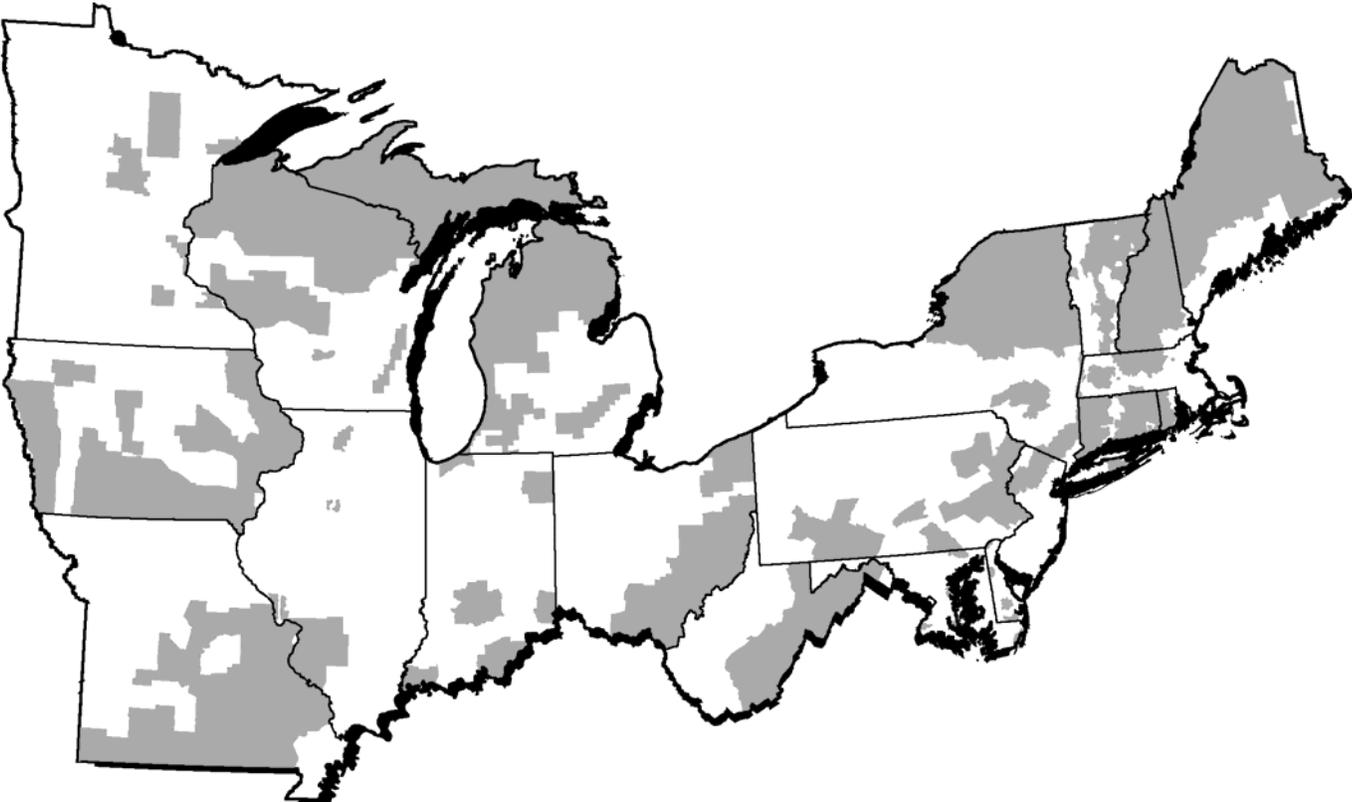
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“To the extent practicable, the Federal share of the total program costs shall not exceed 75 percent, including any in-kind contribution.” (16 U.S.C. 2103c Forest Legacy Program)

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

Forest Legacy Program Activity by State

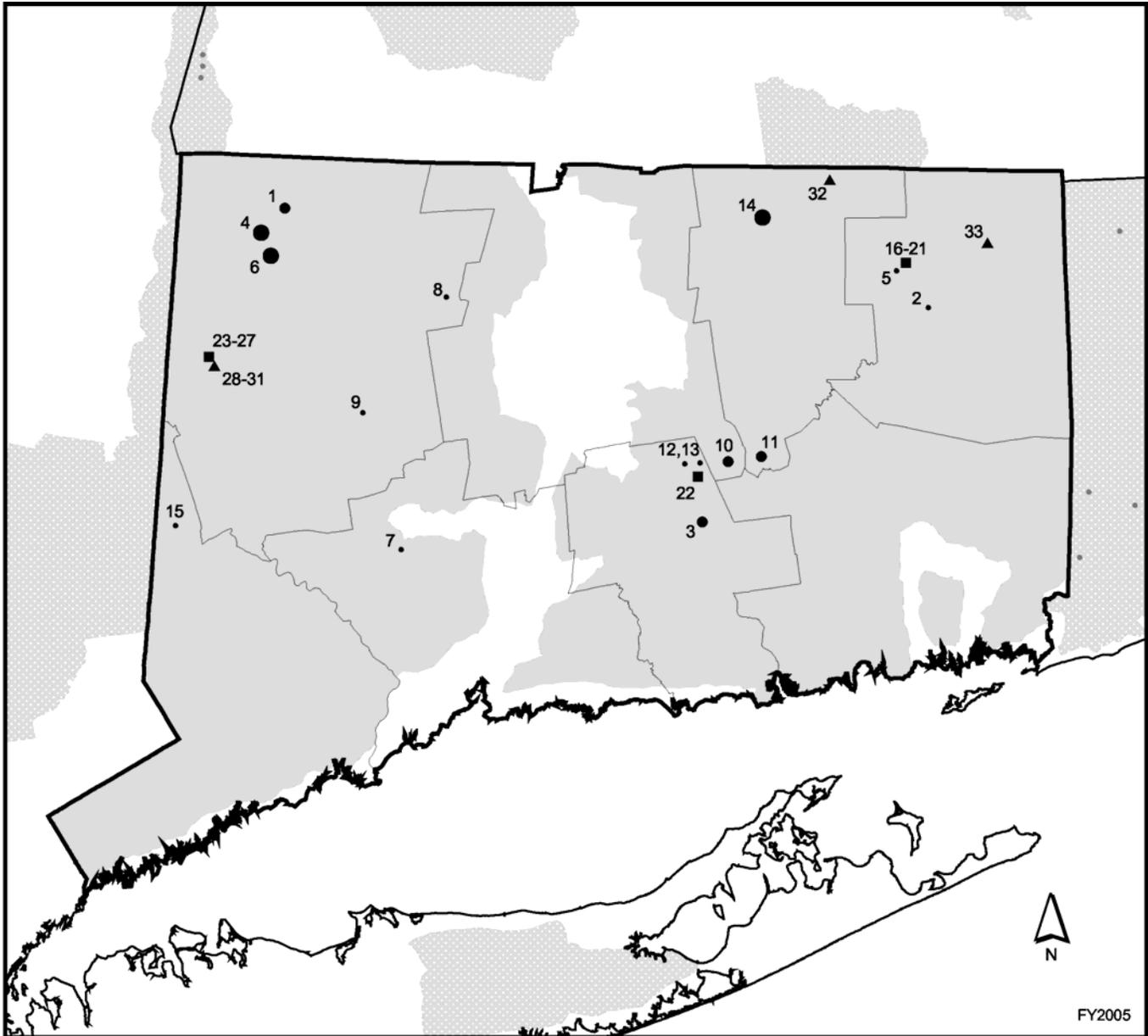
The following pages summarize Forest Legacy Program activity in the 20 States served by the Northeastern Area, including tracts completed through FY05, tracts funded for FY06, and tracts proposed for FY07.



Forest Legacy Program Status
September 30, 2005

 Forest Legacy Area

Connecticut Forest Legacy Program



FY2005

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
AON amended July 6, 2001



- Connecticut 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

Connecticut Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2005

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	Stonehouse Brook #7	Windham County	16	35,000	35,000
6	Housatonic	Litchfield County	204	410,000	0
7	Naugatuck	New Haven County	27	85,000	0
8	Nepaug	Litchfield County	27	45,000	0
9	Mattatuck	Litchfield County	55	170,000	0
10	Salmon River	Hartford County	158	315,000	0
11	Meshomasic I	Tolland County	102	233,000	0
12	Meshomasic II	Middlesex County	20	18,000	0
13	Meshomasic III	Middlesex County	6	8,000	0
14	Shenipsit	Tolland County	311	597,000	0
15	Pootatuck	Fairfield County	45	312,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			6,850	\$8,071,000	\$4,514,000

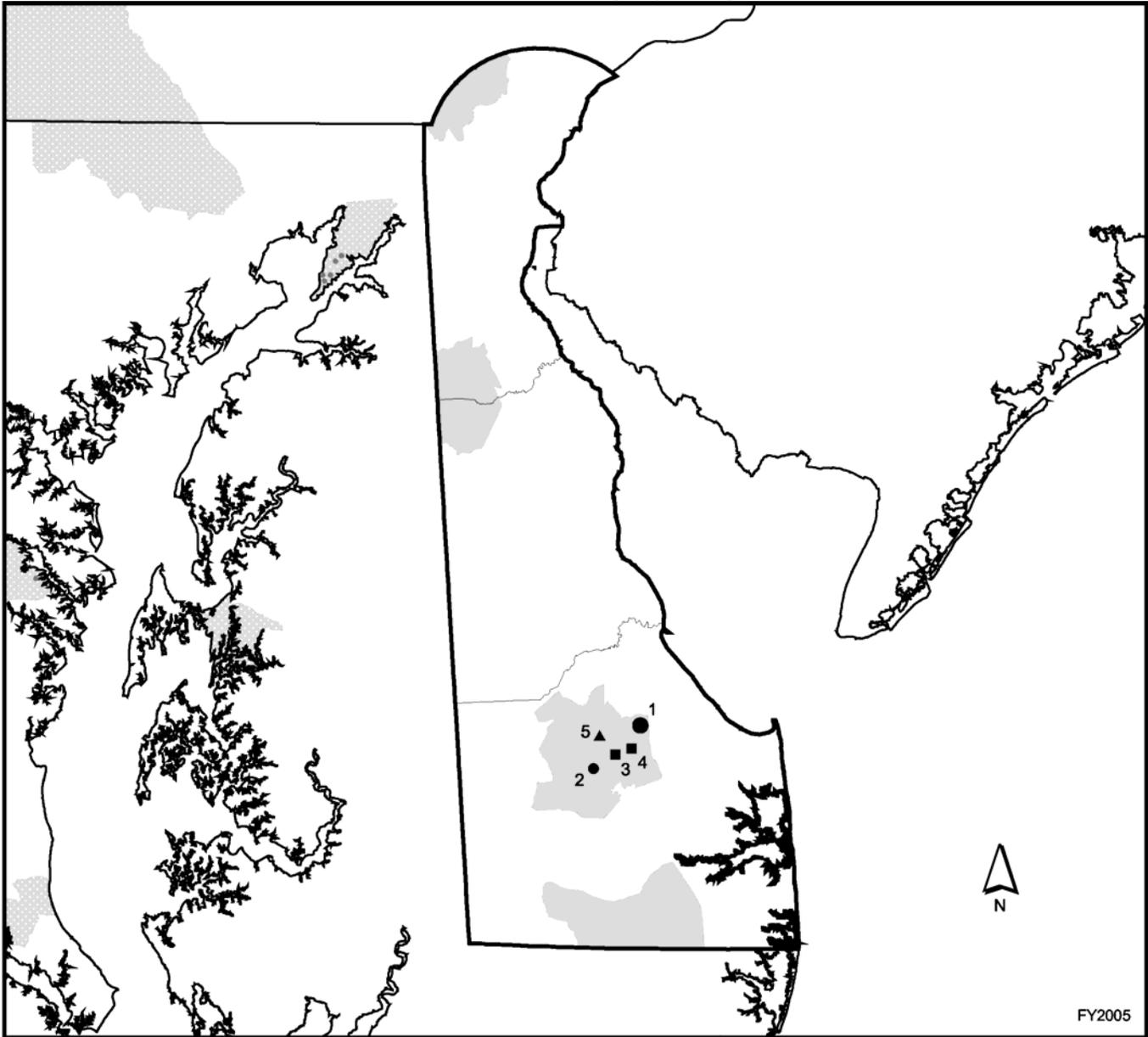
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
16–21	Stonehouse Brook #1–6	Windham County	462	\$561,000	\$561,000
This 7-tract project, the first of which was protected in FY05, 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. The State will acquire other lands without Federal funds as the cost share.					
22	Peaceful Hill	Middlesex County	35	163,000	163,000
This tract is a family-owned forest of Christmas trees and managed forest land. The timber rattlesnake, a rare and endangered species in Connecticut, is found on the property. The State will acquire other lands without Federal funds as the cost share.					
23–27	Skiff Mountain #1–5	Litchfield County	473	1,656,000	1,182,000
This is 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 (see below) that straddle the Kent/Sharon town lines in northwestern Connecticut.					
Funded Projects Total:			970	\$2,380,000	\$1,906,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
28–31	Skiff Mountain #6–9	Litchfield County	464	\$1,630,000	\$1,220,000
Additional funding is being requested for these four remaining tracts. Combined, all nine tracts will protect nearly 1,000 acres.					
32	Culver Pond	Tolland County	149	1,735,000	1,300,000
Culver Pond and the surrounding landscape are part of a larger tract of 640 acres deeded to Cornelius Davis in 1675 for service during the Narragansett Indian Wars. The property contains remnants of an 18 th century sawmill and gristmill, and canals that fed water to the mills.					
33	Nightingale Brook	Windham County	1,000	2,000,000	1,500,000
The property is under development pressure owing to its proximity to Boston, MA; Providence, RI; and Hartford, CT. It contains "The Lost Village," a relatively intact Revolutionary War settlement. Development of the property could destroy this cultural relic.					
Proposed Projects Total:			1,613	\$5,365,000	\$4,020,000

Delaware Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Identify and protect environmentally important, privately owned forest lands threatened with conversion to nonforest uses
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development
- Provide environmental benefits through the restoration and protection of riparian zones, native forest plants and animals, and remnant forest types
- Provide recreational opportunities
- Provide watershed and water supply protection
- Provide employment opportunities and economic stability through the 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
AON amended August 18, 2003



Forest Legacy Tract Status

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

Delaware Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2005

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Green Horizons I	Sussex County	908	\$4,800,000	\$1,994,000
2	Green Horizons II	Sussex County	448	3,030,000	1,975,000
Completed Projects Total:			1,356	\$7,830,000	\$3,969,000

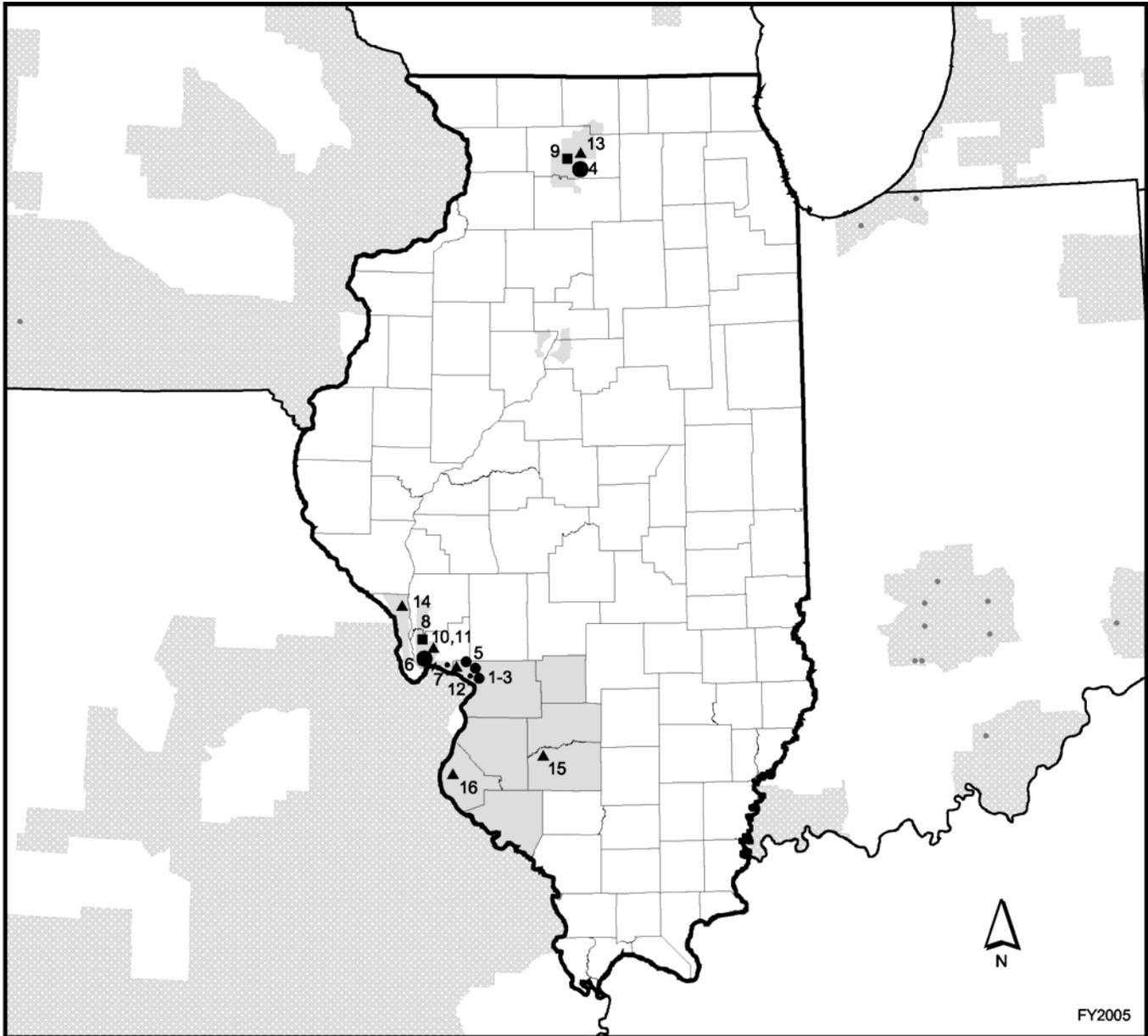
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
3	Green Horizons III	Sussex County	150	\$2,250,000	\$986,000
4	Green Horizons IV	Sussex County	605	9,750,000	1,970,000
Additional funding is required to complete the Green Horizons project, which protects lands around Redden State Forest. This multiyear project is using both fee acquisitions to the Redden State Forest and conservation easements on other lands to accomplish the overall goal.					
Funded Projects Total:			755	\$12,000,000	\$2,956,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
5	Green Horizons V	Sussex County	1,350	\$10,000,000	\$7,000,000
Additional funding is required to complete the Green Horizons project, which 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:			1,350	\$10,000,000	\$7,000,000

Illinois Forest Legacy Program



FY2005

Assessment of Need approved November 29, 1994

State Program Goals

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



- 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, 2005

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
7	Chautauqua Woods	Jersey County	25	156,000	117,000
Completed Projects Total:			392	\$1,669,000	\$1,196,000

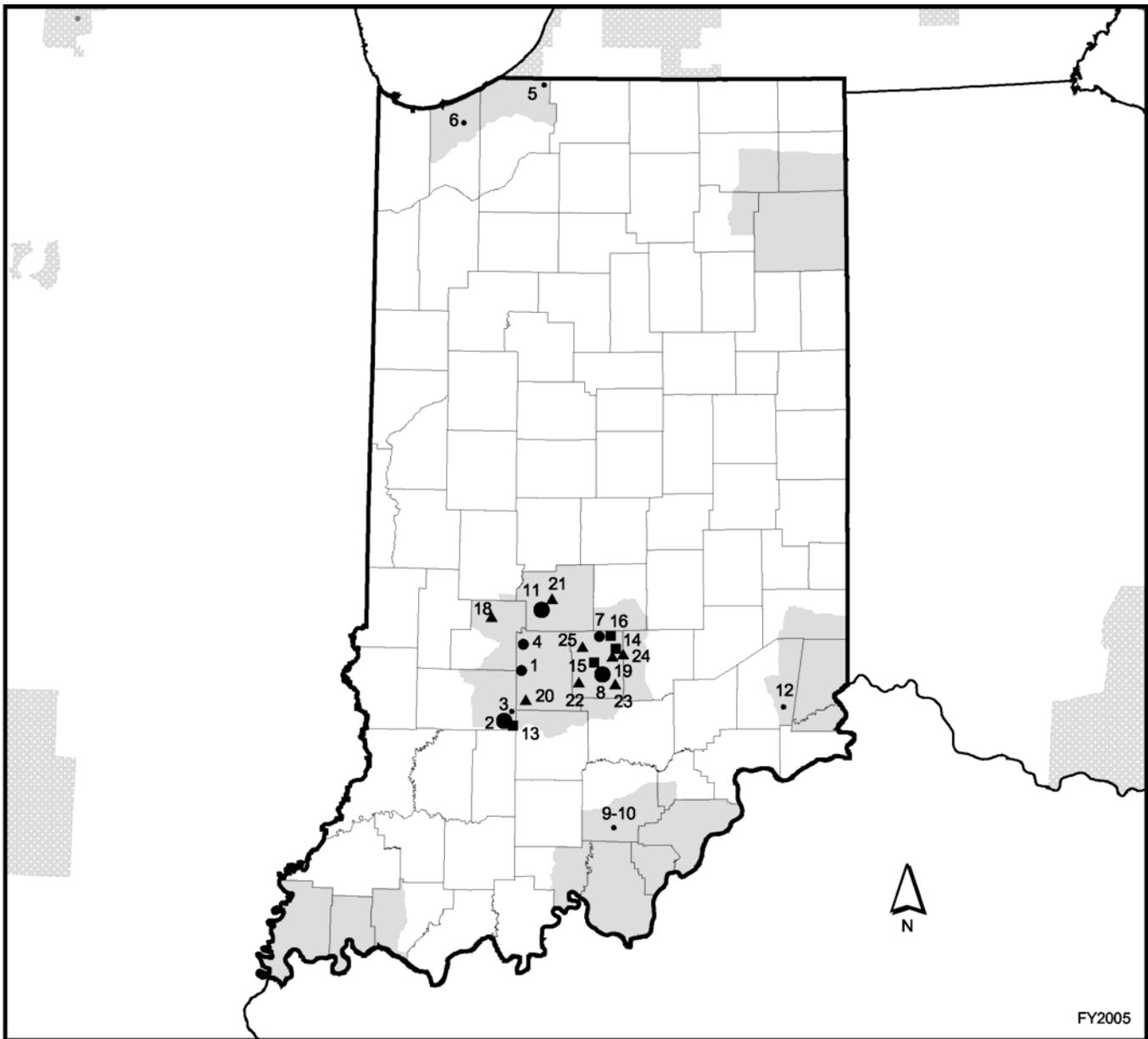
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
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 a commercial campground.					
Funded Projects Total:			138	\$1,765,000	\$1,279,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
10-11	Daggett Ridge/Pere Marquette	Jersey County	736	\$3,970,000	\$2,977,000
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. They are adjacent to Pere Marquette State Park.					
12	River Forest	Madison County	44	260,000	195,000
In close proximity to the Oblate Woods and LaVista Woods projects, the proximity of all three of these projects to the Mississippi River makes them attractive for development. Heavily wooded tracts on scenic bluffs overlooking the river further contribute to the development threat.					
13	McCormick	Ogle County	300	600,000	450,000
This tract will further 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.					
14	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 retains an untouched quality not associated with most Illinois forest land.					
15	Kaskaskia	Washington County	54	73,000	55,000
This tract will help protect the largest contiguous bottomland forest in Illinois. The acquisition of a conservation easement by the State will protect high-quality wetlands and riparian forest land along the Kaskaskia River.					
16	Karst	Monroe County	750	1,300,000	975,000
Protection of forested land in this area is needed to help protect the unique features of the forests associated with the sinkholes that occur there. Neotropical migrants and forest interior nest bird species are quite common on this tract.					
Proposed Projects Total:			2,364	\$7,259,000	\$5,444,000

Indiana Forest Legacy Program



FY2005

Assessment of Need approved December 10, 1998
AON amended December 14, 2004

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



- Indiana Forest Legacy Area
- Adjacent NA State Forest Legacy Area

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, 2005

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Little Richland Creek	Monroe County	299	\$110,000	\$83,000
2-3	Indian Creek 1 and 3	Greene County	928	530,000	388,000
4	Jack's Defeat Creek	Monroe County	225	398,000	338,000
5	Rattlesnake Creek	LaPorte County	163	145,000	123,000
6	River's Edge	Porter County	77	167,000	167,000
7	Hills of Gold	Brown County	460	830,000	726,000
8	Gnaw Bone Camp	Brown County	1,368	2,425,000	1,824,000
9-10	Big Spring Farm	Washington County	183	233,000	175,000
11	Hurricane Hills	Morgan County	1,351	2,600,000	2,300,000
12	Corning Woods	Ripley County	142	125,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			5,196	\$7,563,000	\$6,124,000

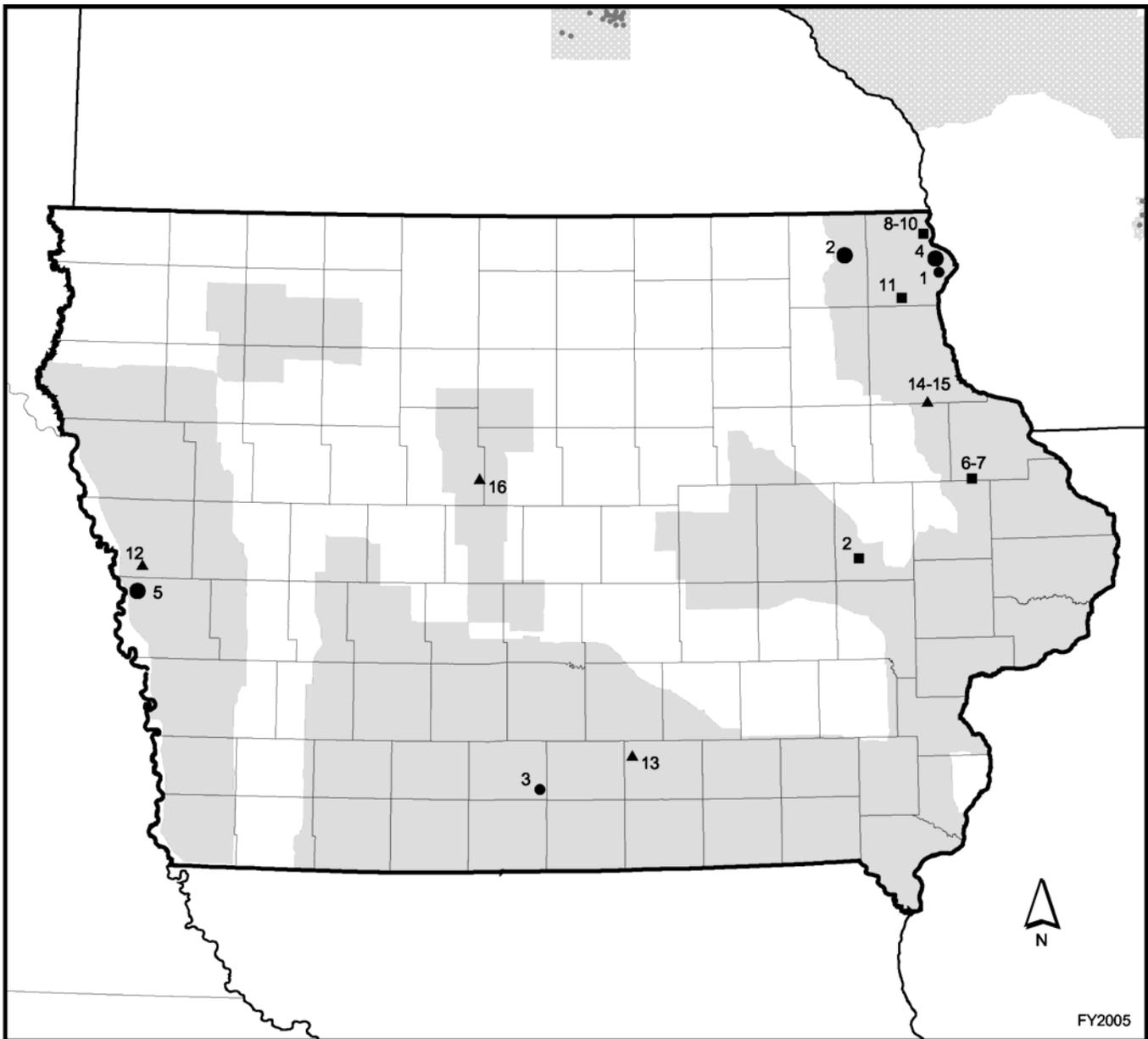
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
13	Indian Creek 2	Lawrence and Greene Counties	1,373	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Adjacent to the Indian Creek 1 and 3 parcels, this tract will more the double the area protected by the FLP on this project. Rolling hills and prime examples of central hardwood forests comprise the landscape of the Indian Creek watershed.					
14	Mt. Tea Ridge	Brown County	806	1,687,000	1,265,000
Located less than 35 miles from Indianapolis, this forested property contains valuable mixed hardwoods and scenic views.					
15-17	Land Bridge	Brown and Monroe Counties	426	1,065,000	542,000
This project protects working forests 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.					
Funded Projects Total:			2,605	\$3,752,000	\$2,807,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
18	Luke's Run	Owen County	1,150	\$2,530,000	\$1,900,000
This block of well-managed central hardwood forests with karst features is an easy 45-mile commute to Indianapolis. It borders the 6,000-acre Owen-Putnam State Forest; nearby is the popular 1,500-acre Cagles Mill Lake and 8,000-acre Lieber State Recreation Area.					
19-21	Shawnee Hills	Morgan and Monroe Counties	1,606	3,340,000	2,505,000
These three parcels in the central Indiana Shawnee Hills protect important central hardwood forests. These projects expand on existing conservation efforts, creating a larger contiguous block of managed forest within an hour of Indianapolis.					
22-25	Land Bridge II	Brown County	757	1,800,000	1,255,000
This four-tract project will continue the efforts begun for the Land Bridge project, connecting large blocks of public lands by protecting bridges of private lands.					
Proposed Projects Total:			3,513	\$7,670,000	\$5,660,000

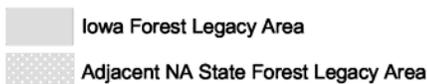
Iowa Forest Legacy Program



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

- Completed <150 acres
- Completed >150 acres
- Funded
- ▲ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

Iowa Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2005

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Lansing Big Lake	Allamakee County	35	\$78,000	\$58,000
2	Cold Air Slope	Winneshiek County	165	561,000	365,000
3	Stephens Forest	Clarke County	60	19,000	4,000
4	Effigy	Allamakee County	192	214,000	161,000
5	Loess Hills Forest	Harrison County	255	606,000	132,000
Completed Projects Total:			707	\$1,478,000	\$720,000

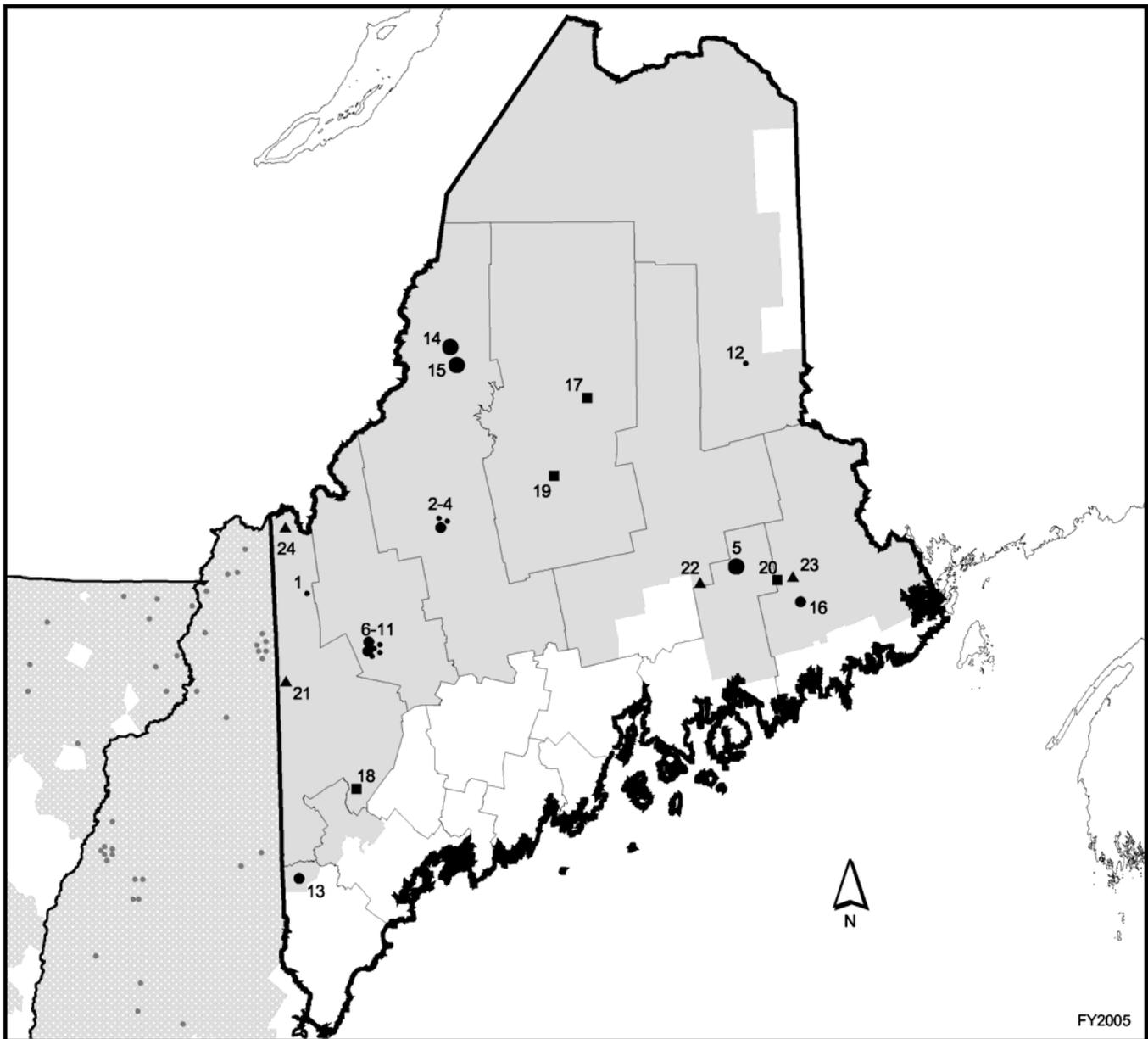
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
6-7	Canyons #1-2	Jones and Dubuque Counties	557	\$251,000	\$222,000
These two separate tracts include 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.					
8-10	NE Upper Bluffs #1-3	Allamakee County	634	736,000	542,000
These three separate tracts are working forests that contain contiguous forests critical to fish and wildlife habitat (coldwater trout streams), include scenic viewing points, and protect several archeological, cultural, and geologic resources.					
11	Monona	Allamakee County	214	429,000	315,000
This central hardwood forest in northeastern Iowa is part of an 800-acre contiguous working farm along a paved county road north of the community of Monona. It is fast becoming attractive for housing development due to the road frontage.					
Funded Projects Total:			1,405	\$1,416,000	\$1,079,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
12	Preparation Canyon	Monona County	1,840	\$3,250,000	\$2,440,000
Located in the Loess Hills, this project will help protect part of this formation that runs for 200 miles through western Iowa. Loess Hills are windblown soil deposits over 200 feet deep in great rolling drifts above the Missouri River floodplain.					
13	Stephens Forest I2	Monroe County	500	750,000	560,000
This project, which will increase timber, wildlife, and public recreational management opportunities, involves native oak-hickory forests, native prairie remnants, and oak savanna vegetation. This acquisition to the Stephens State Forest is within 60 miles of Des Moines.					
14-15	Karst	Clayton and Delaware Counties	176	183,000	137,000
Two forested tracts in northeastern Iowa: the Turkey River tract includes 31 acres of oak-hickory forest along the Turkey River bordering Federal, county, and city lands; the Backbone tract contains 145 acres of oak-hickory forests bordering Iowa's first State park.					
16	Hideaway Hollow	Webster County	80	80,000	60,000
The tract of mixed oak-hickory forests along the Boone River bordering Boone Forks State Wildlife Area possesses beautiful scenic values with meandering streams and wooded hillsides. It encompasses a pristine lake in an area where intensive agriculture is dominant.					
Proposed Projects Total:			2,596	\$4,263,000	\$3,197,000

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
AON updated March 25, 2005



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 Area
- ▨ Adjacent NA State Forest Legacy Area

Maine Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2005

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 Mtn.	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

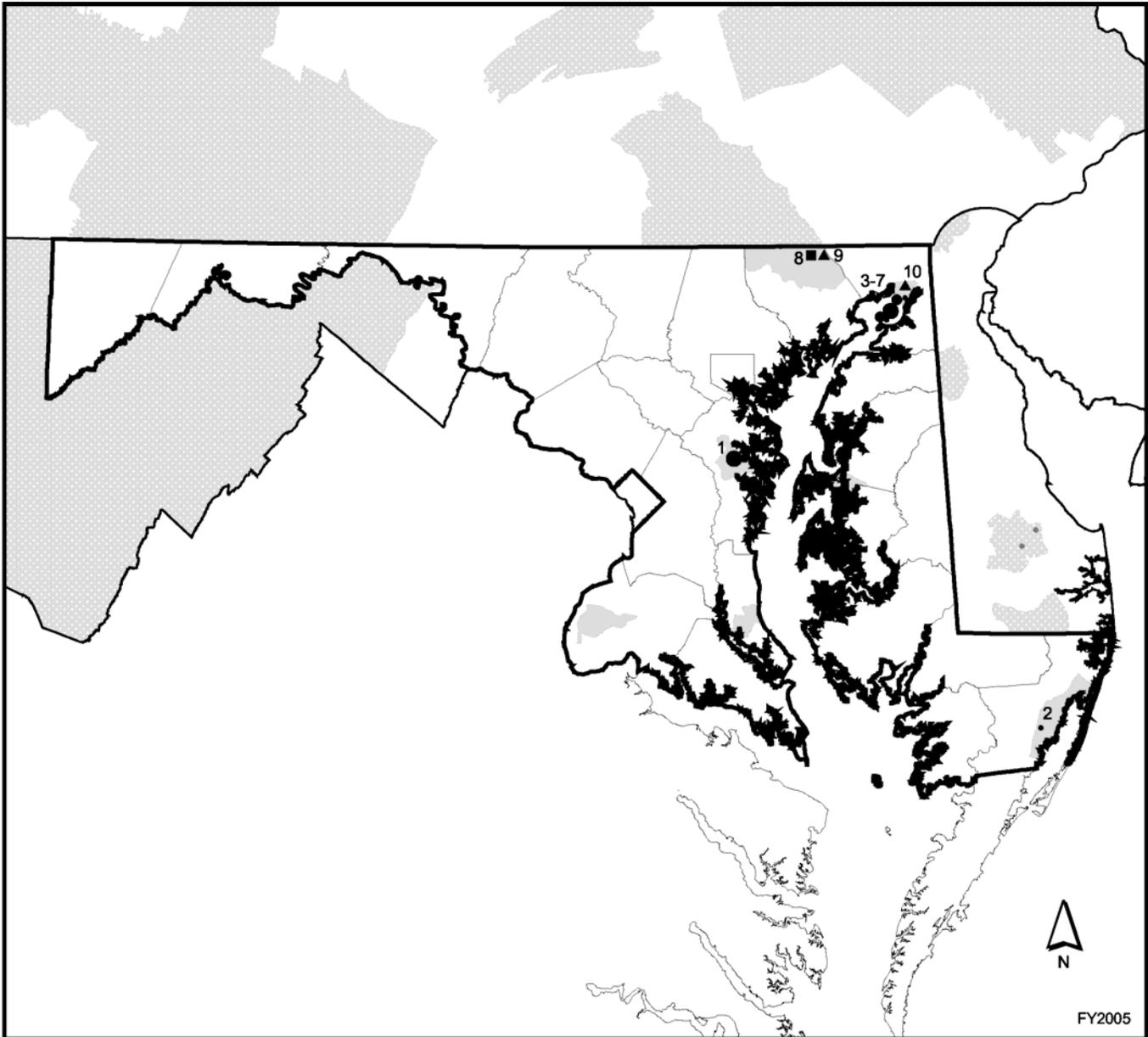
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
17	Katahdin Forest	Piscataquis and Penobscot Counties	194,751	\$15,000,000	\$4,437,000
This project preserves an unfragmented forest connecting several important State lands, including Baxter State Park, Nahmakanta and Seboeis Public Reserve Lands Units, the West Branch Forest Legacy lands, and the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.					
18	Sebago Lands	Cumberland and Oxford Counties	5,763	1,900,000	493,000
This project will use conservation easements to protect some of the largest remaining open spaces in southern Maine. The goals are to guarantee public access, protect important wildlife and plant habitat, and maintain forest productivity.					
19	Katahdin Iron Works	Piscataquis County	37,000	10,000,000	4,434,000
At the heart of the 100-Mile Wilderness, home to the wildest stretch of the Appalachian Trail, lies this tract of 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	1,478,000
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 of the tract connects to the Nicatous Lake Forest Legacy Project.					
Funded Projects Total:			245,299	\$35,000,000	\$10,842,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
21	Grafton	Oxford County	3,688	\$2,850,000	\$2,000,000
This heavily wooded parcel encompasses the south slopes of Old Speck, Maine's highest mountain outside of Baxter State Park, and runs adjacent to what is known as the most rugged mile of the Appalachian Trail—the famed Mahoosuc Notch.					
22	Lower Penobscot Forest	Penobscot and Hancock Counties	42,537	14,700,000	5,500,000
The combination of fee and conservation easements for this project is part of a larger conservation vision. The Penobscot-Hancock Highlands Conservation Initiative seeks to protect the forest lands east of Bangor, from Sunhaze National Wildlife Refuge to Bar Harbor.					
23	Machias River Phase 3	Franklin County	27,164	3,150,000	2,000,000
This project will protect the forests between the Third and Fifth Machias Lakes and the headwaters of the Machias River. It lies adjacent to Machias River Phase 1 and 2 lands, and builds on an existing 416,000 acres of conserved lands in eastern Maine, including Nicatous Lake.					
24	Boundary Mountains	Oxford County	29,000	4,275,000	2,500,000
This project will protect 29,000 acres of forest in the extreme northwestern corner of Maine and is adjacent to 150,000 acres of planned or existing conservation lands in New Hampshire and Canada. The land serves as the forested headwaters of the Androscoggin River.					
Proposed Projects Total:			102,389	\$24,975,000	\$12,000,000

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, 2005

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
3-4	Muddy Creek	Cecil County	186	630,000	630,000
5-7	Rodney, Caveat, and McDaniel	Cecil County	668	775,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			1,247	\$3,033,000	\$1,358,000

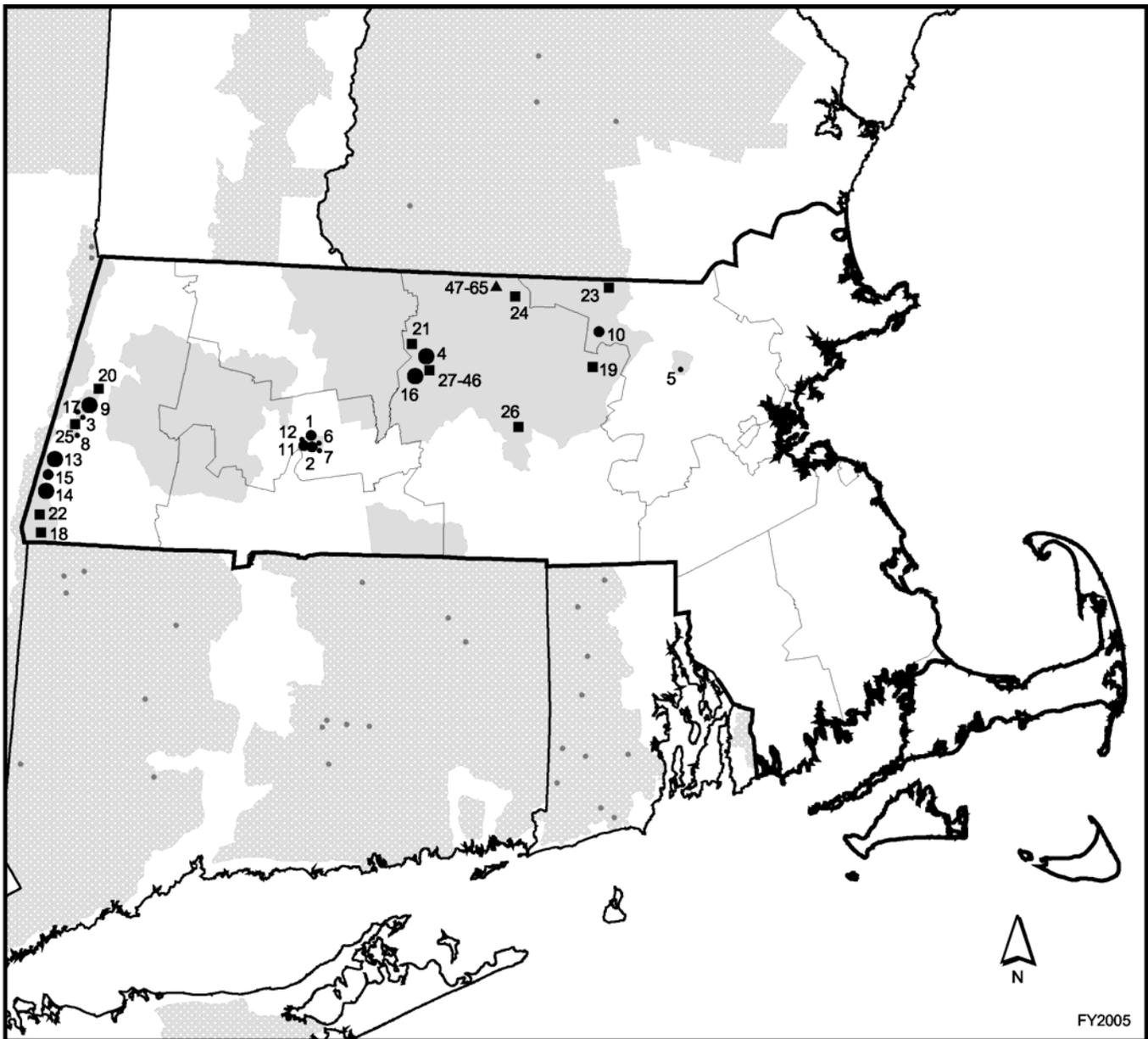
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
8	Broad Creek	Harford County	1,564	\$3,495,000	\$1,973,000
This large property is predominantly forested with the oak-hickory forest type and includes a stand of potentially old-growth eastern hemlock. Several State-listed rare, threatened, and endangered species are known to exist on the property.					
Funded Projects Total:			1,564	\$3,495,000	\$1,973,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
9	Broad Creek	Harford County	400	\$1,350,000	\$1,000,000
Additional funds are needed to fully protect this large tract of forest land in northern Maryland.					
10	Wapiti	Cecil County	620	4,000,000	3,000,000
This tract is the largest remaining unprotected single ownership of forested property in the Elk Neck Forest Legacy Area. Protection will help maintain water quality of the Chesapeake Bay, preserve wildlife habitat, and continue forest management.					
Proposed Projects Total:			1,020	\$5,350,000	\$4,000,000

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
AON amended June 1, 2001



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, 2005

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	4,300,000	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	\$9,568,000	\$5,215,000

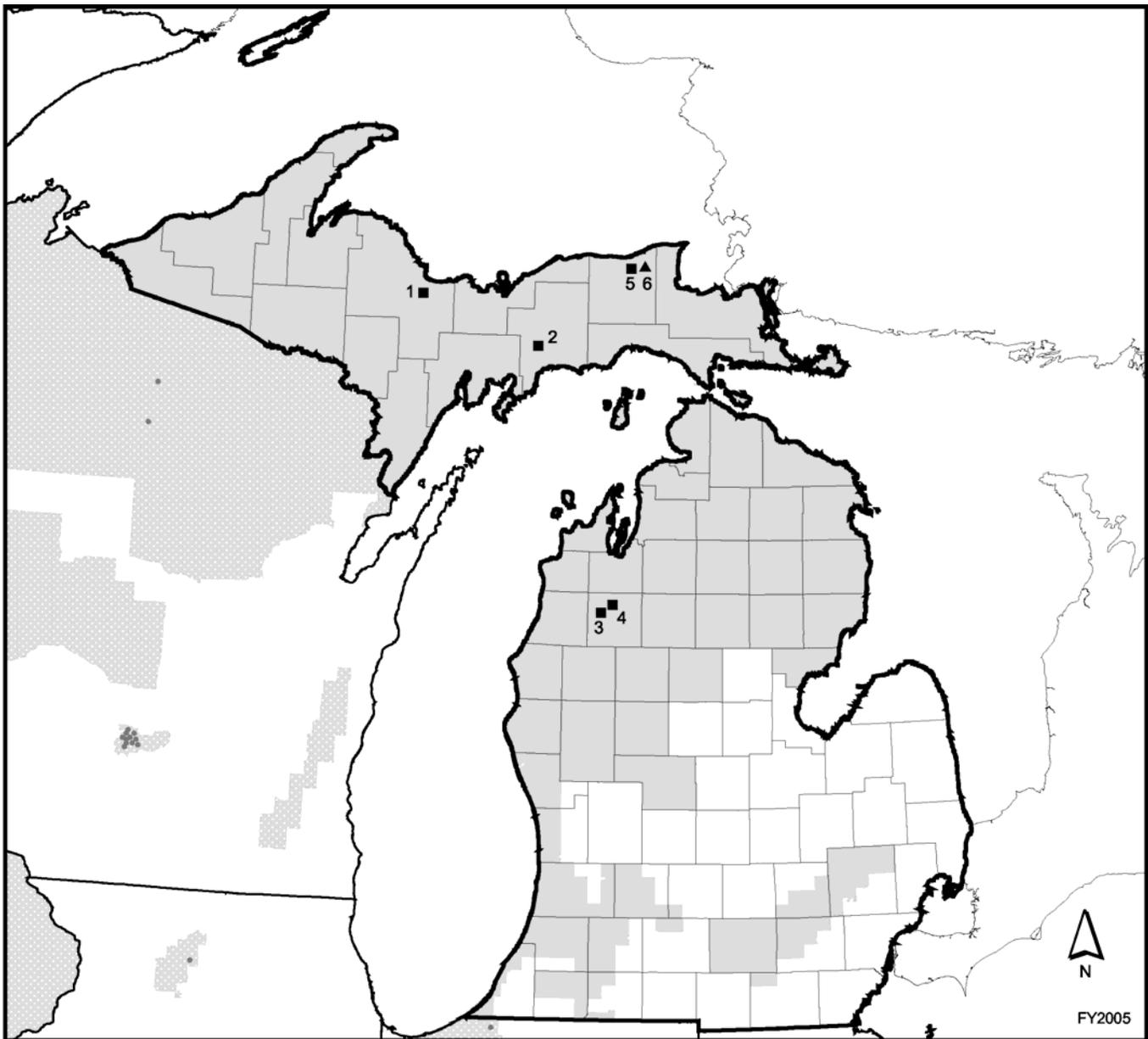
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
18	Mt. Washington Hi Rock	Berkshire County	665	\$2,000,000	\$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	150,000	57,000
This tract consists of 30 acres of upland forest, 3.4 acres of floodplain and wetlands, and an intermittent stream.					
20	Brickhouse Mountain	Berkshire County	250	400,000	334,000
This 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	213	1,000,000	303,000
This tract provides a connective link of protected Commonwealth lands to federally protected Appalachian Trail land and private lands.					
23	Belmont Springs	Middlesex County	255	2,600,000	1,383,000
This tract, bisected by a hemlock gorge, contributes water to both the town of Pepperell and a private water bottling company.					
24	Bush Hill	Worcester County	445	845,000	247,000
This 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	Muschopauge Brook	Worcester County	100	1,094,000	394,000
This project is a partnership effort to preserve the forest land for its watershed, forest habitat, recreational, and scenic values.					
27-46	Quabbin Corridor Connection #1-20	Worcester County	1,994	4,680,000	2,463,000
This project extends over a 9-mile expanse of rolling hills and intact forest lands, adding crucial links to 80,000 acres of protected lands.					
Funded Projects Total:			4,443	\$14,532,000	\$7,378,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
47-65	Southern Monadnock Plateau #1-19	Worcester County	2,272	\$6,760,000	\$4,390,000
Today about 50 percent 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 protected by the Commonwealth, land trusts, and municipalities.					
Proposed Projects Total:			2,272	\$6,760,000	\$4,390,000

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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

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

Michigan Forest Legacy Program

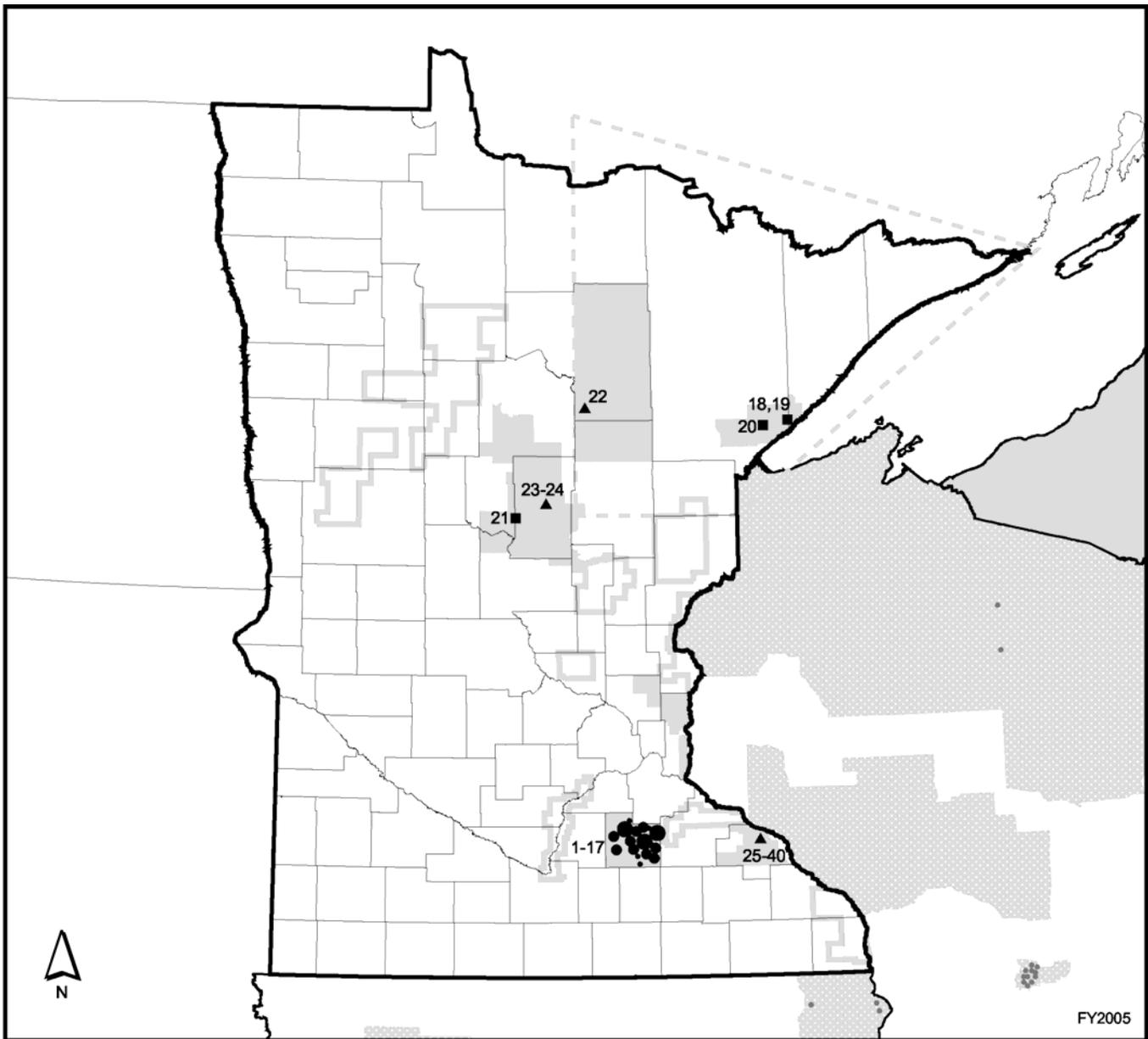
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-2	Central Upper Peninsula	Marquette and Schoolcraft Counties	160	\$161,000	\$120,000
This 160-acre project is located in the central portion of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. It includes the fee acquisition of two tracts that are located within State forest boundaries and are adjacent to State-owned lands.					
3-4	Northern Wexford	Wexford County	200	500,000	375,000
This 200-acre project is made up of two tracts located in the northwest Lower Peninsula that are adjacent to existing State forest land. Both of these parcels will be fee acquisition and one will provide access to other State-owned land where access does not currently exist.					
5	Northern Great Lakes Forest #1	Multiple counties	36,716	5,507,000	1,970,000
This project will acquire a conservation easement on 150,991 acres of northern hardwood forest and freshwater wetland resources in two phases. Public recreational access will be acquired. The FLP acquisitions are part of a larger project that involves land protection through fee and conservation easement acquisitions on a total of 271,124 acres.					
Funded Projects Total:			37,076	\$6,168,000	\$2,465,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
6	Northern Great Lakes Forest #2	Multiple counties	114,275	\$17,145,000	\$7,000,000
This is phase two of a conservation easement project in which the total land protected through FLP will be 150,991 acres.					
Proposed Projects Total:			114,275	\$17,145,000	\$7,000,000

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

Assessment of Need approved February 2, 2000
AON amended February 18, 2005



-  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, 2005

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

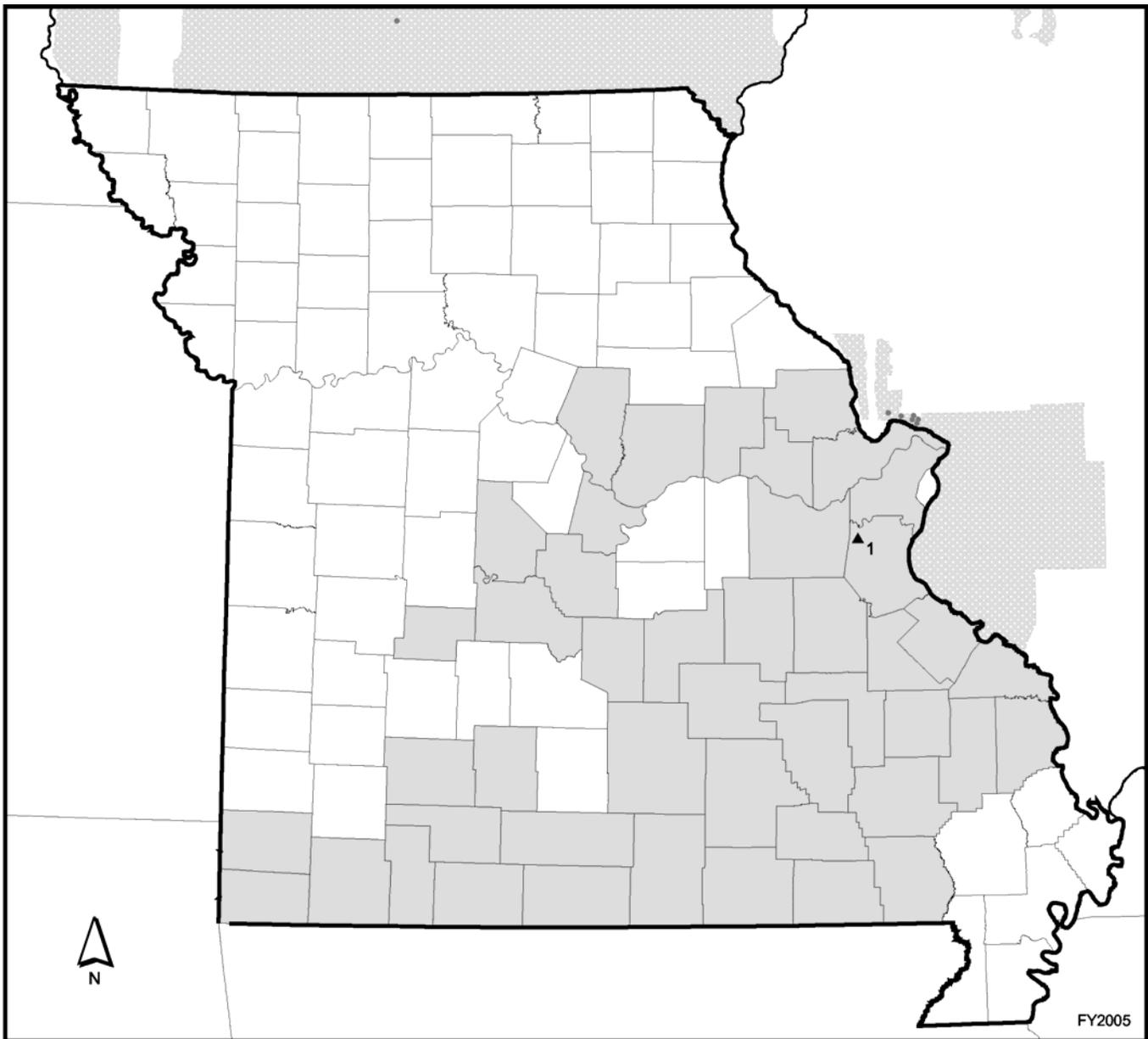
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

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 exists on these two tracts, adjacent to State and county forests. Development pressure is high.					
20	North Duluth #3	St. Louis County	710	1,000,000	494,000
This tract will protect over 2 miles of undeveloped shoreline on the Lester River, known for its old-growth forests and unique wildlife habitats.					
21	Brainerd Lakes	Cass and Crow Wing Counties	4,736	4,000,000	2,588,000
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.					
Funded Projects Total:			6,226	\$6,080,000	\$3,489,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
22	Sugar Hills	Itasca County	1,755	\$1,500,000	\$750,000
This property has been identified by the Minnesota County Biological Survey as an outstanding example of a northern rich mesic hardwood forest, a community considered rare in Minnesota.					
23-24	Mississippi River Northwoods	Crow Wing County	1,998	6,400,000	3,800,000
The combination of a conservation easement and a fee acquisition will protect 2.7 miles of forested shoreline on the Mississippi River near its headwaters in north-central Minnesota. It will keep intact over 1,600 acres of productive forests that supply local mills and industries.					
25-40	Mississippi Blufflands #1-16	Wabasha County	2,875	4,325,000	3,175,000
Consisting of 16 different tracts, this project is the first phase to buffer existing State forest lands from development pressures in southeastern Minnesota. This project will protect working forests that provide lumber to local mills and manufacturers.					
Proposed Projects Total:			6,628	\$12,225,000	\$7,725,000

Missouri Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need approved August 5, 2005

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

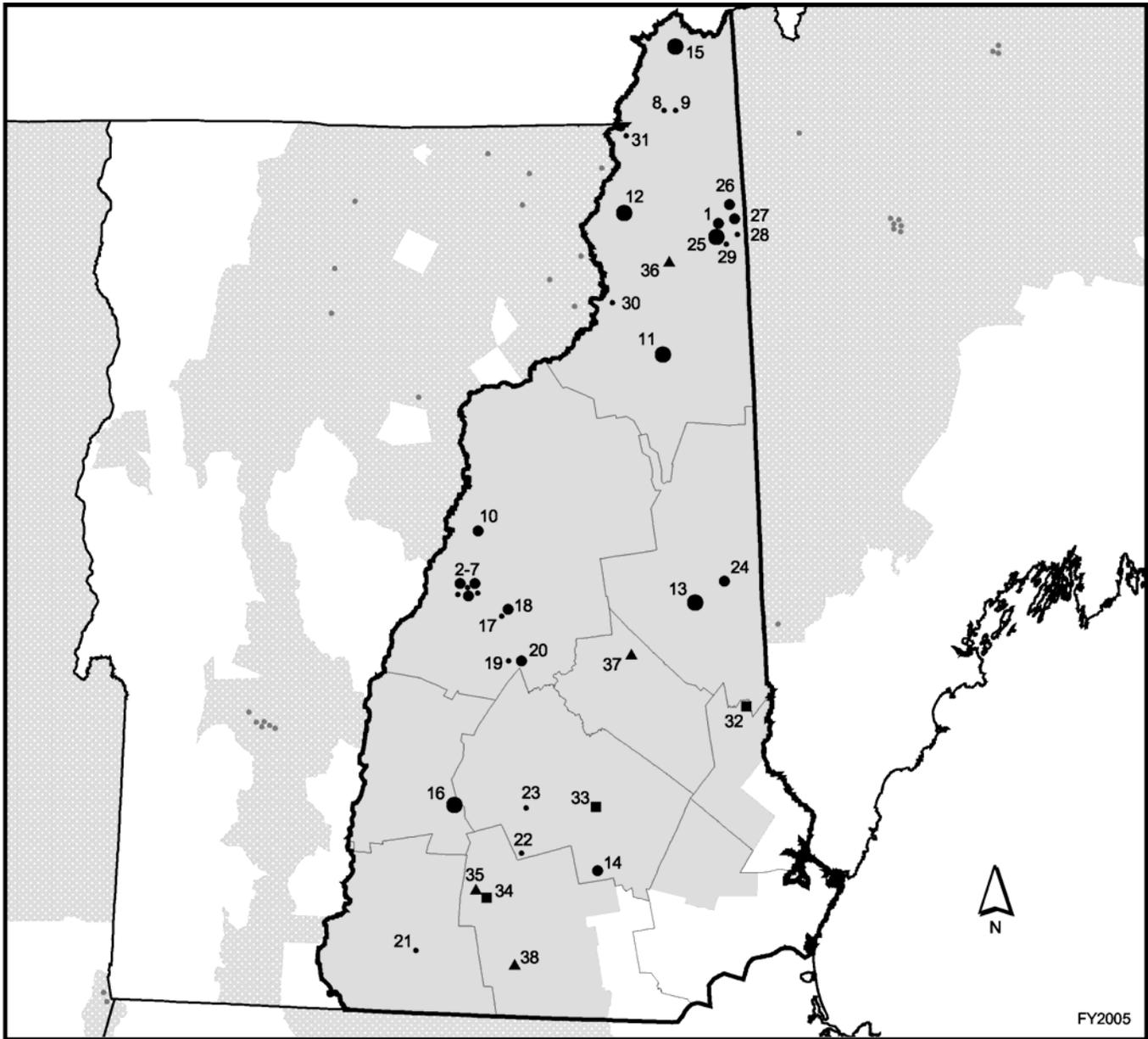
-  Proposed
-  Completed project in adjacent NA State

Missouri Forest Legacy Program

Proposed Forest Legacy Tract for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
1	LaBarque Creek	Jefferson County	583	\$9,600,000	\$4,900,000
This heavily forested property is near the headwaters of Labarque Creek. Maintaining this forest cover is critical for the long-term protection of the creek and its aquatic species.					
Proposed Projects Total:			583	\$9,600,000	\$4,900,000

New Hampshire Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

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

Assessment of Need approved February 11, 1994
 AON amended February 29, 2000



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 Area
- Adjacent NA State Forest Legacy Area

New Hampshire Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2005

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 and 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
16-20	Pillsbury-Sunapee Highlands	Multiple counties	7,045	2,531,000	2,499,000
21-23	Pillsbury-Sunapee Cost Share	Multiple counties	741	1,036,000	0
24	Trout Pond	Carroll County	2,660	2,130,000	1,184,000
25	Thirteen Mile Woods II	Coos County	5,316	4,050,000	1,640,000
26-31	Northern Forest Tracts	Coos County	4,082	3,302,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			209,821	\$38,848,000	\$24,505,000

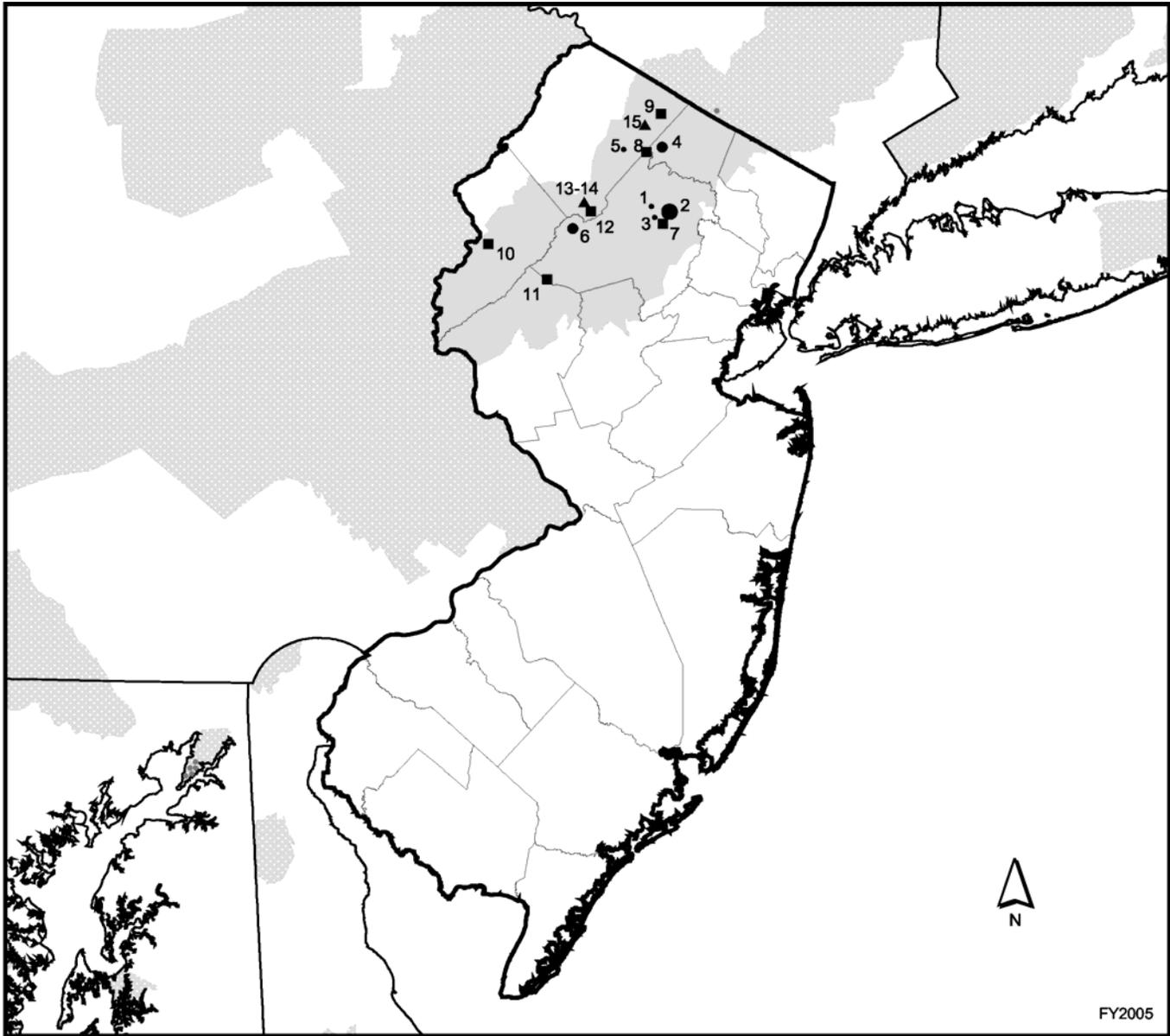
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
32	Moose Mountain	Strafford and Carroll Counties	2,081	\$1,200,000	\$988,000
These properties are heavily used for outdoor recreation, have diverse wildlife habitat, and are dominant scenic features in the region's landscape. The scenic, recreation, and timber resources on these tracts are highly threatened by development pressures on the Seacoast.					
33	Rossvie	Merrimack County	515	3,115,000	1,970,000
This 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 areas of New Hampshire.					
34	Willard Pond I	Hillsborough County	364	750,000	542,000
The Willard Pond project is located in southwestern New Hampshire, an area where large unfragmented blocks of forest land still remain, but where residential development has seen an dramatic increase thanks to improved access to population centers.					
Funded Projects Total:			2,960	\$5,455,000	\$3,500,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
35	Willard Pond II	Hillsborough County	1,667	\$3,759,000	\$3,000,000
The second tract of the Willard Pond project consists of lands around Robb Reservoir and has been identified as a critical target for protection in the New Hampshire/Massachusetts Quabbin to Cardigan Corridor initiative.					
36	Phillips Brook	Coos County	23,718	4,700,000	3,500,000
This tract is a key part of a large forest block that includes the Nash Stream Forest (the project that sparked the creation of the FLP), the Bunnell Mountain FLP tract (completed in FY02), and other conservation lands owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.					
37	Page Brook	Hillsborough County	567	2,000,000	1,250,000
This parcel has over 500 acres of prime forest land and 1,400 feet of frontage on a pristine, undeveloped pond. It also contains over 2 miles of frontage on Page Brook. Nearly one-half of the Page Pond Prime wetland, a State designated wetland, is contained within this parcel.					
38	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 in the area that are 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:			26,245	\$11,129,000	\$8,250,000

New Jersey Forest Legacy Program



FY2005

Assessment of Need approved October 26, 1994

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



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

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, 2005

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
6	Crown Towers	Morris County	611	7,350,000	3,176,000
Completed Projects Total:			3,208	\$21,353,000	\$5,438,000

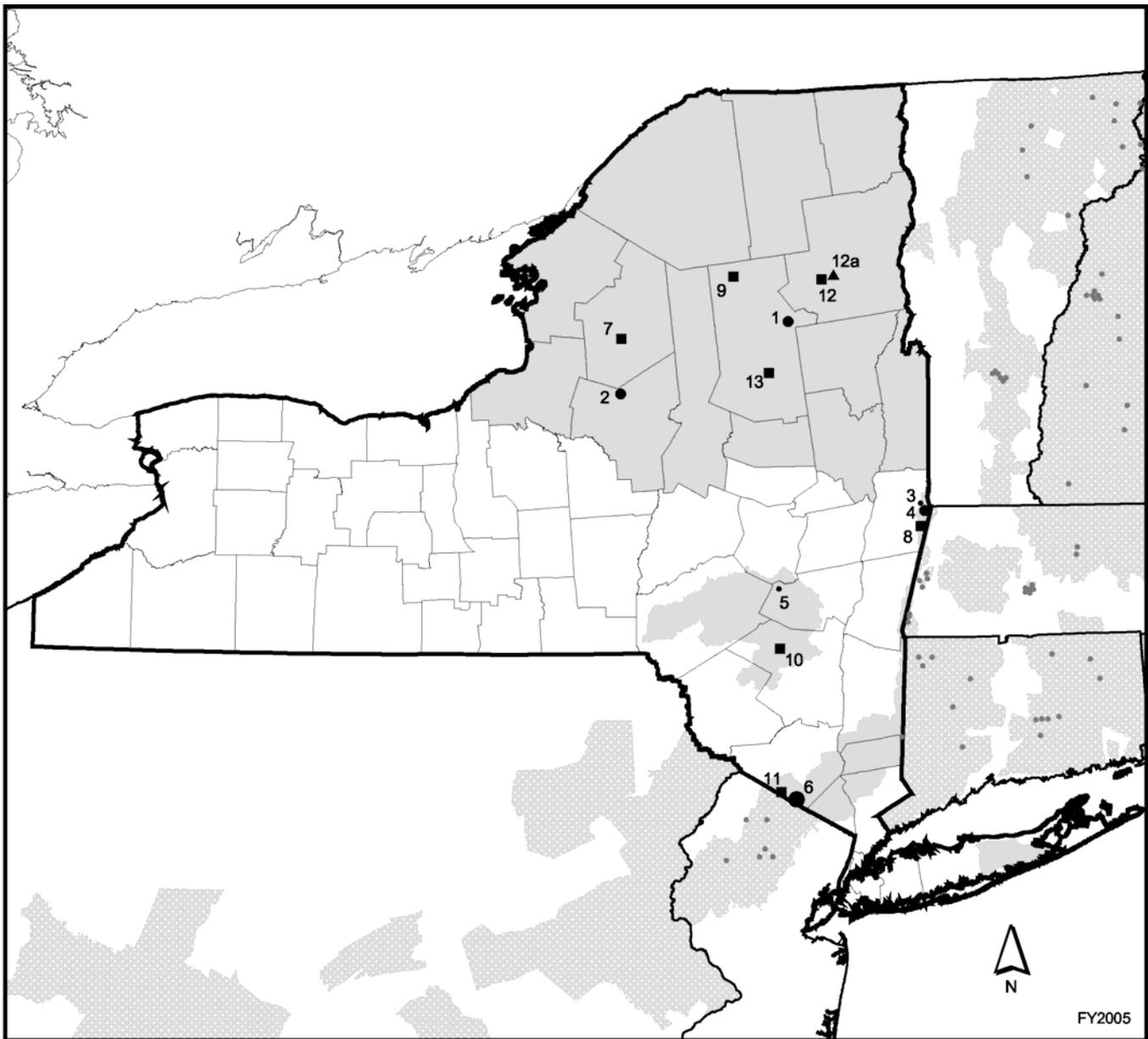
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
7	Farny Highlands	Morris County	528	\$6,120,000	\$1,021,000
This property sits atop the Rockaway Township drinking water aquifer and would remain privately owned and managed.					
8	Newark Watershed	Morris and Sussex Counties	9,640	11,550,000	5,000,000
This property is adjacent to permanently protected land acquired with Forest Legacy funding (the Macopin tract) and is part of a larger effort to protect over 25,000 acres of Newark watershed lands.					
9	Lake Gerard	Sussex County	1,200	4,000,000	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.					
10	Buckhorn	Warren County	600	4,500,000	1,692,000
This tract, located in the New Jersey Highlands and comprised of contiguous forest land, is part of the Upper Delaware River watershed. The Upper Delaware River has received Federal designation as a Wild and Scenic River.					
11	Raritan River Watershed	Morris and Hunterdon Counties	468	8,400,000	3,747,000
This tract is critical to the protection of the area's forest coverage and water supply protection. The property is connected to other publicly protected lands.					
12	Sparta Mountain South #1	Sussex County	1,200	2,400,000	1,773,000
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.					
Funded Projects Total:			13,636	\$36,970,000	\$16,214,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
13-14	Sparta Mountain South #2-3	Sussex County	1,000	\$2,800,000	\$2,100,000
These two additional tracts are adjacent to or in close proximity to the previously funded Sparta Mountain South #1 tract.					
15	Mountain Gate	Sussex County	118	1,400,000	1,050,000
This parcel contains habitat identified for bald eagles, river otters, bobcats, black bears, and timber rattlesnakes, a State threatened species. It protects the aquifer recharge of the Pequonnack River watershed, a source of drinking water for millions of New Jersey residents.					
Proposed Projects Total:			1,118	\$4,200,000	\$3,150,000

New York Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need approved October 26, 1994
AON amended April 18, 2002

State Program Goals

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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

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

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

New York Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2005

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	Fox and Pownal Tanning	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

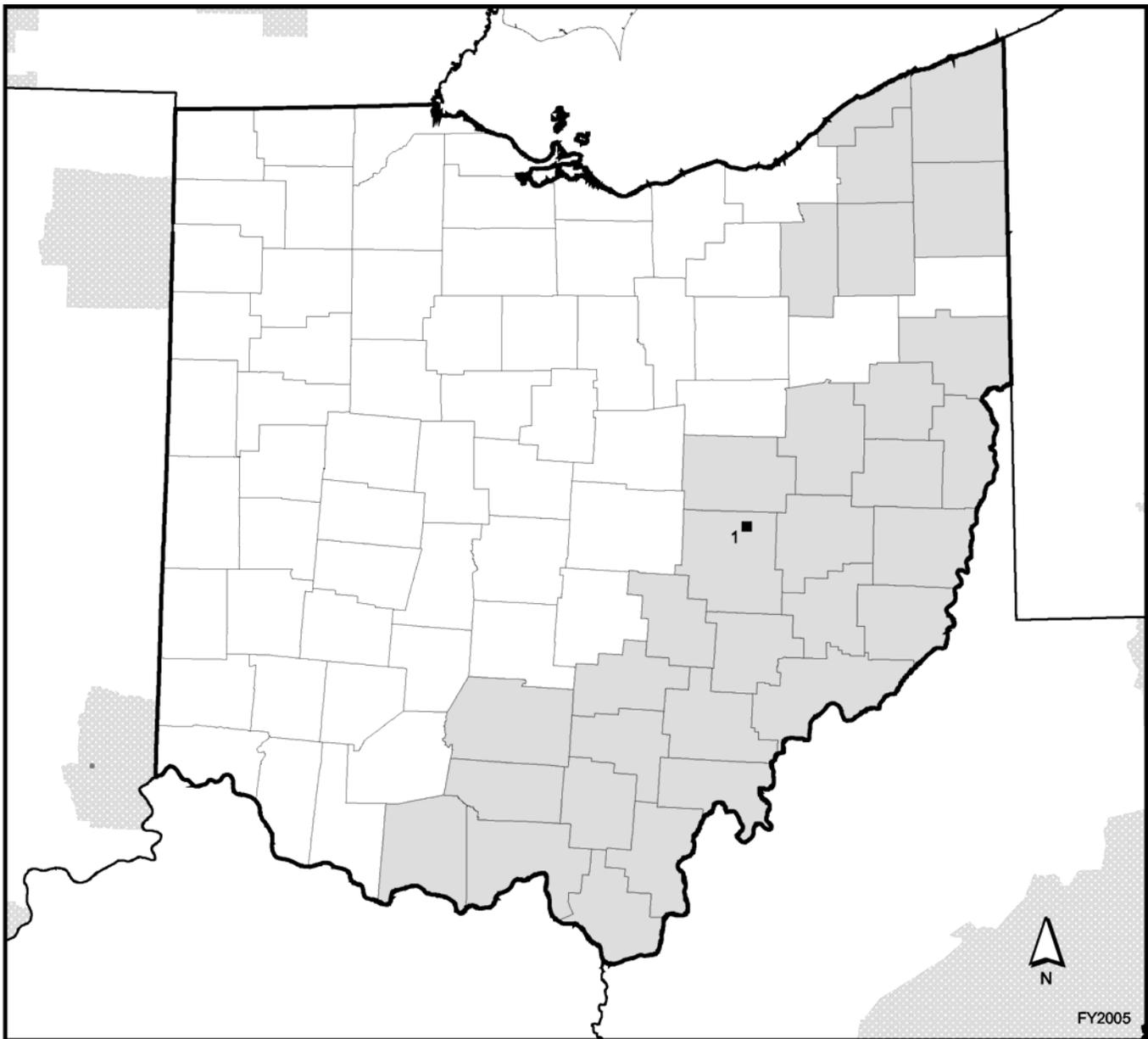
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
7	East Branch Fish Creek	Lewis County	31,230	\$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	1,313	437,000	350,000
The Taconic Ridge is important to land strategies in four States: New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont. This tract abuts 1,300 acres of existing State lands to the north and an additional 1,600 acres of fee and conservation easement to the south.					
9	Adirondack Lakes	Hamilton County	10,056	6,102,000	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	Ticeteneck 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 2,450-foot summit.					
11	Pochuck Mountain	Orange County	515	2,678,000	1,284,000
This property abuts Appalachian Trail lands across the State line in New Jersey and buffers the sensitive Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge. A network of streams serves as the headwaters for the wildlife refuge.					
12	Tahawus	Essex County	11,360	8,500,000	1,676,000
This large, forested property contains several peaks over 4,000 feet in elevation. It also contains several lakes, including Henderson Lake, Lake Sally, Lake Jimmy, Upper Preston Ponds, and Lower Preston Ponds, and the Opalescent River.					
13	Adirondack Working Forest	Multiple Counties	81,188	15,000,000	985,000
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 the Adirondack Park; 2,000 acres will be acquired in fee.					
Funded Projects Total:			136,137	\$37,357,000	\$9,657,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
12a	Tahawus	Multiple counties	See #12	See #12	\$5,000,000
Additional funding is needed for this project that protects the hardwood-softwood mixed forests and recreational access to trails located in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains.					
Proposed Projects Total:					\$5,000,000

Ohio Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need approved August 5, 2005

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.



- Ohio Forest Legacy Area - Proposed
- ▨ Adjacent NA State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

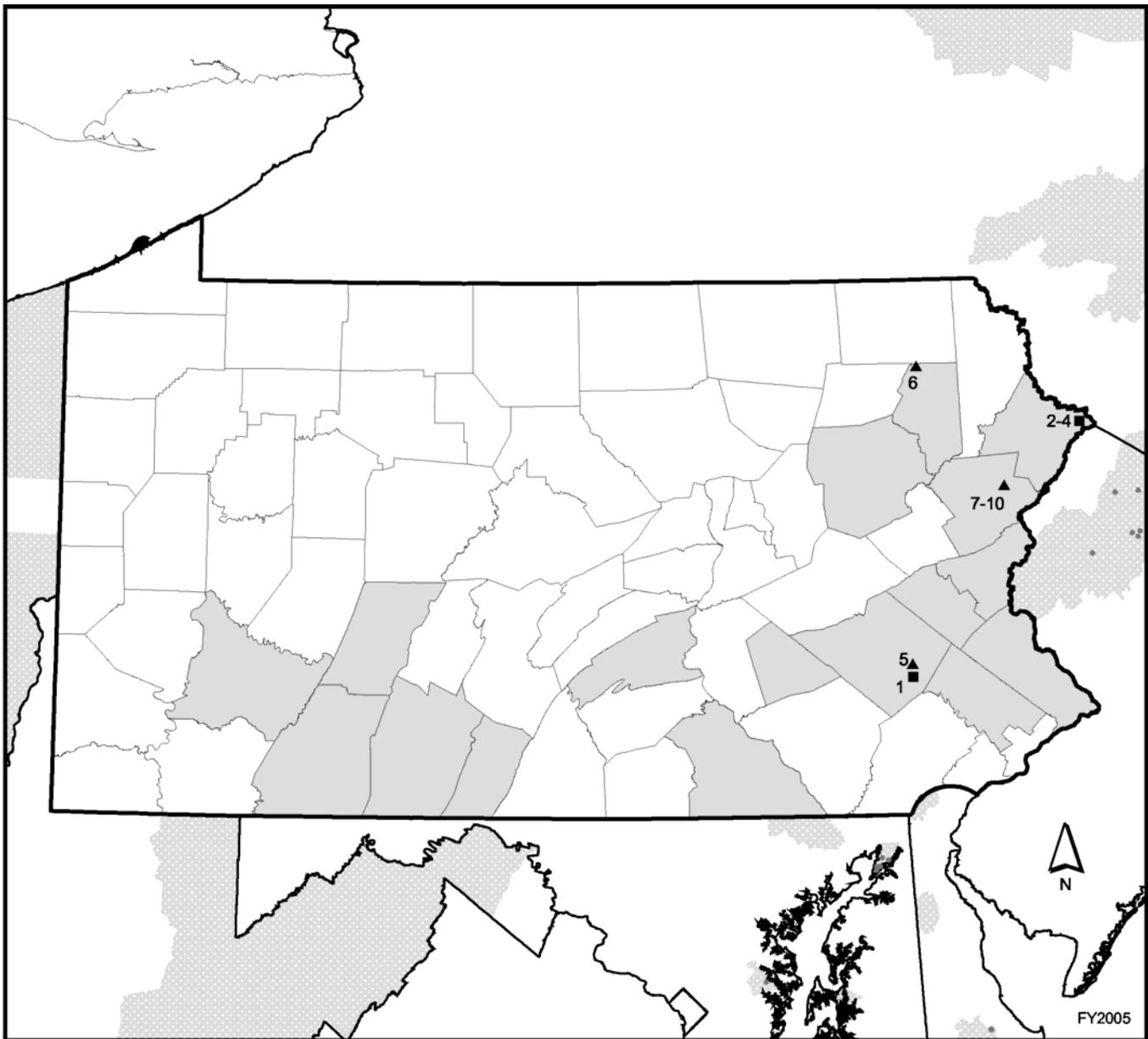
- Funded
- Completed project in adjacent NA State

Ohio Forest Legacy Program

Funded Forest Legacy Tract Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Muskingum North	Muskingum County	436	\$657,000	\$493,000
<p>This property currently has approximately 2,300 feet of prime development frontage on the Muskingum River, Ohio's largest watershed. Maintaining the parcel as forest would help to mitigate potential flooding similar to that which occurred in 1913. The property has had timber harvests in the past and is being managed for high-value large-diameter hardwoods.</p>					
Funded Projects Total:			436	\$657,000	\$493,000

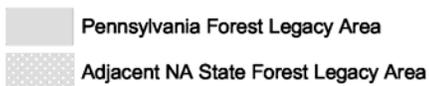
Pennsylvania Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need approved March 7, 2002
AON Amended February 3, 2004

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

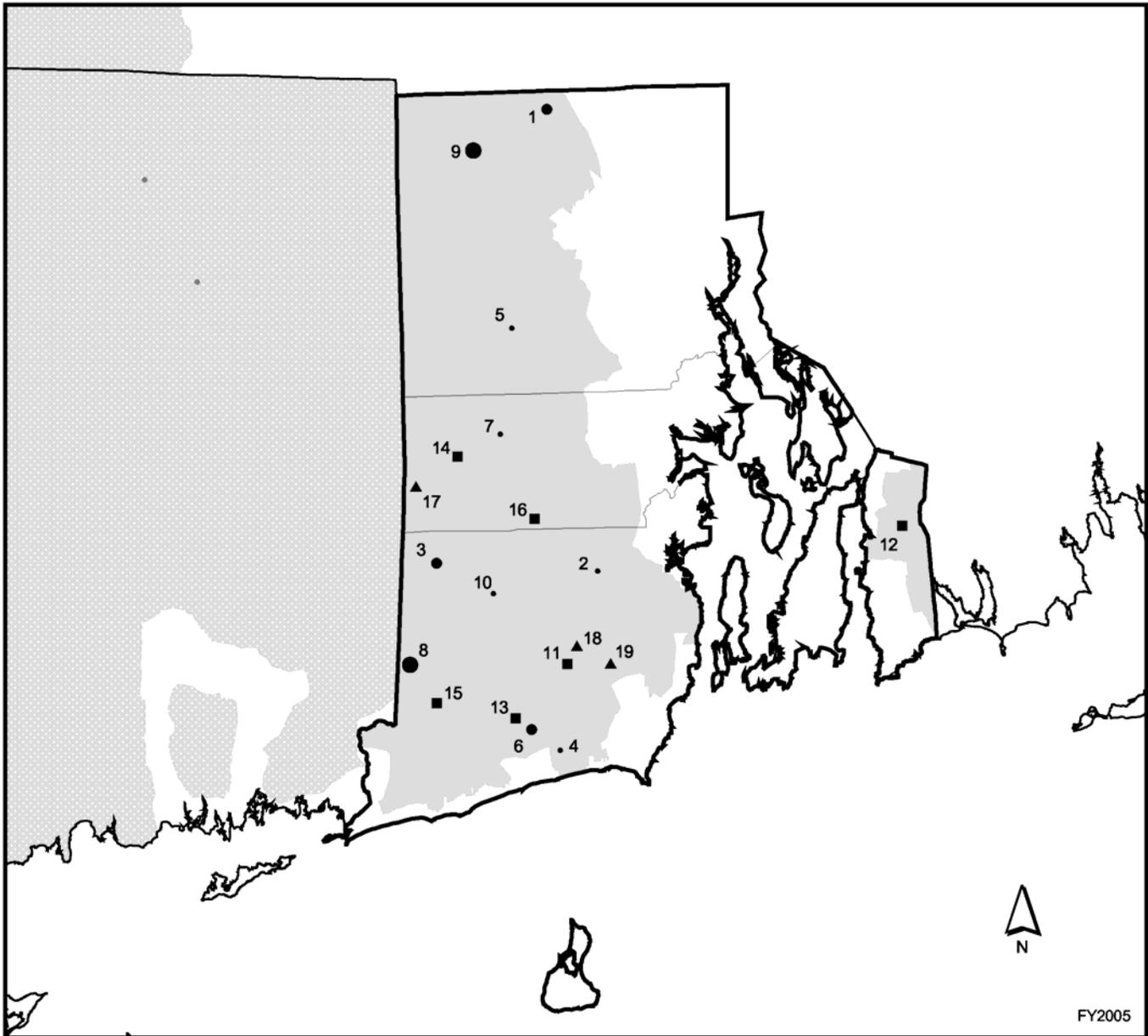
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Birdsboro Waters #1	Berks County	691	\$825,000	\$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.					
2-4	History of Forestry	Pike County	2,571	7,010,000	2,266,000
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 descendants of he and his brother. Gifford Pinchot was the first Chief of the USDA Forest Service and is considered the "Father of American Forestry."					
Funded Projects Total:			3,262	\$7,835,000	\$2,766,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
5	Birdsboro Waters #2	Berks County	1,152	\$1,375,000	\$275,000
This second tract in the Birdsboro Waters project will protect additional acreage and add to the Hopewell Big Woods Project.					
6	Hemlock Tree Farm	Lackawanna County	445	890,000	668,000
This project was designated Pennsylvania's 1,000 th Tree Farm in 1967. It contains a broadleaf-conifer swamp that includes a glacial kettle hole. Traditional forest uses take place on the property. It includes a 6-acre deer enclosure demonstration project.					
7-10	Appalachian Haven #1-4	Monroe County	2,698	7,195,000	5,396,000
Located in the Pocono region of the State, a highly desirable area that is currently rampant with development, this project makes a significant contribution to protecting the county's drinking water supply. The Appalachian Trail runs through a portion of the tract.					
Proposed Projects Total:			4,295	\$9,460,000	\$6,339,000

Rhode Island Forest Legacy Program



FY2005

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



-  Rhode Island 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

Rhode Island Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2005

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

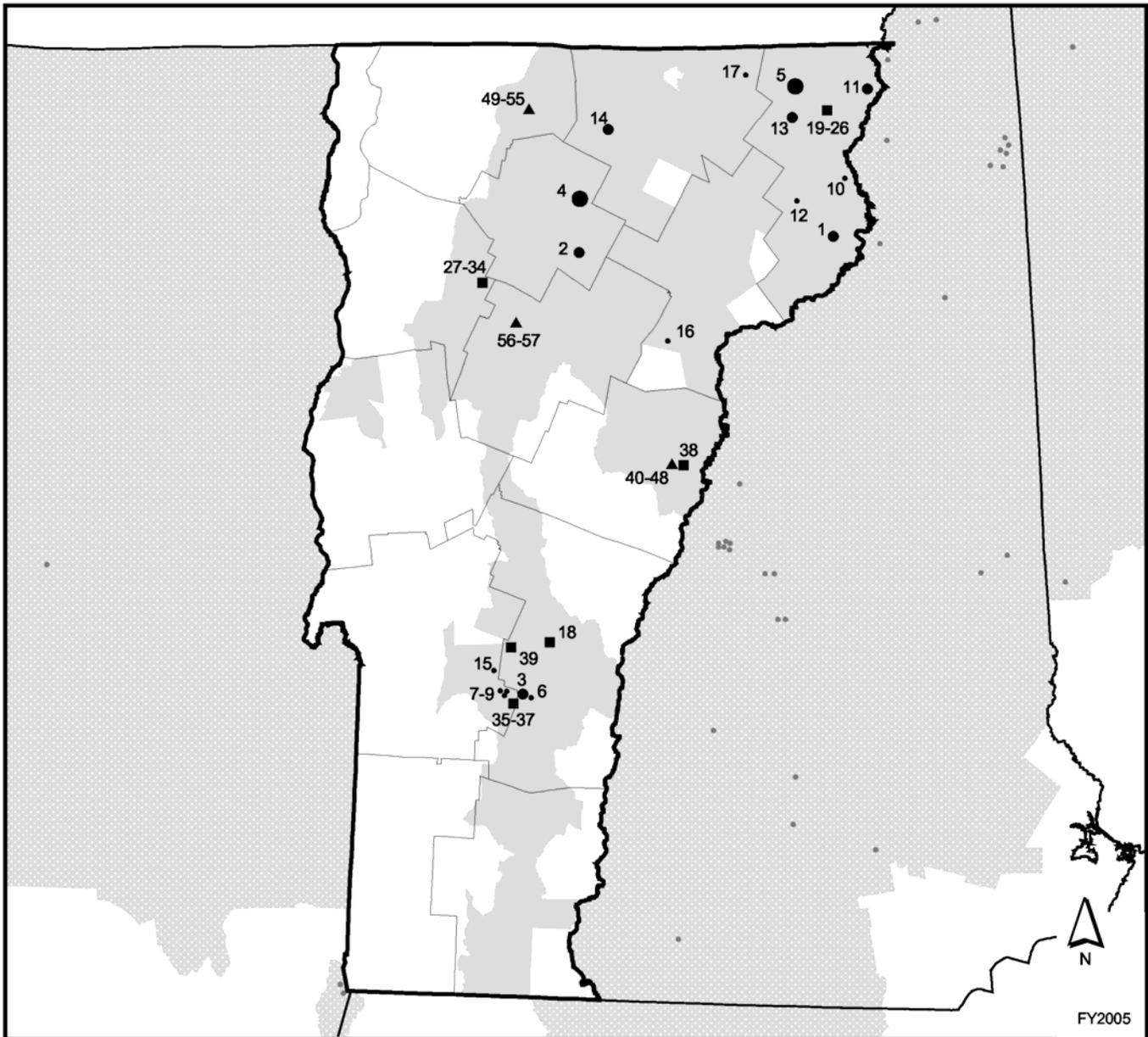
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
11	Yawgoo Pond	Washington County	68	\$928,000	\$528,000
This acquisition will protect public drinking water supplies, local viewsheds, and the water quality of Yawgoo Pond, a unique habitat type (alkaline pond). The parcel will be managed for forest products and passive public recreational uses.					
12	Weetamoo Woods	New Port County	133	900,000	498,000
This property contains a perennial stream and streamside wetlands that contribute to the sole public drinking water supply for several east bay Rhode Island communities. The property also has the uncommon oak-holly forest type.					
13	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.					
14	Great Grass Pond	Kent County	164	495,000	324,000
The landowner manages this 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 would result in the loss of this resource.					
15	Hoxsie Farm	Washington County	150	1,117,000	838,000
This 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.					
16	Bugnet Woodlands	Kent County	66	890,000	591,000
This forested tract within the watershed of a public drinking water supply is actively managed for forest products. The property abuts the State-owned Big River Management Area.					
Funded Projects Total:			626	\$4,530,000	\$2,978,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
17	North South Corridor	Kent County	1,100	\$6,000,000	\$3,000,000
This project will provide the opportunity to manage forest resources, expand public recreational opportunities, protect an important public drinking water supply, and prevent fragmentation and development of one of the largest forested tracts under single ownership in the State.					
18	Yawgoo Pond II	Washington County	75	1,067,000	800,000
This acquisition will protect private and public water supplies and local viewsheds, expand an existing greenway corridor, and, combined with other conserved lands, protect 65 percent of the shoreline of Yawgoo Pond, a unique habitat type (alkaline pond).					
19	Mitchell Brook Greenway	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 Kingstown.					
Proposed Projects Total:			1,422	\$9,067,000	\$5,300,000

Vermont Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need approved February 11, 1994

State Program Goals

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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

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

Vermont Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2005

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	Nurse Mountain	Essex County	935	60,000	60,000
11	Monadnock Mountain	Essex County	1,471	506,000	494,000
12	Victory Basin	Essex County	514	190,000	190,000
13	McConnell Pond	Essex County	4,790	928,000	0
14	Lowell Mountain	Orleans County	1,241	177,000	0
15	Pierce	Rutland County	235	141,000	0
16	Macks Mountain	Caledonia County	730	210,000	0
17	Stokey	Orleans County	809	96,000	0
Completed Projects Total:			54,964	\$10,884,000	\$7,501,000

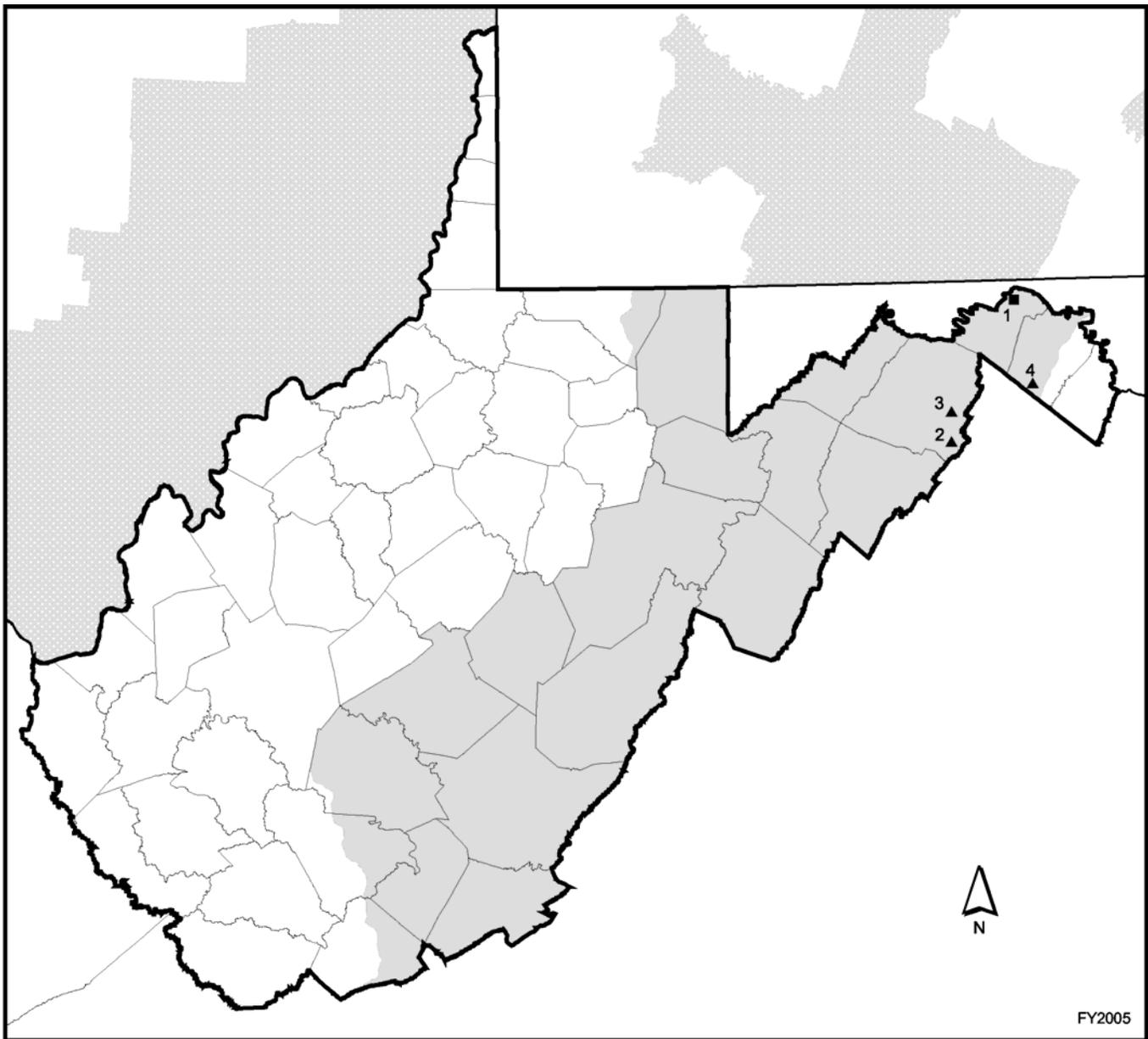
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
18	Chateauguay No Town	Windsor County	1,257	\$950,000	\$550,000
Located within a mile of Killington Ski Resort, this tract contains important forestry, wildlife, recreation, and scenic values.					
19-26	Bull and Sable Mountains #1-8	Essex County	13,938	3,117,000	2,336,000
This project encompasses virtually all of Monadnock Mountain, five inholdings in Victory State Forest, a Wildlife Management Area, and parcels adjacent to other conserved property.					
27-34	Chittenden Uplands #1-8	Chittenden County	6,577	6,029,000	4,333,000
This project will conserve forest land in Vermont's most populated county. Properties include very productive, rich woodlands with tremendous plant diversity. Forest types range from northern hardwoods to pine stands and oak communities.					
35-37	Mt. Holly Wildlife Corridor II #1-3	Rutland and Windsor Counties	1,441	1,628,000	1,203,000
This project will protect critical wildlife habitat and travel corridors, undeveloped lakeshore and associated wetlands, public access for traditional recreational uses, and the continuation of sustainable forestry management.					
38	Orange County Headwaters #1	Orange County	1,526	830,000	444,000
Located at the headwaters of the Connecticut and Winooski Rivers, this project is characterized by calcium rich soils. The parcels are outstanding producers of high-quality northern hardwoods, particularly sugar maples.					
39	Green Mountain Wildlife Corridor	Windsor County	470	936,000	690,000
This project continues 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.					
Funded Projects Total:			25,209	\$13,490,000	\$9,556,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
40-48	Orange County Headwaters #1-9	Orange County	1,517	\$1,241,000	\$1,101,000
Additional funding is being sought for full completion of this project, which will protect over 3,000 total acres on nine different tracts.					
49-55	Adams Pond #1-7	Franklin County	961	1,560,000	1,167,000
The objective of this project is to conserve each property with an easement emphasizing sustainable forestry, critical habitat protection, and public access. The forest is dominated by northern hardwoods and hemlock.					
56-57	Camel's Hump #1-2	Washington County	3,080	685,000	525,000
The headwaters and watersheds of several streams in the Mad River watershed originate here. These tracts share approximately 6 miles of boundary with Camel's Hump State Forest and are suited for long-term forest management.					
Proposed Projects Total:			5,558	\$3,486,000	\$2,793,000

West Virginia Forest Legacy Program

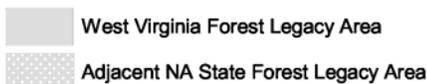


FY2005

Assessment of Need approved December 2, 2003

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



Forest Legacy Tract Status

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

West Virginia Forest Legacy Program

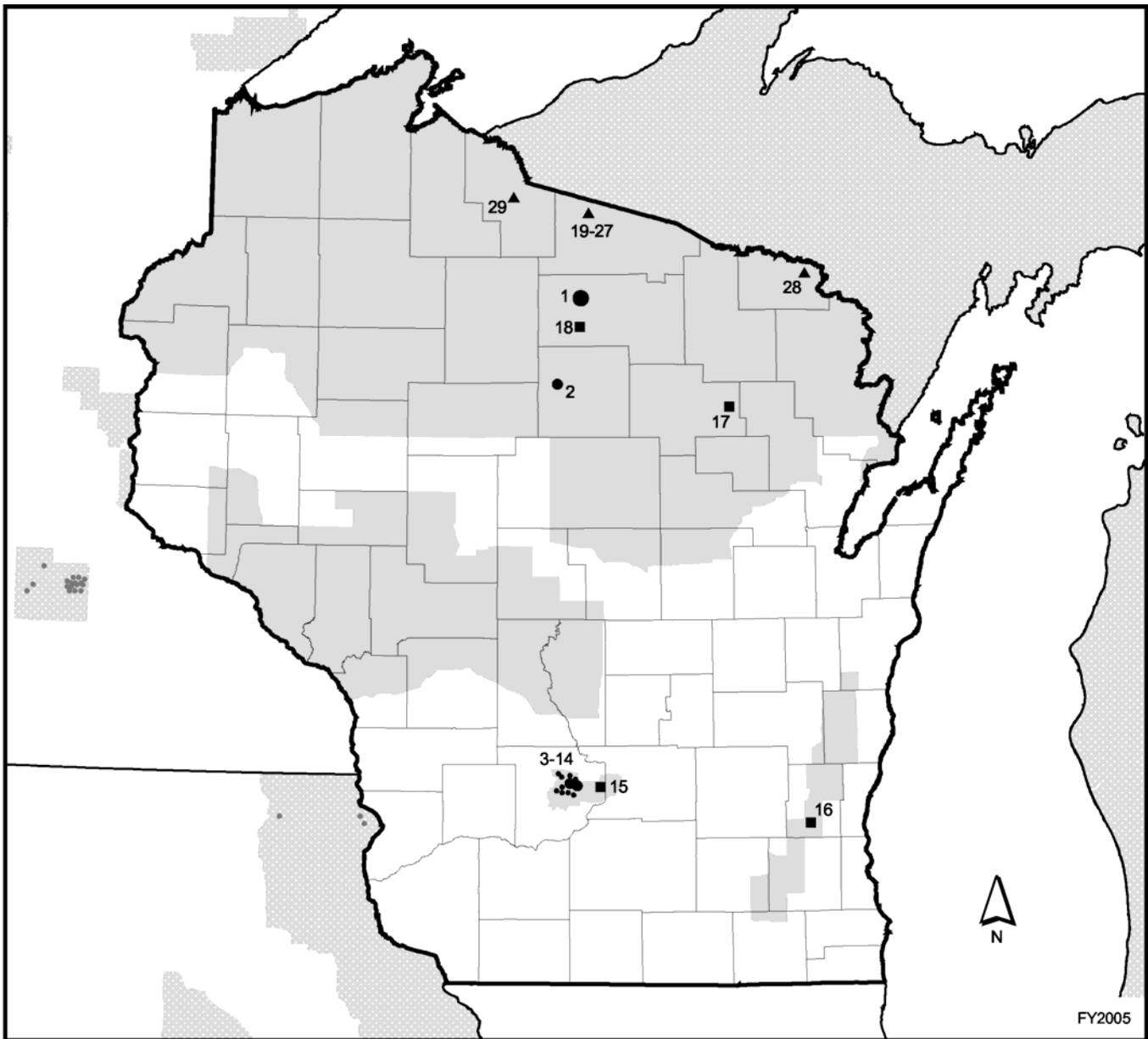
Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Potomac River Hills	Morgan County	2,800	\$3,735,000	\$2,267,000
<p>These important forests adjoining and near the Potomac River, situated in a rapidly growing area, offer 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. The Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail runs along most of the river's length.</p>					
Funded Projects Total:			2,800	\$3,735,000	\$2,267,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
2	The Trough	Hampshire County	764	\$3,055,000	\$2,290,000
<p>This property borders a stretch of the South Branch of the Potomac River that flows through the Trough, a 6- to 7-mile narrow gorge several hundred feet deep. Numerous wildlife species have been seen on the property, including nesting bald eagles, minks, bobcats, osprey, golden eagles, red tailed hawks, otters, and raccoons.</p>					
3	Shanty	Hampshire County	260	1,300,000	975,000
<p>This property, which borders the South Branch of the Potomac River, is extremely important for protecting drinking water supplies, riparian buffers on a renowned smallmouth bass fishery, bald eagle nesting sites, and the natural vista of the area.</p>					
4	Black Pond	Morgan County	230	1,150,000	863,000
<p>This property adjoins Cacapon State Park on one side and the Ridge Trout Hatchery on another. Several natural springs flow through the property. One of the larger springs feeds the Ridge Trout Hatchery, which provides trout to streams within the State's mountain regions. Old lime kilns that were used to separate the lime for use in mortar and plaster building trades can also be found on the property.</p>					
Proposed Projects Total:			1,254	\$5,505,000	\$4,128,000

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 <100 acres
- Completed 100- 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, 2005

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-2	Tomahawk Northwoods #1 and 2	Multiple counties	35,337	\$13,251,000	\$5,000,000
3-14	Baraboo Hills #1-11	Sauk County	672	951,000	714,000
Completed Projects Total:			36,009	\$14,202,000	\$5,714,000

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts Including FY2006

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
15	Baraboo Hills	Sauk County	300	1,000,000	280,000
The acquisition of easements from a group 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.					
16	Holy Hills	Washington County	835	7,300,000	1,975,000
This project includes nine targeted properties near the town of Erin and the Holy Hills region. Holy Hill is on the register of National Historic Places and draws over 30,000 visitors per year. The last vestiges of unbroken forests in eastern Wisconsin, comprised of rich upland forests, are found in the Holy Hills region.					
17	Wolf River	Langlade County	16,000	7,680,000	2,957,000
This tract provides quality hardwood sawlogs and veneer to local mills; public access on the property will continue. Portions of the scenic and recreationally important National Ice Age Trail are located on the tract.					
18	Tomahawk Northwoods #3	Multiple counties	35,000	10,722,000	1,972,000
This land, comprised of vast industrial forest lands in northern Wisconsin surrounded by national forest, and county and State holdings, is dotted with small inland lakes and streams. This valued recreational property, with current public access, is home to gray wolves and moose.					
Funded Projects Total:			52,135	\$26,702,000	\$7,184,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts for FY2007

No.	Name	Location	Acres	Interests value	FLP request
19-27	Northwoods Forest Partners #1-9	Multiple counties	5,816	\$3,445,000	\$2,575,000
This project consists of acquiring conservation easements on nine nonindustrial private tracts in northern Wisconsin. These lands will help to protect important environmental corridors linking county forest lands, State lands, and national forests.					
28	Northern Wild Rivers	Multiple counties	17,333	5,335,000	4,000,000
This is the first of a three-phase project to conserve over 68,000 acres of sustainably managed forest land, which includes public access to the parcel. The property abuts the 7,500-acre Whisker Lake Wilderness preserve and 661,000 of the Nicolet National Forest.					
29	Northern Great Divide Headwaters	Iron County	11,428	4,000,000	3,000,000
The first of a two-phase project that will protect over 26,000 acres of northern forests, this land is surrounded by State and county lands and a national forest. This project will protect over 30 miles of class I, II, and III trout streams.					
Proposed Projects Total:			34,577	\$12,780,000	\$9,575,000

Northeastern Area Forest Legacy Program Contacts

The following pages contain the contact information for Federal and State staff who are involved with the Forest Legacy Program in the 20 Northeastern and Midwestern States served by the Northeastern Area (NA), a unit of the State and Private Forestry branch of the USDA Forest Service. Included is the scope of responsibility of the Northeastern Area staff in the implementation of the Forest Legacy Program.

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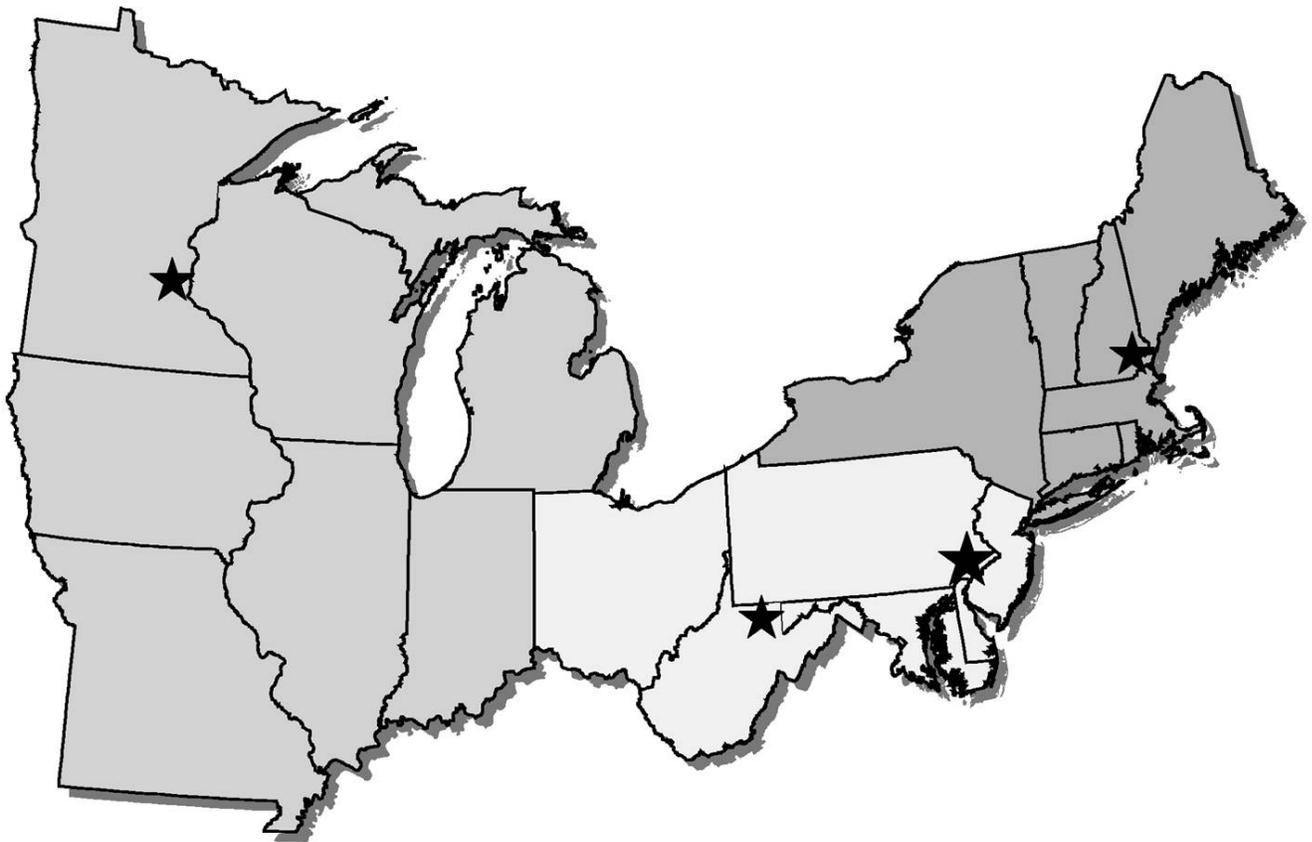
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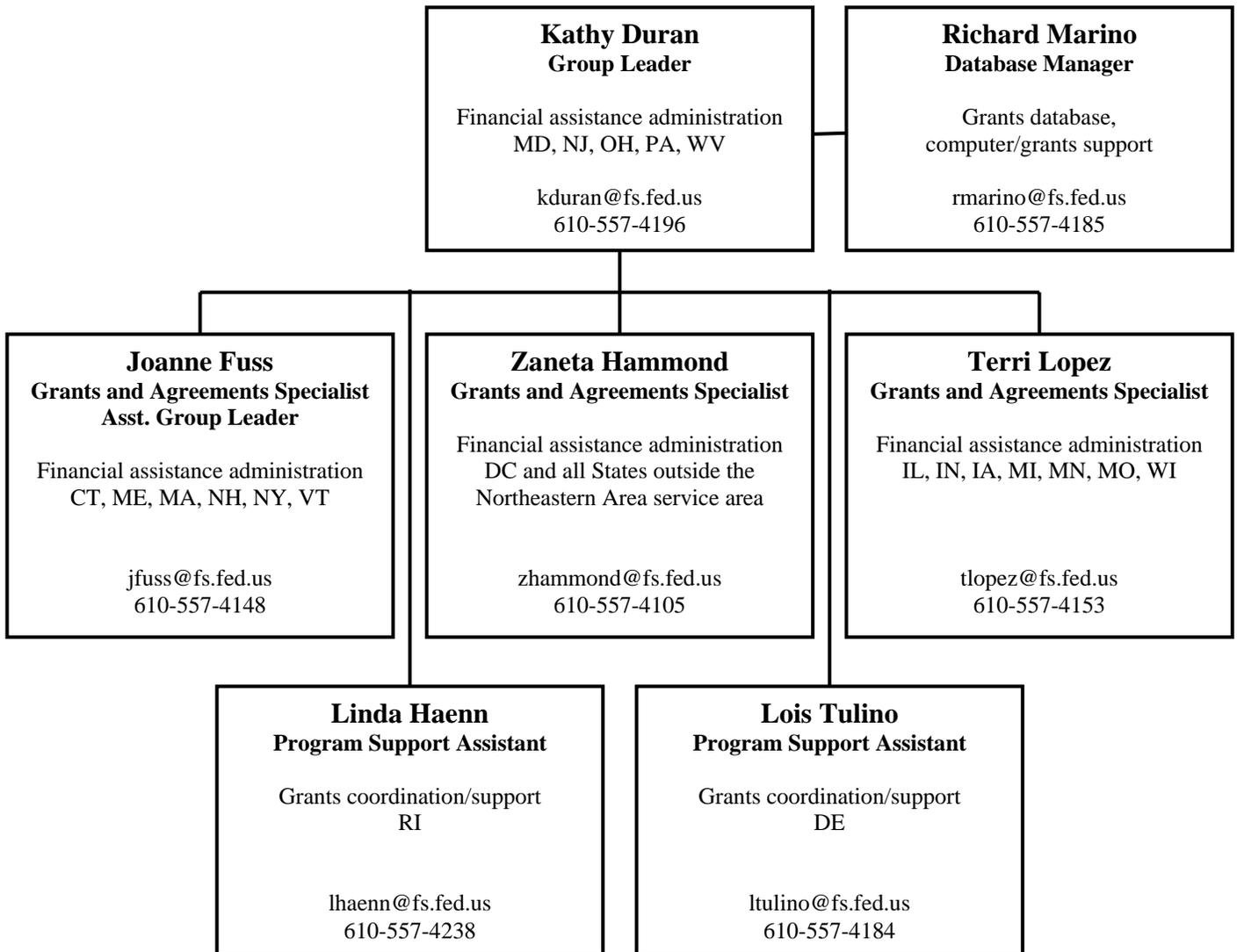
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