

**Northeastern Area, State & Private Forestry
Forest Legacy Program
The Tract Record
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President's FY 2009 FLP Request Less Than Last Year

The President's FY 2009 budget proposal, released on February 4, includes \$12.5 million for the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) and lists three land conservation projects in three States. Two of the projects listed are in States served by NA: the Machias River Phase III project in Maine and the Koochiching Forest project in Minnesota. The next steps in the appropriations process consist of the House and Senate releasing their respective budget proposals, followed by a conference in late summer to reach congressional agreement before the appropriations bill is signed into law. In FY 2008, the President's FLP funding proposal was \$29.3 million; the final appropriation was \$59.8 million.

New Senior Review Appraiser Starts for the FLP

The new senior review appraiser for the NA FLP was hired on March 4. Susan T. Waller, MAI (Member, Appraisal Institute), brings 29 years of experience as a fee appraiser and fee review appraiser to the position, having worked in Chicago, IL, and Florida. Susan is based in the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest office in Rutland, VT. She will coordinate the FLP appraisal services for the 20 States served by NA and conduct quality assurance inspections nationwide.

"I consider this position to be an opportunity for professional growth, and expect that it will be a source of personal satisfaction to further the goals of the Forest Legacy Program," she said.

Recently Completed FLP Projects

The Strive for Five Delaware Successes

The fifth phase of the Delaware Green Horizons project consisted of three forested properties totaling 348 acres in Sussex County. Purchased from the Glatfelter Pulpwood Company for a fee simple sale price of \$3.98 million in December 2007, the FLP provided \$2 million, the State of Delaware \$761,500 and the Mt. Cuba Foundation \$1.2 million. Forest products produced from these working forest lands, which were added to the Redden State Forest's Townsend, Ellendale, and Jester Tracts, will help maintain a viable forest industry on the Delmarva Peninsula. The FLP funds were transferred to Delaware on January 27 when all FLP standards had been met.

No Bluffing, Iowa's Largest FLP Project Complete

A significant segment of Upper Iowa River bluff forest is now protected from fragmentation and development by an FLP easement covering 358 acres. Recorded March 7, the easement valued at \$519,000 was acquired at a bargain sale for \$389,250 in FLP funds with the landowners donating the surplus value. A partnership between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Forestry Bureau, the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, and owners Pat and Karran Ryan developed a sustainable management plan for the oak-hickory forests, which protect the Upper Iowa River and the Patterson Creek watersheds. The easement adjoins 1,250 protected acres immediately west that is owned by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. The Ryan property represents the largest FLP easement acquisition to date for the Iowa FLP.