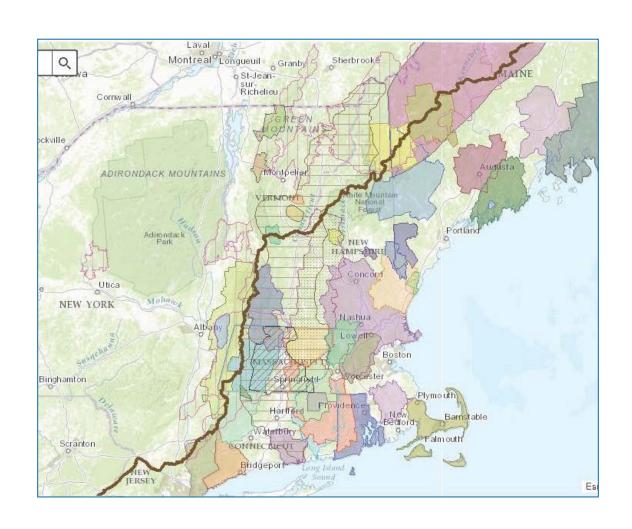








RCPs Along the Appalachian Trail





Priority Focus Areas

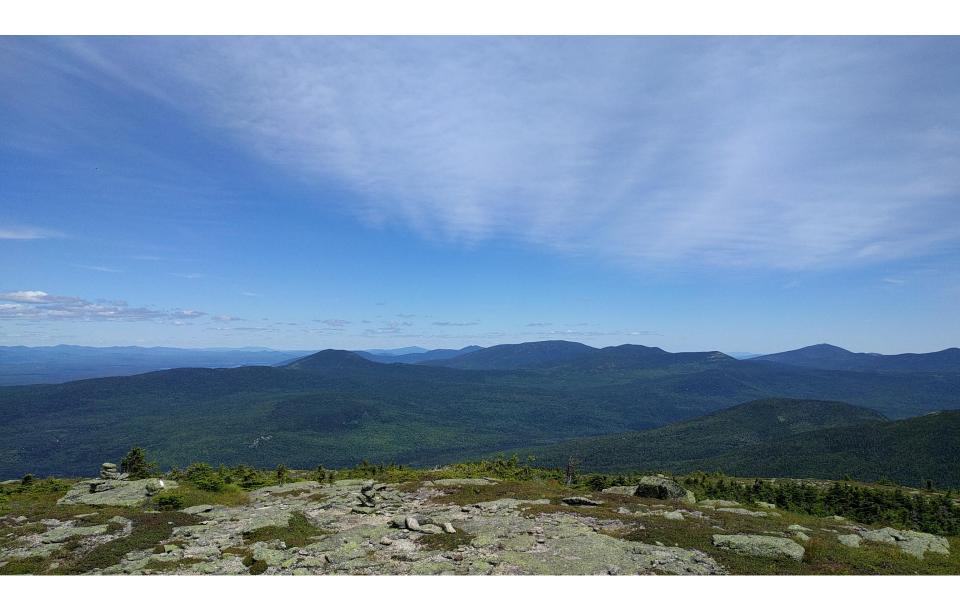




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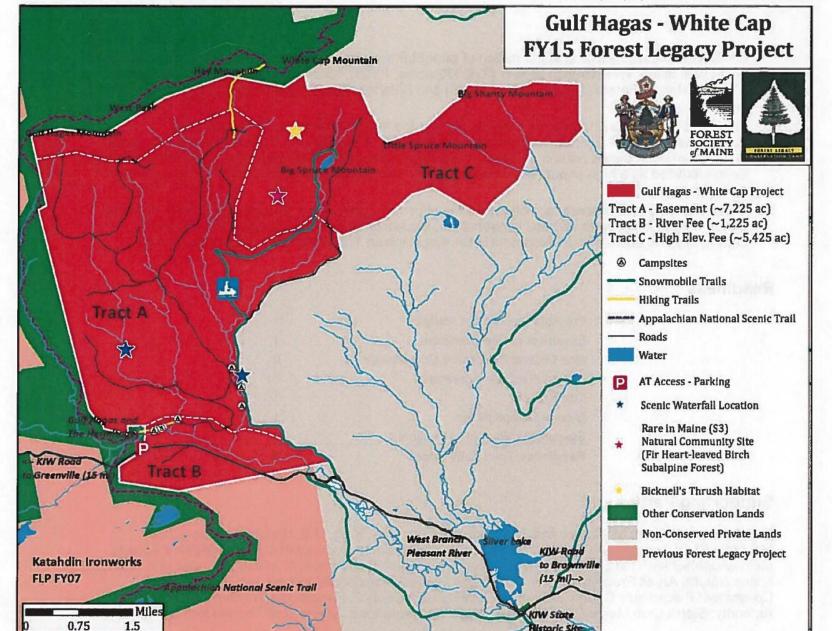




White Cap Mountain

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Local Leadership



- Hanover had recently become an A.T.
 Community
- Municipal Open Space
 Plan highlights protection of the A.T.
- Town manager was key community leader
- Hanover Conservancy had local credibility & wanted to be part of the project



A.T. Leadership



- Hanover wrote to NPS inviting new federal land acquisition
- NPS could sell project within agency as meeting municipal objectives and A.T. objectives
- ATC was willing to take on more management burdens including an open area
- A.T. policies can be flashpoints mountain biking (sigh)

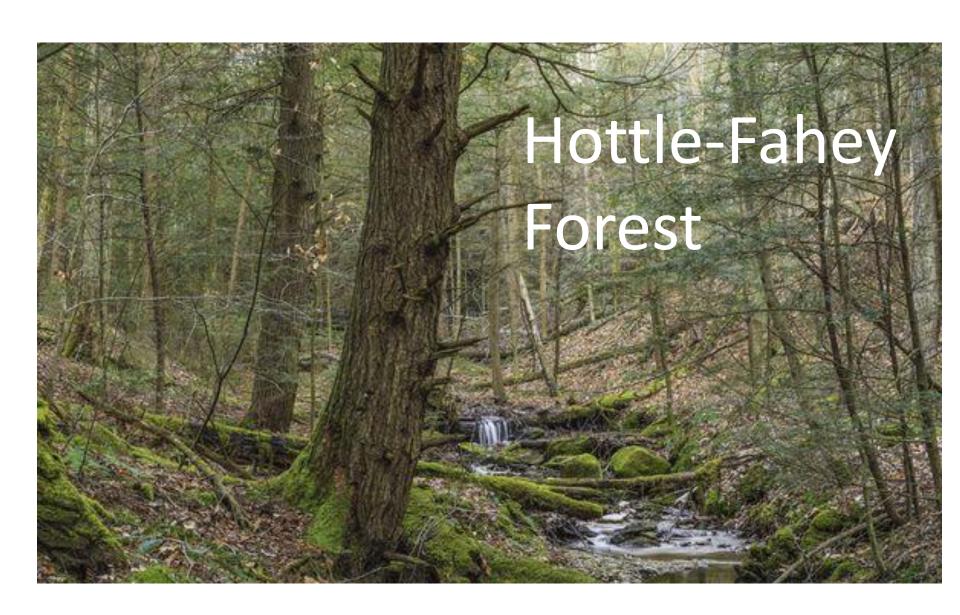


Public Funding Strategy



- NPS sought FY 15 LWCF funding.
- ATC helped with congressional outreach
- Local support is key to congressional support
- Senator Ayotte visited the property as an example of LWCF success
- Result = \$2.2 million in FY 15
- Final appraisal was \$1,840,000



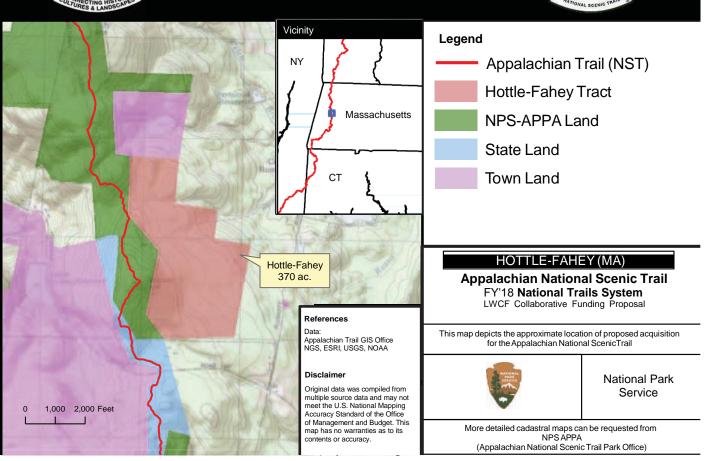




Hottle-Fahey Forest

Berkshire County, Massachussetts Appalachian National Scenic Trail







Clear, cold water streams and pristine wildlife habitat are abundant in the Hottle-Fahey Forest. Photo courtesy of the Trust for Public Land.

LWCF FY 2018 Request: \$682,000 370 Acres

Acquiring Agency: NPS

- · Enables 1.5 miles of trail re-routing
- Includes a popular scenic vista from the Appalachain NST at Warner Hill
- Threatened by industrial wind development and liquidation style forestry
- Forms the westerly edge of Hinsdale Flats, a State
 of Massachusetts-designated "Area of Critical
 Environmental Concern," for intact forest resources,
 connected habitat, rare plants, cold water fish streams
 and drinking water sources, and important forest soils
- Contains headwaters of the Housatonic River watershed
- Property is 6 miles west of Pittsfield--the largest city in Berkshire County, MA

The Trust for Public Land, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and the Bafflin Foundation to contribute ~\$90,000 combined towards

Connecting Our Values to GIS Data

Viewsheds

- Viewshed analysis from selected point locations.

Forestlands and Farms

- NLCD Land Cover data sets

- Simulated development layers

Natural Resources

- Nature's Network Conservation Design

- TNC Resiliency and Connectivity data

Recreation and Public Access

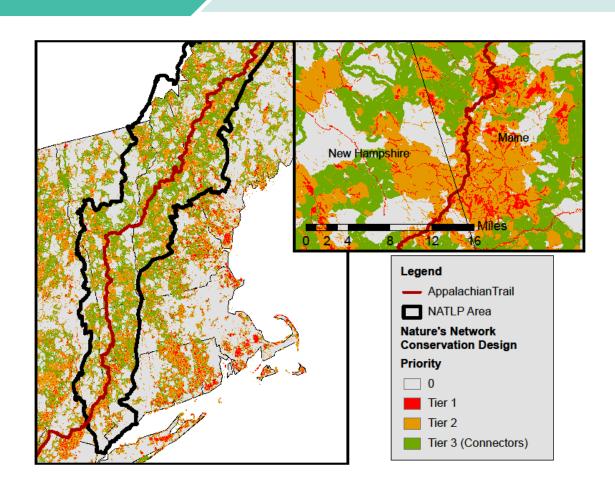
- Recreational data from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- Data on side trails

Community Connections and Human Health

Distance to populationsPublic health data

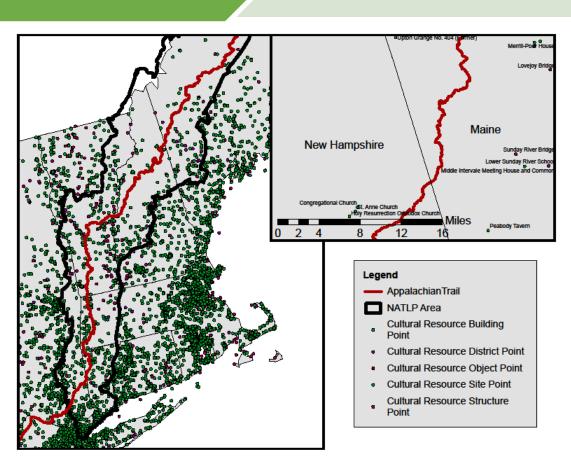
Historic and Cultural Sites

- NPS National Register of Historic Places



Value: Historic and Cultural Sites

GIS Data: NPS National Register of Historic Places



Value: Recreation and Public Access

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