

Federal Grants: Forest Legacy

A scenic view of a forested mountain landscape. In the foreground, a large, dark green evergreen tree stands prominently on the right side. The middle ground is filled with a dense forest of deciduous trees with varying shades of green. In the background, rolling hills and mountains are visible under a bright, slightly hazy sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of natural beauty and environmental stewardship.

Sarah Wells

Director of Land Protection, Mount Grace

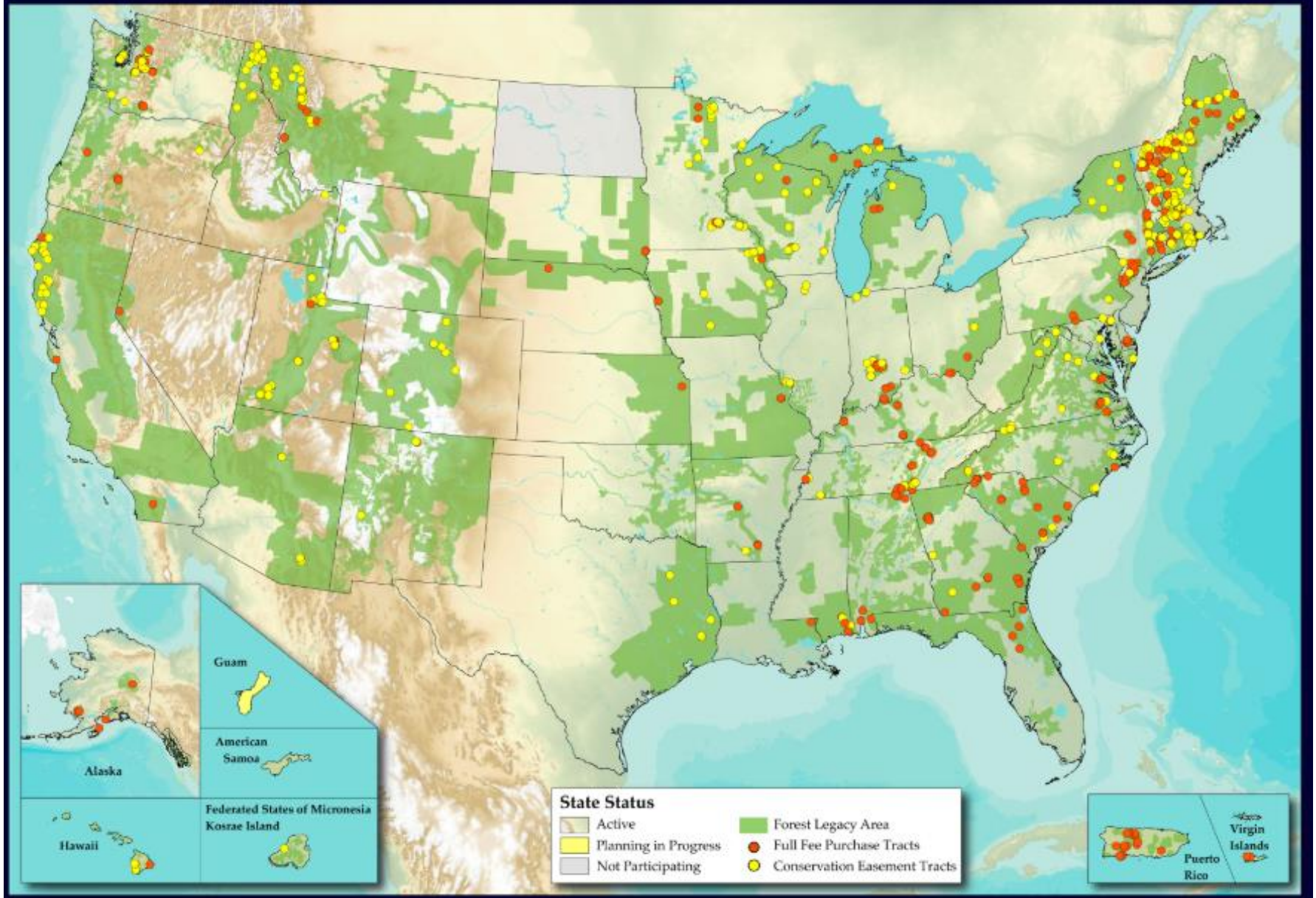
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Why Forest Legacy?





The Forest Legacy Program: Keeping Working Forests

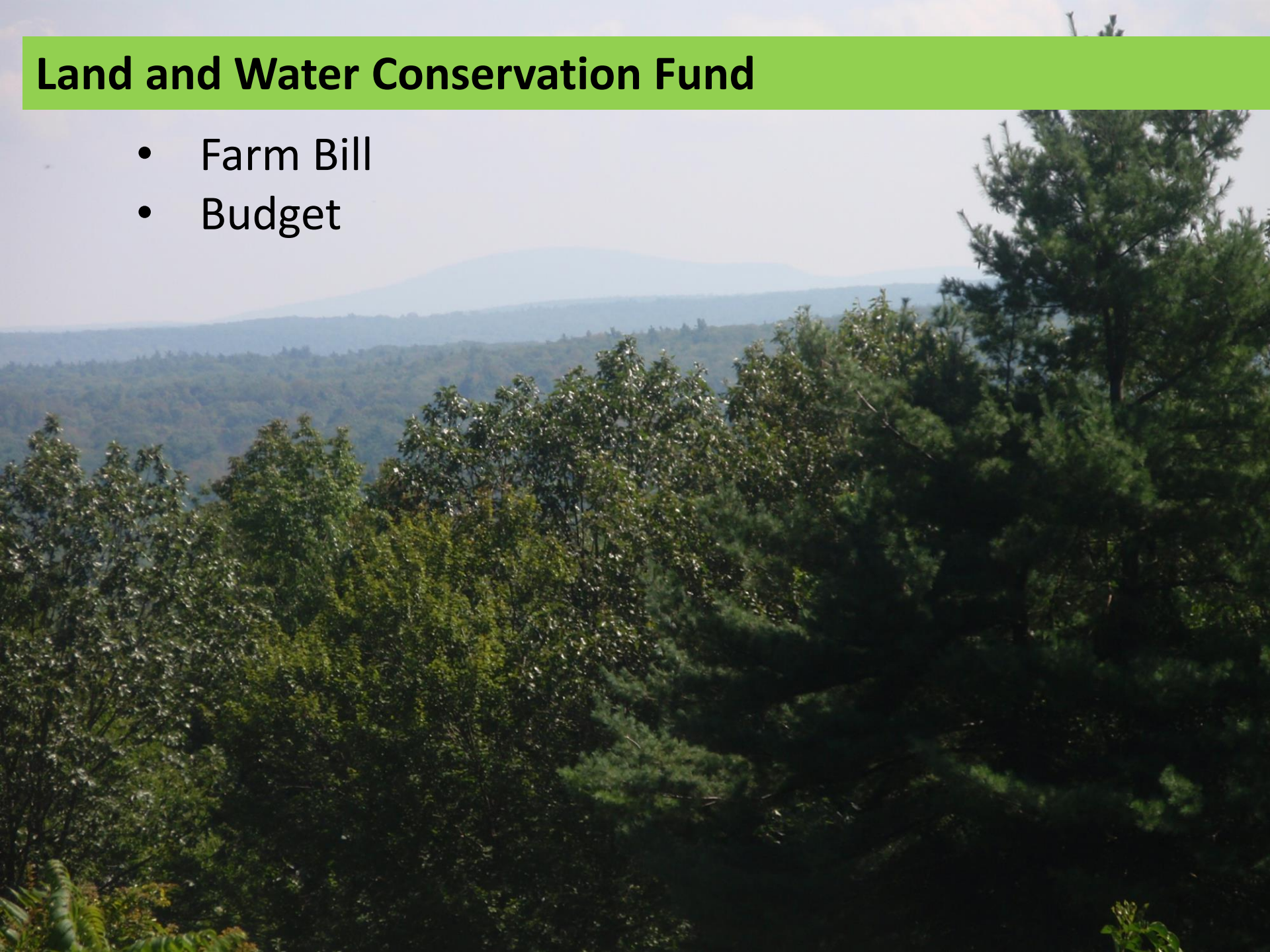


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President's Budget

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FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM PROJECT SCORING GUIDANCE

Introduction:

This document provides guidance to the National Review Panel on how to score individual Forest Legacy Program (FLP) projects, including additional clarification on the core national criteria, project readiness, and other evaluation considerations used in this process. The outcome from the National Review Panel will be a ranked and prioritized list of FLP projects for submission to the Office of Management and Budget for consideration in the President's Budget. Its objectives are to:

- Provide a clear and defensible ranking process that can be easily articulated to program participants and partners; and
- Ensure fair, equitable, and thorough review of all projects by the National Review Panel.

National Project Selection:

- A multi-tract project should be scored based on how all the tracts fit within the criteria. For example, if only one tract meets the highest point criteria, the project will not likely obtain the highest points.

Region/Area/ITTF Role:

- Work with States to produce highly competitive FLP projects;
- Work with States to produce projects that are "Ready";
- Work with States to assure that all pertinent project information is in the Forest Legacy Information System (FLIS), including prioritizing tracts if the States choose to do so;
- Learn and understand project details;
- Assure that projects are consistent with the goals of the State Forest Action Plan (Statewide Assessment and Resource Strategy, including Assessments of Need incorporated by reference);
- Confirm that projects have been reviewed and evaluated by the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee;
- Assure that projects comply with the June 30, 2003, FLP Implementation Guidelines, as amended;
- Work with States to identify which projects can be phased and the funding threshold.

Washington Office Role:

- Work with Regions/Area/ITTF (RIAT) to produce highly competitive FLP submissions; and
- Ensure that project selections meet congressional direction and national program goals.

National Review Panel Role:

- Score projects using the national core criteria (Importance, Threatened, and Strategic);
- Develop a National List of ranked projects.

Importance Threatened Strategic

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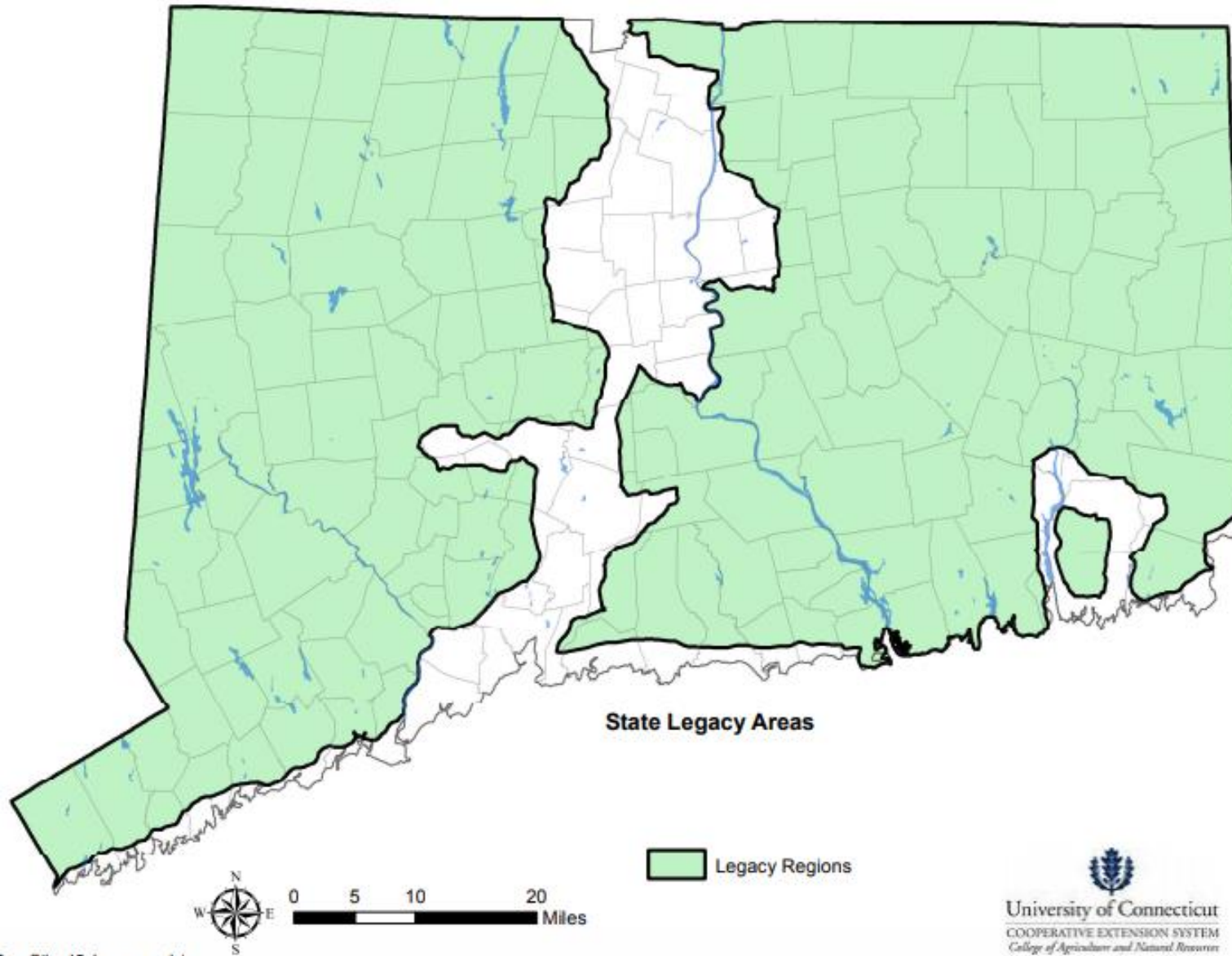
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CONNECTICUT FOREST LEGACY AREAS



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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources



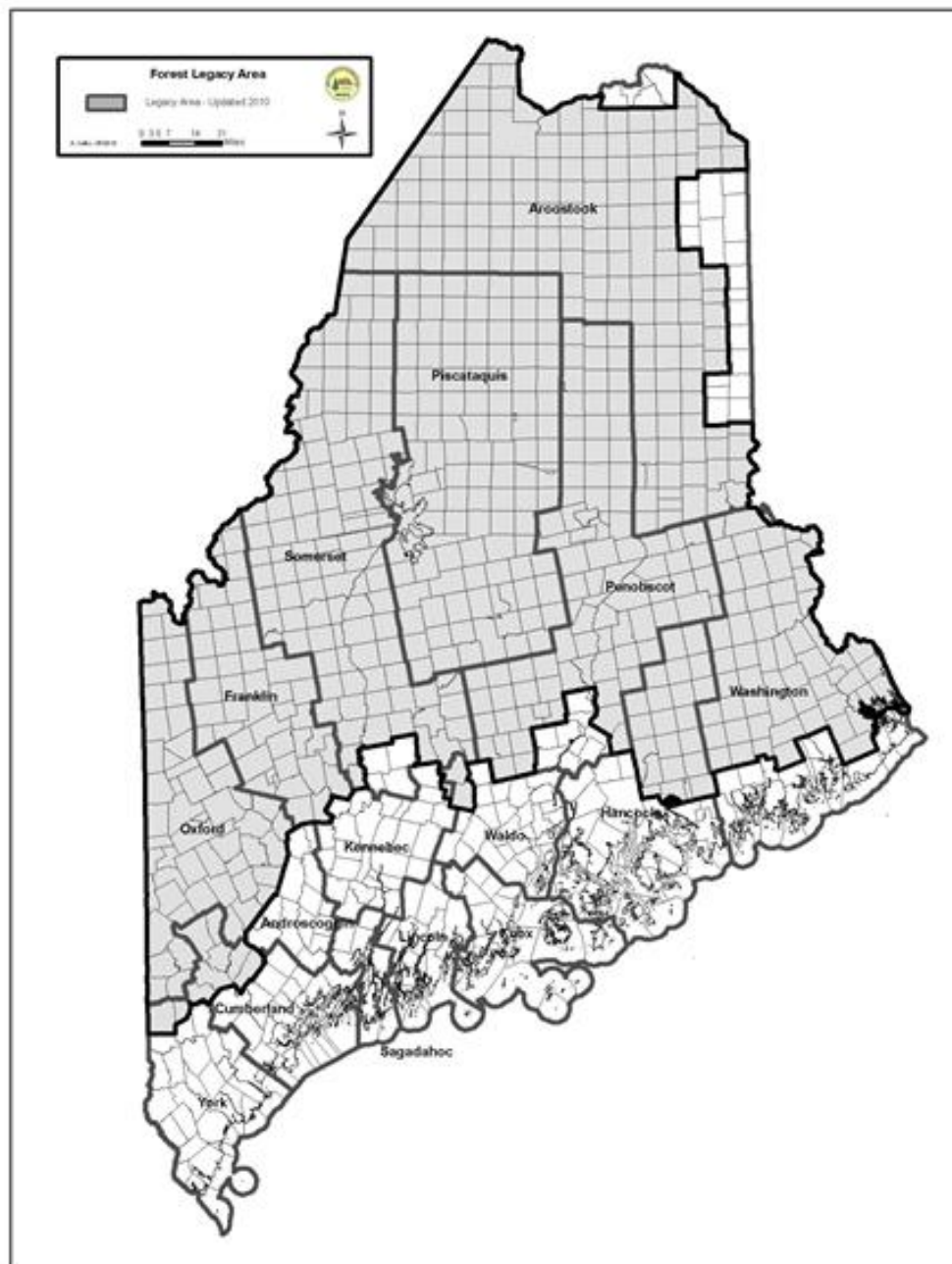
Proposed AON Boundary Revision

Erik Engstrom
AOR US Projects Supervisor
March 5, 2005



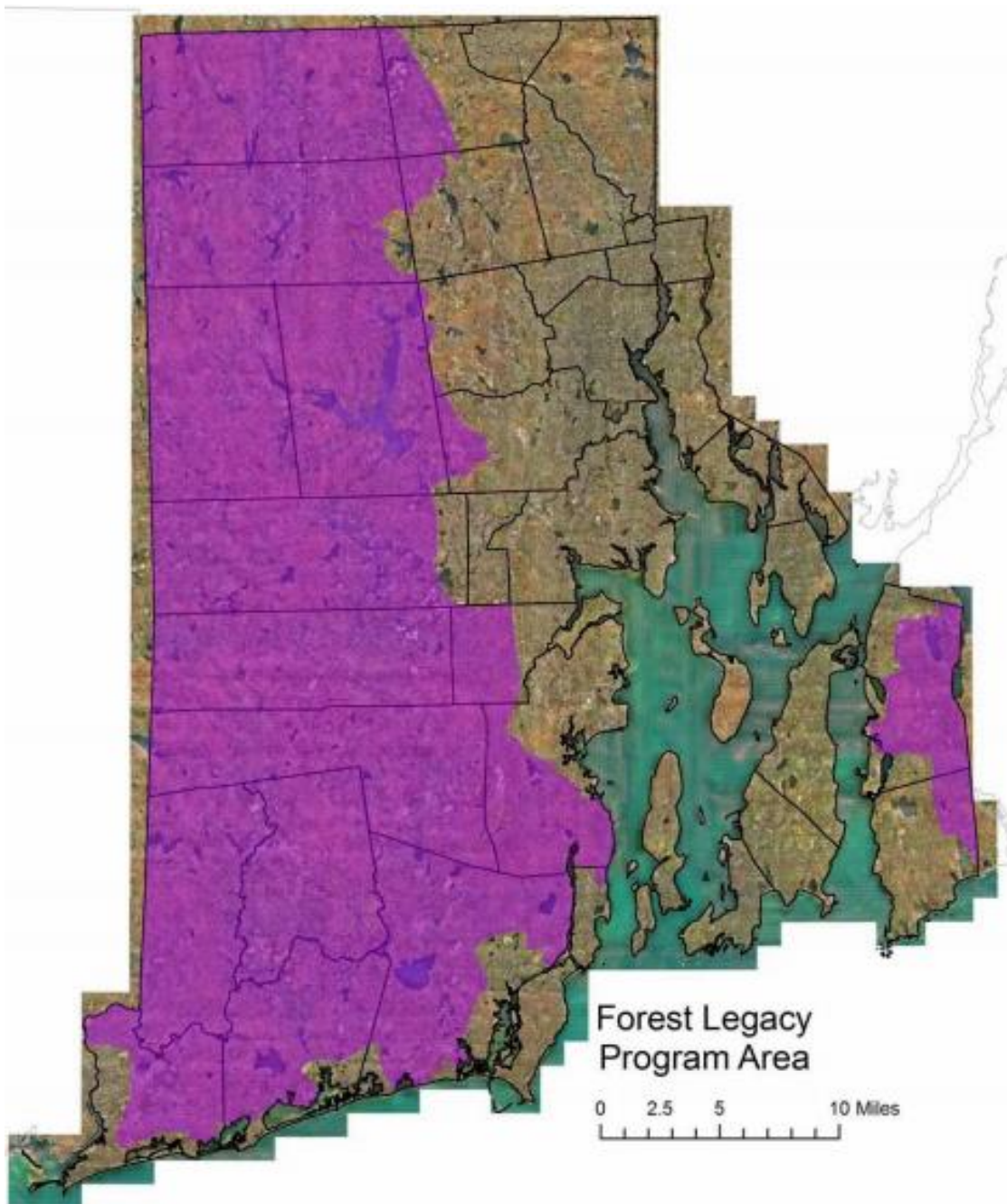
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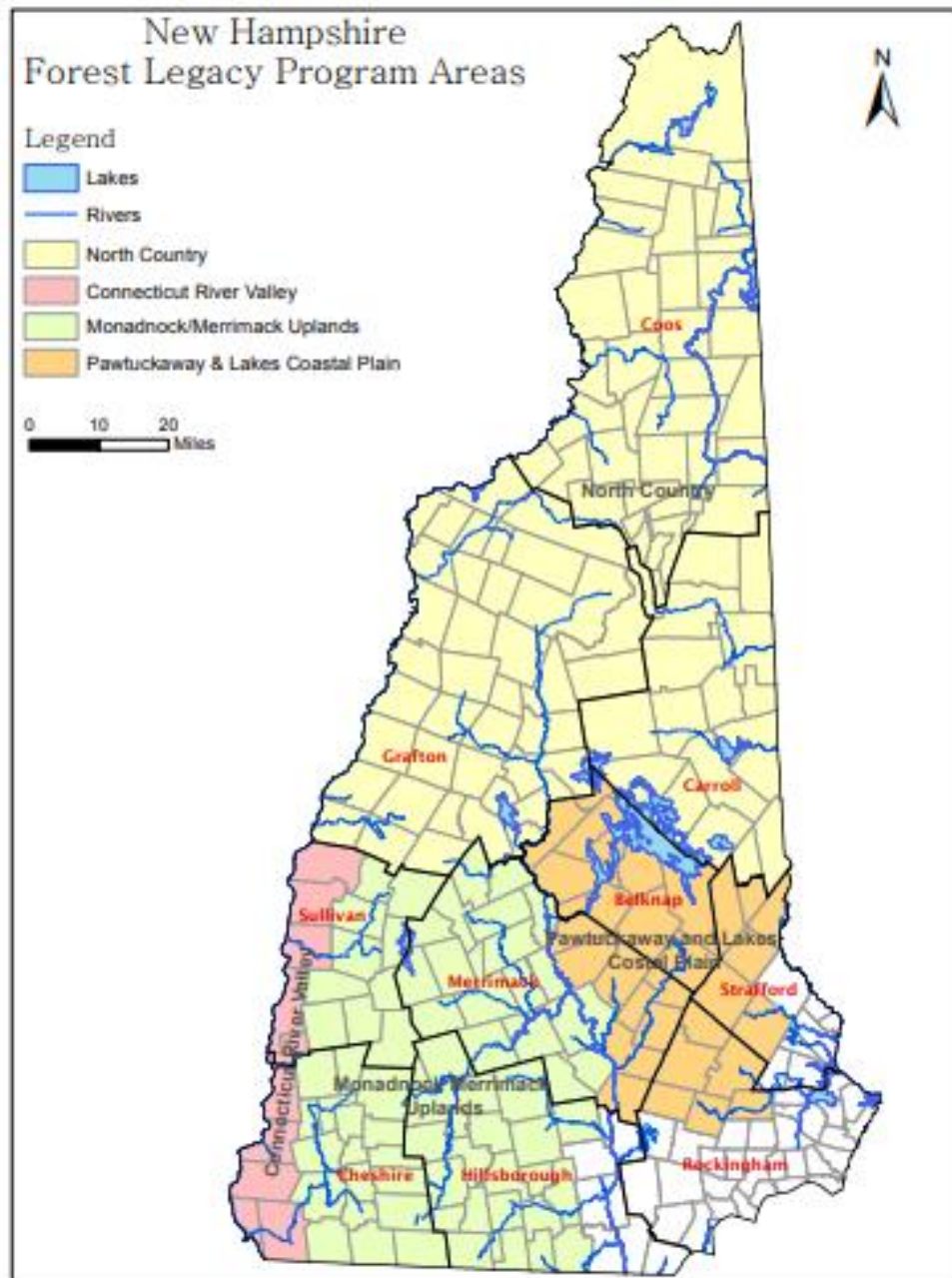




Forest Legacy in New York

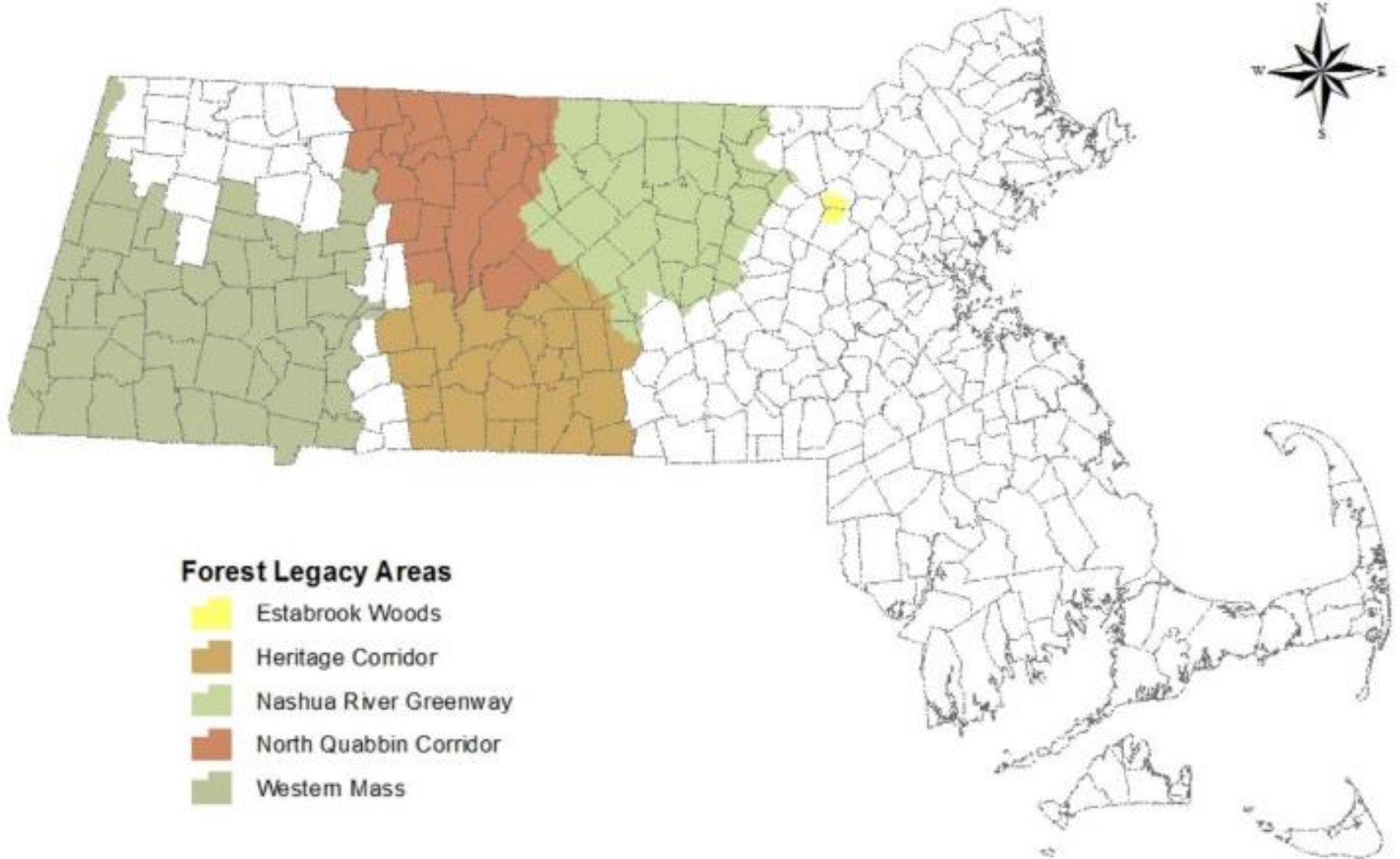








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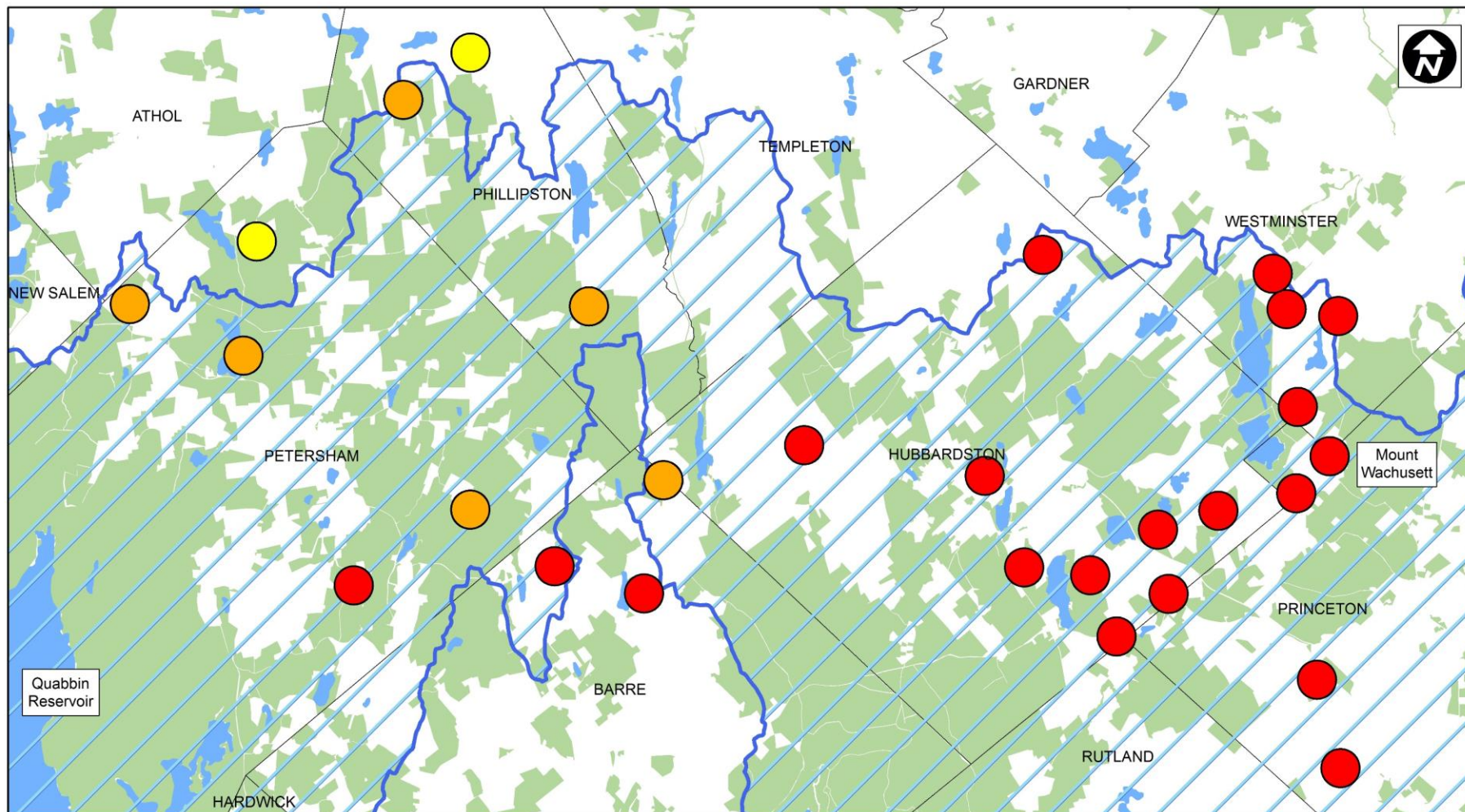
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federal funding year	Project Name	# tracts	# partners	acres	award
2013-2014	Quabbin to Wachusett (Q2W)	30	7	3230	\$7,045,000
2009	Metacomet-Monadnock Forest	11	3	1184	\$1,650,000
2009	Southern Monadnock Plateau -Phase 2	16	4	1998	\$3,234,000
2007	Southern Monadnock Plateau - Phase 1	12	4	1162	\$2,700,000
2006	Quabbin Corridor Connection	20	3	1848	\$3,011,500
	<i>totals</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>9422</i>	<i>\$17,640,500</i>



 Greater Boston Drinking Water Supply

Quabbin to Wachusett Tracts

-  MG facilitated on behalf of Town
-  MG co-facilitated with State
-  Facilitated by other partner

**Quabbin Reservoir to
Wachusett Mountain**
 **(Q2W)** 
Forest Legacy Project
3,231 Acres

Source Credit: MassGIS Map by NQRLP
 Updated 1/30/18

4.5 Miles

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 Massachusetts



East Quabbin
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