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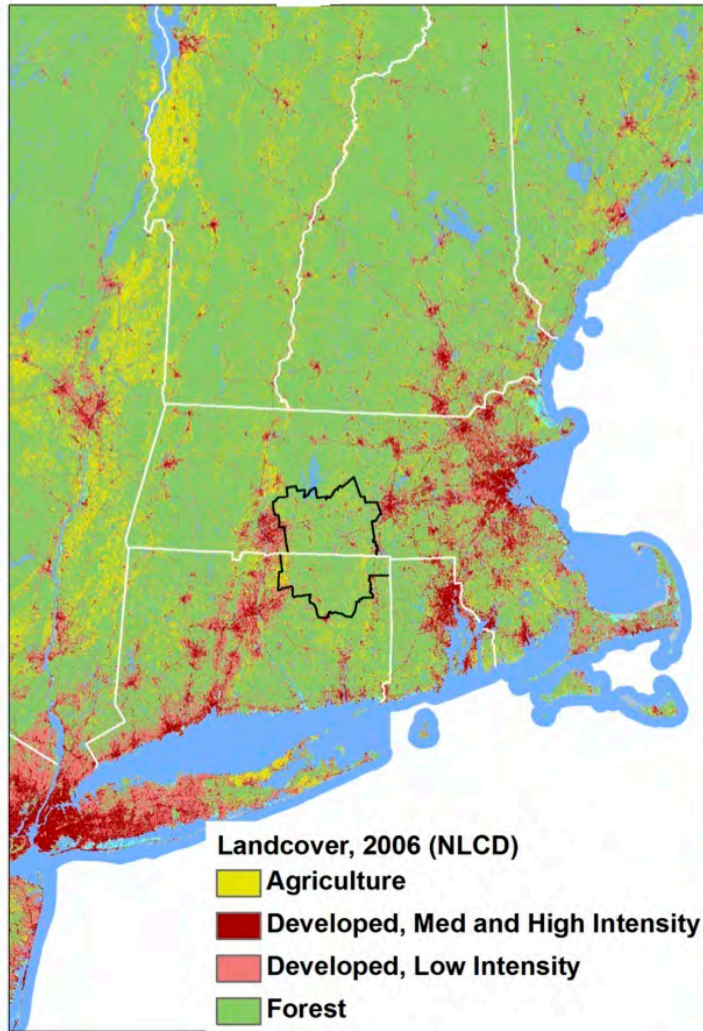
- 38 Towns in Ct. and Ma.
- 760,000 acres
- 76% of the region, 581,000 acres, is forested
- 23% is currently protected (177,000 acres)

Long-term Conservation Goals:

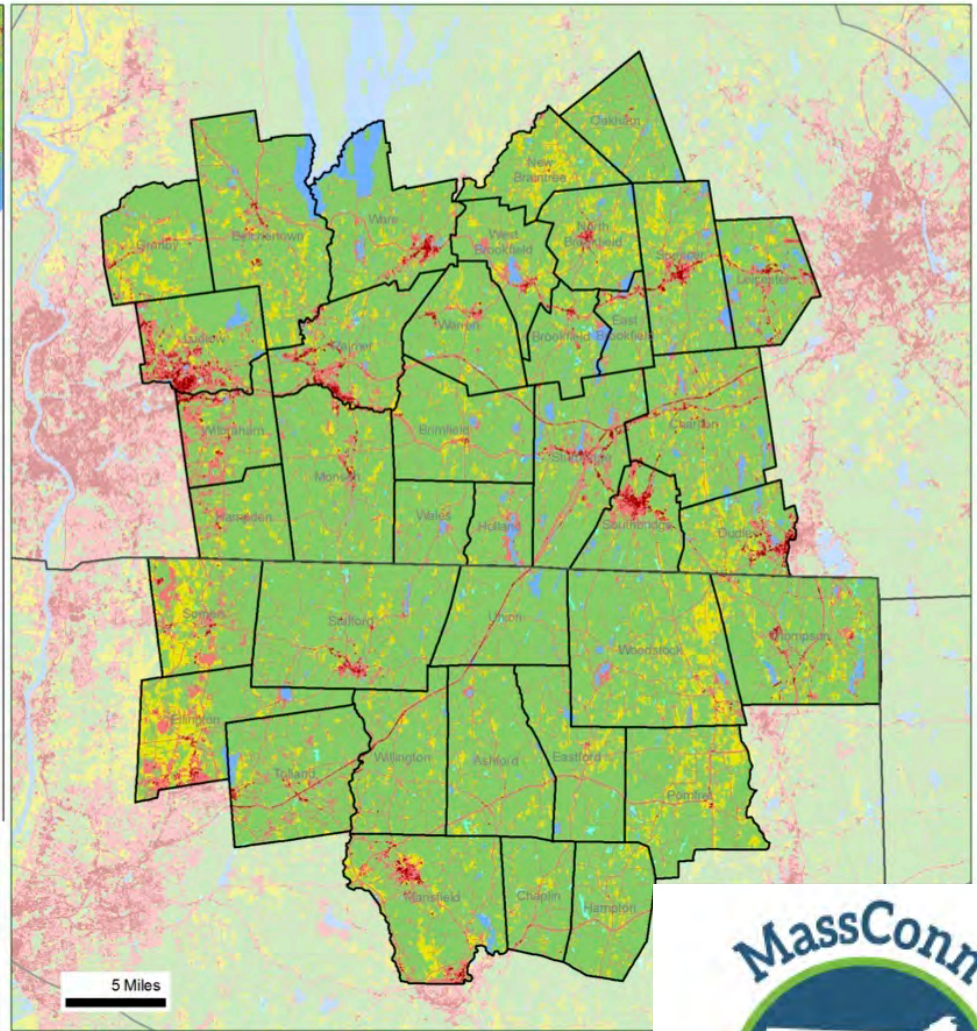
- 80,000 acres of new conservation land – which with current conservation land, would be 256,000 acres, or 33% of the region.



Map information courtesy of Highstead and the Harvard Forest. 4/12/2010



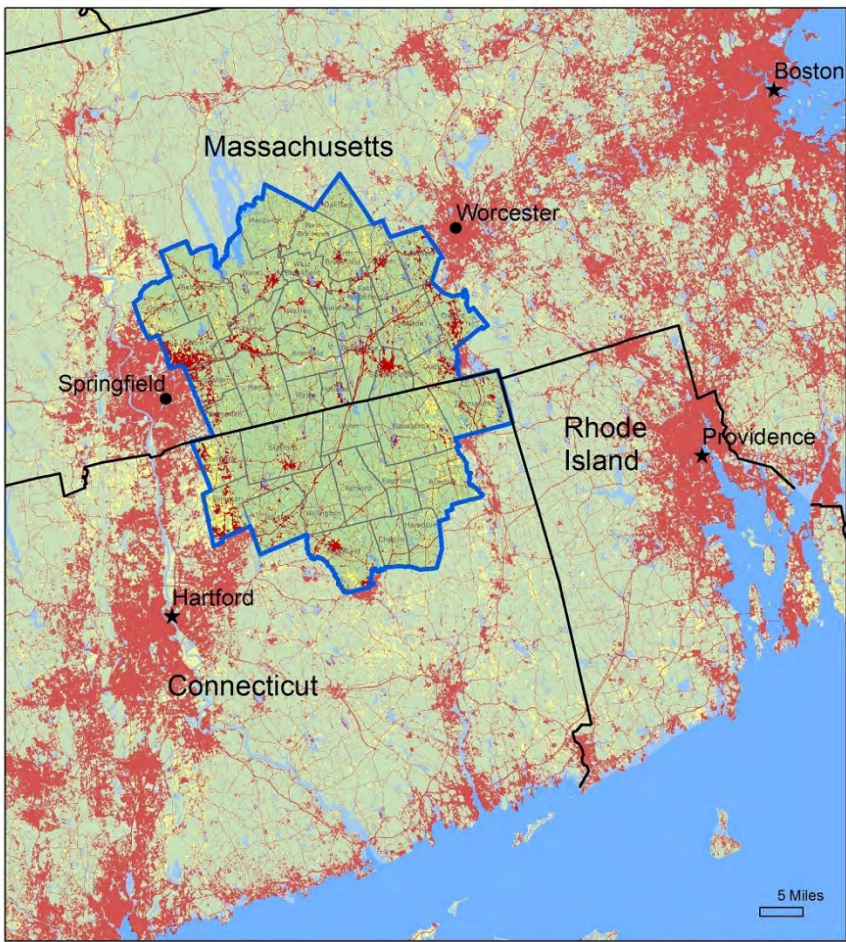
- Landcover, 2006 (NLCD)**
- Agriculture
 - Developed, Med and High Intensity
 - Developed, Low Intensity
 - Forest
 - Other, Unknown
 - Water
 - Wetland



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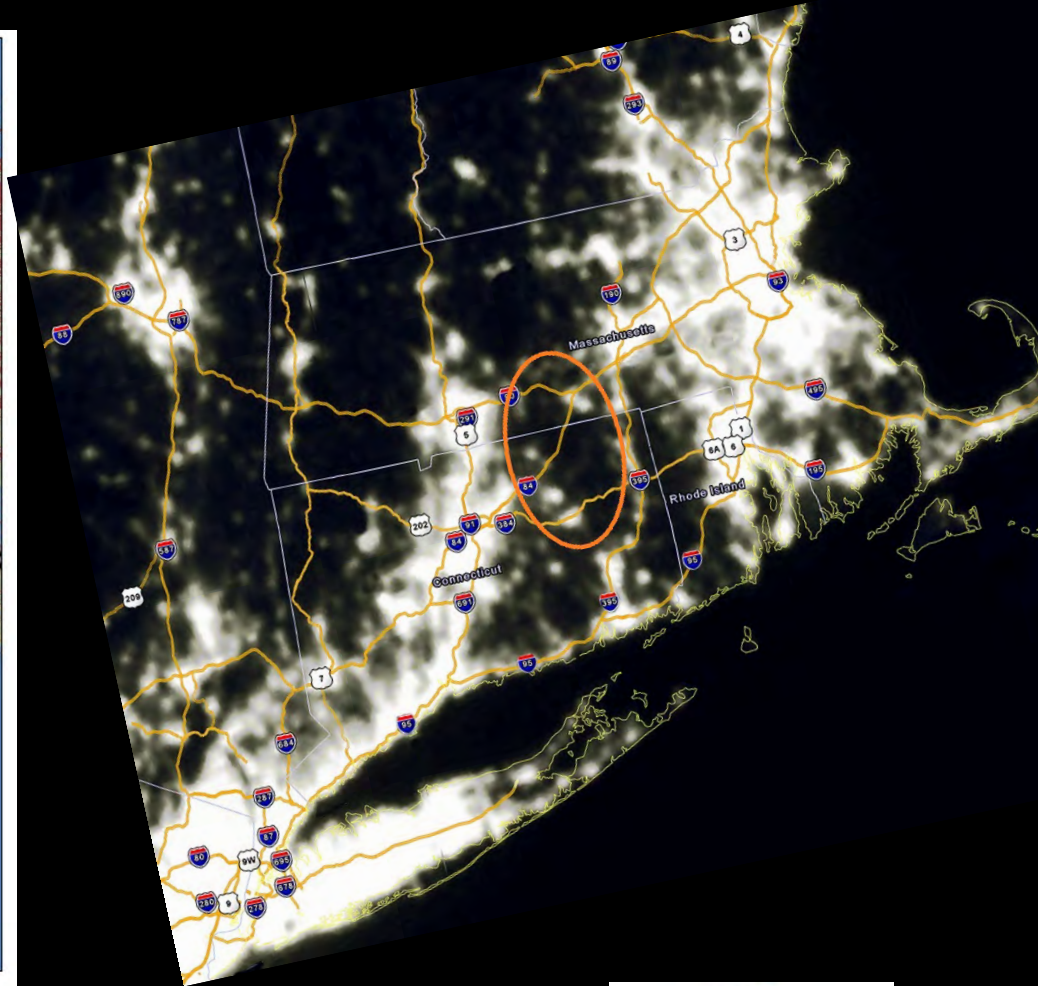




- Land Cover (NLCD2011)**
- Water or Wetland
 - Grassland/Herbaceous
 - Forest or Shrub/Scrub
 - Developed
 - Agriculture

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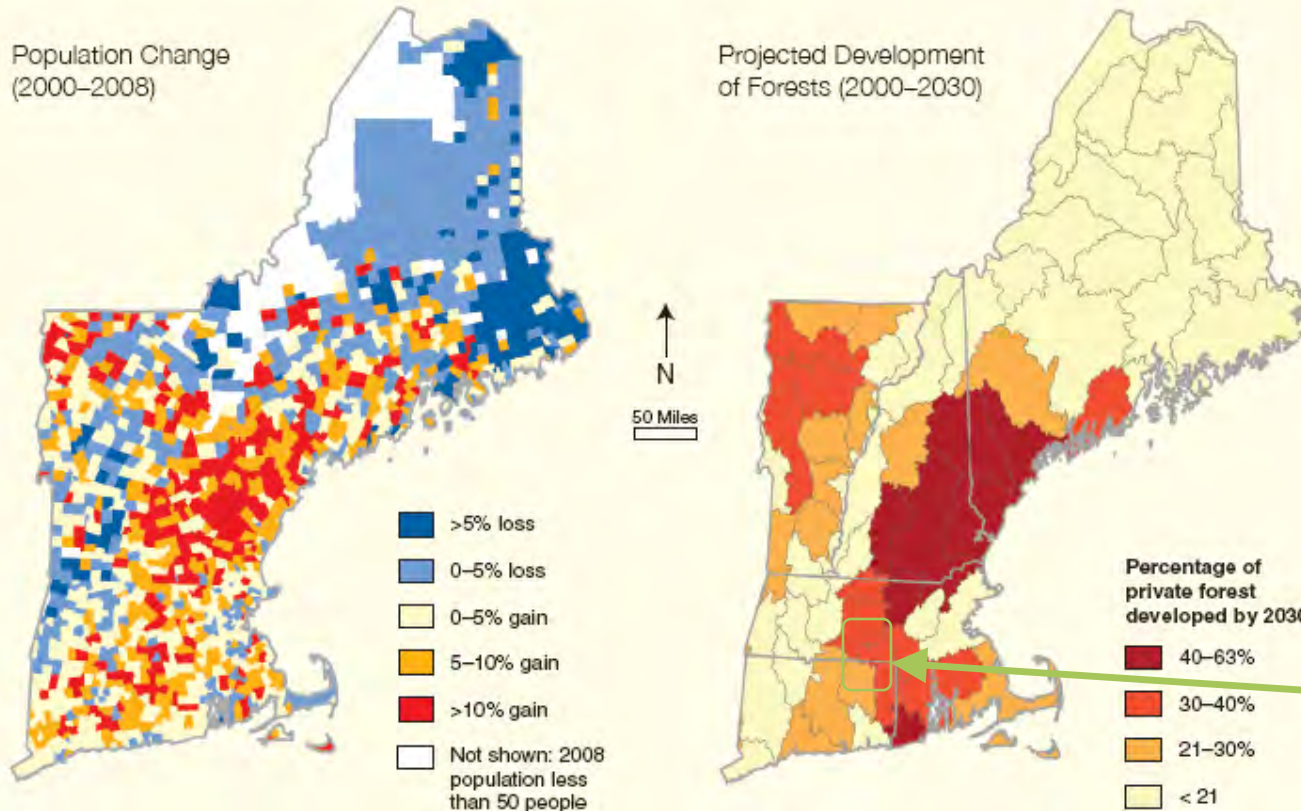
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Wildlands and Woodlands

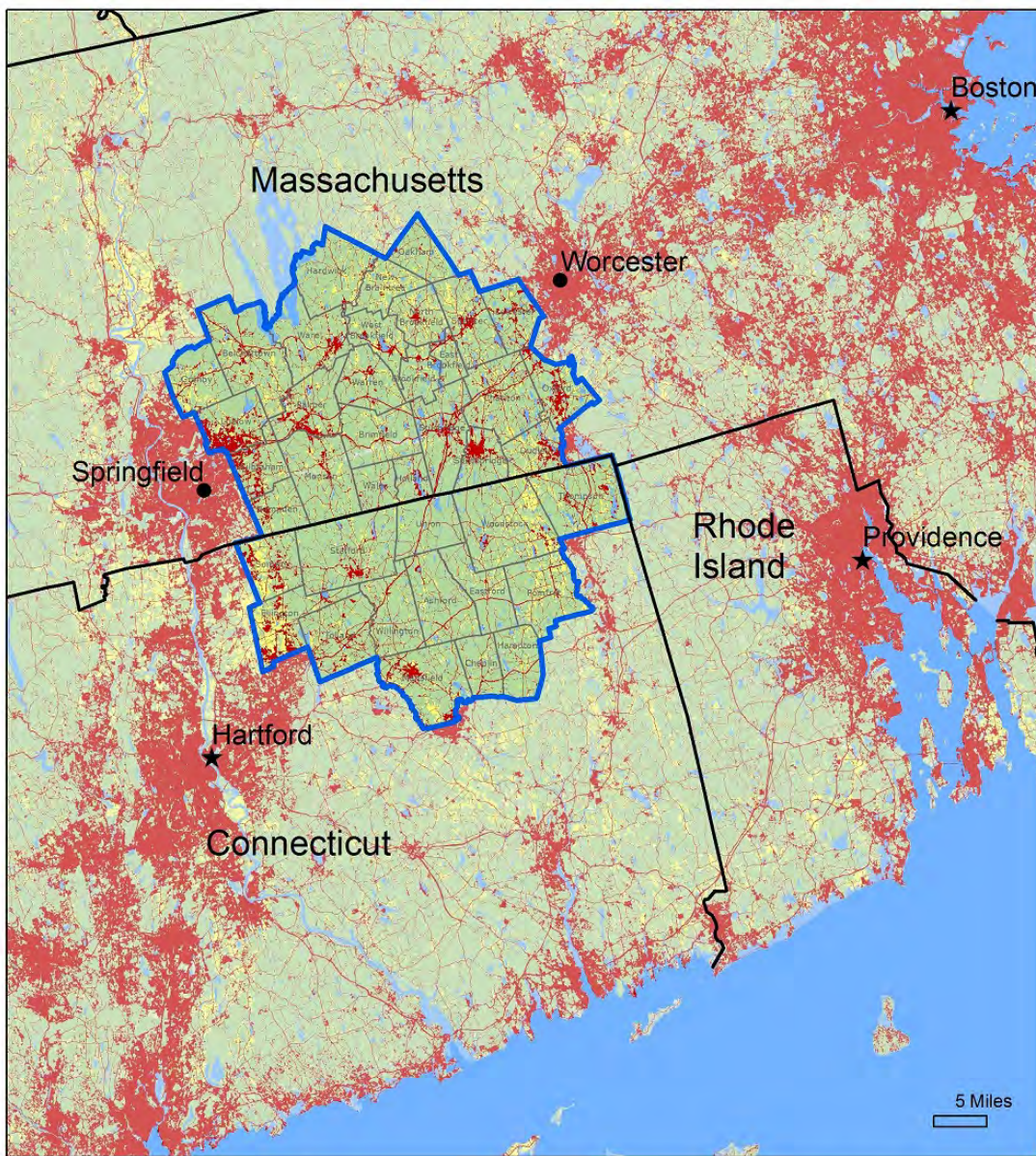
Projected Forest Loss to Development

Recent Population Change and Future Development of Forest Land



By 2030, 40 to 63% of forests in highly populated areas will be lost to development.





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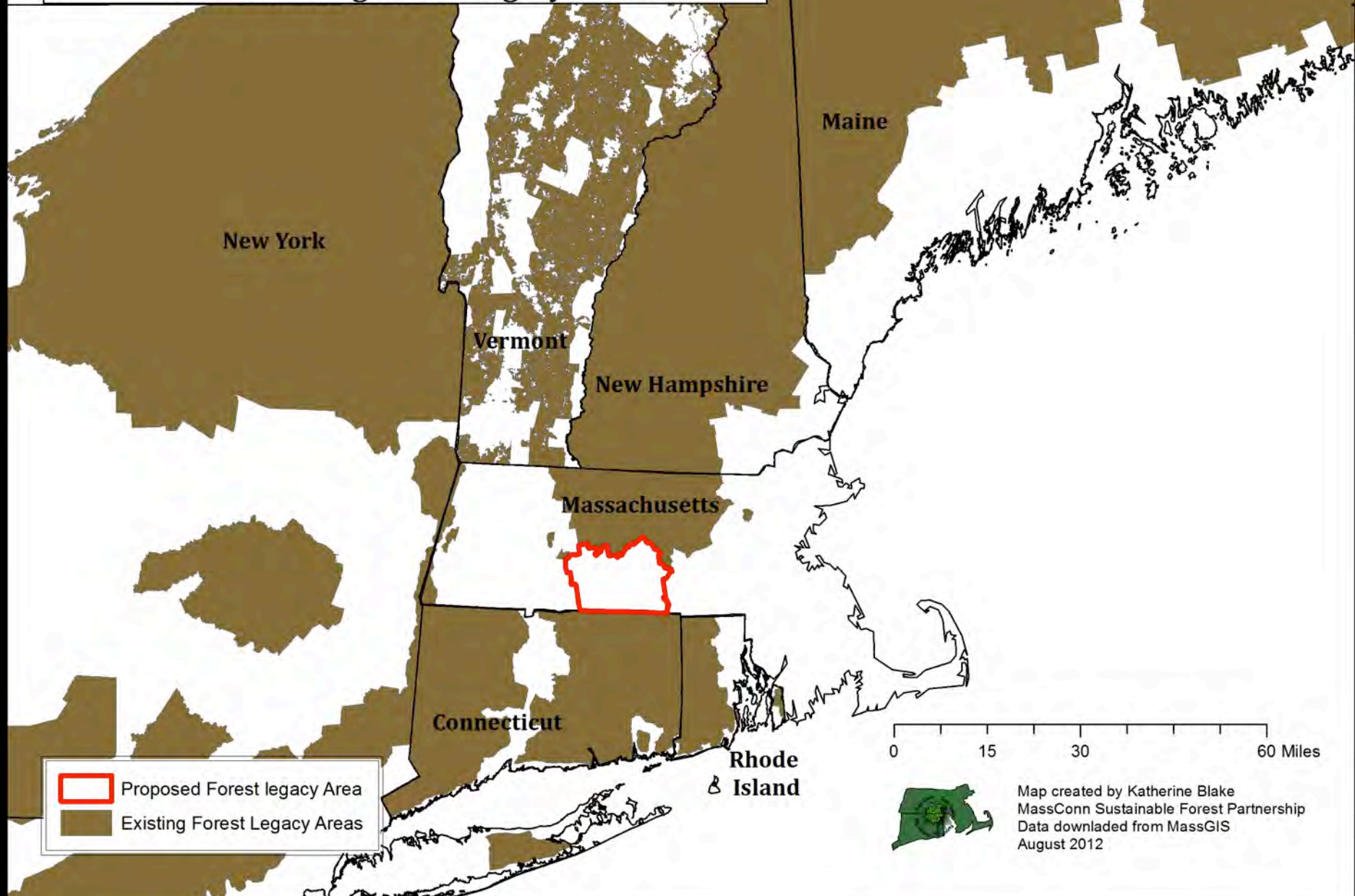
Land Cover (NLCD2011)



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The Regional Context

The proposed Heritage Corridor Forest Legacy Area within Existing Forest Legacy Areas

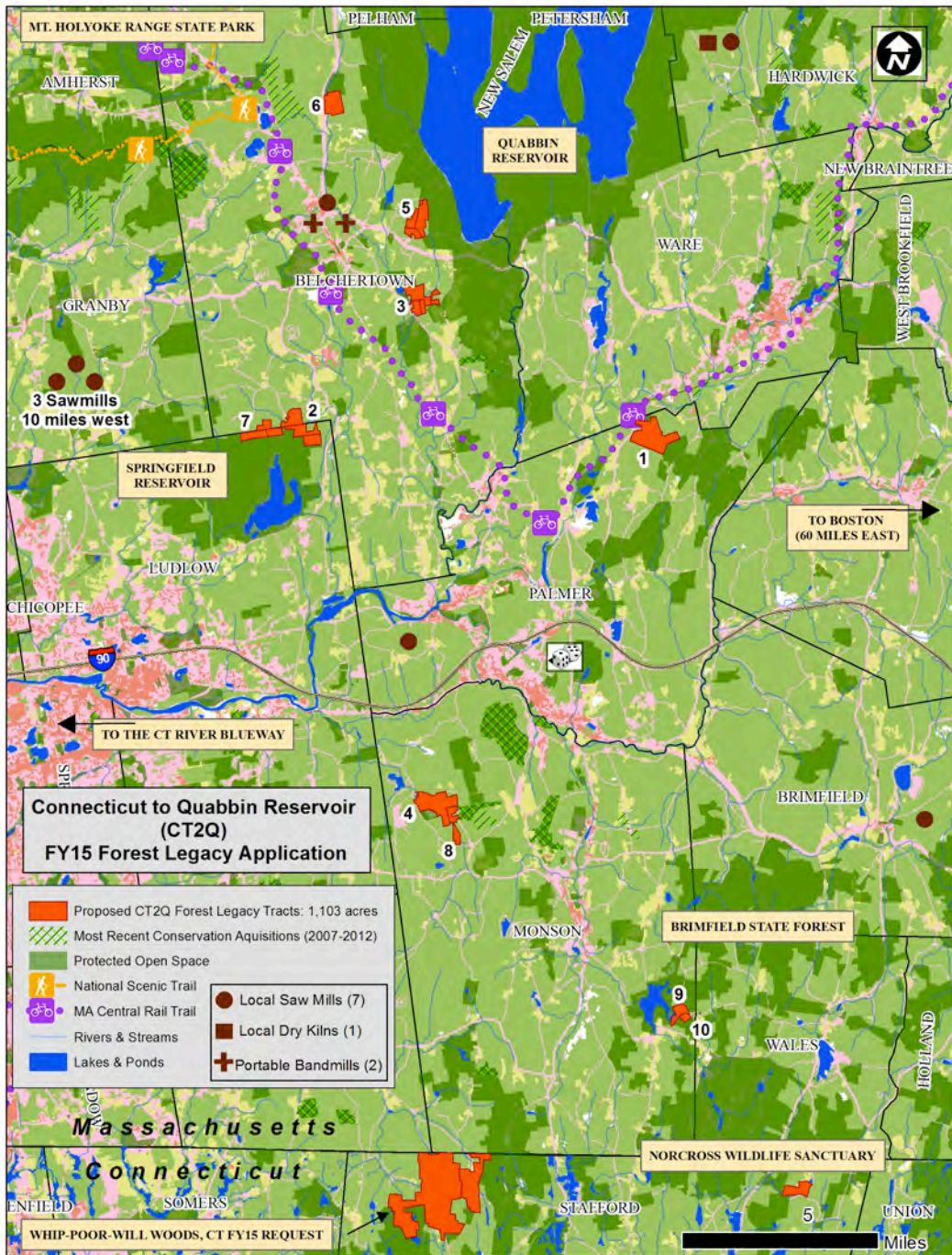


-  Proposed Forest legacy Area
-  Existing Forest Legacy Areas

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Map created by Katherine Blake
MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership
Data downloaded from MassGIS
August 2012



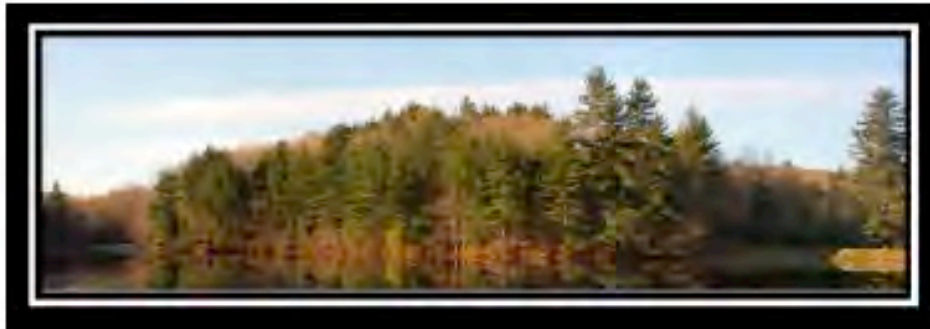
Two State U.S. Forest Service Forest Legacy Application in Mass & Conn

- 1,103 acres in Mass.
- 1,500 acres in Conn.

Developing Strategic Conservation Plan



The Future of our Forests: Land Protection and Sustainable Forest Management



A Strategic Conservation Plan for the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership



Draft: February 2013
Partner Review: April 2013
Final Plan: August 2013

MassConn Region Land Use Statistics

Land Use	Land Cover of MassConn Area	Land Cover in Acres	% Protected	Protected Land in Acres
Forest	76.5%	581,400	26%	151,164
Agricultural Fields	9%	68,400	19%	12,996
Water	3%	22,800	49%	11,172
Wetland	0.5%	3,800	42%	1,596
Development, High Intensity	1%	7,600		
Development, Low Intensity	10%	76,000		
TOTALS	100%	760,000	23.3%	176,928

Focus Areas:

Northern Connections

- Strategically protect 22,000 acres of forest land
- Link Quabbin to Emerald Forest Focus Area

Emerald Forest

- Strategically protect 31,000 acres of forest land
- Bridging SNEHF and QtoC
- Promote "Wildlands", not subject to forestry or silvicultural practices.

Four Corners Woods

- Strategically protect 5,000 acres of forest land.
- Permanently protect the City of Southbridge Water Supply lands (c. 3,000 acres)

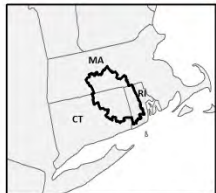
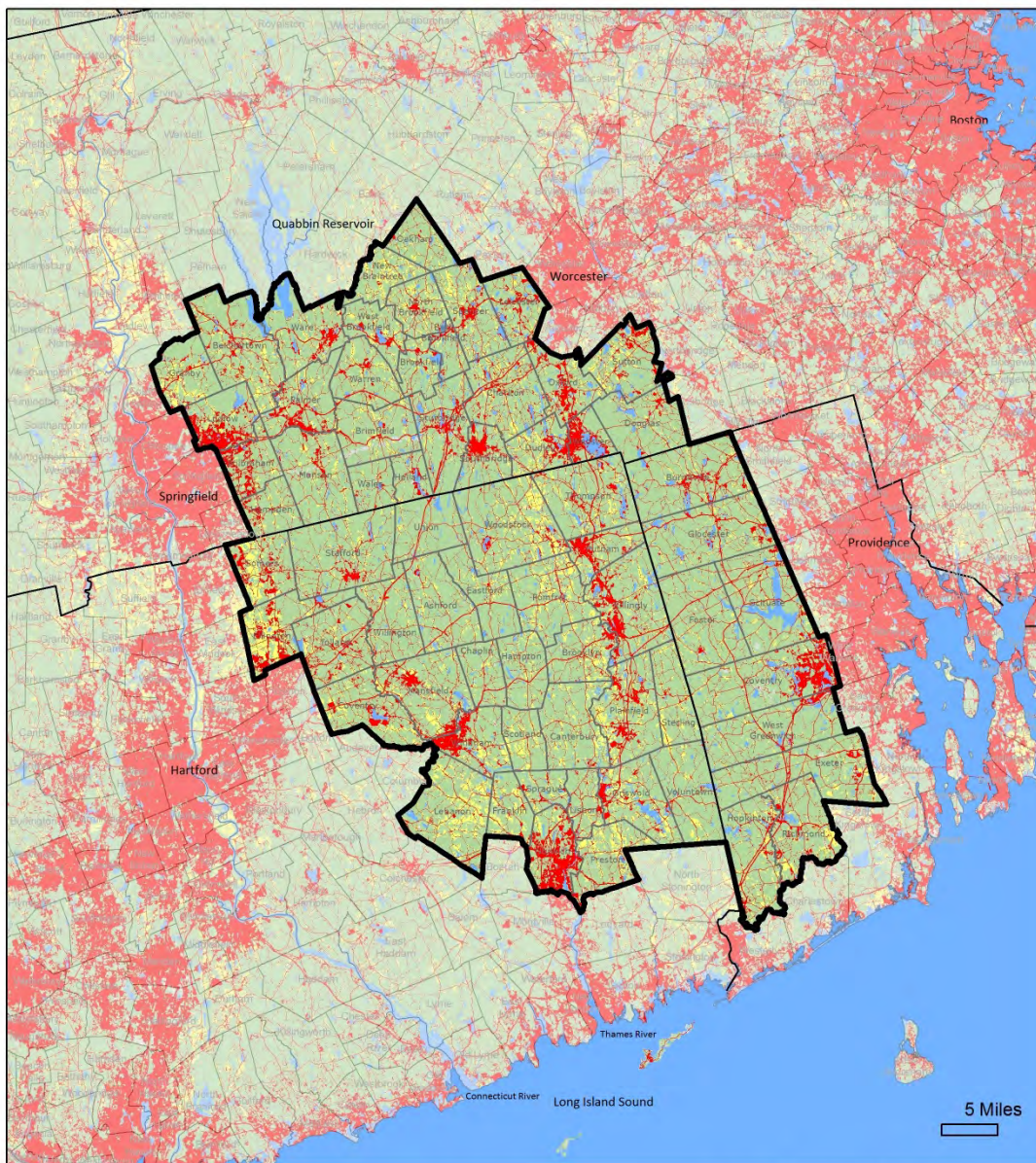
Shetucket Headwaters

- Strategically protect 22,000 acres of forest land.
- Prioritize forested areas along the Nipmuck & Natchaug trails to increase corridors.

Total Land Conservation Goals:

80,000 acres of new lands moved into conservation or other protected status

U.S. Forest Service New York / New England Engaging Family Forest Owners Project in the Southern New England Heritage Forest.



Southern New England Heritage Forest

Land Cover (NLCD2011)

- Water or Wetland
- Grassland/Herbaceous
- Forest or Shrub/Scrub
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- Agriculture

You Love Your Woods, What's Their Future?

Woodland Owner Outreach



Where farm and forest meet: A walk with woodland owners John & Jane Freeman

Please join John & Jane and friend Harrison Achilles for a walk on their land and discussion of the ups and downs of owning woods! In their 300+ acres of woods, they grow vegetables, tap maple trees, harvest and mill wood, manage their trees for wildlife and are certified Tree Farmers. The Freeman's love their woods and want to share their joy with you. This walk will also be a great time to meet and chat with other local woodland owners, local foresters and your local land trust.

If you own woods, this is a great chance to share information & ask questions!

WHEN: September 11, 4:30-dark (rain date September 25)

WHERE: Freeman Farm, 228 Little Alum Rd., Brimfield, MA

RSVP required: Call the Freeman's at 413-436-7621 or email kautumblake@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

Light refreshments will be served

Please wear sturdy shoes and long-sleeved shirts & pants for the walk. No dogs please.



This event is sponsored by the **MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership** and the **Southern New England Heritage Forest (SNEHF) Partnership**. SNEHF is a 3-state working group of public and private partners combining efforts to ensure the future of our woods. This program is funded by a USDA Forest Service grant through the **Northwest Association of State Foresters**.

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Woodland walks promote forestry

By LORI STABILE
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BRIMFIELD - John W. and Jane Freeman of the Freeman Farm at 228 Little Alum Road will open their 300-acre property to visitors on Sept. 11 for a woodland walk.

The brother-and-sister farming team have owned the property since 1975 but had been familiar with it while growing up as a family friend lived there. They purchased additional acreage over the years and were awarded the honor of being the 1997 Massachusetts Tree Farm of the Year.

They now have a sawmill on the property and sell firewood year-round. Their Freeman

Farm stand also sells home-grown vegetables, flowers and maple syrup.

"We grow everything from tomatoes to trees," Jane Freeman, 56, said.

They got the idea to open their property to visitors after attending a "woodland ambassador" workshop at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Wales. The walk will take place from 4:30 p.m. to dusk.

The Freemans joined the tree farm program in the 1970s because they needed suggestions as to what to do with the property. It's their full-time job. And, with the help of friend Harrison Achilles, they



Harrison Achilles, left, stands with John W. and Jane Freeman of the Freeman Farm in Brimfield. The Freemans will open the farm on Sept. 11 for a woodland walk. Achilles will point out some of the bluebird boxes he's built and erected, along with several wood duck boxes. Video at masslive.com.

Staff photo by JOHN SUCHOCKI

Flight brings new spin to artist

By CORI URBAN

EASTHAMPTON - When artist Lise Lemeland turned 40, she decided it was time to get over her long-standing fear of flying. She enjoyed rollercoasters and skateboarding, but flying was another story.

Once she got into the air in a plane and did loops and barrel rolls that "totally thrilled me," Lemeland recalled recently in her studio here one of the city's refurbished mill buildings.

The experience so impressed Lemeland, she earned a pilot's license and has been participating in aerobatics and competitions throughout the

Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

"My work reflects a personal translation of the physiological experience of aerobatic flying," she said. "As an artist and a pilot, what draws me to aerobatics is the hyper-stimulation of both the visual and vestibular senses."

Throughout the years, the Freemans explored the woods where they looked for signs of wildlife, identified

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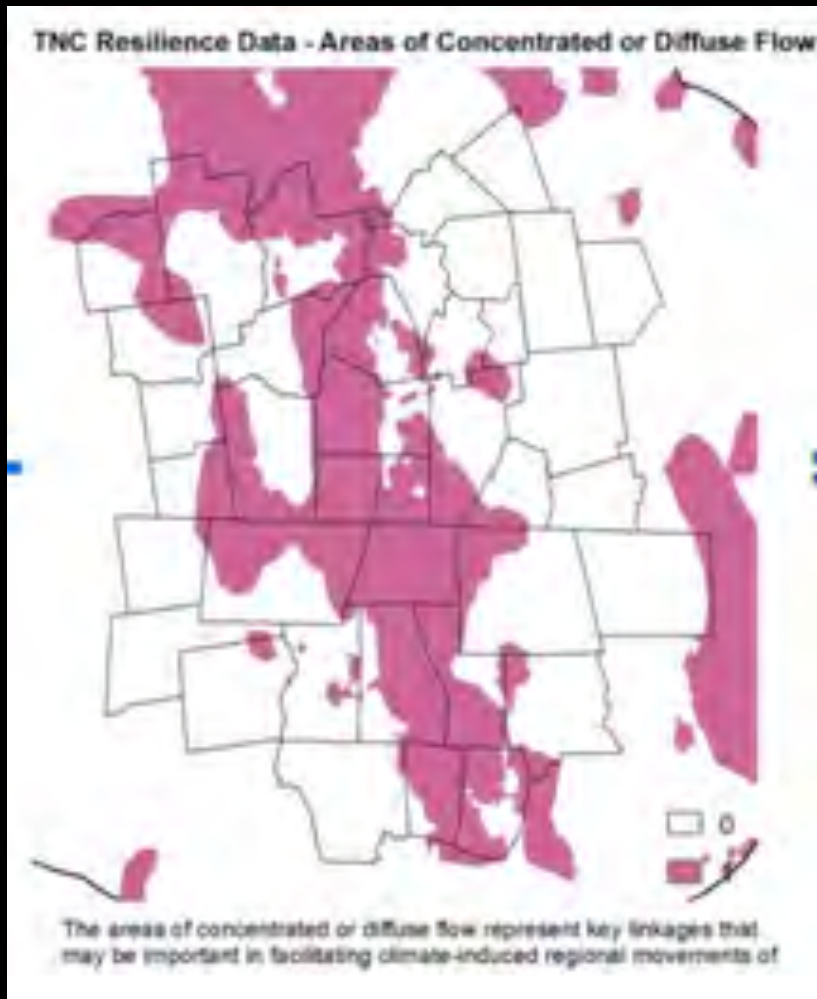
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Update of MassConn Conservation Priorities Map:

For example, TNC's measure of Regional Flow, new, finer resolution data (values not just Yes/No)

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