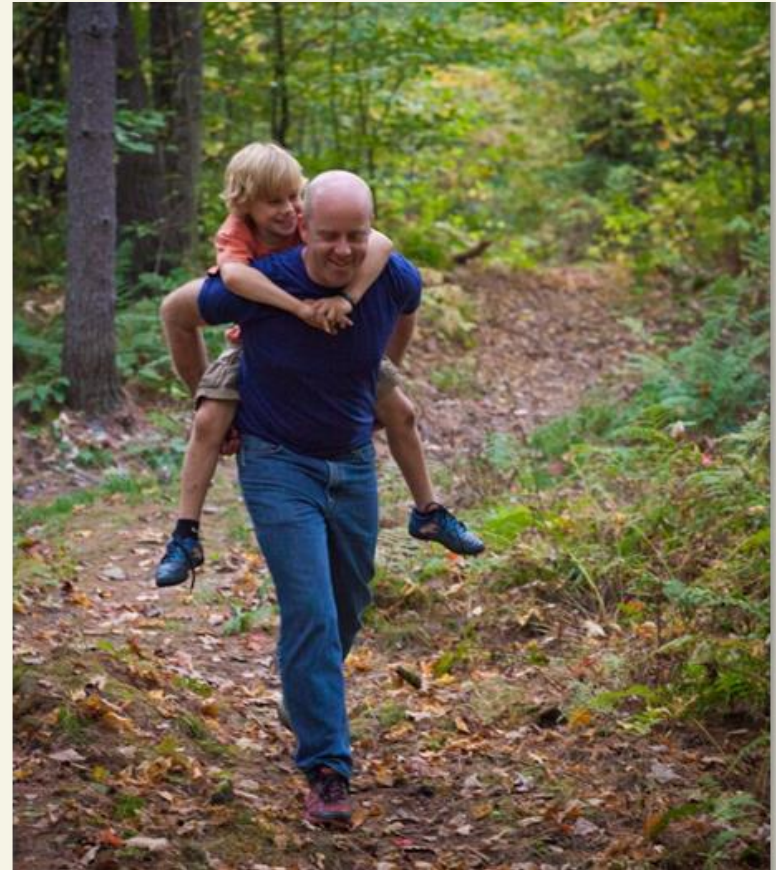


Town and Community Forests

- New England Town Forests
- Community owned land providing long term benefits – ecological, social, and economical
- Old model with new relevance



Community Forest Model



- Community ownership
- Community participation in management
- Community benefits tied to community priorities
- Permanent Protection





Public and Private Conservation Land

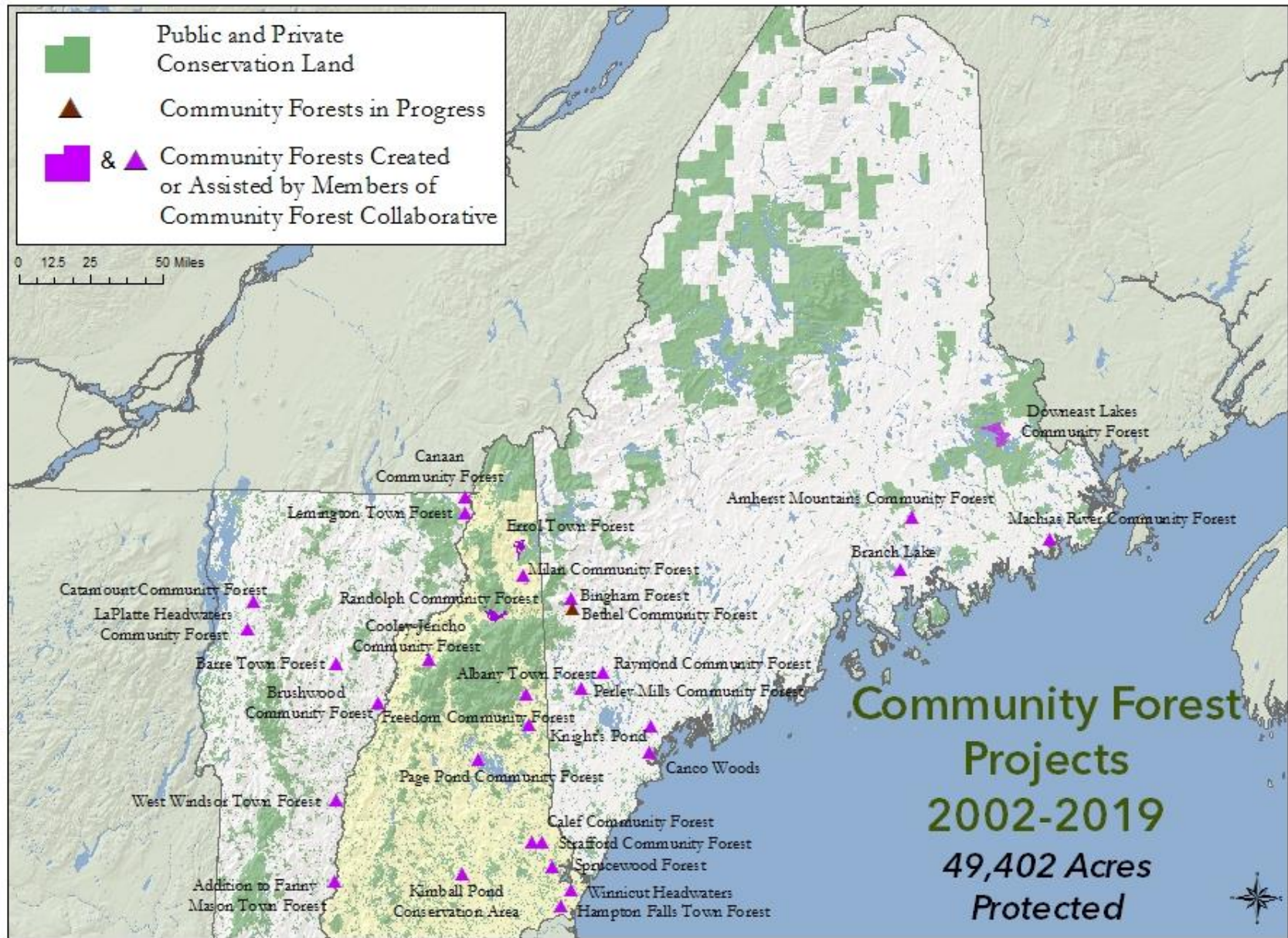


Community Forests in Progress



Community Forests Created or Assisted by Members of Community Forest Collaborative

0 12.5 25 50 Miles



**Community Forest
Projects
2002-2019
49,402 Acres
Protected**



Benefits for the Forest

- Local stable ownership
- Long-term sustainable stewardship
- Habitat protection and connectivity
- Slows fragmentation
- Conserved forever



Benefits for the People



- Revenue generation
- Preservation of managed landscape
- Ecosystem Services
- Education of tomorrow's stewards
- Social – coming together – building community
- Traditional open access

Errol, New Hampshire



- 7,100 acres
- 280 people in town
- Timber, motorized trails, Androscoggin River
- Sustainable harvest
- \$ 100,000 expected annual revenue

Bethel, Maine

- 978 acres
- Access to other town-owned 2400 acres
- Recreation and Education focus
- Trail linkages

