

The Massachusetts Regional Conservation Forum



Wellesley College
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Kestrel Land Trust & The Five Colleges

MISSION: Kestrel Land Trust conserves and cares for forests, farms, and riverways in the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts, while nurturing an enduring love of the land.



The Pioneer Valley: An Academic Hub

THE “FIVE COLLEGES”

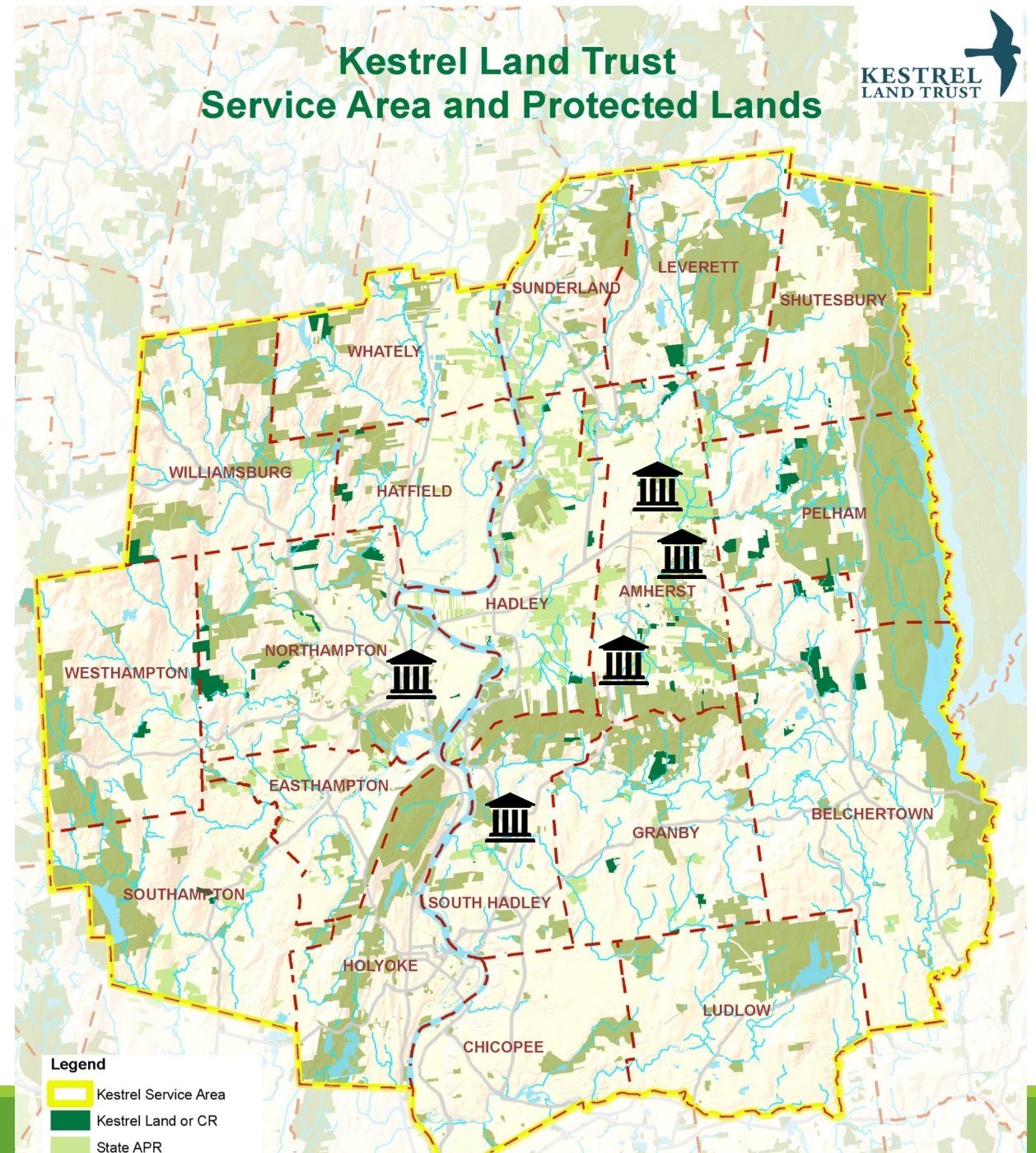
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Amherst College (Amherst)

Hampshire College (Amherst)

Smith College (Northampton)

Mount Holyoke College (South Hadley)



Why Engage with The Five Colleges?

- **CONSERVE:** Encourage institutions to protect their land
- **CARE:** Engage students/faculty in active stewardship of the land
- **CONNECT:** Cultivate conservation ethic among academic community & develop next generation of conservation supporters



CONSERVE: Projects

SMITH COLLEGE

- 190 acres of forest & fields at satellite campus “MacLeish Field Station” in Whately (2013)
- College approached Kestrel for assistance



HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE

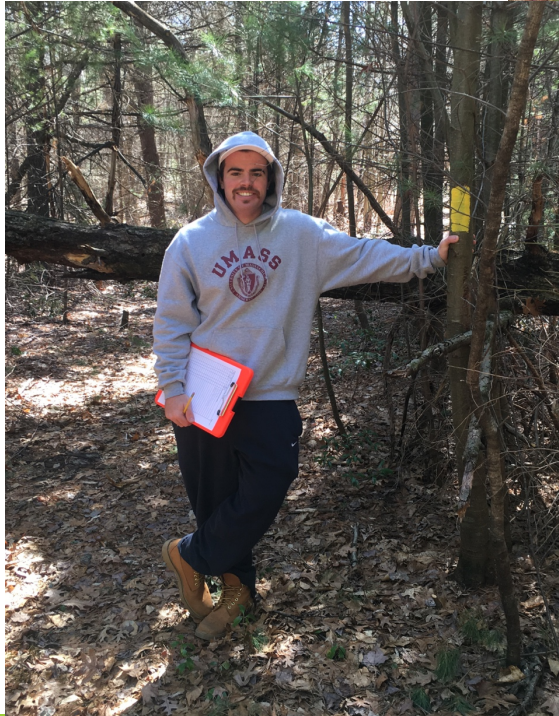
- 45 acres of forest on the Mount Holyoke Range in Hadley (2015)
- Kestrel reached out to college as part of 1,000 acre conservation project
- “Living Building Challenge” requires mitigation

CARE: Projects

UMass Amherst

Smith College

Hampshire College

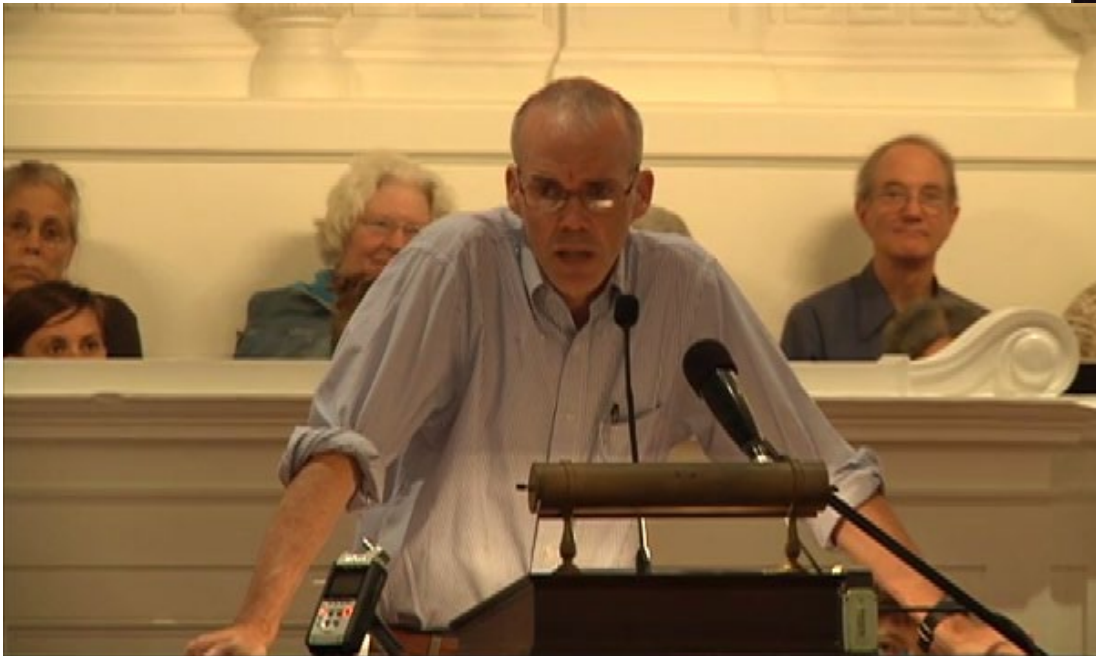
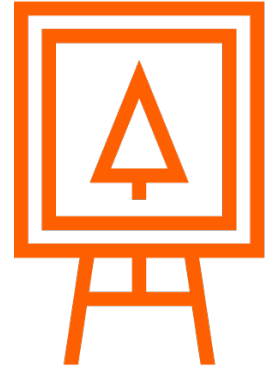


CONNECT: Projects

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Collaboration Builds a Better Future!

