

# Massachusetts Forest Ecosystem Services Model

*Humans use forests for many purposes, and the products derived from forests, and their benefits, are referred to as 'forest goods and services' (MEA 2005). Generally, the services fall into four groups: supporting, provisioning, regulating, and cultural services.....Forest (ecosystem) services refer to benefits to humans, many of which have so far no readily assigned economic value. (from Adaptation of Forests and People to Climate Change, IUFRO, 2009).*

The diagram below represents an adaptation by the Forest Futures Technical Steering Committees (TSC) of the ecosystem services framework originally developed for the Millennium Ecosystems Assessment. The TSC is using this framework to systematically account for all the ecological, economic and social benefits provided by forests in Massachusetts.

