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CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

A photograph of two men standing outdoors at a podium. The man on the left, wearing a light blue shirt, is speaking into a microphone. The man on the right, wearing a dark vest over a green shirt, stands with his hands on his hips. Behind them is a large American flag on a tall pole. The background shows a landscape of trees and a blue sky with light clouds. The podium has a circular seal on it.

**Forest Futures Implementation –
Update on Landscape Zoning
Process**

Parklands

70,000 to 90,000 acres

- *Goal:* Focus on recreation, reconnecting people to nature while providing recognition of aesthetic and cultural values



- *Ecosystem Services:* provision of public recreation opportunities, protection of ecologically and culturally significant special places

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Reserves

90,000 to 120,000 acres

- *Goal:* Protect the least fragmented forested areas, representing diverse ecological settings and long-term evolutionary processes that can be monitored to assess and inform forest stewardship
- *Ecosystem Services:* biodiversity maintenance, nutrient cycling and soil formation, watershed protection, carbon sequestration; wilderness/spiritual values and recreation

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Woodlands

100,000 to 150,000 acres

- *Goal:* Demonstrate excellent forest management practices for landowners and the general public
- *Ecosystem Services:* protecting water supplies, early successional habitat, carbon sequestration through late successional habitat restoration, ecological restoration and sustainable production of timber for local markets

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Zoning Implementation progress

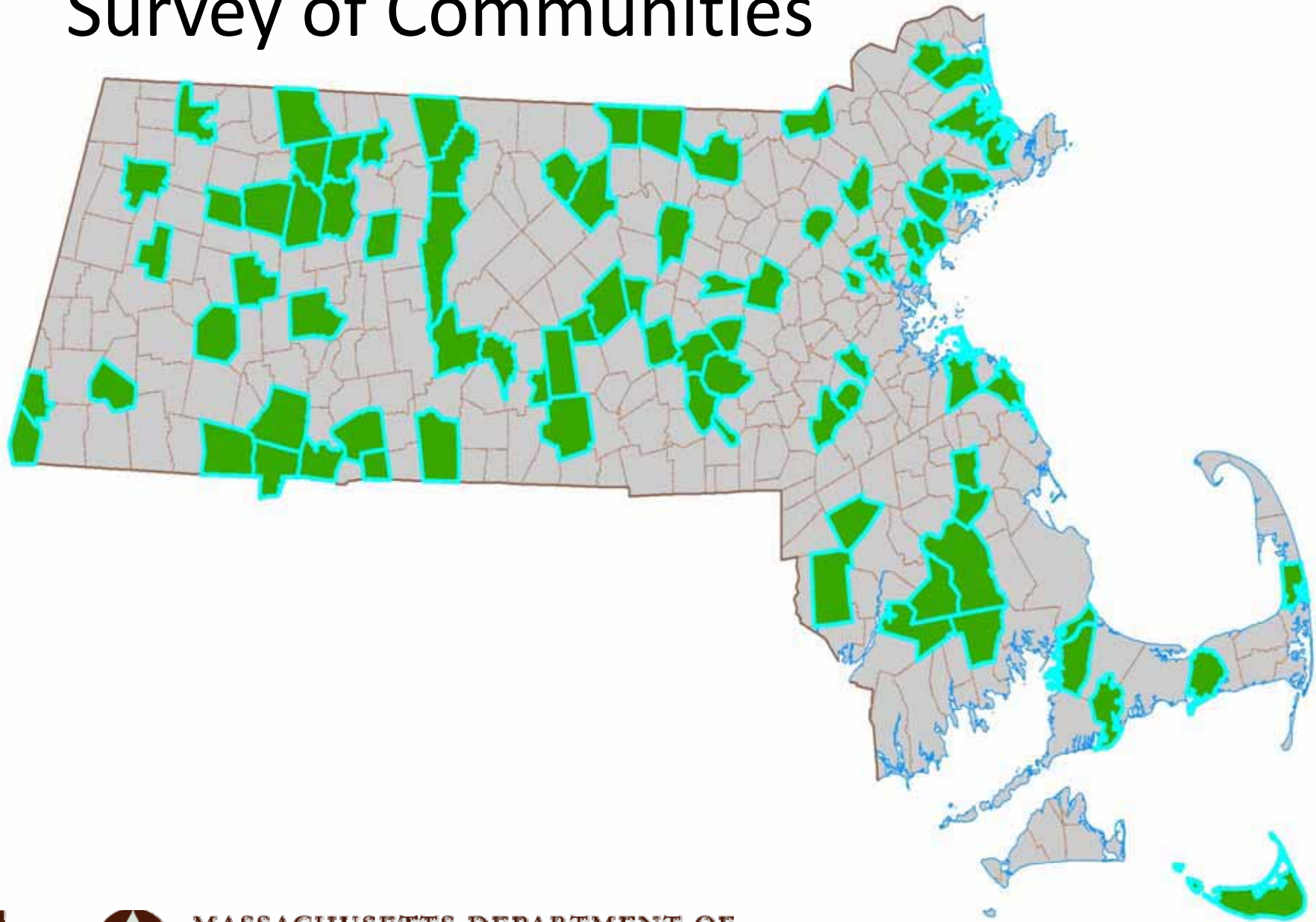
- Development of internal & external processes
- Evaluation and expansion of selection criteria
- Ongoing discussion of guidelines development

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Survey of Communities



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Fall 2010 – Public Process

- Selection Criteria and Management Guidelines
- Series of workshops around the state
- Late Fall



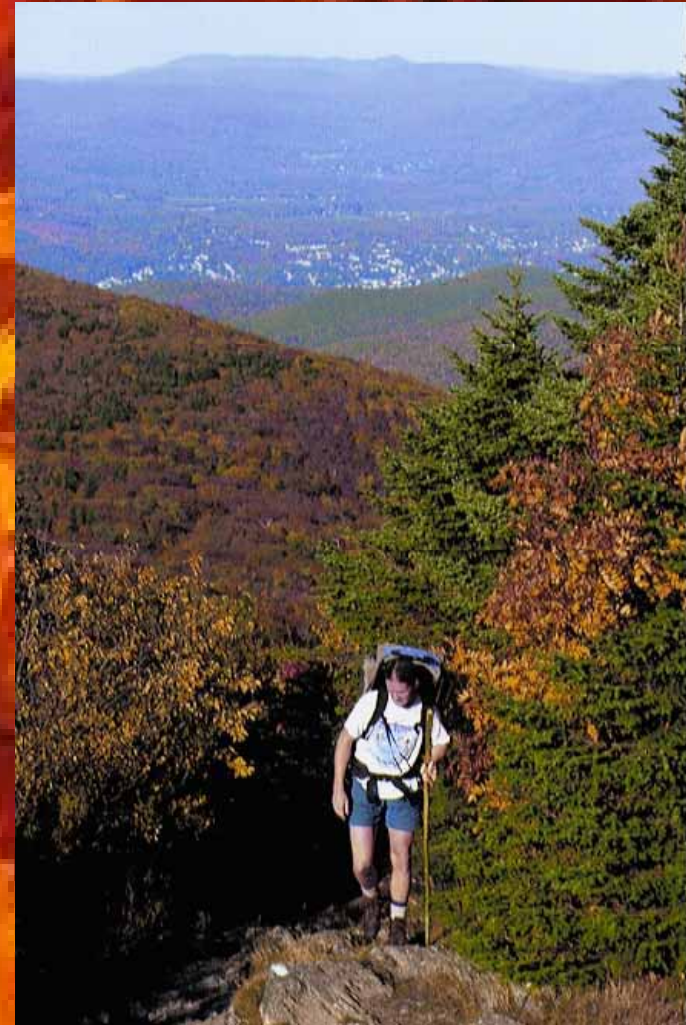
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Winter – Internal Development

- Review and consideration of public input
- Possible development of additional data
- Apply models, obtain internal input



Spring 2011 - Public Process

Review draft zoning maps



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A photograph of a forest with a stone wall. The ground is covered in brown leaves, and the trees are mostly bare. The text "Q & A" is overlaid in the center.

Q & A

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