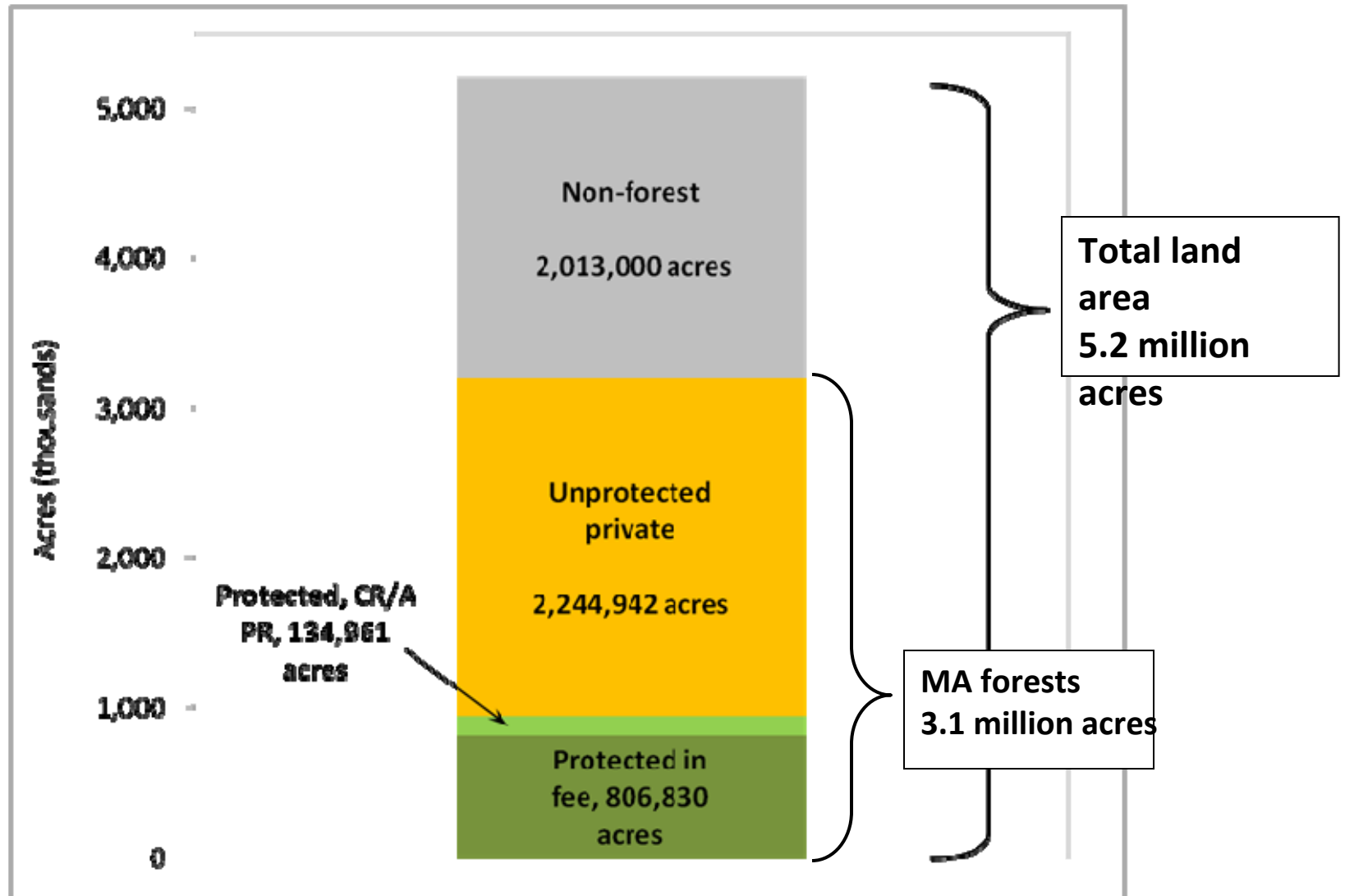
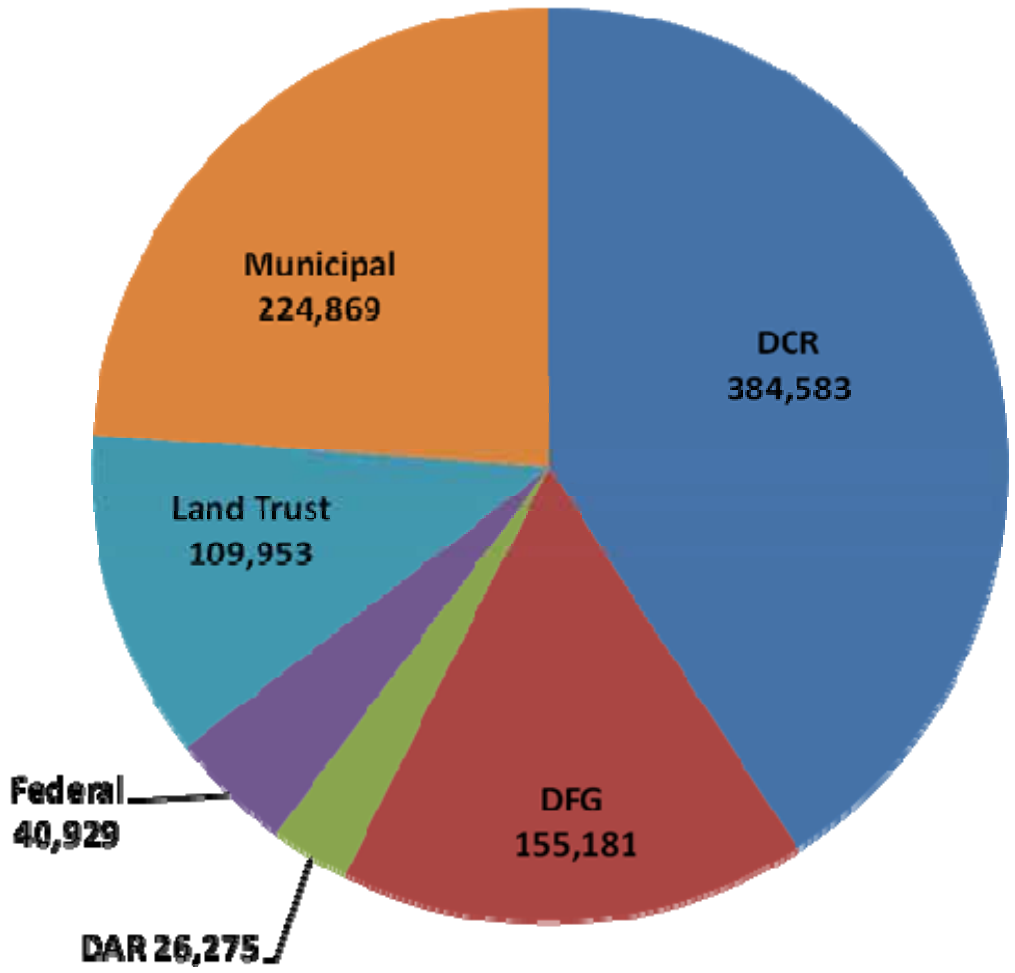


# Forestland ownership in Massachusetts



MassGIS 2005 statewide orthophotos

# Forestland by ownership



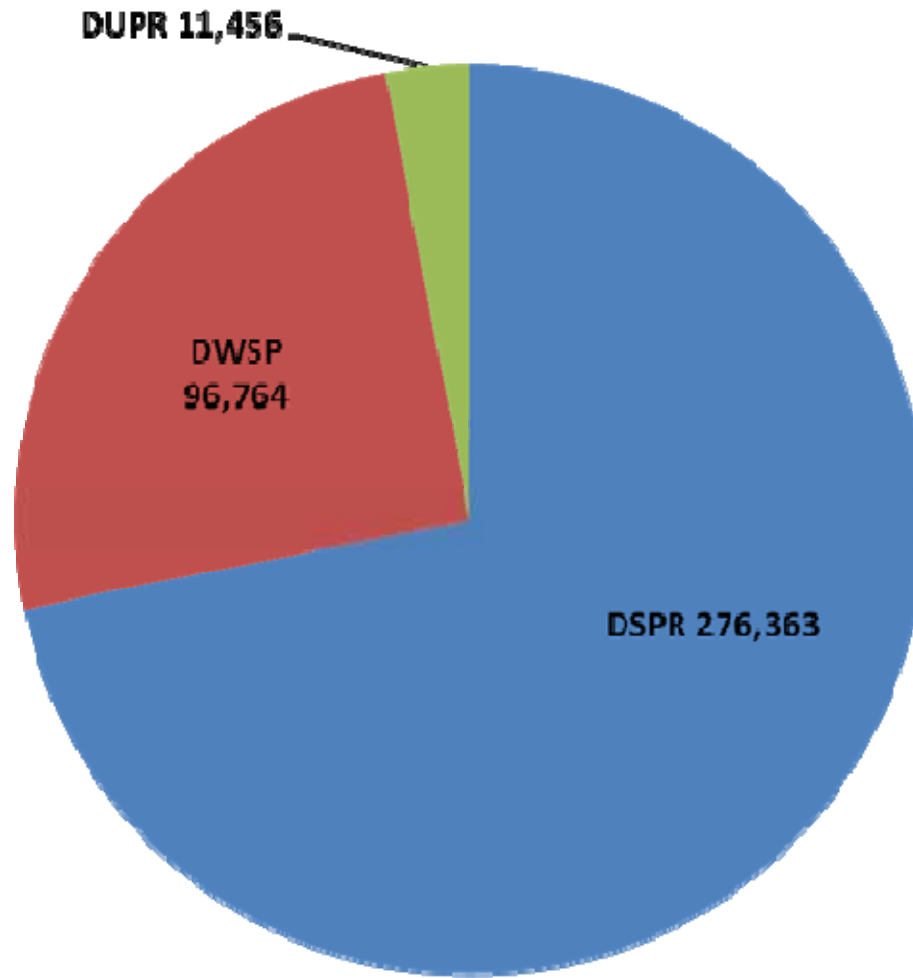
Joint DCR/DFG property is listed as DFG  
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# Protected forestland

Owner	Forestland Acres
State owned	
DCR Urban	11,000
DCR Watershed	94,000
DCR Forests/Parks	260,000
DFG*	124,000
Municipally owned	
Conservation land	114,000
Town forest	10,000
Water supply	87,000
Land trust	69,000
Federal	40,000
DAR – APRs	26,000
CRs / APRs (Excluding DAR)	109,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>940,000</b>

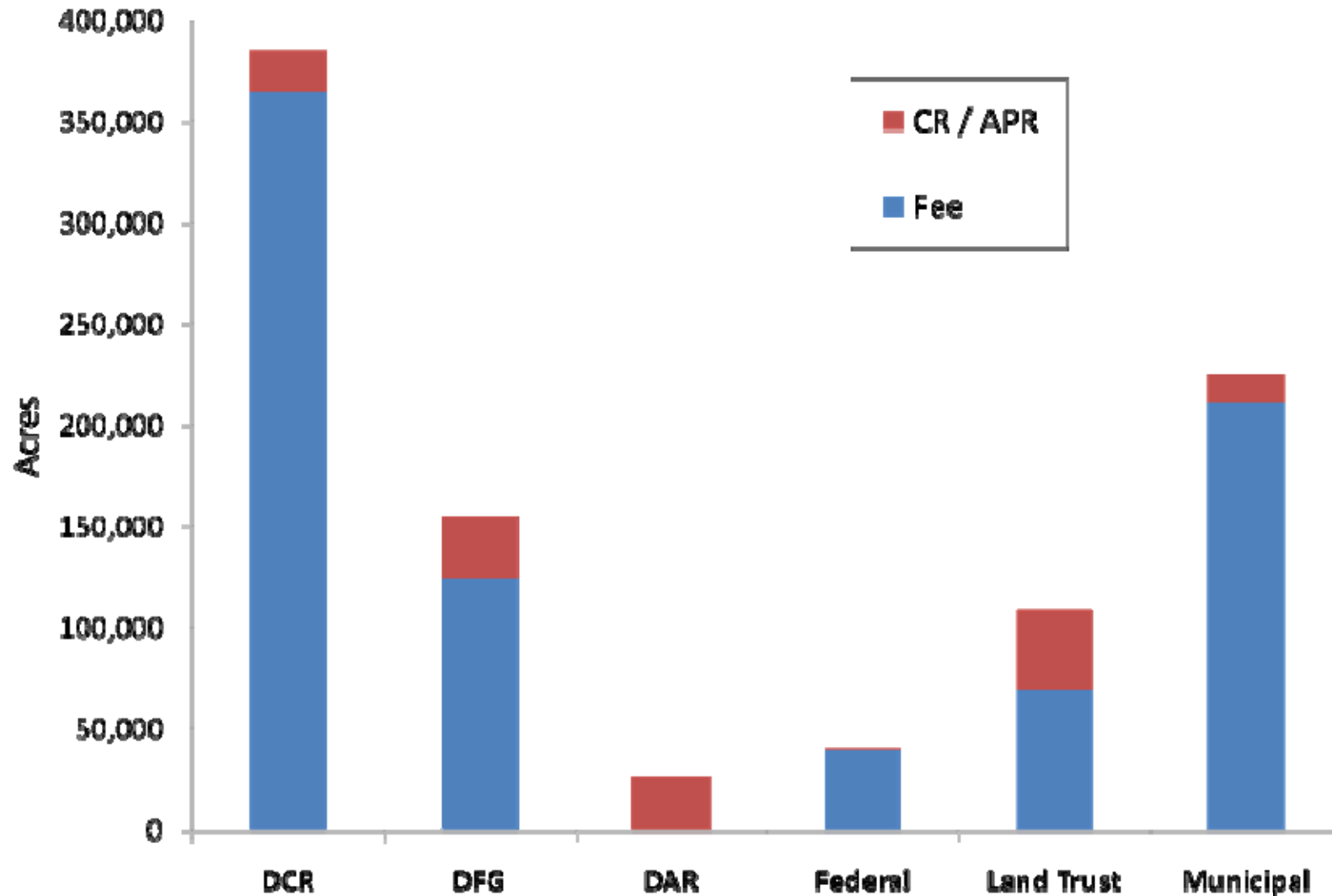
\*Property jointly owned by DFG and DCR is listed under DFG

# DCR forestland



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# Forestland by ownership and type



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# Why we need a forest futures process

- Controversy over DCR harvests
- Clarify relationship between DCR harvesting in management plans and the biomass industry
- Climate change mitigation: inclusion of forests in implementation of the Global Warming Solutions Act
- Climate change adaptation: determine the role of forests and forestry in ecosystem adaptation to climate change

# Past forest visions:

## 1. *Thinking in Forest Time* (Foster and Foster)

### Recommendations:

- Establish “Legacy Forests”
- Develop local markets – local label
- Expand town forests
- Establish “timber banking”
- Establish revenue base to support forests

## 2. Special Commission of Forest Practices (Brewster Commission) 1994-1999

- Disparate ecology and human interests, habits, values must be balanced
- Healthy, well-managed forests balance economic, recreational, environmental, and aesthetic values
- Act now:
  - protect forests
  - enhance forest growth
  - multiple use

## **Brewer Commission recommendations:**

Supportive of active forest management

Timber management and biodiversity are not mutually exclusive

Improve forest value, as by Green Certification

Forests must be “weeded” to produce excellent crops

Thinning costs money

Need low-value markets

Need forest inventory

### **3. Forest Forum: 1994-2009 (and beyond)**

Bi-annual meetings of forest community leaders

#### **5 goals for MA forests:**

1. Conserve the forests – protect a sustainable forest base
2. Sustain forest economic viability – of working forests, forest products industry, rural economies
3. Balance working forests and reserves – a comprehensive matrix of sustainable working forests and reserves will maintain ecological and economic integrity
4. Protect forest health – act to minimize threats
5. Educate about forests – help citizens of Massachusetts understand the connection between ourselves and forests