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Forest Futures Implementation – Update on Landscape Designation Process



Two Phase Process

Phase 1:

Fall Meetings – Input on Draft Selection
Criteria & Management Guidelines

Phase 2:

Winter - Review, Refine and Apply

Spring Meetings – Input on Draft Designations

Fall Meetings

- November 15 - Union Station, Worcester
- November 16 – North Middle School, Westfield
- November 18 – Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield
- November 22 - 100 Cambridge St, Boston
- November 30– Bristol County Ag H.S., Dighton
- December 2 - Essex Ag & Tech H.S., Danvers
- December 13 – Greenfield Community College, Greenfield

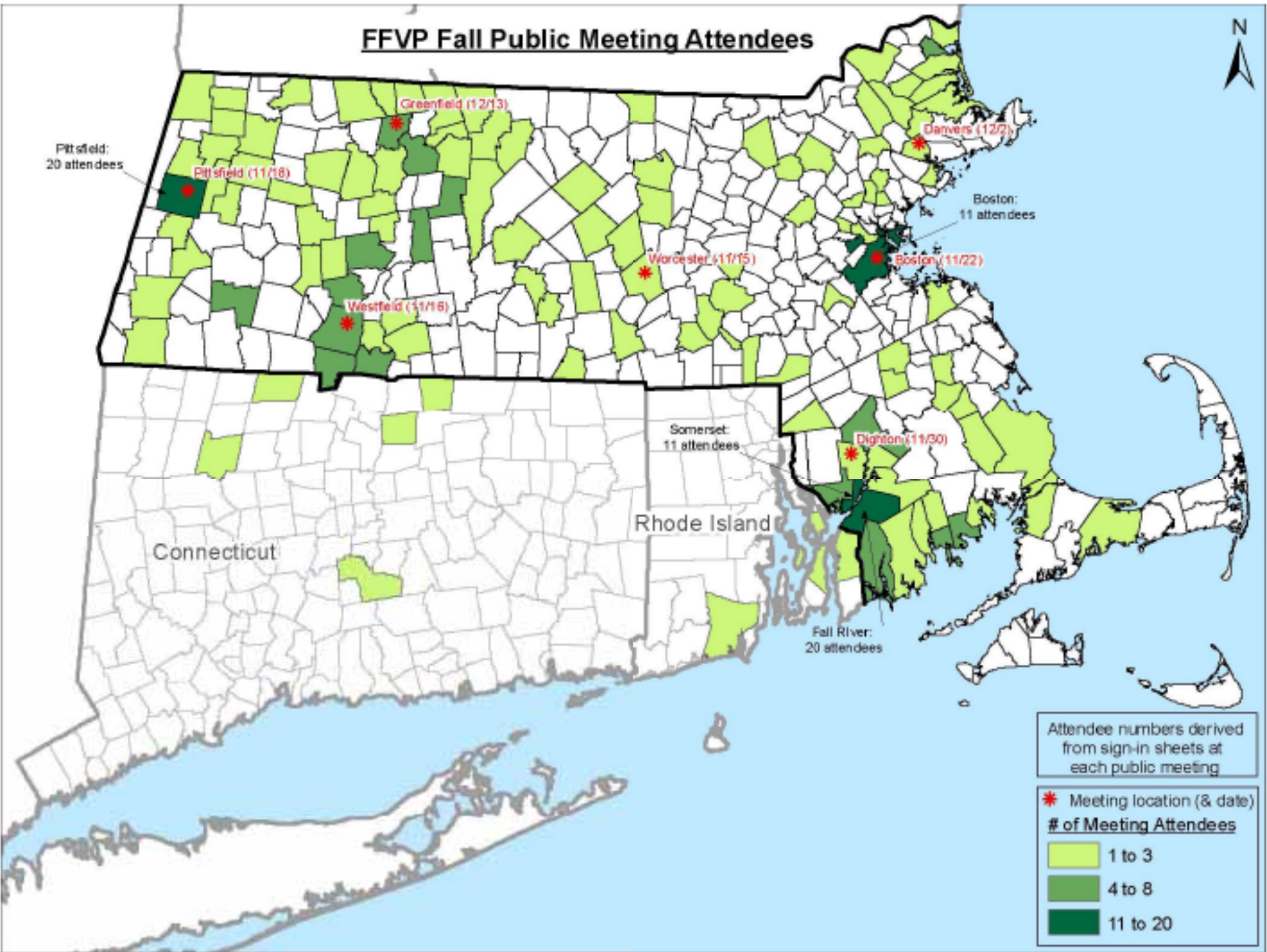
Fall Participation

- 7 meetings
- Participants – 358
- Over 40 new people joined the listserv
- Comments – almost 400
- Range of feedback



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FFVP Fall Public Meeting Attendees



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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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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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

DCR Regions & Districts

Ecological Land Units

- Adapted from work of The Nature Conservancy
- Elevation, Geology and Landform
- 11 ELU groupings id'd



Process

- Models run
- Comparison of Results
- Internal review; DFW consultation
- Input factored in
- Currently finalizing draft designations for public review

Spring 2011 - Public Process

Review draft designation maps



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Spring 2011 Meetings

- May 24th – Essex Ag & Tech H.S., Danvers
- May 25th – Elm Bank, Wellesley
- May 26th – Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield
- June 2nd – Frontier Regional HS, Deerfield
- June 6th – North Middle School, Westfield
- June 7th – Bristol County Ag H.S., Dighton
- June 13th – TTOR Doyle Center, Leominster

Looking Ahead

- Ongoing - Update Land Stewardship Zoning Guidelines
- Summer – Consideration of all public input
- Fall – Finalize Landscape Designations



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