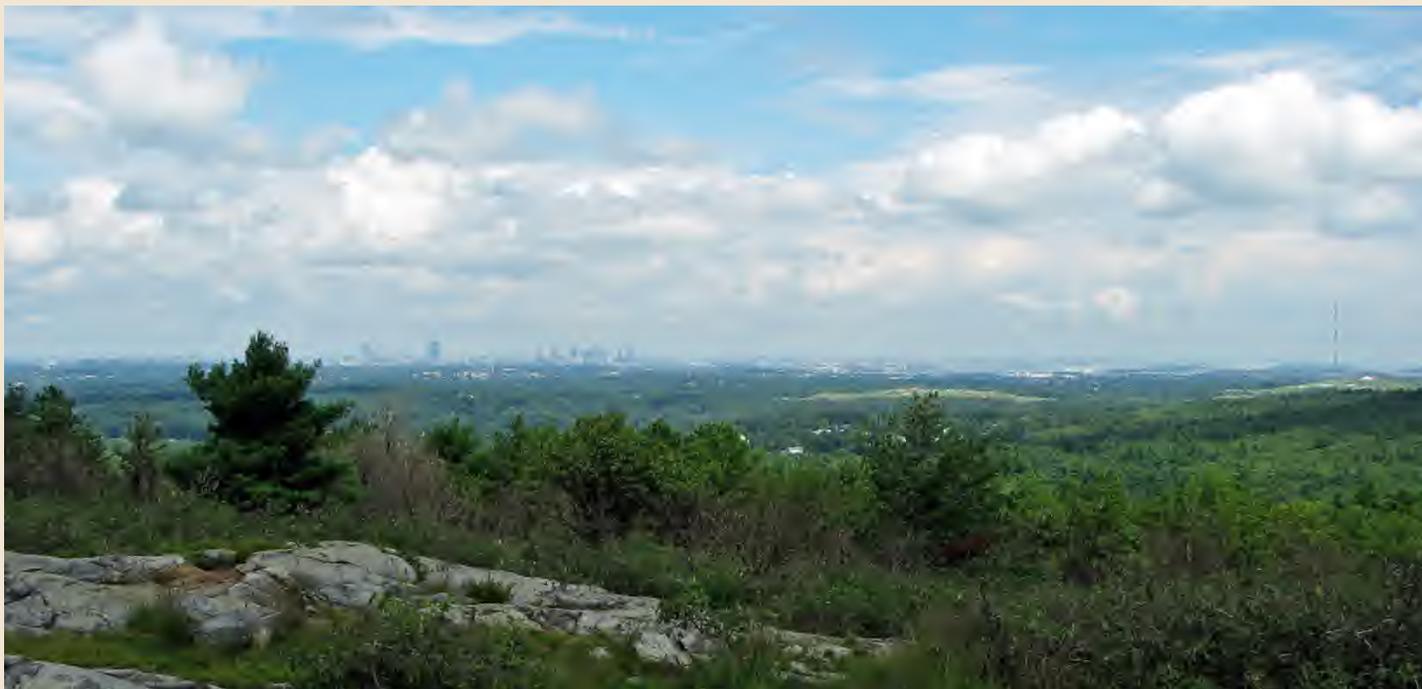


Blue Hills Complex Resource Management Plan



DCR Public Meeting

**Wednesday, October 28, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Blue Hills Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Avenue, Milton, MA**



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Lieutenant Governor

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Energy and Environmental Secretary

Matthew A. Beaton

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner

Carol I. Sanchez



DCR Mission Statement

To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well-being of all.



Tonight's Meeting



- Presentation
 - Introduction to Resource Management Plans (RMPs)
 - Overview of the Blue Hills Complex
 - RMP contents
- Public Input

RMP Requirements

Management plans are prepared for “all reservations, parks,
and forests under the management of the department”

M.G.L. Chapter 21; Section 2F



Borderland State Park



RMPs Shall ...

“include guidelines for the operation and land stewardship of... reservations, parks and forests”

“provide for the protection and stewardship of natural and cultural resources”

“ensure consistency between recreation, resource protection and sustainable forest management”



Houghton's Pond – Blue Hills Reservation

M.G.L. Chapter 21; Section 2F

Resource Management Plans:

- Consider the past, present, and future of a property
- Help guide management
- Help set priorities for capital and operating budgets, and resource allocation
- Enhance communication and cooperation with visitors, partners, and surrounding communities

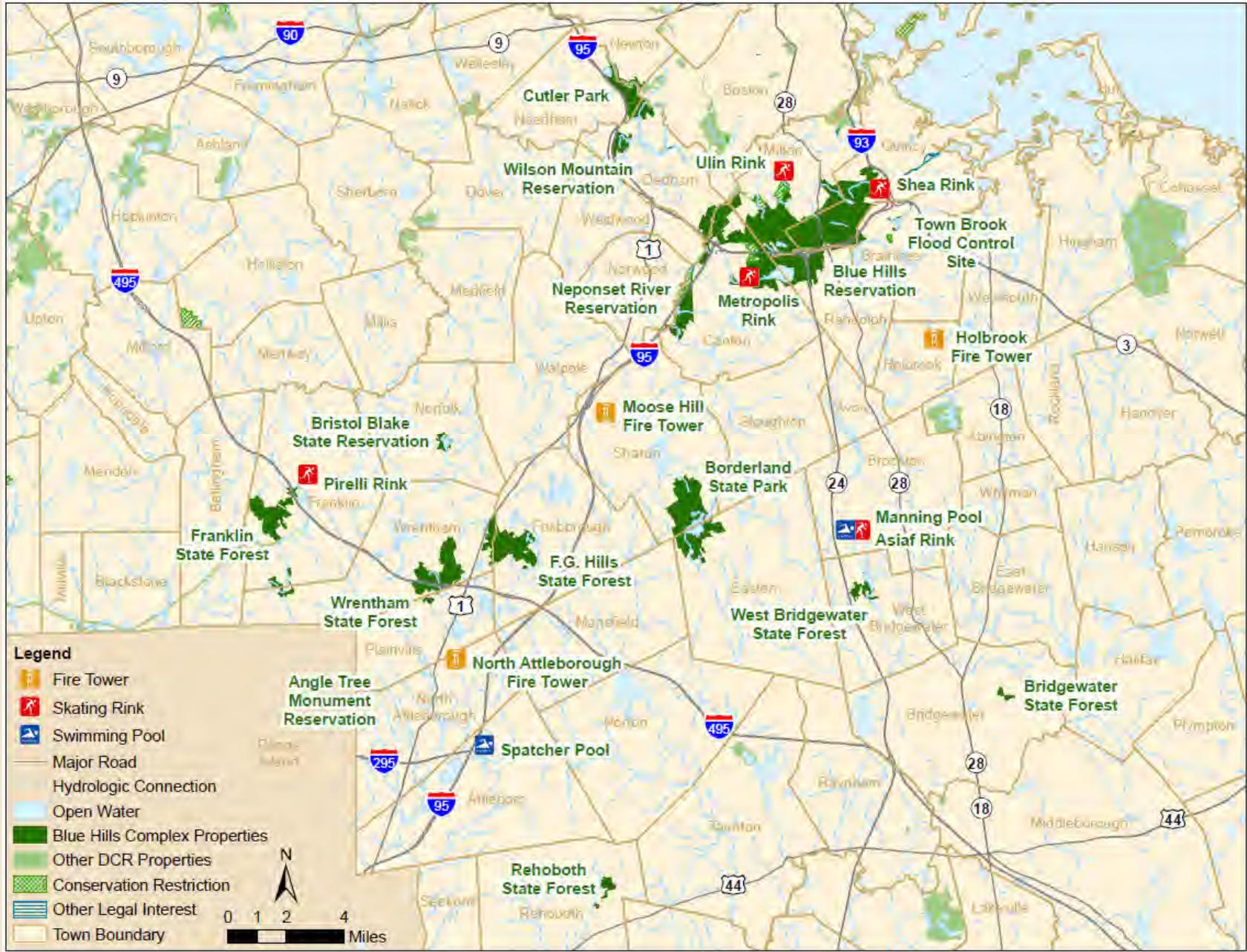


Management Complex

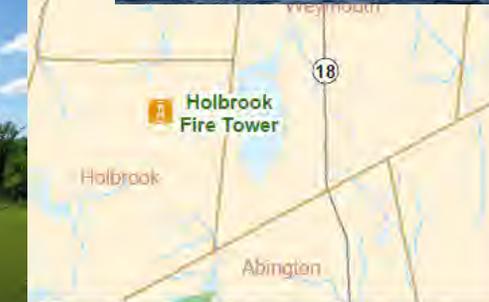
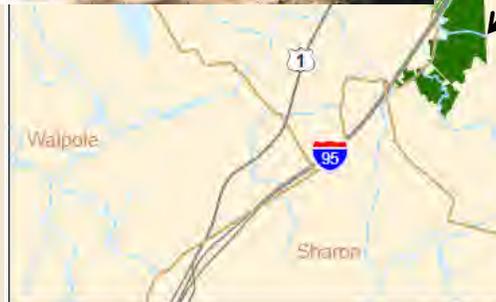
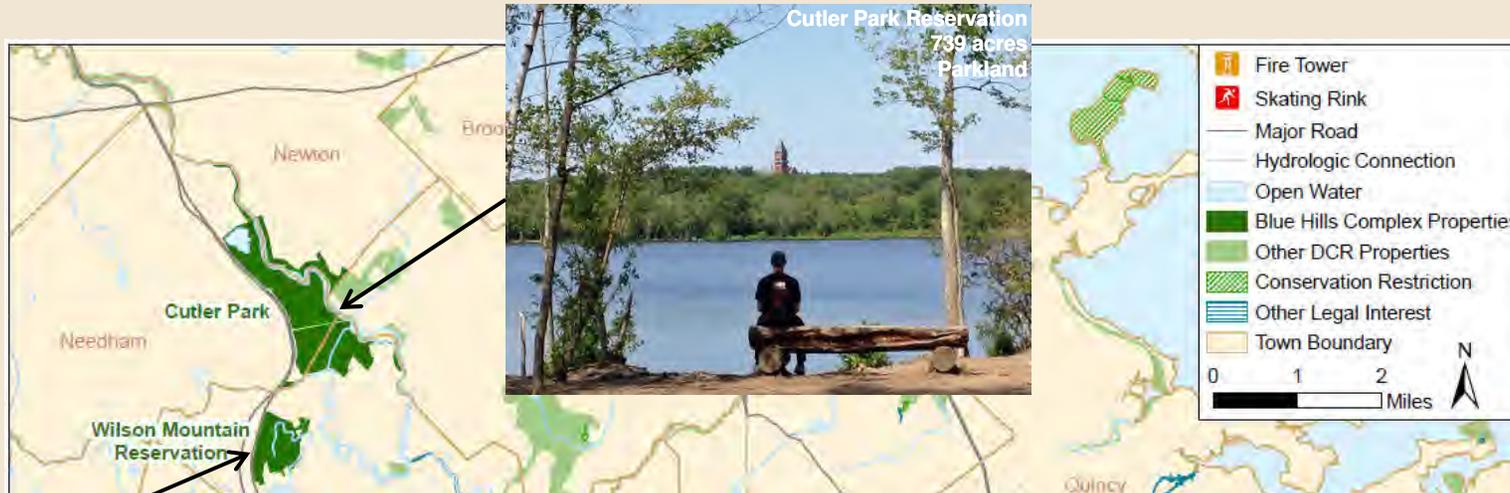


- DCR manages over 400 properties (more than 450,000 acres)
- Properties are grouped into 30 complexes, each managed by a Field Operations Team
- An RMP covers all properties in a complex

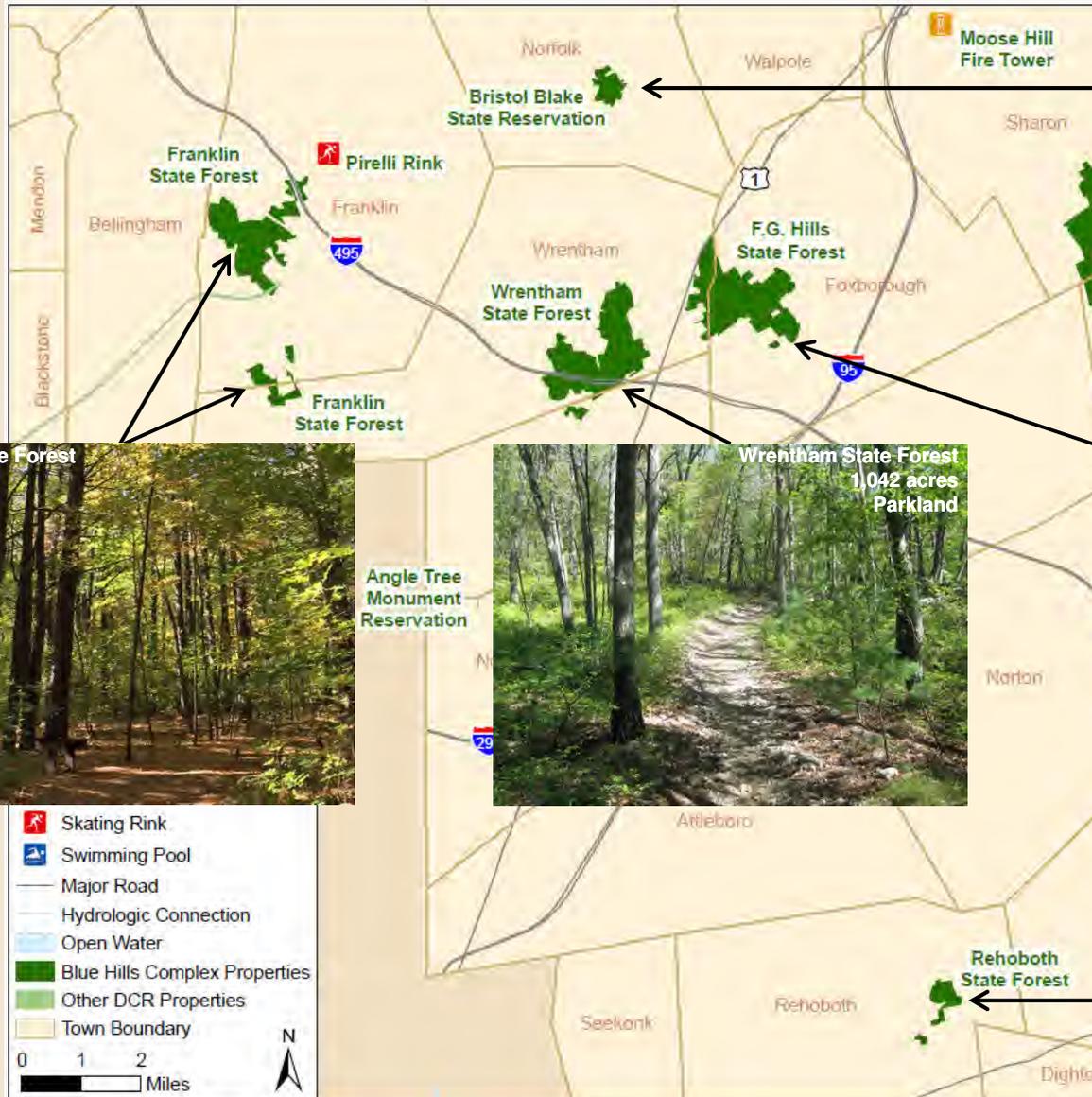
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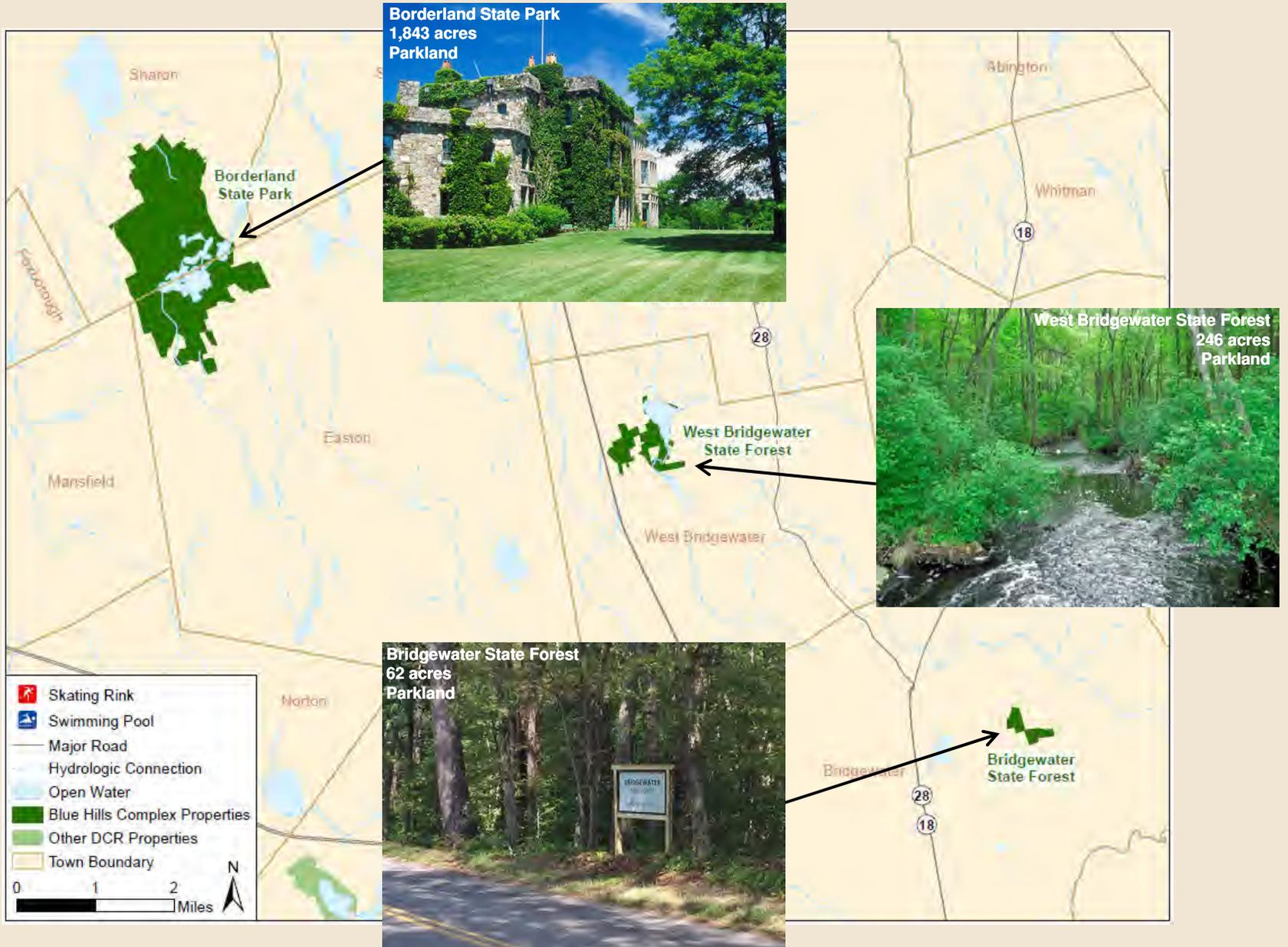
Blue Hills Reservation & Associated Properties



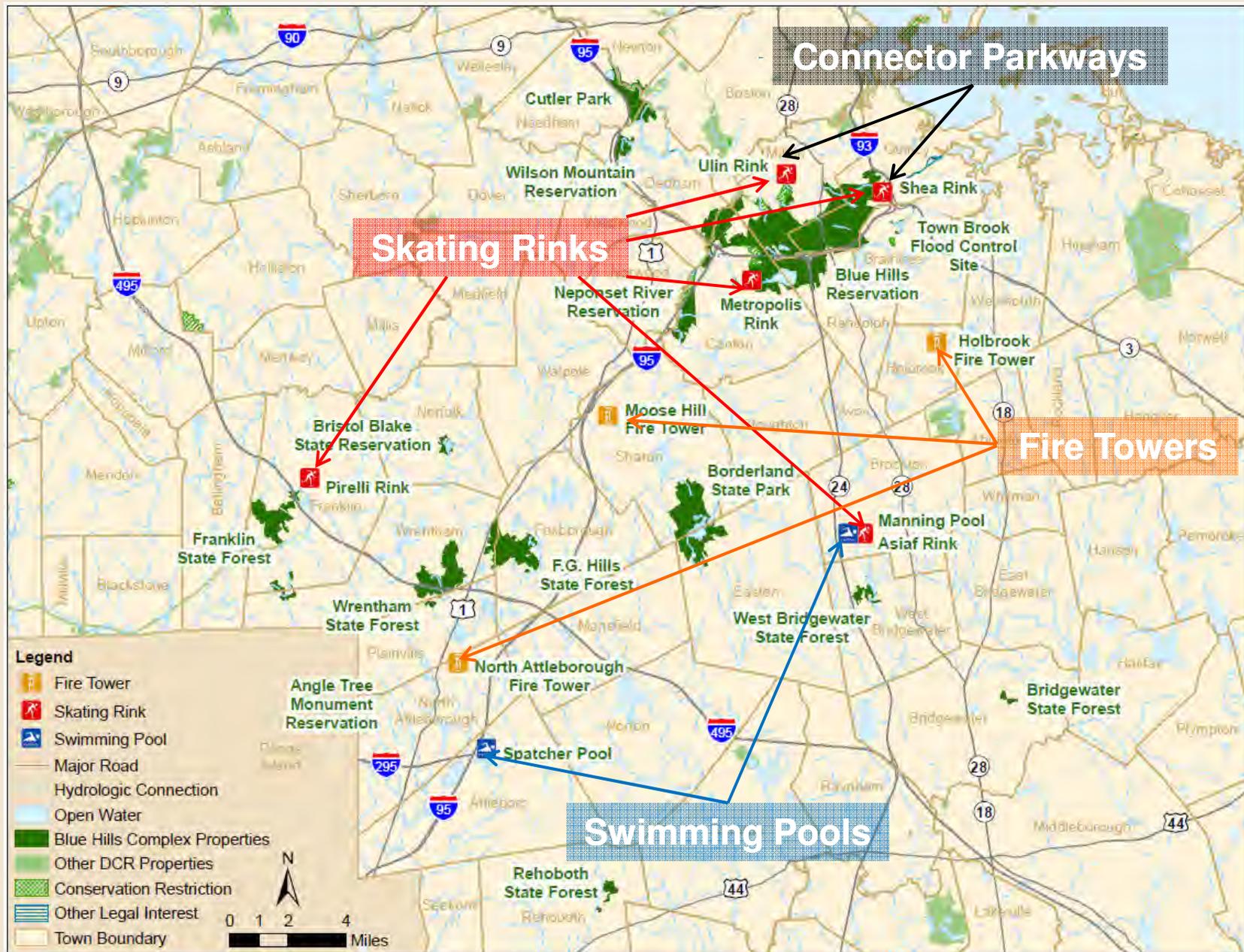
F. Gilbert Hills State Forest & Associated Properties



Borderland State Park & Associated Properties



Other DCR Properties & Resources





RMP Contents

Each chapter covers one main property and includes the following information:



- Natural Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Recreation Resources
- Infrastructure
- Interpretation
- Management Resources
- Management Practices
- Recommendations
 - Land Stewardship Zoning
 - Management Recommendations

Recommendations



OHV regulations sign – F. Gilbert Hills State Forest



Broderick Stable repair – Blue Hills Reservation

Recommendations must:

- “Ensure consistency between recreation, resource protection and sustainable forest management”
- Address one or more of the following:
 - Regulatory compliance or compliance with a legal agreement
 - Threats to the health and safety of park visitors and employees
 - Imminent loss of a natural, cultural, or recreation resource



Tentative Schedule

Date	Action
October 28, 2015	1 st Public meeting
October 29 – November 27	Public input period
November 2015 – Early Spring 2016	Plan preparation and internal review
Spring 2016	Revision of internal draft RMP
"	2 nd Public meeting & release of draft RMP
"	30-day public comment period
"	Revision of draft RMP
Spring/Summer 2016	Revised RMP submitted to Stewardship Council and posted to web
"	Stewardship Council vote
"	Final draft of RMP posted to web



Public Comment



- RMP format or process
- Natural Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Recreation Resources
- Interpretive Services
- Operations & Facility Management
- Information to contribute
- Other

Public Comment

General Guidelines

- Please wait to be recognized by the moderator
- Please state:
 - Name
 - Affiliation (if any), and
 - Name of property on which you are commenting
- To assist us, please make comments in the context of what resources or issues DCR should address during the Resource Management Planning process.



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Additional Information

For more information:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/>

If you have comments or suggestions:

Submit Online: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/submit-public-comments/>

Write: Department of Conservation and Recreation
Office of Public Outreach
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600
Boston, MA 02114

Deadline: Thursday, November 27, 2015

Note: Public comments submitted to DCR may be posted on the DCR website in their entirety.

If you have questions or concerns, or wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or project-specific listserv: contact DCR's Office of Community Relations at 617-626-4973 or Mass.Parks@state.ma.us.

Thank You for Participating



Cutler Park Reservation