

Beyond *BioMap2*: Key Sites

Setting State-wide Priorities for Land Protection & Habitat Management



Building on *BioMap2*: What are the highest priority sites remaining for conservation?



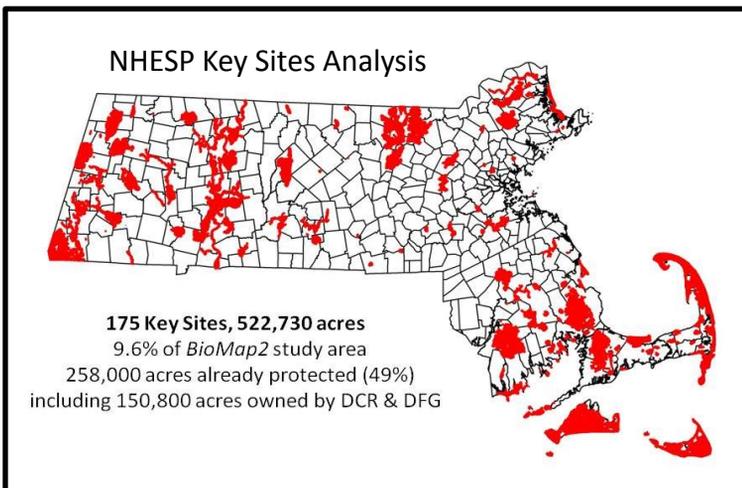
Rare Species “*Hotspots*” – many MESA-listed species

Best occurrences of highest priority species and natural communities

Most Diverse Forest Cores



- Some Key Sites stand out (e.g. Plymouth Barrens; Connecticut River System)
- Many need active restoration & management



Recommendations

Key Sites and Land Protection

- Prioritize Key Sites for Land Protection/Landowner Outreach
 - DFG already targets 54 Key Sites
- Parcel level analysis

Key Sites and Habitat Restoration: Protecting our investment in public land

- Dedicated funding for restoration projects on DFG & DCR lands
- Increased DFG/DCR partnership and coordination to manage our most important sites
- Building organizational capacity – dedicated staff & skills development

