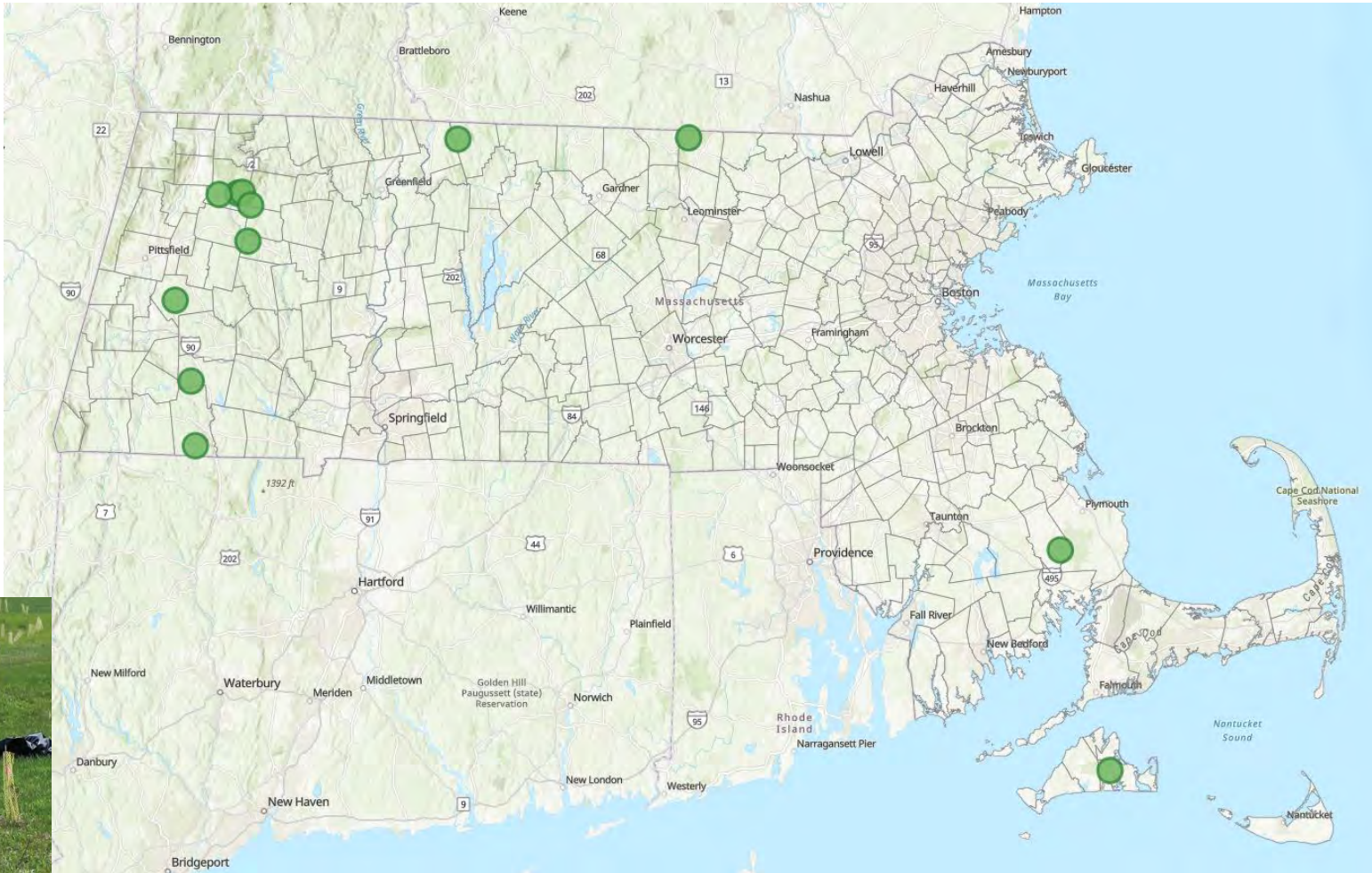




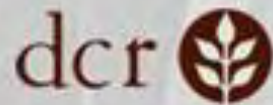
DCR Management Forestry Program

2022 Project Proposals



DCR Mission

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



MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION



Agenda



1) DCR Ecosystem Services Framework

- DCR Priority Attributes for Project Locations
- Forest Carbon & Climate Change
- Forest Diversity & Resilience
- Wildlife Habitat for Species of Greatest Conservation Need
- Recreation & Renewable Wood Products
 - Jobs & Rural Economy
 - How Much Wood Do We Use?

2) Massachusetts Major Forest Ecosystem Types

3) DCR Guidance Documents for Management

- 2020 DCR Forest Action Plan Goals
- MA Climate Change Adaptation, Wildlife Action Plan

4) DCR Forest Management Flow Chart

5) DCR 2022 Forest Management Proposal Priority Attributes

- Project Sites
- Ecosystem Services at Priority Sites

6) U.S. Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant

7) Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science (NIACS)

- Climate Adaptation Workbook
- Climate Response Framework

8) DCR 2022 Forest Management Proposal Highlights

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/forest-management-projects#-forest-management-projects-proposed-2022->

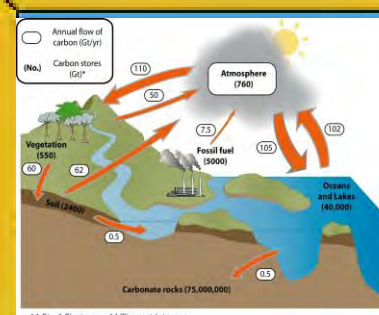
DCR Management Forestry Program stewardship activities are set within an Ecosystem Services framework that recognizes and values a diversity of forest benefits to the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**M. G. L. Chapter 132, Section 40
(enacted 1943 and revised 1983):**

“It is hereby declared that the public welfare requires the rehabilitation, maintenance, and protection of forest lands for the purpose of conserving water, preventing floods and soil erosion, improving the conditions for wildlife and recreation, protecting and improving air and water quality, and providing a continuing and increasing supply of forest products for public consumption, farm use, and for the wood-using industries of the commonwealth.”



Clean Water



Climate Change Resiliency



Spiritual Well Being



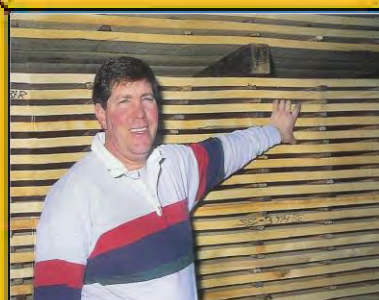
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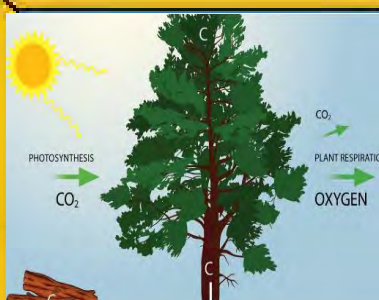
Ecosystem Services



Wildlife Habitat



Forest Products



Clean Air



Jobs/Rural Economy

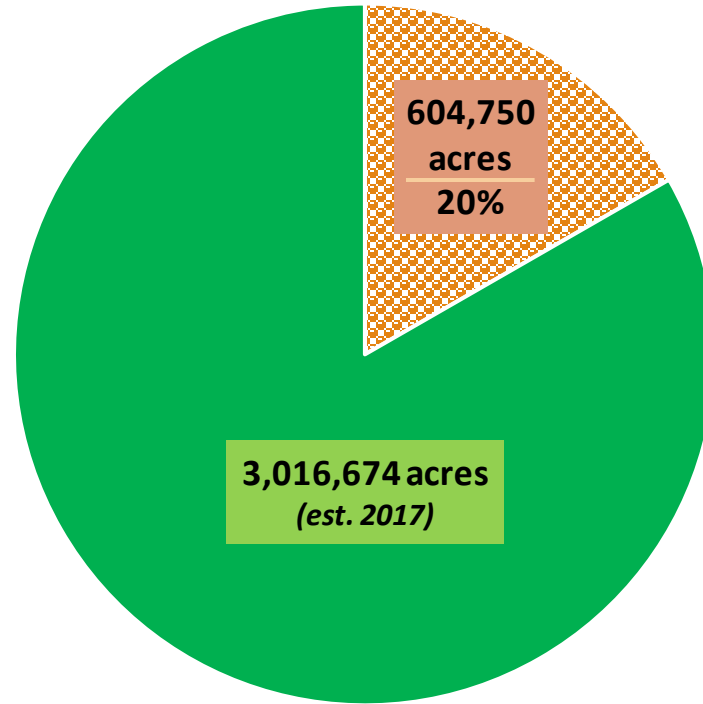
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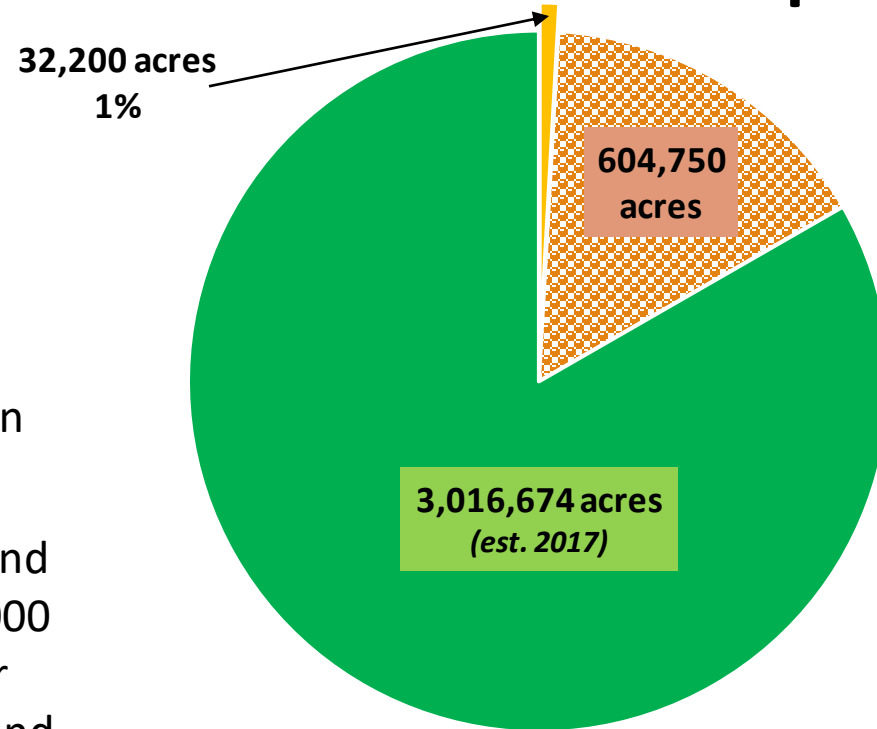
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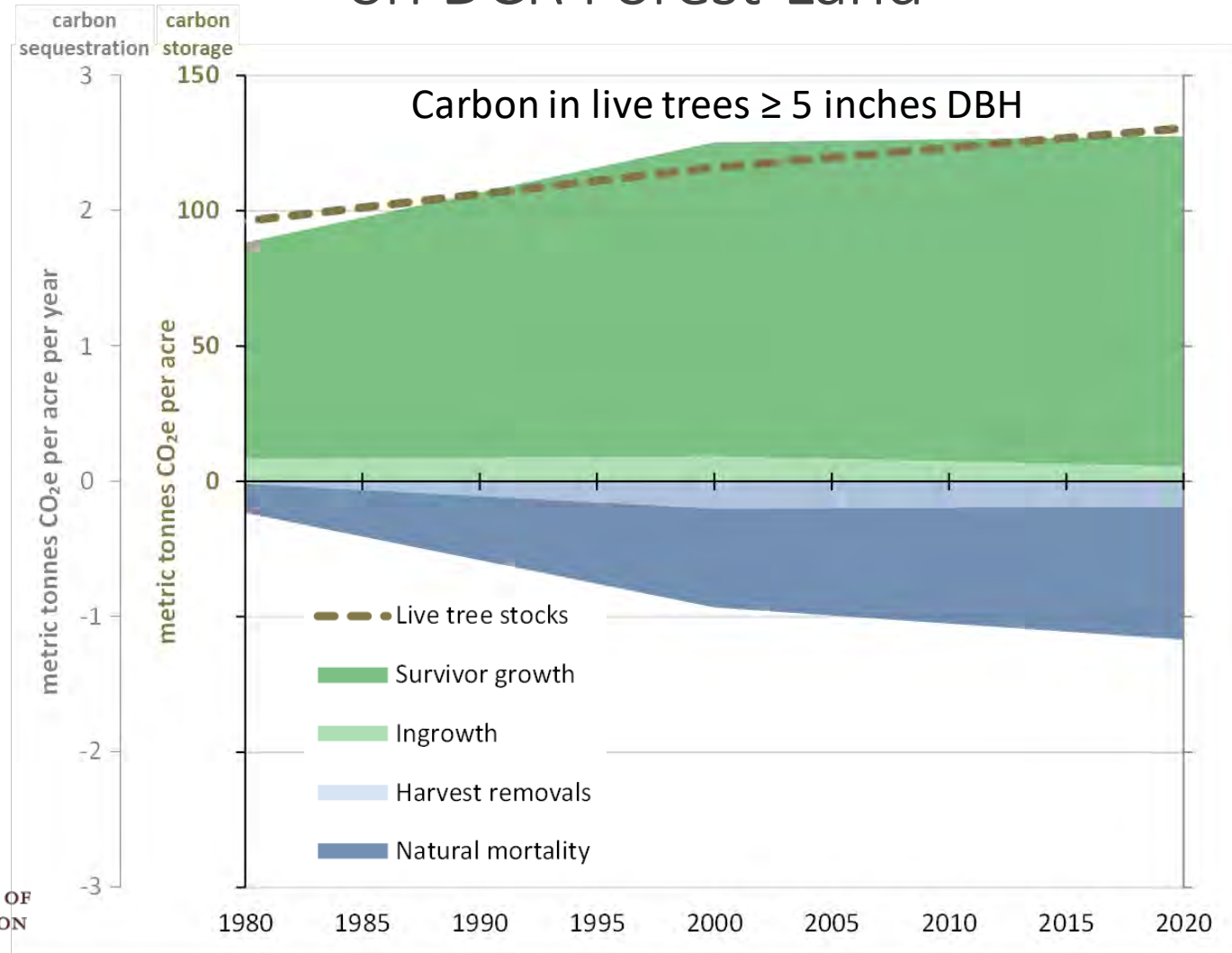
■ Total forest land in MA

Average annual wood product harvest area on Massachusetts forest land under management is about 32,200 acres (about 1% of all MA forest land).



Carbon Storage and Sequestration on DCR Forest Land

DCR uses CFI data
to create models
and algorithms that
allow for apples-to-
apples comparisons
to U.S. Forest
Service nationwide
FIA data



Range of Carbon Storage on DCR Lands

carbon sequestration: net growth all live trees $\geq 5"$ dbh, pounds of carbon per acre per year
area by class of sequestration/net growth

Highest-performing stands



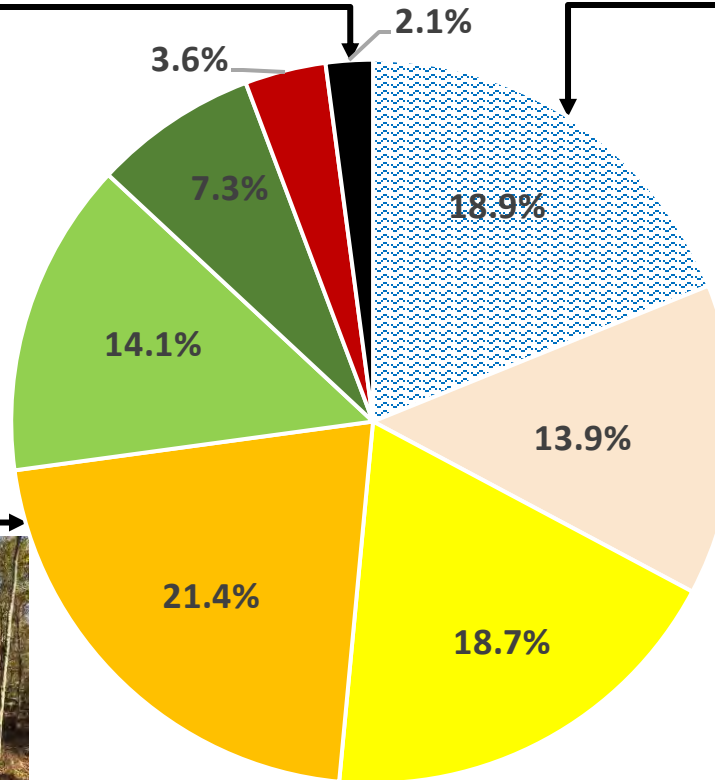
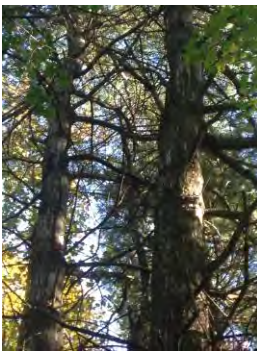
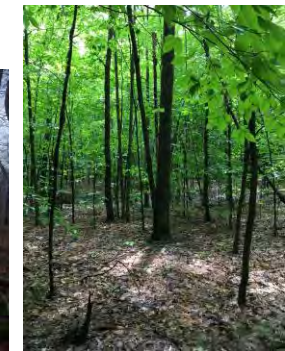
Negative net growth



Average stands



Underperforming stands



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Priority Attributes for DCR Project Locations

Climate Resiliency

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 - Spruce/Fir
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Habitat/Biodiversity

- Invasive Exotic Insect Infestations
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Massachusetts Forestlands

***Massachusetts 60% Forested
8th most forested state in the
Union.***

Pop 6.873 million (2020US Census data)

Forested Acres **2,984,347**

Private Forestland **1,911,815**

Public Forestland **1,072,532**

No. of Private Landowners = 293,000

US Forest Service Statistics

***DCR Management Forestry Program
has stewardship responsibilities on
326,313 acres.***

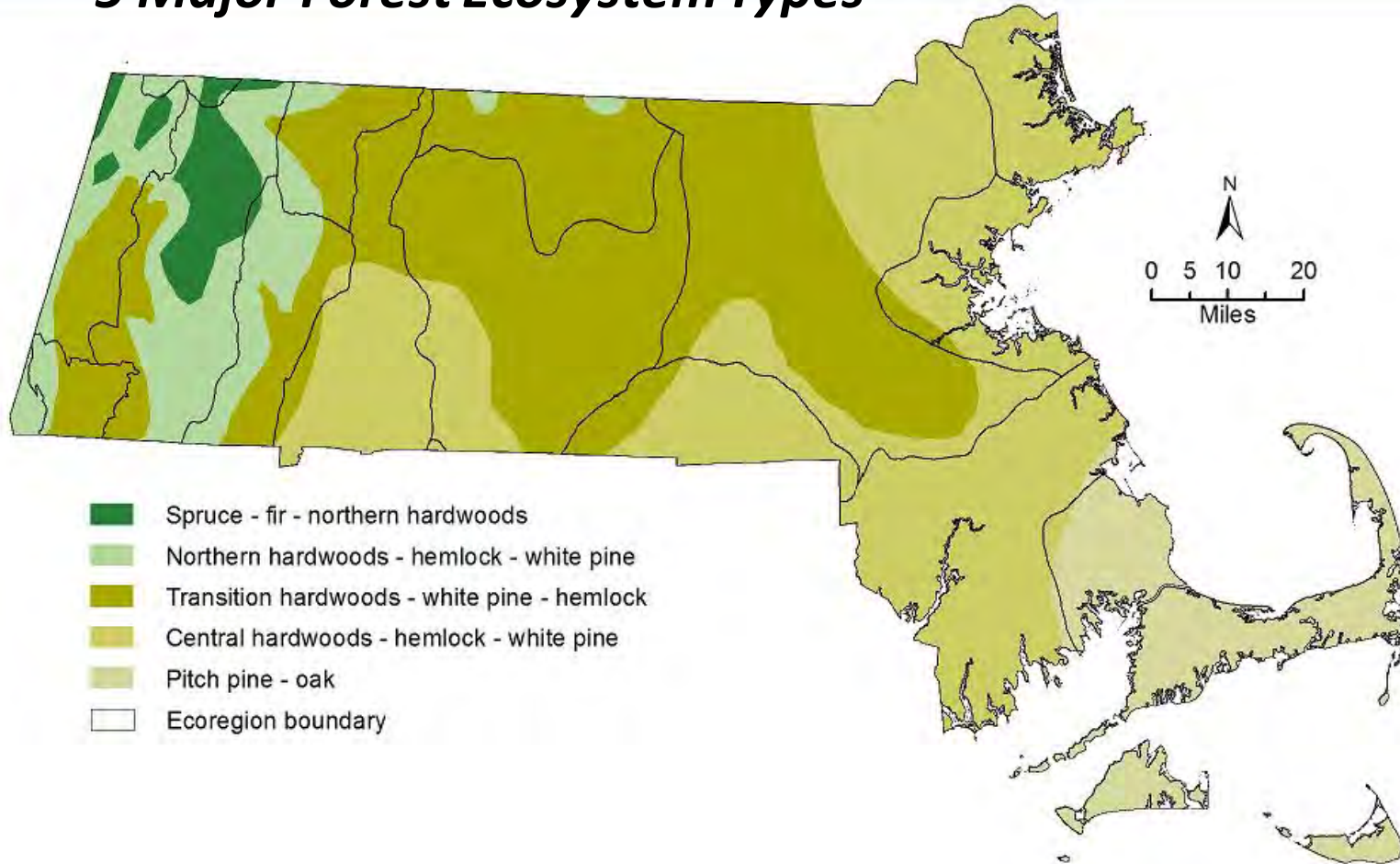
Landscape Designations

35% Reserves

25% Parklands

40% Woodlands

5 Major Forest Ecosystem Types



DCR Management Forestry Program

Manage — For a range of ecosystem services in a manner that promotes forest health: a condition of well-being that allows state forestlands to resist, respond to, and recover from stress that comes from invasive insect pests, invasive plants, and both drought and severe storms brought on by climate change. A healthy forest contains a diversity of native plant species, a range of tree sizes and ages, and intact nutrient, water, and energy flow.

Monitor — Assess plant communities at management sites (including invasive and state-listed plants) and operate the statewide Continuous Forest Inventory (CFI) Program.

Maintain — **±4,681** Miles of Forest Boundaries and Mitigate Illegal Trail Damage

Assist - DCR Park Operations, DCR Land Acquisition Program, DCR Forest Health Program.



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Guiding Internal Documents

- **DCR State Forest Action Plan**
<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-forest-action-plan>
- **DCR Landscape Designations**
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/landscape-designations/download>
- **DCR Resource Management Plans (RMPs)**
<https://www.mass.gov/lists/resource-management-plans>
- **DCR Forest Resource Management Plans (FRMP's)**
<https://www.mass.gov/guides/forest-resource-management-plans-on-state-lands>

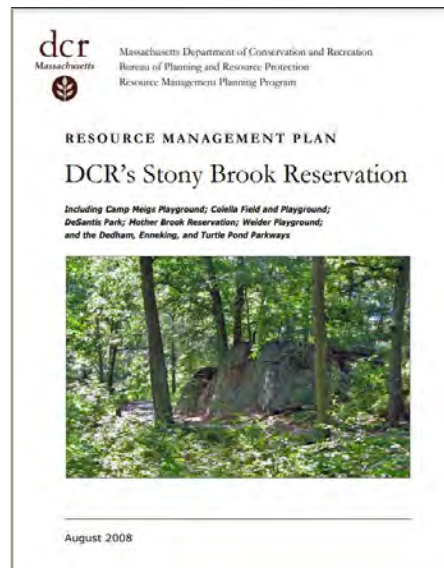


Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

Landscape Designations for DCR Parks & Forests: Selection Criteria and Management Guidelines



March 2012



Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of State Parks and Recreation

Northern Berkshire District Draft Forest Resource Management Plan

November 4, 2008

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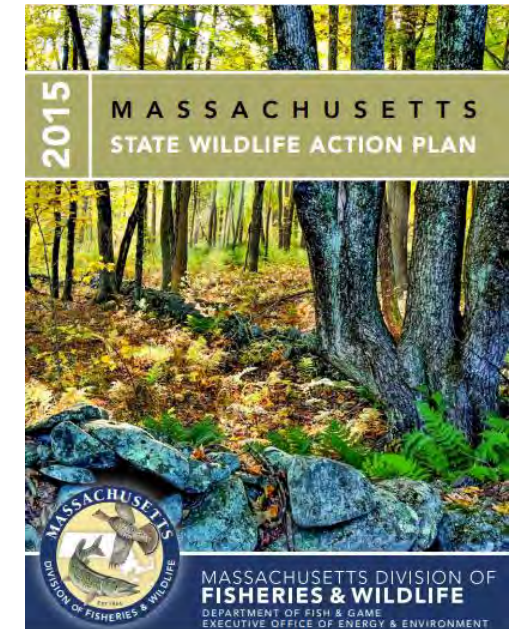
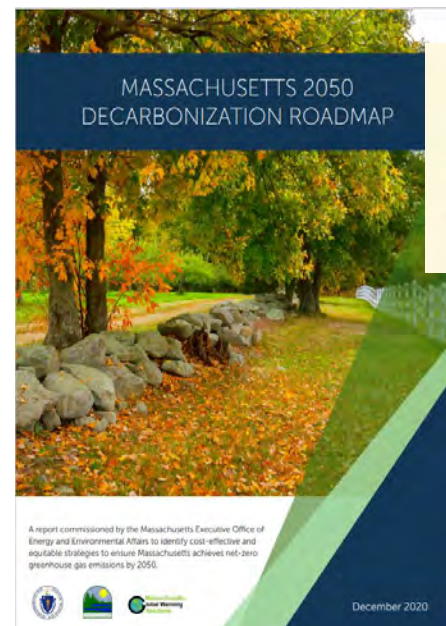
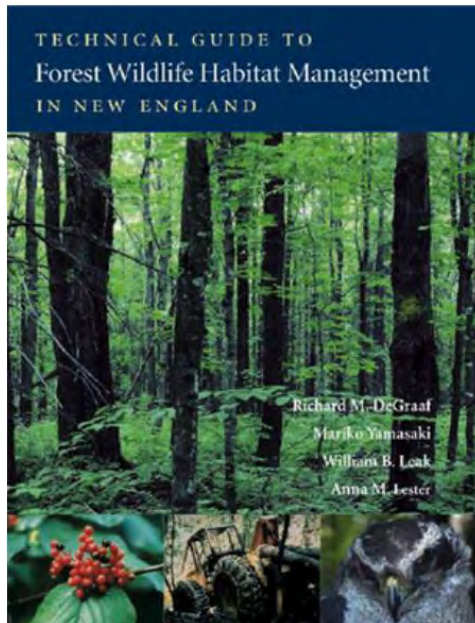
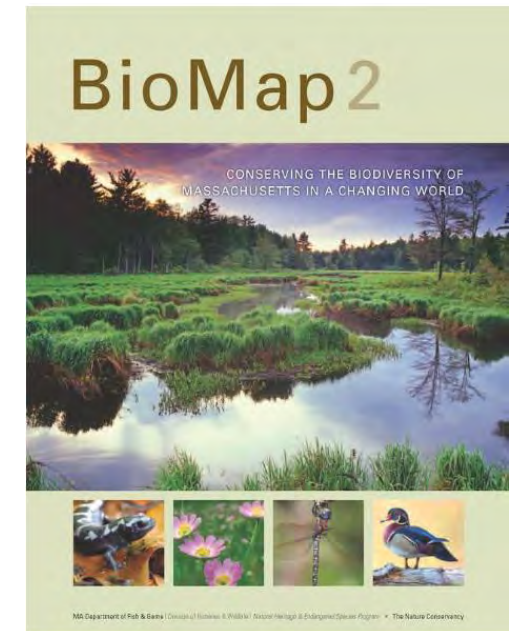
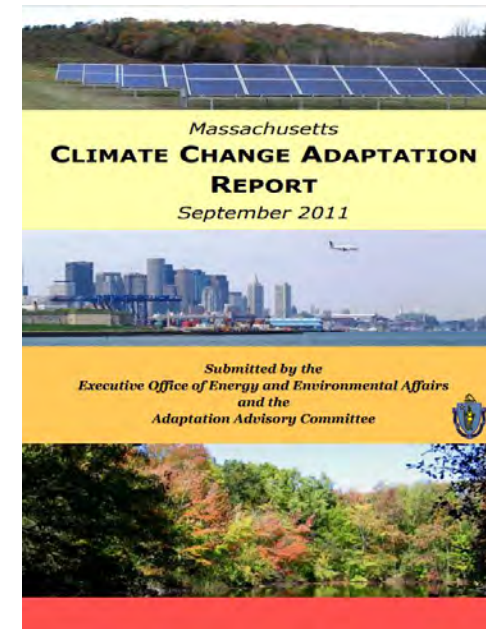
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Approved By:
Richard Cross, DCR Stewardship Council Chair
Richard K. Sullivan, Jr., DCR Commissioner

Northern Berkshire District Forest Resource Management Plan

Guiding External Documents

- Massachusetts Climate Change Adaptation Report
- Massachusetts 2050 Decarbonization RoadMap
- Massachusetts State Wildlife Action Plan
- Massachusetts State of the Birds Report
- Bio Map 2
- Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science
- USFS Forest Wildlife Habitat Management in New England.



The 2020 Forest Action Plan goals for Massachusetts forests are:

- Goal 1: Increase resistance and resilience of trees and forests to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change
- Goal 2: Manage forest ecosystem health and biodiversity
- *Goal 3: Support and enhance forest economy*
- Goal 4: Maintain and increase urban tree canopy
- *Goal 5: Enhance the connection between forests and people*
- Goal 6: Increase land base of conserved forests (keep forests as forests)
- Goal 7: Advocate for a legal and institutional framework pertinent to the conservation and management of trees and forests
- *Goal 8: Maintain and enhance soil, water, and air resources*
- *Goal 9: Support the role and use of prescribed fire in the landscape*
- *Goal 10: Cultivate and support partnerships with forestry and conservation stakeholders*

Prioritization of Goals for 2022 DCR Forest Management Proposals

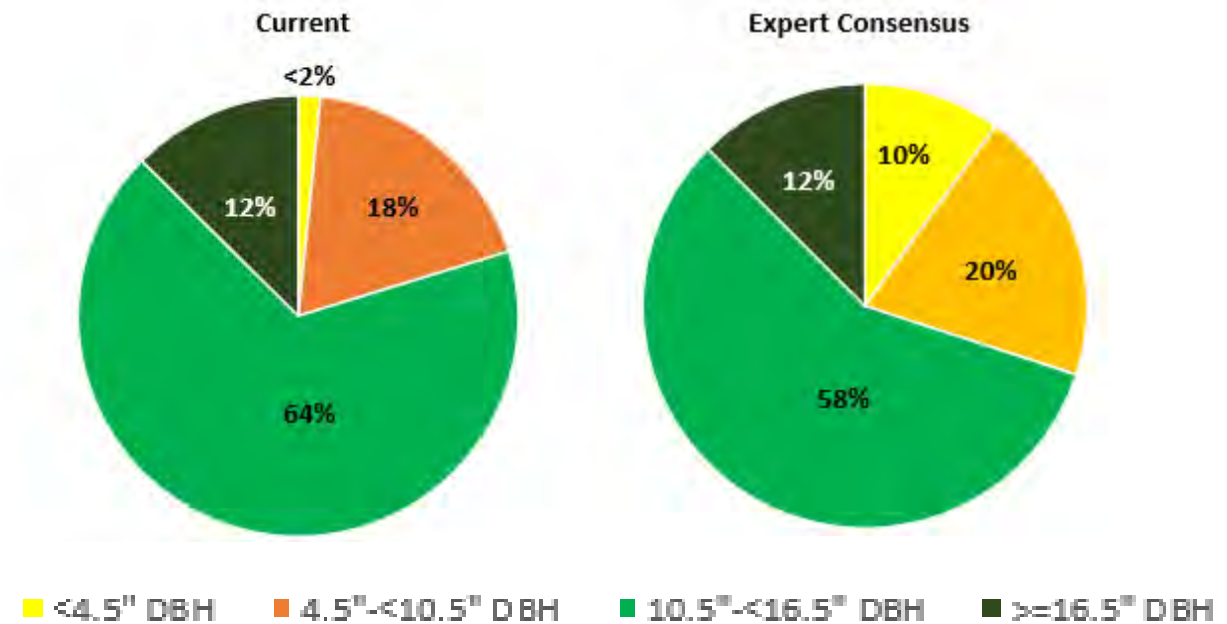
Goal 1: Increase resistance and resilience of trees and forests to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change.

- Diversify forest stage class structure and species composition on the landscape for resiliency.
- Improve forest ecosystem carbon sequestration rates via forest thinning.
- Increase long term carbon storage in both live trees and renewable wood products.

Goal 2: Manage forest ecosystem health and biodiversity

- Diversify forest stage class structure and interspersion across the landscape.
- Increase amount of young forested habitat and improve conditions to increase pioneer plant and tree species populations.
- Increase structural complexity and other late-successional characteristics through retention of snags and large coarse woody debris.

DCR Forest Stage Class Distribution



Ecosystem Conservation Based on Natural Disturbance Processes

Pre-Contact Forest Disturbance Processes

Severe Windstorms, Ice Storms, Insect Damage across many forestlands

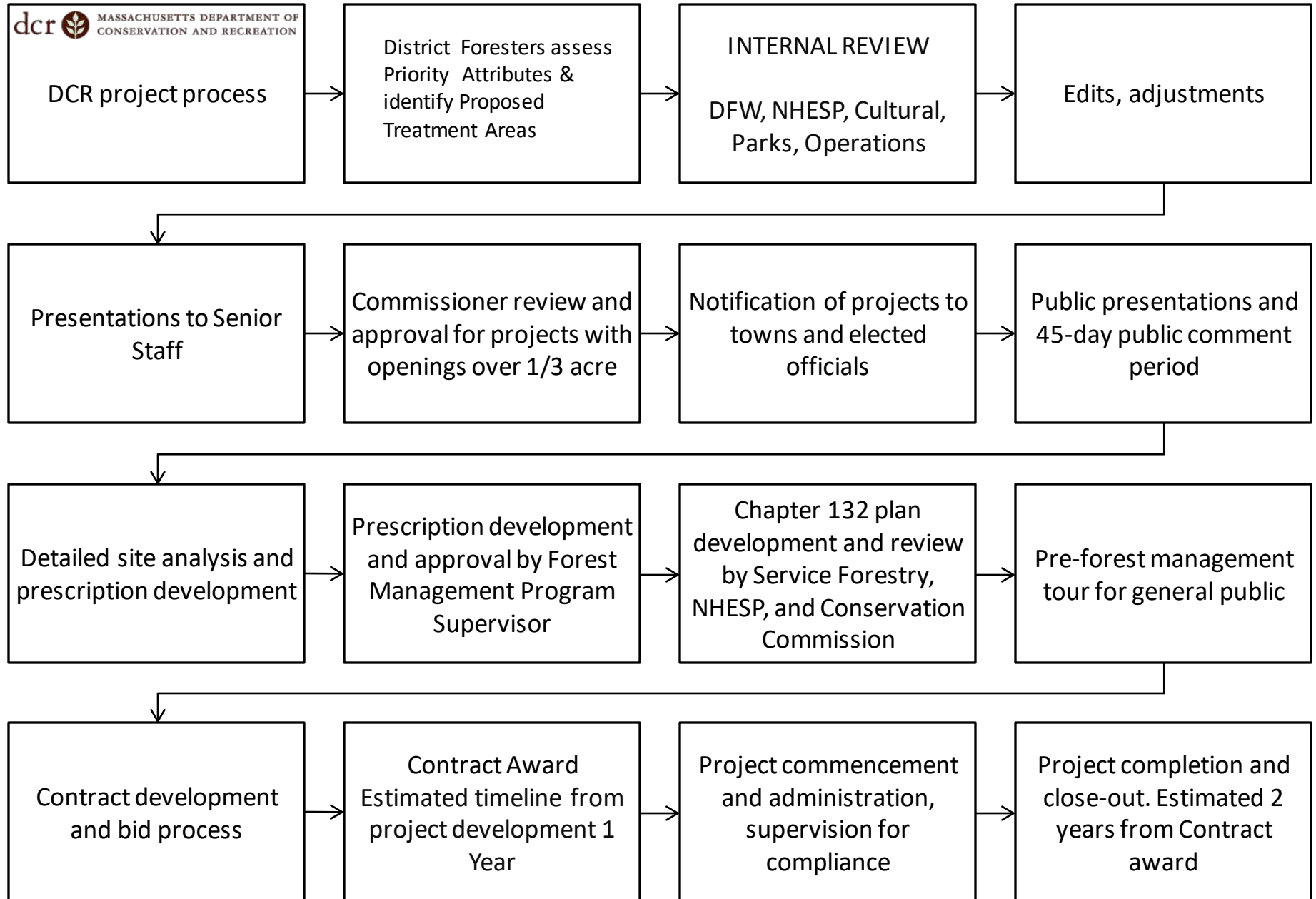
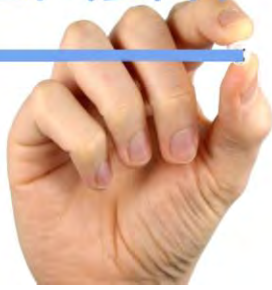
Wildfires & Planned Fires by Indigenous People on Driest Sites

Ubiquitous Beaver Flooding along all streams of moderate slope

Flooding & Ice Scouring Along Rivers



PROJECT MANAGEMENT



Timeline:

*Project Development to
Contract Award 1 year*

*Contract award to
Project completion
1 to 2 years*

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2022 DCR Proposed Project Sites

	District	Town	Area
Savoy Mountain SF – Climate Resiliency Project	1 – Northern Berkshires	Savoy	629 (over 3 years)
Dubuque SF – Transfer Station	4 – Western CT Valley	Savoy	102
Dubuque SF – Scott Road	4 – Western CT Valley	Savoy	±175
Bryant Mountain – Berkshire Snow Basin	2 – Central Berkshires	Cummington	234
October Mountain SF – Ant Lot	2 – Central Berkshires	Washington	447
Sandisfield SF – Hyde Karlson Lot	3 – Southern Berkshires	Sandisfield	234
Otis SF – Geisler Swamp Project	3 – Southern Berkshires	Otis	88
Warwick SF – Bass Road West Project	5 – Eastern CT Valley	Warwick	123
Myles Standish SF – Settler's Green Fuels Reduction	8 – Southeast	Carver	17
Manuel Correllus SF – Plantation Mitigation/Barrens Restoration	8 – Southeast	Edgartown	175
Townsend SF – Old Turnpike Road Project	7 – Northeast	Townsend	112

Ecosystem Services at 2022 DCR Priority Sites

	Climate Resiliency	Habitat/ Biodiversity	Forest Products	Recreation	Rural Economy	Clean Air	Clean Water
Savoy Mountain SF – Climate Resiliency Project	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dubuque SF – Transfer Station	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dubuque SF – Scott Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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US Forest Service

Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant

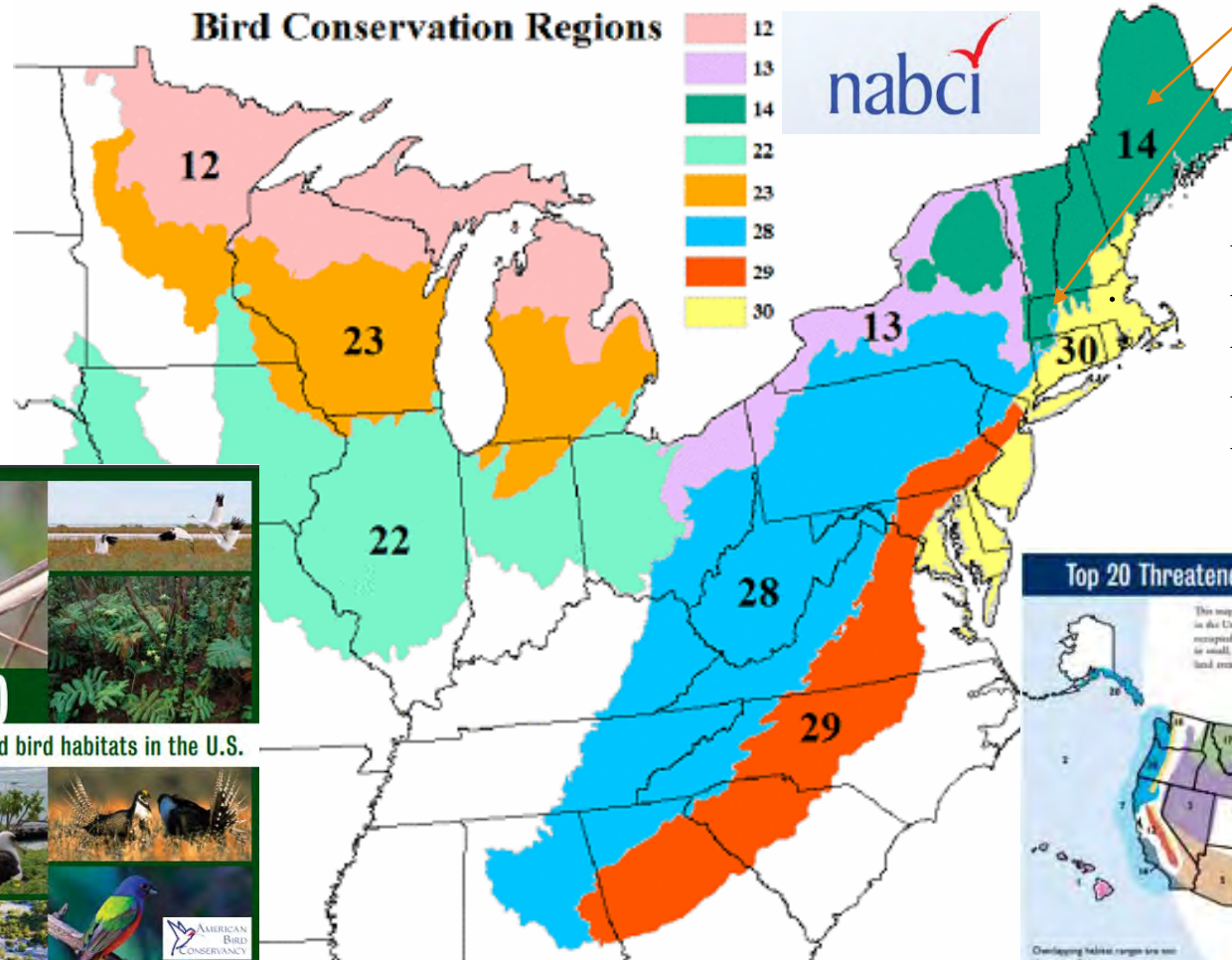
Program Purpose:

**“To encourage collaborative,
science-based restoration
of priority rural forest landscapes.”**

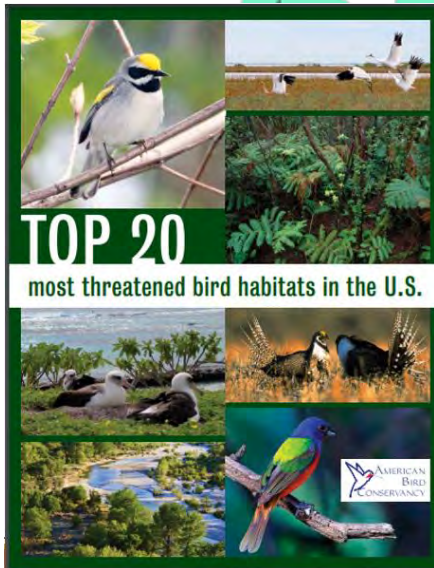


Developing Focal Areas in Mass for the LSR Initiative

North American Bird Conservancy Initiative BCR 14: Atlantic Northern Forests



- Area easily definable.
- Area with high concentration of conservation land.
- Area where conservation success can be measured.
- Area with rural communities.
- Areas with threatened habitats.



LSR Initial Focal Areas



DCR Projects Within the LSR Grant Area





NORTHERN INSTITUTE OF APPLIED CLIMATE SCIENCE & ADAPTATION WORKBOOK

NORTHERN INSTITUTE OF APPLIED CLIMATE SCIENCE (NIACS)



- Part of the Climate Response Framework: A collaborative, cross-boundary approach among scientists, managers, and landowners to incorporate climate change considerations into natural resource management.

Charter Members



Michigan Tech



Additional Members

Federal Partners

Tribal Partners

Municipal Partners

State Agency Partners

Private & Non-Profit Partners



PARTNERS

From 7 Charter Members to Over 130 Partners

TRIBAL

1854 Treaty Authority
Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
Bay Mills Indian Community
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Forest County Potawatomi Community
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa
Mashantucket Pequot Tribe
Menominee Tribal Enterprises
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Red Lake Nation
Saginaw Chippewa Tribe
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
Sault St. Marie Tribe of Lake Superior Chippewa
Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians
Sokaogon Chippewa Community

FEDERAL

Bureau of Indian Affairs

National Park Service:

Climate Change Response Program
National Parks and Units: Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Sleeping Bear Dunes
National Lakeshore, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, Ozark
National Scenic Riverways, Mississippi River National Recreation Area

Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center

Natural Resources Conservation Service

USDA Forest Service:

Eastern Region
National Forests: Allegheny, Chequamegon-Nicolet, Chippewa, Green Mountain-
Finger Lakes, Hiawatha, Hoosier, Huron-Manistee, Mark Twain, Monongahela,
Ottawa, Shawnee, Superior, Wayne, White Mountain, Midewin National Tallgrass
Prairie
Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry
Northern Research Station

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

Wildlife Refuges: Crab Orchard, Big Oaks, and National Tallgrass Prairie, Patoka
River, and Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuges

U.S. Geological Survey



PARTNERS

State Natural Resource Agencies:

Connecticut
Delaware
Illinois
Massachusetts
Maine
Maryland
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
New Jersey
New Hampshire
New York
Ohio
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Vermont
Wisconsin
West Virginia

Counties:

Illinois: Cook, Kane, Lake
Minnesota: Carlton, Hennepin, Lake,
St. Louis, Washington
Wisconsin: Bayfield, Florence

Municipal/Regional Organizations:

Boston Metropolitan Area Planning
Commission
City of Cambridge, MA
Twin Cities Metropolitan Council
Providence Water

Private and Non-Profit

Aldo Leopold Foundation
American Bird Conservancy
American Forests
American Forest Foundation
Chicago Botanic Garden
Ducks Unlimited
The Field Museum
The Forest Stewards Guild
Heart of the Lakes
Holden Arboretum
LAD Foundation
Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership (LEAP)
Longwood Gardens
Manomet
Massachusetts Audubon
Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory
Committee
Mississippi Park Connection
Missouri Botanical Garden
The Morton Arboretum
New England Forestry Foundation
The Nature Conservancy
Rajala Companies
Renewable Resource Solutions
Trout Unlimited
Trust for Public Land
The Trustee of Reservations
Vermont Land Trust
The Wildlife Conservation Society



PARTNERS

Institutes and Cooperatives

Boston Metro Mayors Coalition

Center for Land Use and Sustainability
Central Hardwoods Joint Venture
Chicago Region Trees Initiative
Chicago Wilderness
Cloquet Forestry Center
Center for First American Forestlands
Collaborative Oak Management in Ohio's
Appalachian Forests
Delaware River Basin Project
Illinois Natural History Survey

Massachusetts Woodlands Institute

Michigan Climate Coalition
Minnesota Forest Resources Council
Minnesota Forest Resources Partnership
Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Council
Pinchot Institute

Rhode Island Woodland Partnership

Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park
Superior Watershed Partnership
Sustainable Forests Education Cooperative
Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change
Impacts

Colleges and Universities

College of Menominee Nation

Cornell University

DePaul University
Delaware State University
George Washington University
Indiana University
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Office of Sustainability**

Michigan Technological University
Michigan State University
Northland College
Ohio State University
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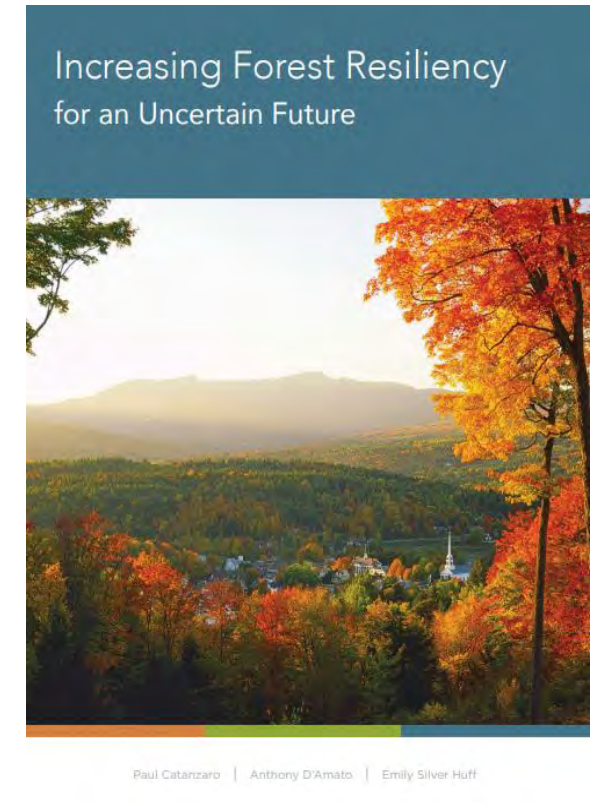
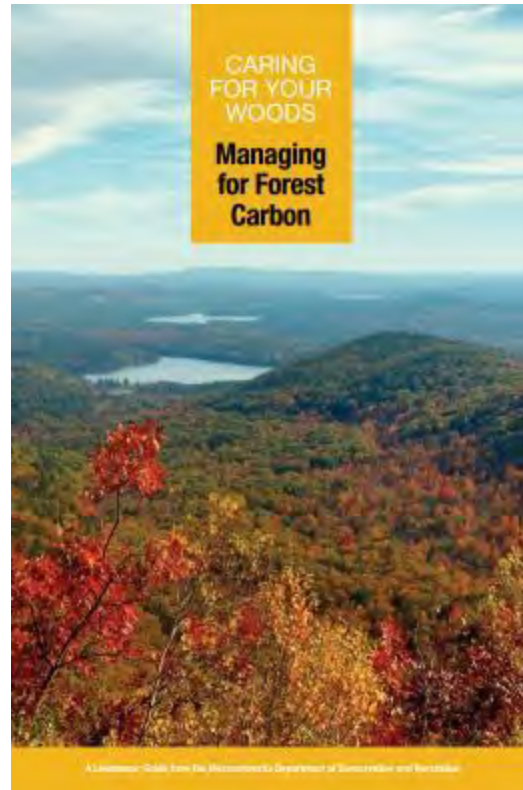
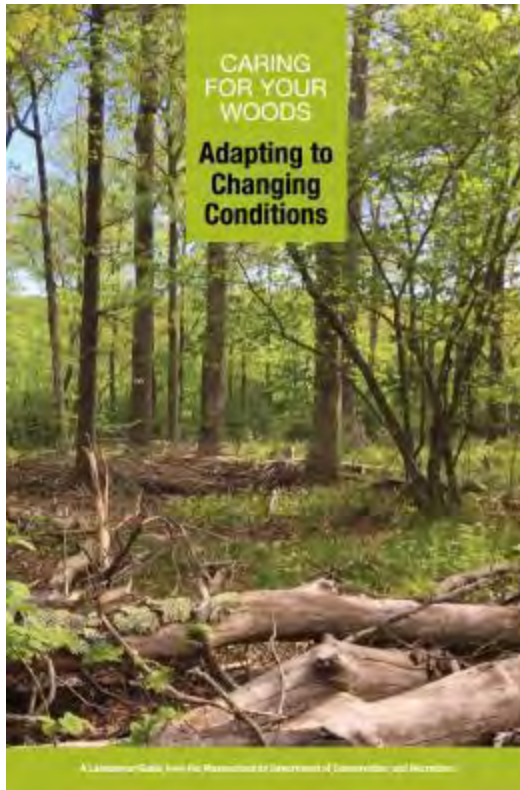
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Columbia
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University of New Hampshire

University of Rhode Island
University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin-
Madison
Western Illinois University
West Virginia University



Examples of Publications and Work with the Commonwealth





ADAPTATION WORKBOOK

- **Management Forestry - Forest Resiliency Demonstration Projects:**
 - Protecting Riparian Zones with a Focus on Stream Crossings
 - Sykes Mountain Timber Harvest
 - Bristol Lot Timber Sale
 - Tannery Road Timber Sale
- **Management Forestry- Forest Resilience w/ Carbon Focus Demonstration Projects:**
 - Savoy Mountain State Forest Landscape Resiliency Project

District 1 – North Berkshire District

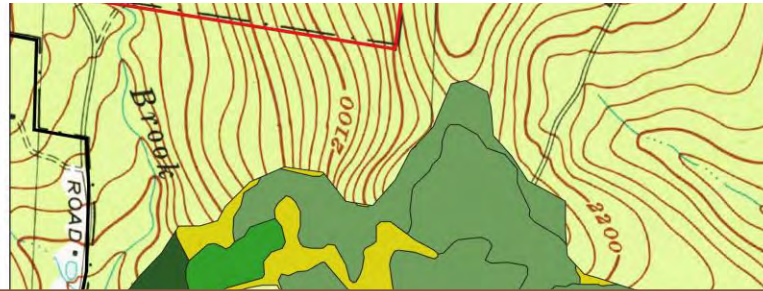
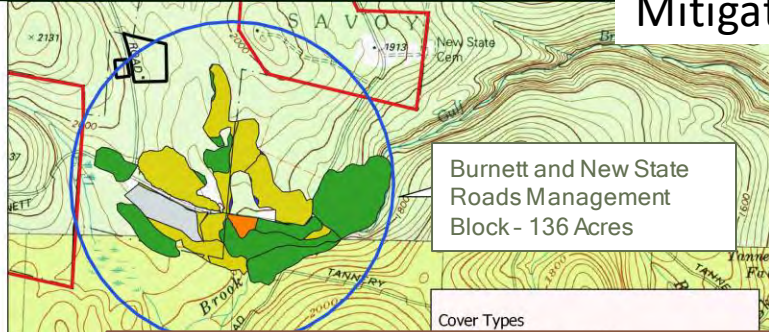
Savoy/Windsor State Forests - 629 Acres

Forest Ecosystems: Spruce Fir- Northern Hardwoods
Northern Hardwood-Hemlock-White Pine

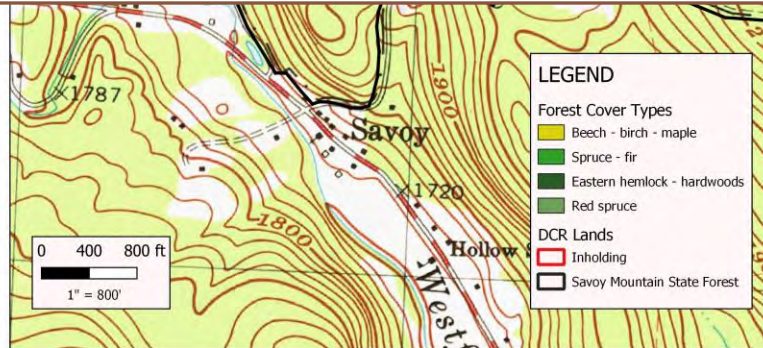
Climate Change

Resilience: Diversify Forest Stage Class Structure
Assisted Migration - Plantings
Mitigation: Improving Sequestration

SWAP Species



<https://forestadaptation.org/adapt/demonstration-projects/massachusetts-department-conservation-and-recreation-savoy-mountain>





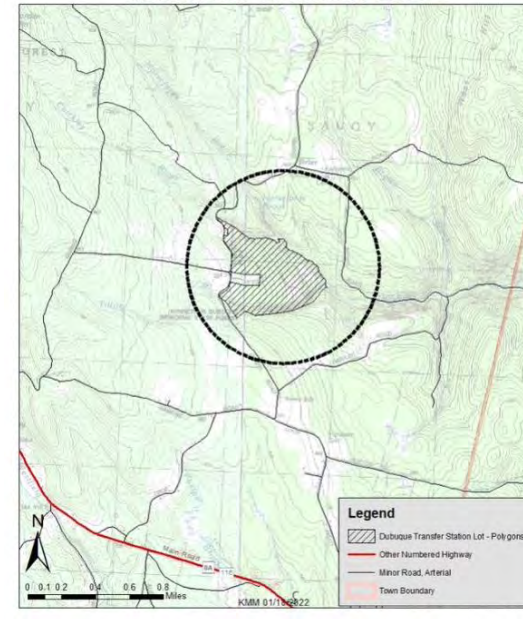
Young Forest SWAP Species

D4 Western CT Valley District Savoy



Climate Change:
Resilience: Diversify Forest Stage Class Structure;
Maintain Sugar Maple in Ecosystem

Dubuque State Forest Transfer Station Lot



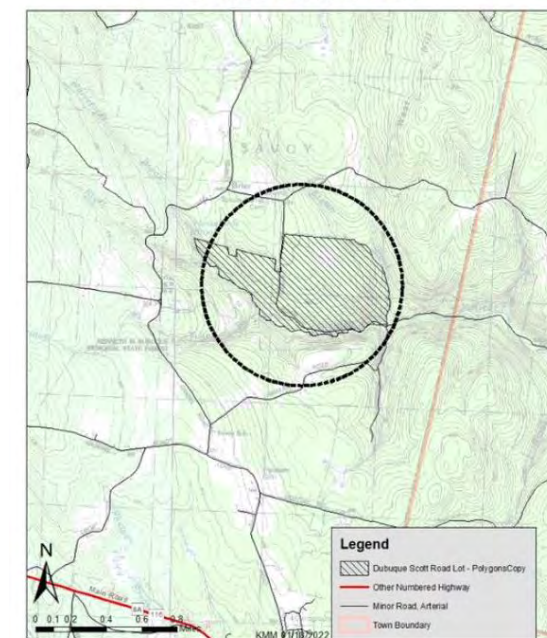
Scott Road 175 acres
Forest Ecosystem: Northern
Hardwoods, Hemlock,
White Pine

Group Selection
Thinning
Aspen/Old field habitat
With Soft Mast Retention
and Regeneration

Health/Invasives

Emerald Ash Borer
Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
Barberry
MF Rose
Honeysuckle
Ice & Wind events

Dubuque State Forest Scott Road Lot



Unique Focus Savoy and Dubuque Forest Management Projects

Increase soft mast
And pollinator habitat

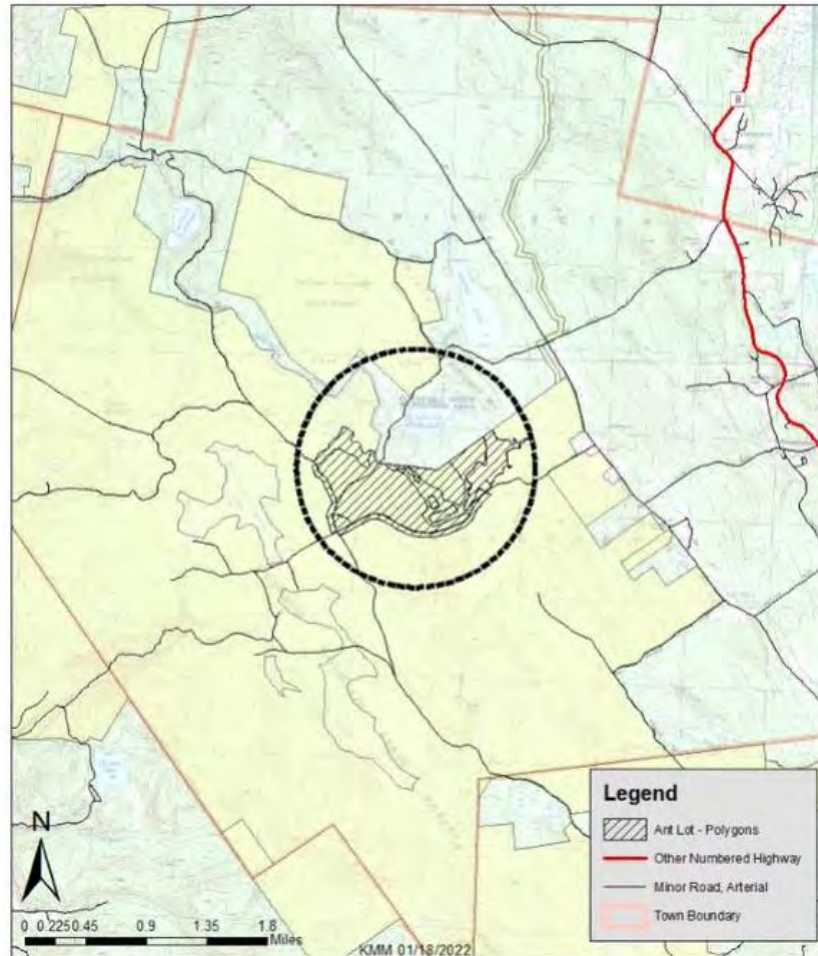
The distinction between young-forest habitat dominated by late-successional species and shrublands dominated by pioneer species has received little attention from researchers but may prove to be a key consideration in regional conservation planning (Askins 2001).

Aspen Regeneration (Higher Quality Young Forest Project)
Quicker regeneration and maturity rates

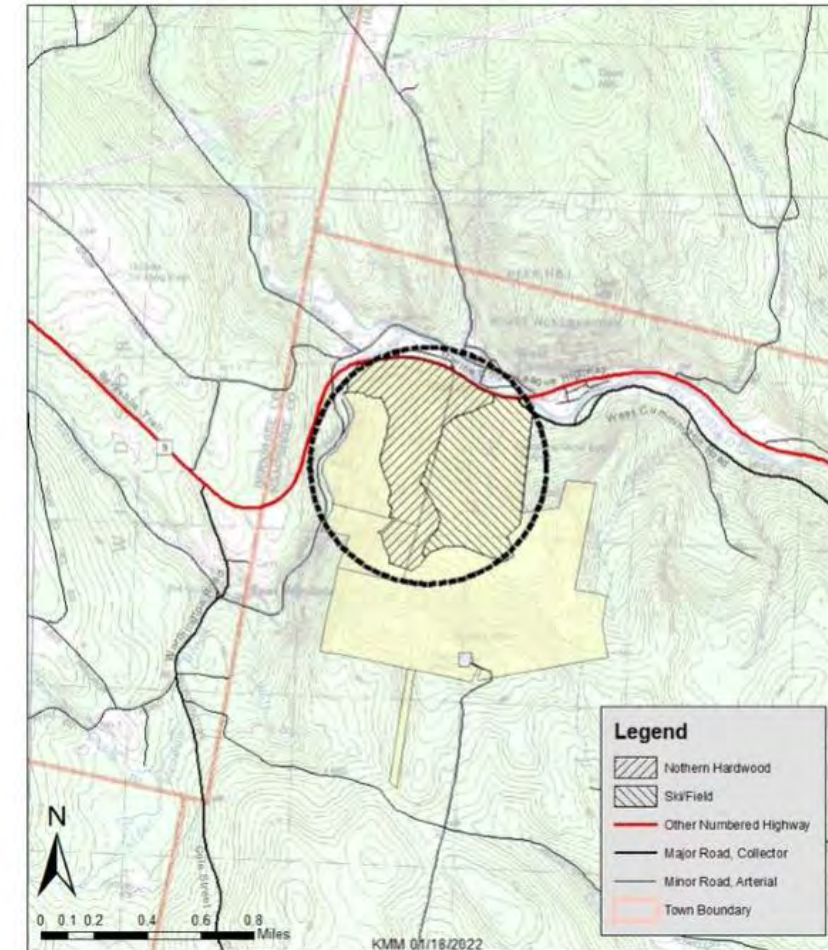
Spruce Fir retention on Landscape

D2 Central Berkshire County, Washington, Cummington

October Mountain State Forest-
Ant Lot Locus Map



Bryant Mountain - Berkshire Snow Basin
Forest Slalom Project



Forest Ecosystem: Northern Hardwoods-Hemlock-White Pine

Climate Change

Resilience

Poor non-functioning or not needed culverts are causing ecological damage.

Facilitated

Treat northern hardwood stands to reduce risks of warmer climate and increase composition of species suited for potential change.

Resistance

Retaining and promoting climate affected species such as red spruce, hemlock, and balsam fir in the mixed wood stands

softwood component



Health/Invasives

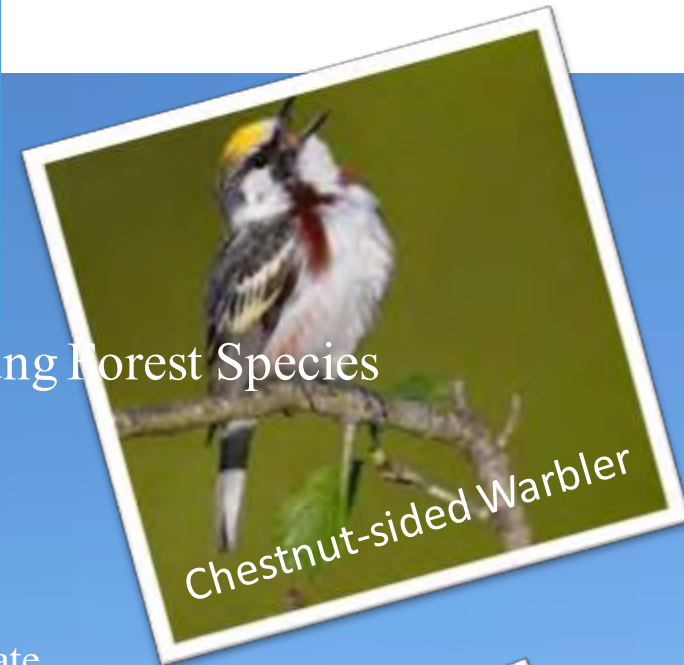
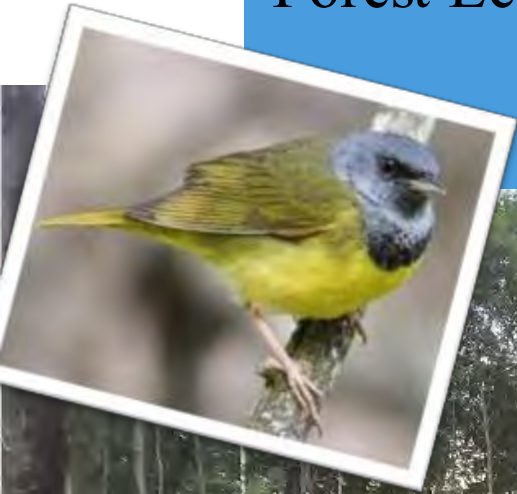
Emerald Ash Borer
Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
Beech Bark Disease
Barberry
MF Rose
Honeysuckle
Asiatic Bittersweet

SWAP Species



October Mountain SF, Ant Lot

Forest Ecosystem: Northern Hardwood-Hemlock-White Pine
Spruce- Fir-Northern Hardwoods



Chestnut-sided Warbler

High Elevation Young Forest Species

Climate Change

Health Invasive Issues:

Ice Storm Damage
EAB
Barberry
Asiatic Bittersweet

Resistance

Retaining and promoting climate affected species such as red spruce, hemlock, and balsam fir in the mixed wood stands.

Facilitated

Apply silvicultural treatments to provide growing conditions favorable to oak in portions of project area suited for the species. Where existing seed trees are not available look into planting



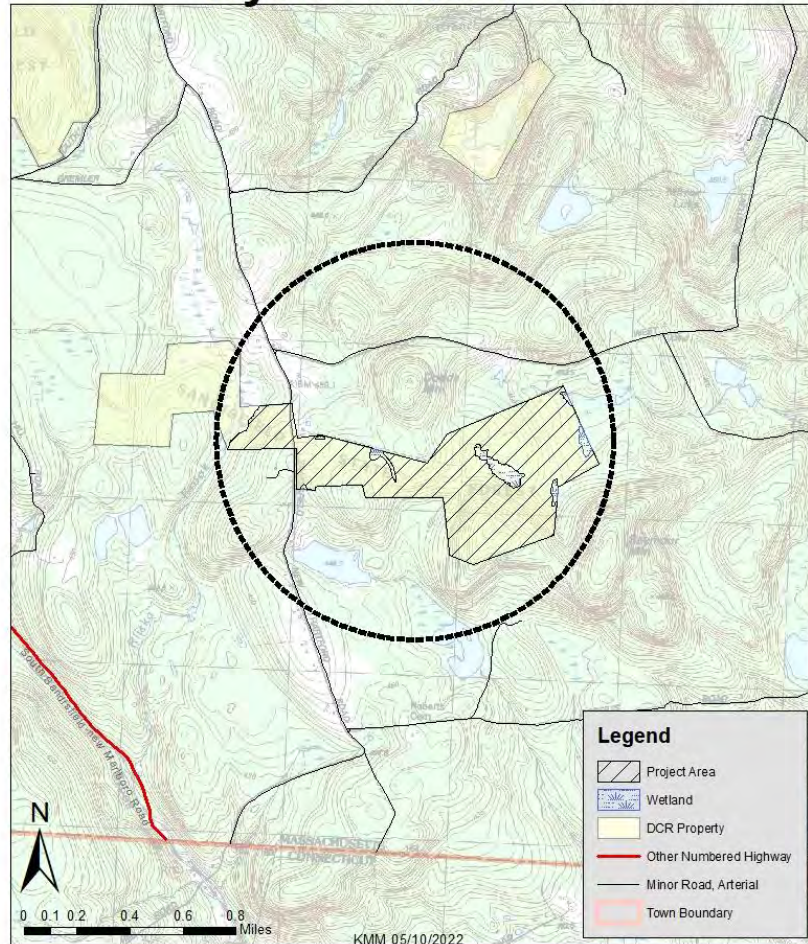
Spot-winged glider dragonfly



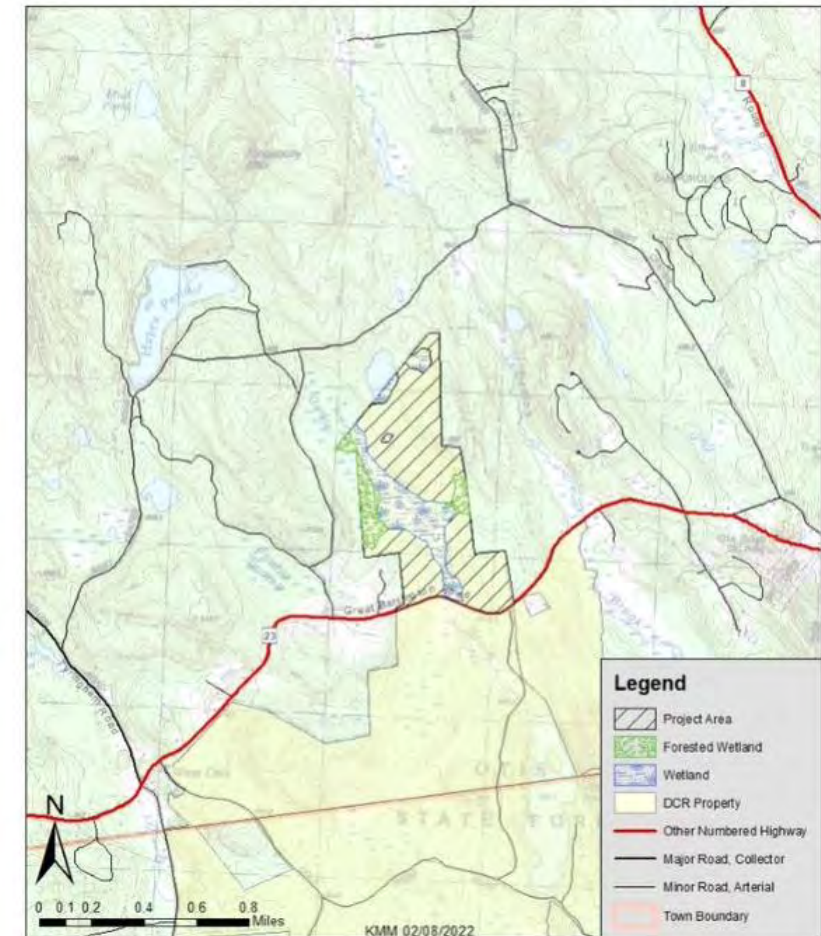
American Woodcock

D3 South Berkshire County, Sandisfield, Otis

Sandisfield State Forest Hyde Karlson Lot



Otis State Forest Geisler Swamp Project



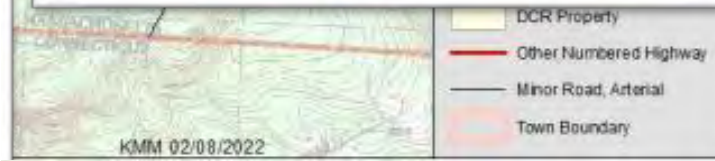
Sandisfield State Forest, Hyde Karlson Project, 234 Acres

Forest Ecosystem: Transition Hardwoods-White Pine-Hemlock

SWAP Species affected:
Young Forest,
Large Unfragmented Landscapes
NEC Focal Area

Health/Invasives

Emerald Ash Borer
Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
Norway Spruce decline



Climate Change:

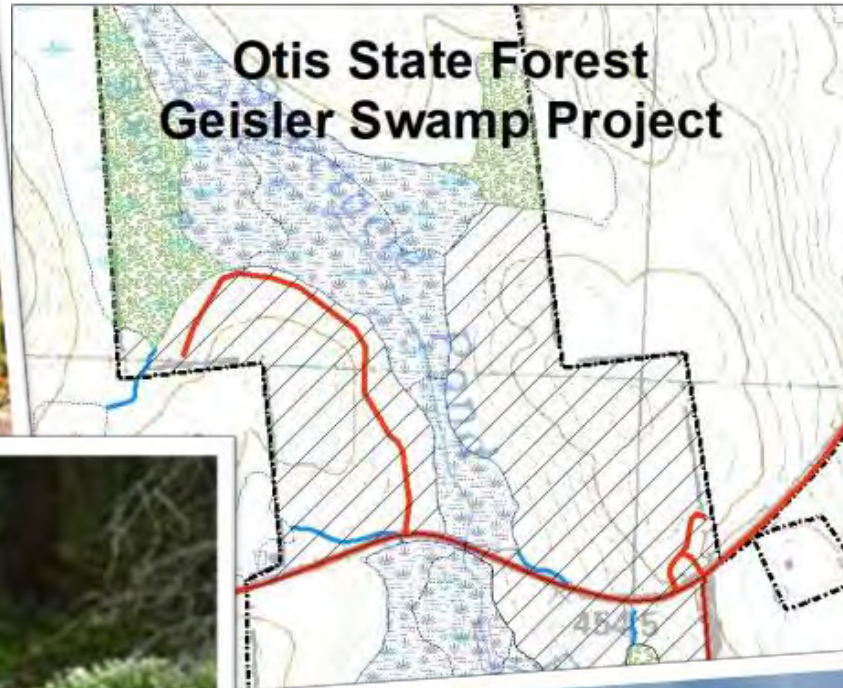
Resilience: Diversify Forest Stage Class Structure

Improve/secure Carbon Sequestration and Storage

Geisler Swamp, Otis State Forest

Forest Ecosystem: Northern Hardwood-Hemlock-White Pine

88 Acres Shelterwood



Climate Change:
Resilience: Diversify Forest Stage Class Structure
Improve/secure Carbon Sequestration and Storage



Health/Invasives

Red Pine Scale

Hemlock Wooly Adelgid

Norway Spruce decline



SWAP Species affected:
Young Forest,
Large Unfragmented Landscapes
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Health/Invasives

Red Pine Scale
Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
Beech Bark Disease
Barberry et al



Common yellowthroat



Prairie warbler

SWAP Species affected:
Young Forest,
Large Unfragmented Landscapes
NEC Focal Area

D5 Eastern CT Valley Warwick, Bass Road, West, 123 Acres Forest Ecosystem: Transition Hardwoods-White Pine-Hemlock

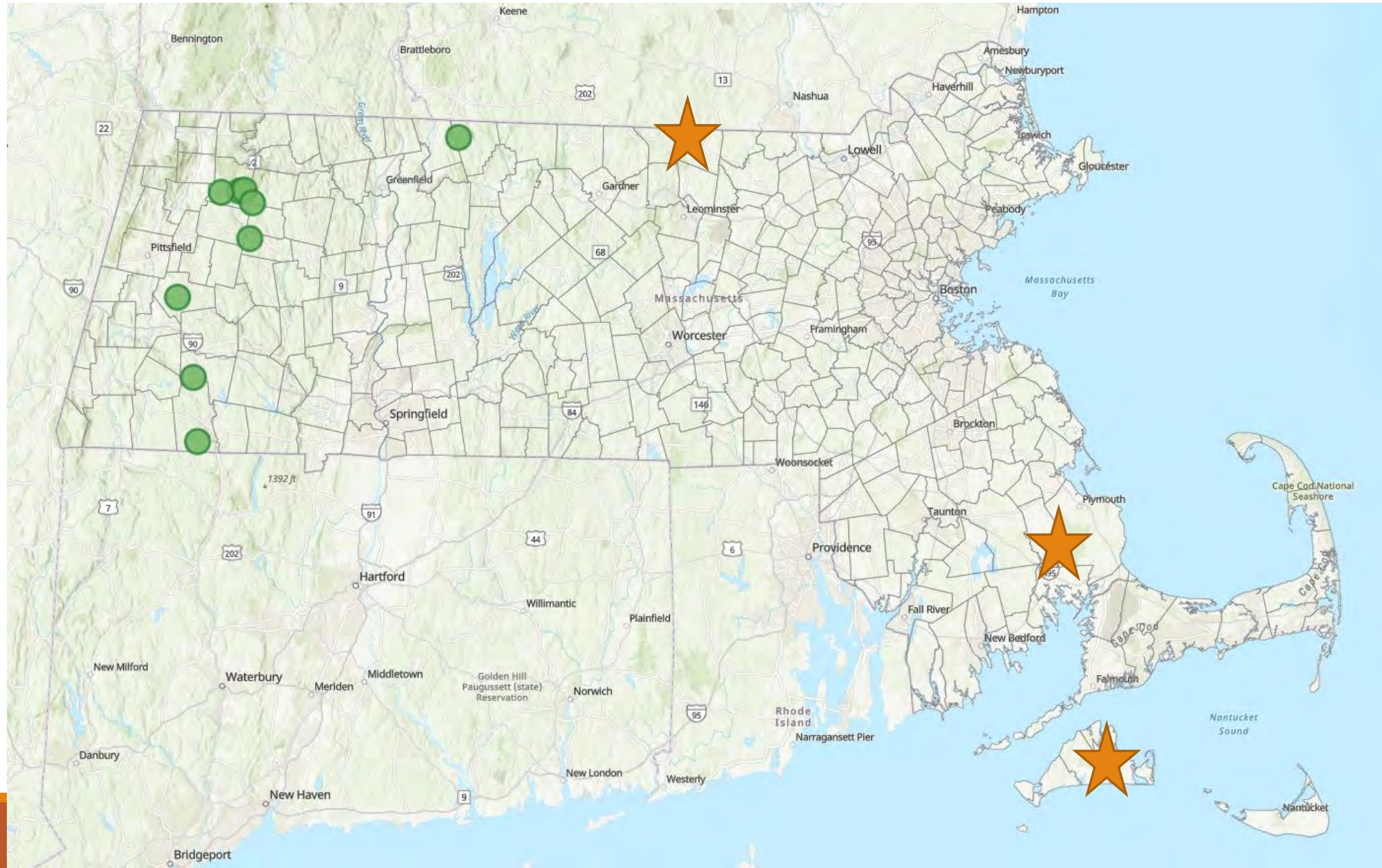


Climate Change

Resistance: Diversification of
Forest Stage Structure
And Species Composition via
Irregular Shelterwoods and
Clear-cuts with Retentions

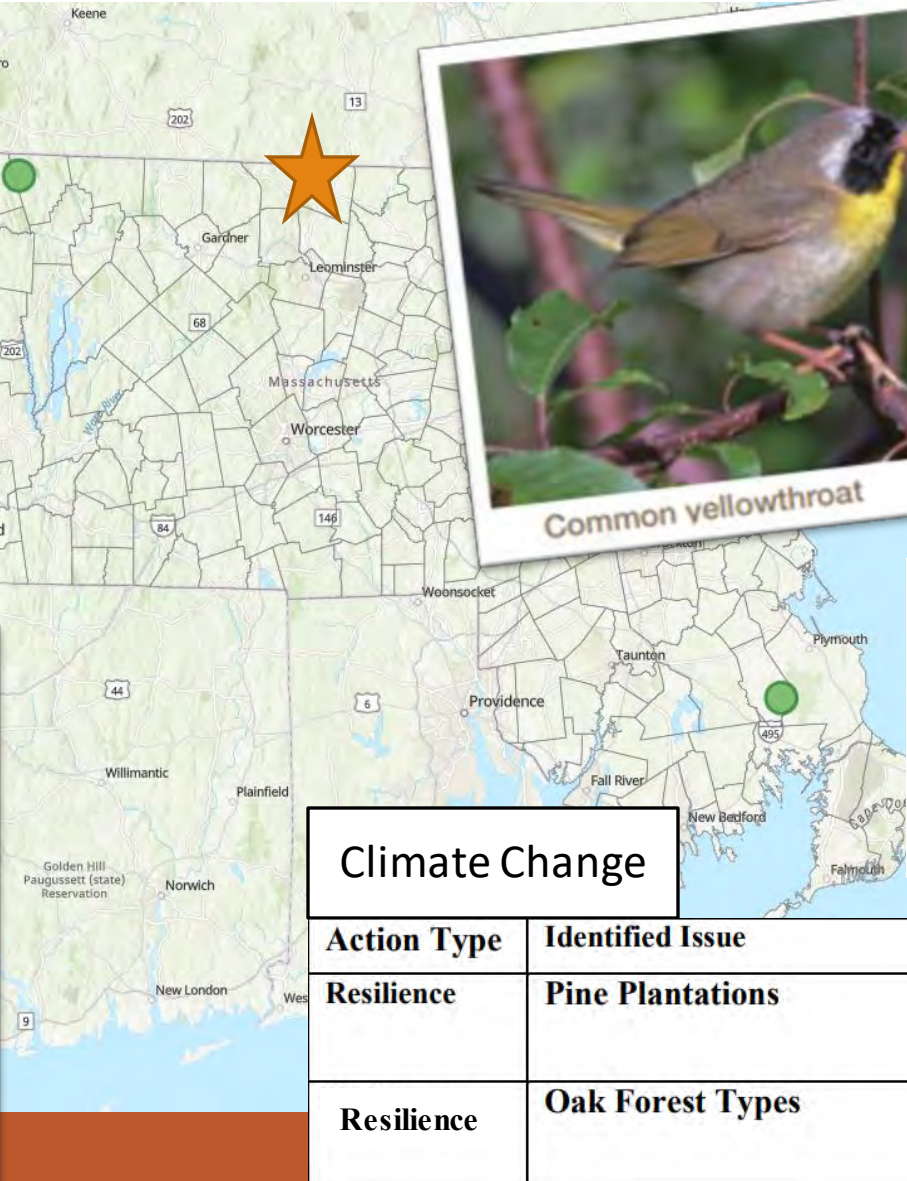


Projects Outside the LSR Grant Area



District 7 - Northeast District
Old Turnpike Road, Townsend State Forest, 112 Acres
Forest Ecosystem: Transition Hardwoods-White Pine-Hemlock

SWAP Species



Forest Heath and Invasive Species

- Red Pine scale.
- Spongy Moth
- Glossy Buckthorn
- Asiatic Bittersweet

Climate Change

Action Type	Identified Issue	Action Description
Resilience	Pine Plantations	Silvicultural treatments that convert monotypic forest types to a diverse forest type of native plant species.
Resilience	Oak Forest Types	Silvicultural treatments that maintain and expand opportunities for Oak recruitment across the project area.

SWAP/SGCN
Pine Barrens

MYLES STANDISH
STATE FOREST



D8 Southeast District

Settler's Green Fuels Reduction Buffer 17 Acres
Forest Ecosystem: Pitch Pine- Oak
Primary goal, Public Safety

Health/Invasives



Climate Change

Resiliency: Treatments will reduce high fuel hazards to protect subdivision, increase public safety, provide safe access for firefighters and fire apparatus, provide future opportunities for prescribed burning, and will promote and enhance regeneration of native species.



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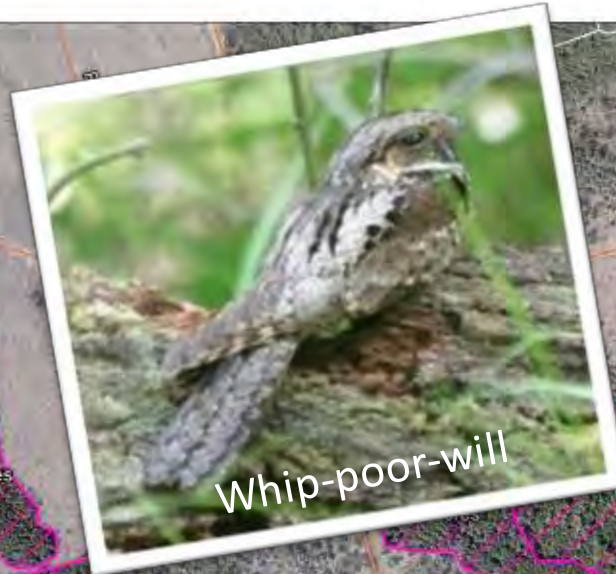
Manny Correllus Pine Plantation Mitigation/ Barrens Restoration 175 Acres

Forest Ecosystem: Pitch Pine- Oak



Health/Invasives

SWAP Species
SGCN



Whip-poor-will



Southern Pine Beetle Watch



Barrens Tiger Beetle

Climate Change
Resilience

Restore native sandplain heathlands and pitch pine – scrub oak barrens habitats through the removal of existing non-native conifer plantations and subsequent application of prescribed fire. Restoring these fire dependent natural communities will provide habitat for a diversity of rare species.



Slender Clearwing
Sphinx Moth





Review



1) DCR Ecosystem Services Framework

- DCR Priority Attributes for Project Locations
- Forest Carbon & Climate Change
- Forest Diversity & Resilience
- Wildlife Habitat for Species of Greatest Conservation Need
- Recreation & Renewable Wood Products
 - Jobs & Rural Economy
 - How Much Wood Do We Use?

2) Massachusetts Major Forest Ecosystem Types

3) DCR Guidance Documents for Management

- 2020 DCR Forest Action Plan Goals
- MA Climate Change Adaptation, Wildlife Action Plan

4) DCR Forest Management Flow Chart

5) DCR 2022 Forest Management Proposal Priority Attributes

- Project Sites
- Ecosystem Services at Priority Sites

6) U.S. Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant

7) Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science (NIACS)

- Climate Adaptation Workbook
- Climate Response Framework

8) DCR 2022 Forest Management Proposal Highlights

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/forest-management-projects#-forest-management-projects-proposed-2022->



DCR Management Forestry Program 2022 Project Proposals



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