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# Message From Michael T. Rains, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry

There are nearly 500 million acres of non-Federal forest land in the United States, comprising approximately 70 percent of the Nation's total forest area. Because these lands represent most of the forests in the Nation, retaining them as forest and keeping them collectively healthy, productive, and sustainable is especially important.

State and Private Forestry (S&PF) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service is the Federal leader in providing technical and financial assistance to landowners and resource managers to help sustain the Nation's forests. Our mission is to help facilitate sound stewardship across lands of all ownerships on a landscape scale, while maintaining the flexibility for individual forest landowners to pursue their objectives. On non-Federal lands, we accomplish this by working with States to implement a variety of cooperative programs, including fire protection, forest pest management, conservation education, economic development, urban and community forestry, forest stewardship, and forest legacy.

The Forest Legacy Program (FLP) is a valuable tool that supports the mission and embodies the spirit of State and Private Forestry. I am pleased to present this report of the status of the FLP. The program's success is built on partnership, and the outcome is a legacy of forests for future generations.





# Message From Larry Payne, Director, Cooperative Forestry

The Cooperative Forestry Staff provides technical and financial assistance to help rural and urban citizens care for forests and sustain the communities where they live, work, and play. The Forest Legacy Program (FLP) is an integral part of meeting this goal. The program supports the efforts of private landowners to protect and conserve environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses. It operates as a partnership between the USDA Forest Service, States, land trusts, private landowners, and others. The program is based on the concept of “willing seller and willing buyer” and is completely nonregulatory in its approach. Since 1992, over \$126 million has been invested through the FLP to States and Territories and has currently protected over 152,914 acres.

We are proud of the accomplishments of the FLP. Contained herein is a status of those gains. Our aim is to increase the program's achievement, its effectiveness, and to constantly work toward making a difference where it counts on the land.



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# Executive Summary

The Forest Legacy Program (FLP) is a voluntary private land conservation program between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, States, land trusts, private landowners, and others. It provides financial assistance, leveraged by non-Federal cost sharing and cooperation with States, to prevent the fragmentation and conversion of private forest land. It is a nonregulatory program that ensures that important forests remain intact and on the tax rolls, and that they continue to contribute to the community, the local economy, the landowner, and the environment.

- The goal of the FLP is to effectively protect and conserve environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses. The program uses conservation easements and other acquisition mechanisms to protect these lands forever.
- The FLP is implemented by States that have joined the program, local governments, land trusts, and willing landowners, with the USDA Forest Service.
- Currently, 24 States and Territories are actively involved in the FLP. An additional 18 States and Territories are in the process of developing plans (Assessments of Need) to join the program.
- In 2000, five States joined the FLP (Minnesota, Montana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee). Four projects closed in those States and 61 are in progress.
- The FLP budget has been increasing over the past 3 years—from \$7 million in 1999 to \$60 million in 2001.
- Between 1992 and April 6, 2001, FLP completed 98 projects, conserving 152,914 acres of forest with a value of almost \$106 million through a program investment of \$40 million.
- In FY 2001, approximately 721,000 acres are to be conserved by FLP projects. For a Federal investment of \$60 million, the FLP will protect lands with a total value of more than \$151 million.
- The FLP Implementation Guidelines are undergoing a revision. Growth in terms of increased funding levels, program enrollment, State participation, and involvement of conservation partners has driven this review. The 2001 FLP Implementation Guidelines will be final later this year.
- The Washington Office Cooperative Forestry Staff conducted a review of the Northeastern Area FLP. The focus of the review was to highlight successes, and to recommend approaches to continue to improve the management and implementation of FLP in the area.
- Four success stories—Highlights of the North Carolina FLP, The Rhode Island Philosophy, The Utah Forest Program—The Peaceful Valley Ranch, and The Nictaus Forest Legacy Project Wins the “Taking Wing” Award—illustrate the uniqueness of the FLP and its successful implementation.



# Forest Legacy Program Overview

## Budget History: Appropriations (Dollars in Thousands)

FY 1992	FY 1993	FY 1994	FY 1995*	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001**
4,938	9,915	6,948	6,688	3,000	2,000	4,000	7,012	29,933	59,768

\* -\$7.8 million of unspent funds were rescinded in FY 1995—all the FY 1995 funds plus \$1.112 million of prior-year funds. The above amounts were the original appropriations before the rescission.

\*\* Reflects realignment and adjustments to achieve primary-purpose objectives.

## Program Description

- The Forest Legacy Program ascertains and protects environmentally important forest areas that are threatened with conversion to nonforest uses. Conservation easements, or fee simple purchases, are the methods used by the USDA Forest Service and its partners in working with willing landowners to accomplish program objectives.
- The FLP involves a partnership between the State and Private Forestry (S&PF) and National Forest System (NFS) branches of the USDA Forest Service, State foresters, State lead agencies, local governments, land trusts, and interested landowners to conserve these environmentally important forests.
- The FLP assures that both traditional uses of private lands and the public values of America's forests are protected for future generations. It provides a cost-effective mechanism to conserve important scenic, cultural, fish, wildlife, and recreation resources; riparian areas; and other ecological values.
- Participating States, territories, or local governments in cooperation with States can use FLP grant funds to acquire land, or interests in land, and hold title in their name.
- Twenty-four States and one Territory (California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin) are active in the FLP. Other States (Alabama, Alaska, American Samoa, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Virgin Islands, West Virginia) are either developing plans for approval or beginning the planning process.



# Forest Legacy Program Review

From June 26-30, 2000, the Washington Office (WO) Cooperative Forestry Staff conducted a review of the Northeastern Area's (NA) FLP. This review resulted from a decision made 2 years ago by the WO to conduct periodic regional reviews of the FLP, roughly once every 5 years for each region/area/institute. This particular review was conducted simultaneously with NA's own review of Massachusetts and Vermont. The entire review team visited Massachusetts, Vermont, and Maine, in which the team viewed several FLP projects, met with State foresters, and conducted discussions on different aspects of the FLP.

The focus of the review was to highlight the successes of NA's FLP through commendations and to improve the program through recommendations.



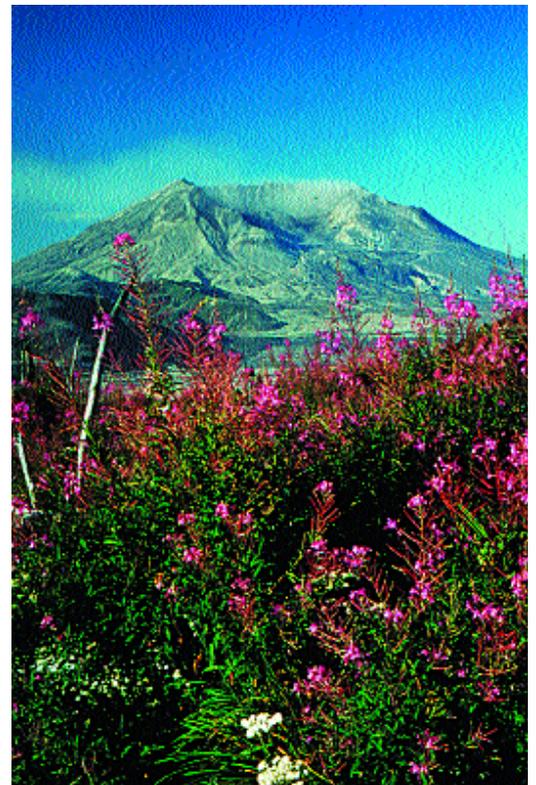


# Revision of the Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines

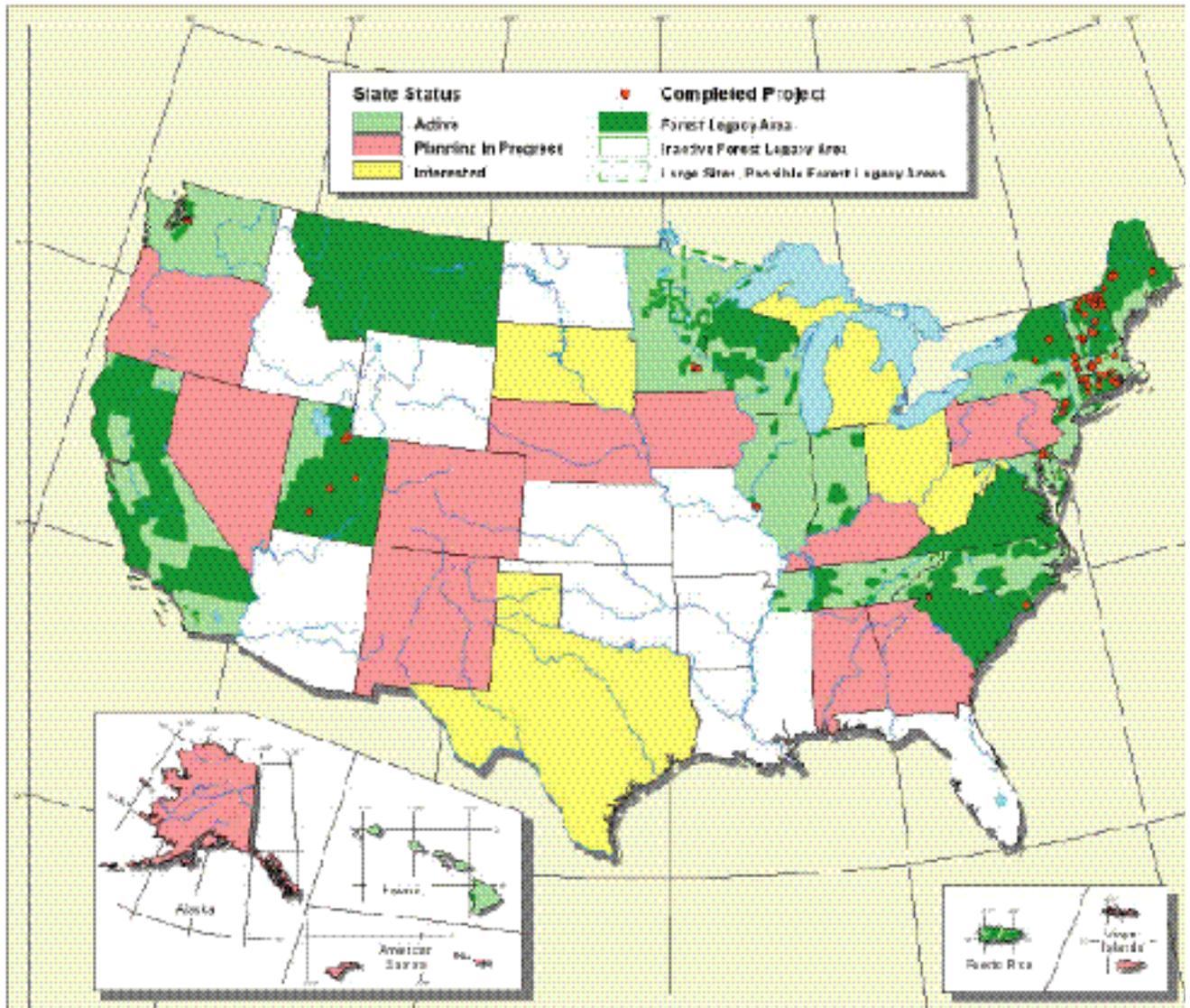
The FLP was created by the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (CFAA, 16 U.S.C. 2103c), as amended by the 1990 and 1996 Farm Bills. The program began implementation in 1992 and was amended in 1996 to offer a State Grant Option. FLP has experienced tremendous growth since its beginnings. This growth has come in the form of significant funding increases, accelerated State enrollment and participation, and expanded interest and involvement among nonprofit land conservation partners.

The FLP has grown in size, but has also matured in knowledge and experience. The program has become more complex. Therefore, it was decided that a review and revision of the 1996 Implementation Guidelines was appropriate and necessary at this time to provide additional guidance to the growing number of States entering the FLP. The revision process began in 1999. A State-Federal Review Team was assembled in 2000. This team met several times to develop a draft revision for input and review. A partner participation and outreach process resulted in three rounds of public comments. Comments and input were synthesized and integrated into the revised guidelines. The Review Team met May 15 and 16, 2001, to produce the Final Draft Implementation Guidelines. The guidelines are now under final review and preparation for announcement in the *Federal Register*.

The new FLP Implementation Guidelines include sections on General Program Guidelines, offering direction applicable to all aspects of the FLP, State Grant Program Guidelines, and Federal Acquisition Program Guidelines. The guidelines provide specific State participation procedures and information on project selection processes and funding distribution. The guidelines contain expanded segments on definitions, project monitoring, and land trust participation. It is expected that the 2001 FLP Implementation Guidelines will be released by year-end.



# A U.S. Map of Completed Forest Legacy Program Projects



# Participating Forest Legacy Program States

About the tables:

- The overall goals reflect the States' priorities for FLP implementation.
- "CE" refers to conservation easement.
- "AON" refers to assessment of need.
- Project closure dates are as of April 6, 2001, with the exception of two projects in Utah.
- Projects with \$0 FLP payment indicate State match properties that are considered accomplishments of FLP.



## California

AON Approval Date: 01-22-96

AON Amendment Date: 01-16-01

### Overall Goals

- Prevent future conversions of forest land and forest resources
- Protect wildlife habitat, rare plants, and biodiversity
- Maintain habitat connectivity and related values needed to ensure the viability of wildlife populations across landscapes and regions
- Protect riparian habitats, oak stands, ecological old growth, and other key forest types and seral stages that are poorly represented across landscapes and regions and that play a key role in supporting biodiversity
- Protect water quality, fisheries, and water supplies
- Maintain and restore natural ecosystem functions

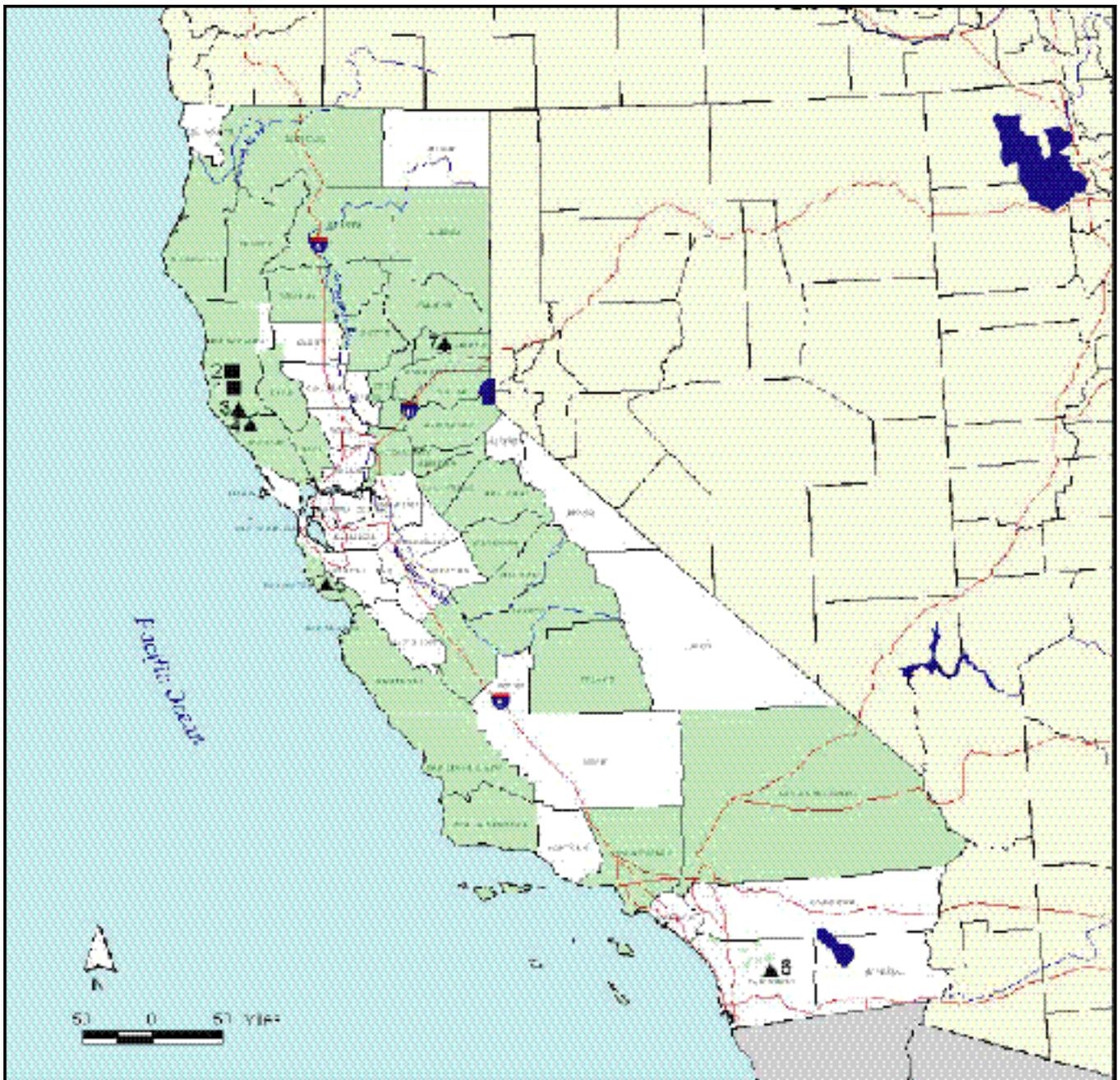
Project Name and No.	County/ Town/ Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
1. <b>Anonymous</b>	Mendocino/1	1,749	3,000,000	0	CE/Land Trust	Closed 12-27-97
2. <b>Twinning &amp; Oracle Oak Ranches</b>	Mendocino/1	1,526	1,850,000	40,000	CE/Land Trust	Closed 12-28-00
3. <b>Addison Forest</b>	Mendocino/1	600	1,500,000	50,000	CE/Land Trust	Funded
4. <b>Howlett Tree Farm</b>	Sonoma/6	1,395	5,000,000	50,000	CE/Land Trust	Funded
5. <b>Big Creek I</b>	Santa Cruz/ 14, 15	500	3,000,000	1,312,000	CE/State	Funded
6. <b>Volcan Mountain Phase I</b>	San Diego/44	900	2,500,000	830,000	Fee/State	Funded
7. <b>Lemon Canyon Ranch</b>	Sierra/2	640	1,920,000	50,000	CE/Land Trust	Funded

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(2 projects)	3,275	4,850,000	40,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(5 projects)	4,035	13,920,000	2,292,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(6 projects)	38,287	67,500,000	14,550,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in California

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- ▲ Funded

- Forest Legacy Area
- State boundary
- County boundary
- Interstate Highway
- Major River
- Water Lakes



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## Connecticut

AON Approval Date: 10-26-94

### Overall Goals

- Protect large blocks of forest land
- Provide opportunities for continuing traditional forest uses
- Work with existing open space initiatives to achieve maximum resource conservation
- Protect water quality

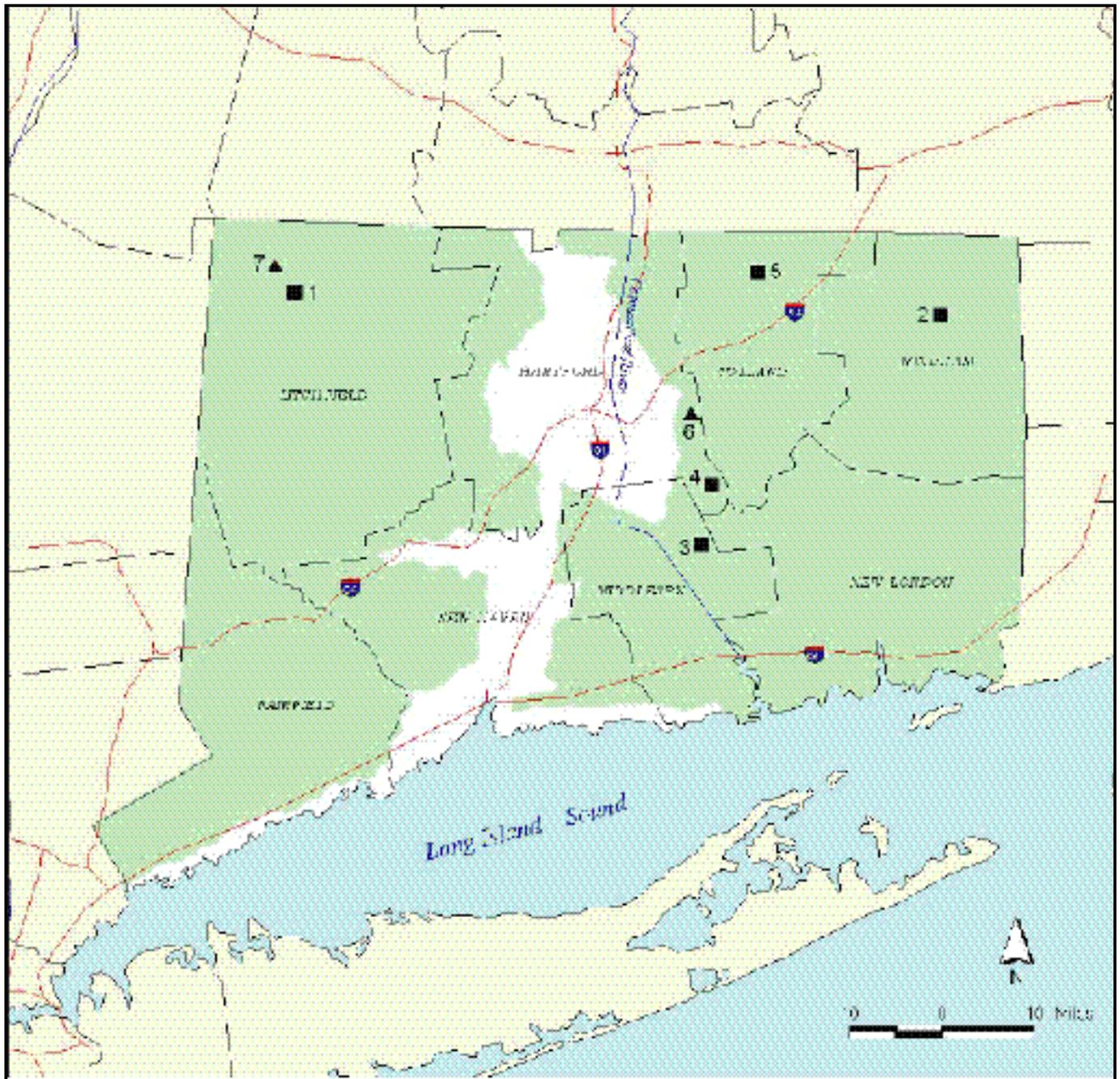
Project Name and No.	County/Town/Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. Maplewood Farm</b>	Litchfield/6	172	210,000	210,000	CE/Federal	Closed 11-10-97
<b>2. Pogmore</b>	Windham/2	53	80,000	80,000	CE/Federal	Closed 01-09-97
<b>3. Pine Brook</b>	Middlesex/2	127	100,000	100,000	CE/Federal	Closed 06-17-99
<b>4. Holcomb</b>	Hartford/1	158	315,000	0	Fee/State	Closed 04-13-00
<b>5. Worthington</b>	Tolland/2	311	597,000	0	Fee/State	Closed 06-30-00
<b>6. Footehill Farm</b>	Hartford/1	125	875,000	125,000	CE/Federal	Funded
<b>7. Great Mountain Forest</b>	Hirtchfield/6	5,565	5,565,000	4,151,000	CE/State	Funded

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(5 projects)	821	1,302,000	390,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(2 projects)	5,690	6,440,000	4,276,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(2 projects)	229	11,700,000	1,200,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Connecticut

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- ▲ Funded

- Forest Legacy Area
- State boundary
- County boundary
- Interstate Highway
- Major Rivers
- Year-Locks



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## Delaware

AON Approval Date: 12-10-98

### Overall Goals

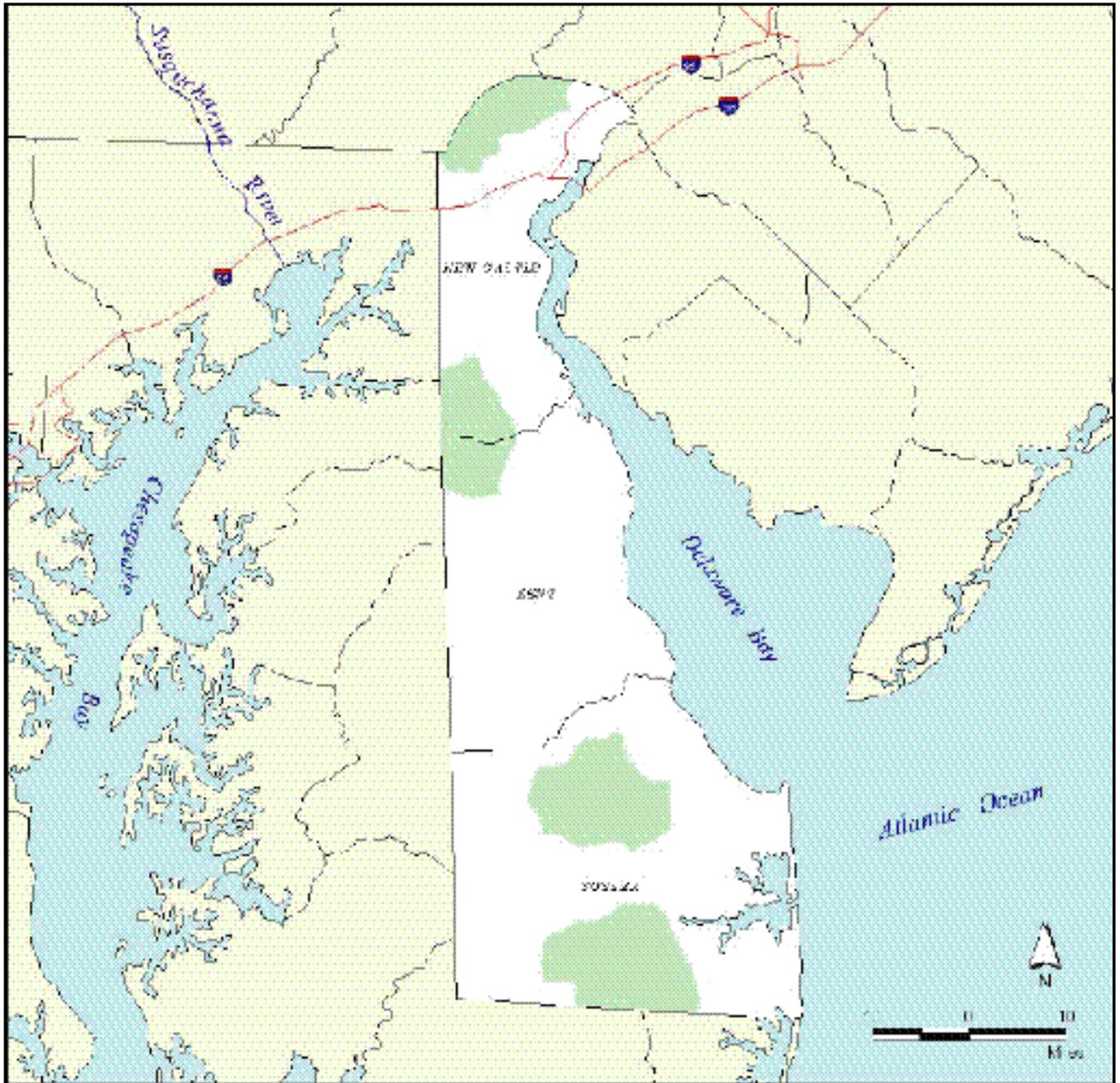
- Identify and protect environmentally important, privately owned forest land threatened with conversion to nonforest uses
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development
- Provide environmental benefits through the restoration and protection of riparian zones, native forest plants and animals, and remnant forest types
- Provide recreational opportunities
- Provide watershed and water supply protection
- Provide employment opportunities and economic stability through maintenance of traditional forest uses
- Maintain important scenic resources of the State
- Provide linkage between public properties, protected properties, and greenways
- Provide protection of rare, threatened, and/or endangered species of plants and animals
- Promote forest stewardship
- Provide educational opportunities

	<b>No. Projects</b>	<b>No. Acres</b>	<b>Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)</b>	<b>FLP Payment</b>
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	1	3,385	4,000,000	4,000,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Delaware

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

■ Completed

▲ Funded

Forest Legacy Area

State boundary

County border line

Interstate Highways

Major Rivers

Major Lakes



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## Hawaii

AON Approval Date: 11-29-94

### Overall Goals

- Prevent future conversions of forest land and forest resources
- Prevent the further loss of Hawaii's rare and endangered species and the further fragmentation of important wildlife habitats
- Provide secure, unfragmented areas of native forest enrichment, expansion, and regeneration
- Protect and enhance critical watershed areas
- Encourage active forest management to ensure the regeneration and sustenance of productive, biodiverse forest ecosystems
- Provide a landowner-driven and proactive, rather than administrator-driven and regulatory, approach to solving natural resource problems that provides fair compensation for foregone property rights
- Prevent future zoning reclassification in response to changing economic pressures or government policies

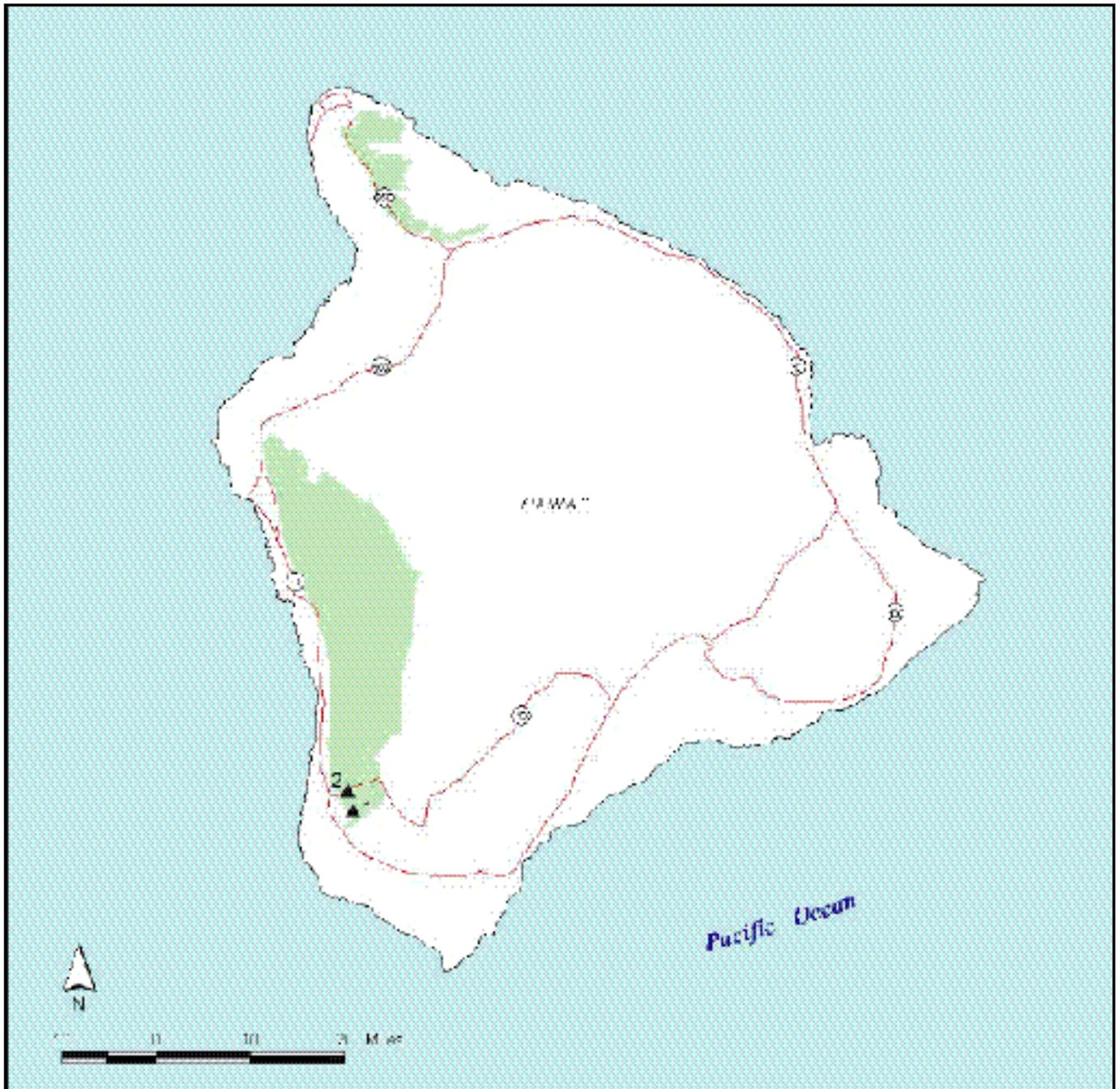
Project Name and No.	Country/ Town/ Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
1. Kapua	Hawaii/2	1,800	1,000,000	1,000,000	CE/Federal	Funded
2. Papa	Hawaii/2	2,000	2,100,000	1,700,000	CE/Federal	Funded

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Funded</b>	(2 projects)	3,800	3,100,000	2,700,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(1 projects)	11,402	24,000,000	18,000,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Hawaii

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- ▲ Funded

- Forest Legacy Area
- State boundary
- County boundary
- Major Highways
- Major Rivers
- Major Lakes



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## Illinois

AON Approval Date: 11-29-94

### Overall Goals

- Reduce forest fragmentation
- Restore riparian zones
- Provide public recreational opportunities

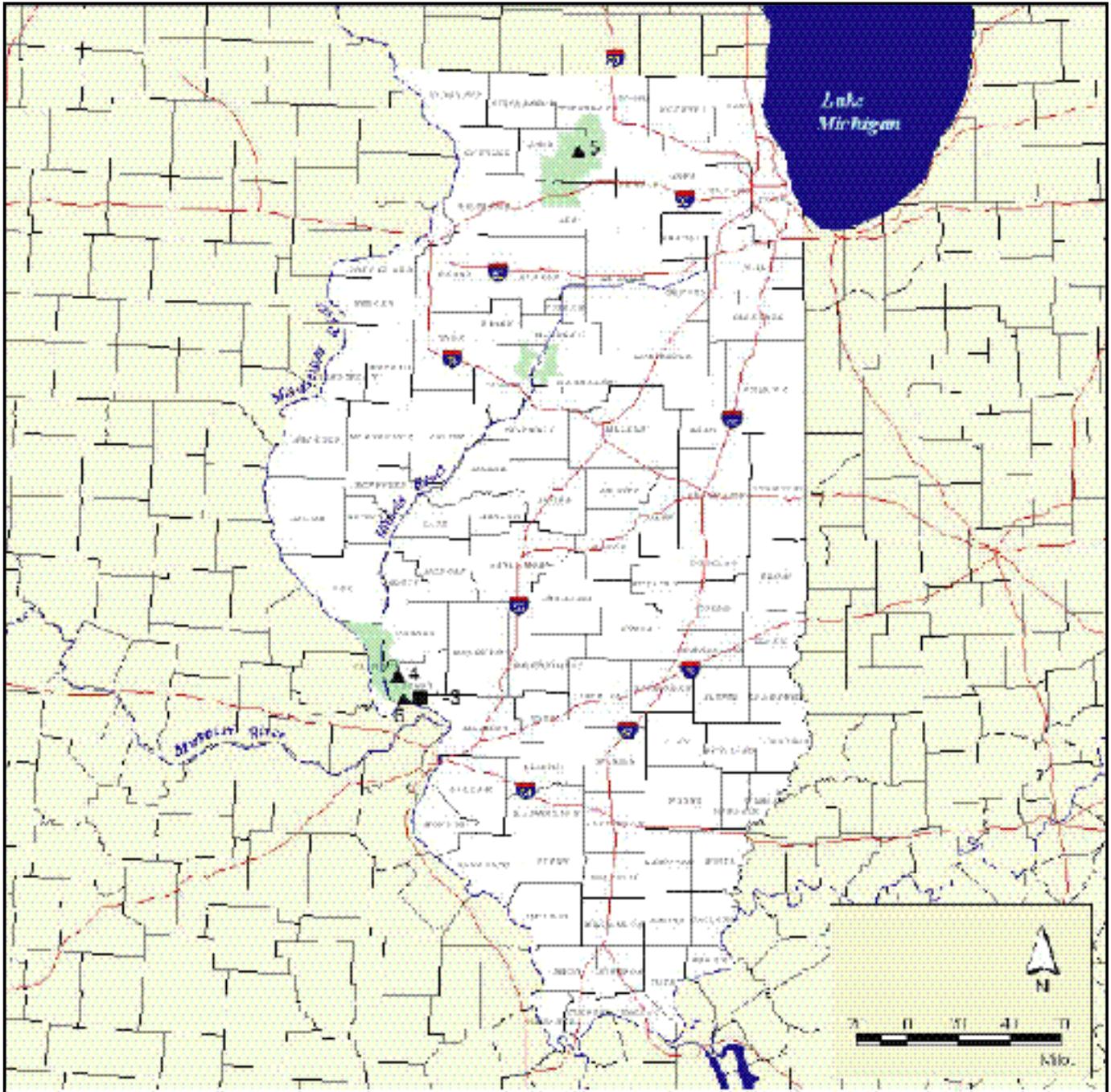
Project Name and No.	County/ Town/ Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. Oblate Woods #1</b>	Madison/20	60	252,000	252,000	CE/State	Closed 05-25-00
<b>2. Oblate C2000</b>	Madison/20	23	92,000	0	CE/State	Closed 05-23-00
<b>3. Oblate Woods #2</b>	Madison/20	60	240,000	240,000	CE/State	Closed 04-06-01
<b>4. La Vista Woods</b>	Madison/20	60	532,000	280,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>5. Daysville Forest</b>	Ogle/16	89	390,000	390,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>6. Rattlesnake Ridge #1</b>	Madison/20	76	280,000	280,000	CE/State	Funded

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(3 projects)	143	584,000	492,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(3 projects)	225	1,202,000	950,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(2 projects)	90	751,000	392,100

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Illinois

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- ▲ Funded

- Forest Legacy Area
- Major Rivers
- County boundary
- Interstate Highways
- Major Lakes



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## Indiana

AON Approval Date: 12-10-98

### Overall Goals

- Identify and protect environmentally important, privately owned forest lands threatened with conversion to nonforest uses
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development
- Provide environmental benefits through the restoration and protection of riparian zones, native forest plants and animals, and remnant forest types
- Provide recreational opportunities
- Provide watershed and water supply protection
- Provide employment opportunities and economic stability through maintenance of traditional forest uses
- Maintain important scenic resources of the State
- Provide links to public and other privately owned protected areas
- Protect rare, threatened, or endangered species of plants and animals
- Promote forest stewardship
- Provide educational opportunities
- Provide buffer areas to already protected areas

Project Name and No.	County/Town/Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
1. Little Richland Creek	Monroe/7	300	239,000	179,000	CE/State	Funded
2. Indiana Mound Farm	Greene/8	800	800,000	400,000	CE/State	Funded
3. Hill of Gold	Brown/9	635	3,046,000	2,285,000	CE/State	Funded
4. Gnow Bone	Brown/9	1,403	2,800,000	0	CE/State	Funded
5. Big Spring Farm	Washington/9	105	125,000	80,000	CE/State	Funded
6. Rattlesnake Creek	La Porte/3	120	200,000	100,000	CE/State	Funded
7. Jack's Defeat Creek	Monroe/7	225	450,000	383,000	CE/State	Funded

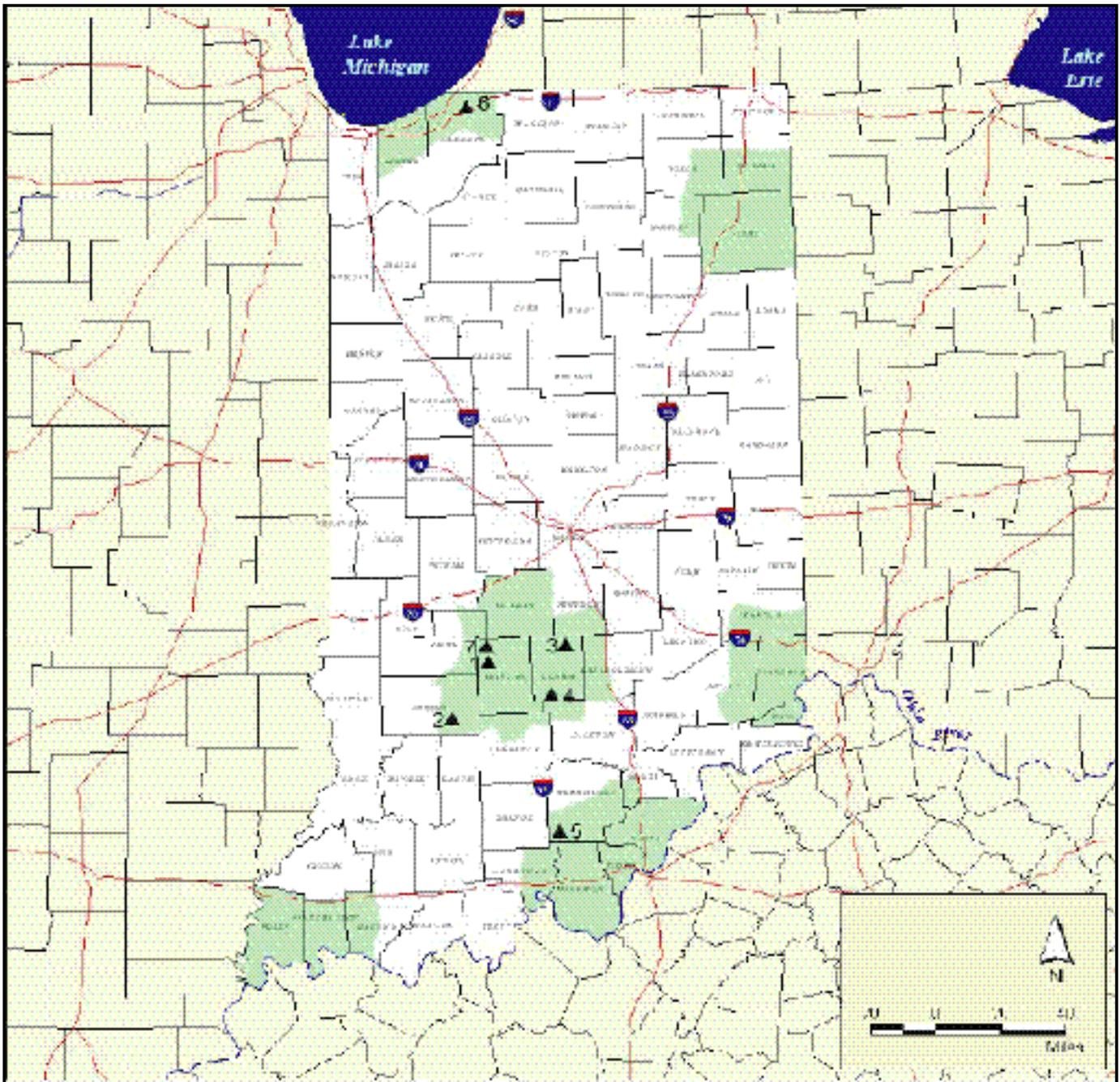
	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Funded</b>	(7 projects)	3,588	7,660,000	3,427,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(9 projects)	5,337	12,906,166	10,022,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Indiana

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- ▲ Funded

- Forest Legacy Area
- State boundary
- County boundary
- Interstate highways
- Major Rivers
- Major Lakes



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## Maine

AON Approval Date: 03-18-94

### Overall Goals

- Maintain traditional forest uses
- Protect water quality
- Prevent development along pristine lakes, ponds, and streams
- Provide public recreation opportunities
- Maintain productive forests

Project Name and No.	Country/ Town/ Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. Cupsuptic Lake</b>	Oxford/2	1,272	843,000	843,000	CE/Federal	Closed 12-29-93
<b>2. SD Warren</b>	Somerset/2	6,773	1,490,000	1,490,000	CE/Federal	Closed 08-15-96
<b>3. Maine Wildness Watershed Trust</b>	Somerset/2	1,770	210,000	210,000	CE/Federal	Closed 05-24-96
<b>4. Valentine</b>	Somerset/2	1,315	250,000	250,000	CE/State	Closed 03-26-98
<b>5. Nicatous</b>	Hancock/2	20,268	4,500,000	3,000,000	CE/State	Closed 04-11-00
<b>6. West Branch Project Phase I</b>	Somerset & Piscataquis/2	67,520	6,000,000	2,000,000	CE/Fee State	Funded
<b>7. Pleasant Lake</b>	Aroostook/2	9,671	840,000	630,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>8. Bible Point</b>	Aroostook/2	3,273	490,000	370,000	CE/Fee State	Funded
<b>9. West Branch Project Phase II</b>	Somerset & Piscataquis/2	545,000	54,000,000	10,350,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>10. Mt. Blue Tumbledown Phase I</b>	Franklin/2	33,000	8,000,000	1,170,000	Fee/State	Funded

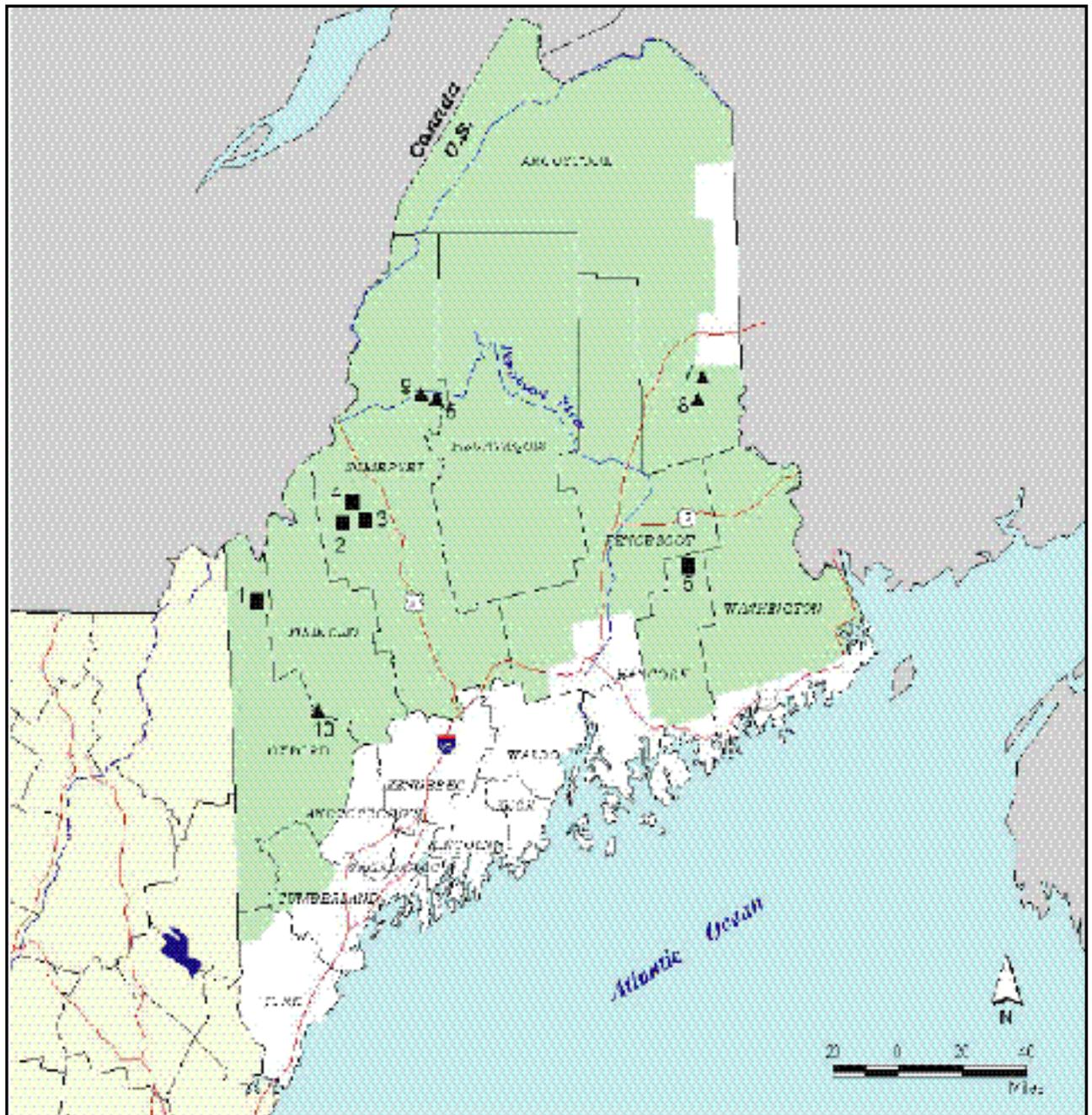
	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(5 projects)	31,398	7,293,000	5,793,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(5 projects)	658,464	69,330,000	14,520,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(4 projects)	508,600	51,900,000	49,150,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Maine

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

■ Completed

▲ Funded

Forest Legacy ARS

State boundary

County boundary

Interstate Highway

Major Rivers

Maine LACS



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## Maryland

AON Approval Date: 01-22-96

### Overall Goals

- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development
- Restore and protect riparian zones, native plants and animals, and remnant forests
- Provide recreational opportunities
- Protect watersheds and water supplies
- Ensure economic stability through the continuation of traditional forest uses
- Maintain important scenic resources of the State
- Provide linkage to public areas and protected areas
- Protect rare, threatened, or endangered species

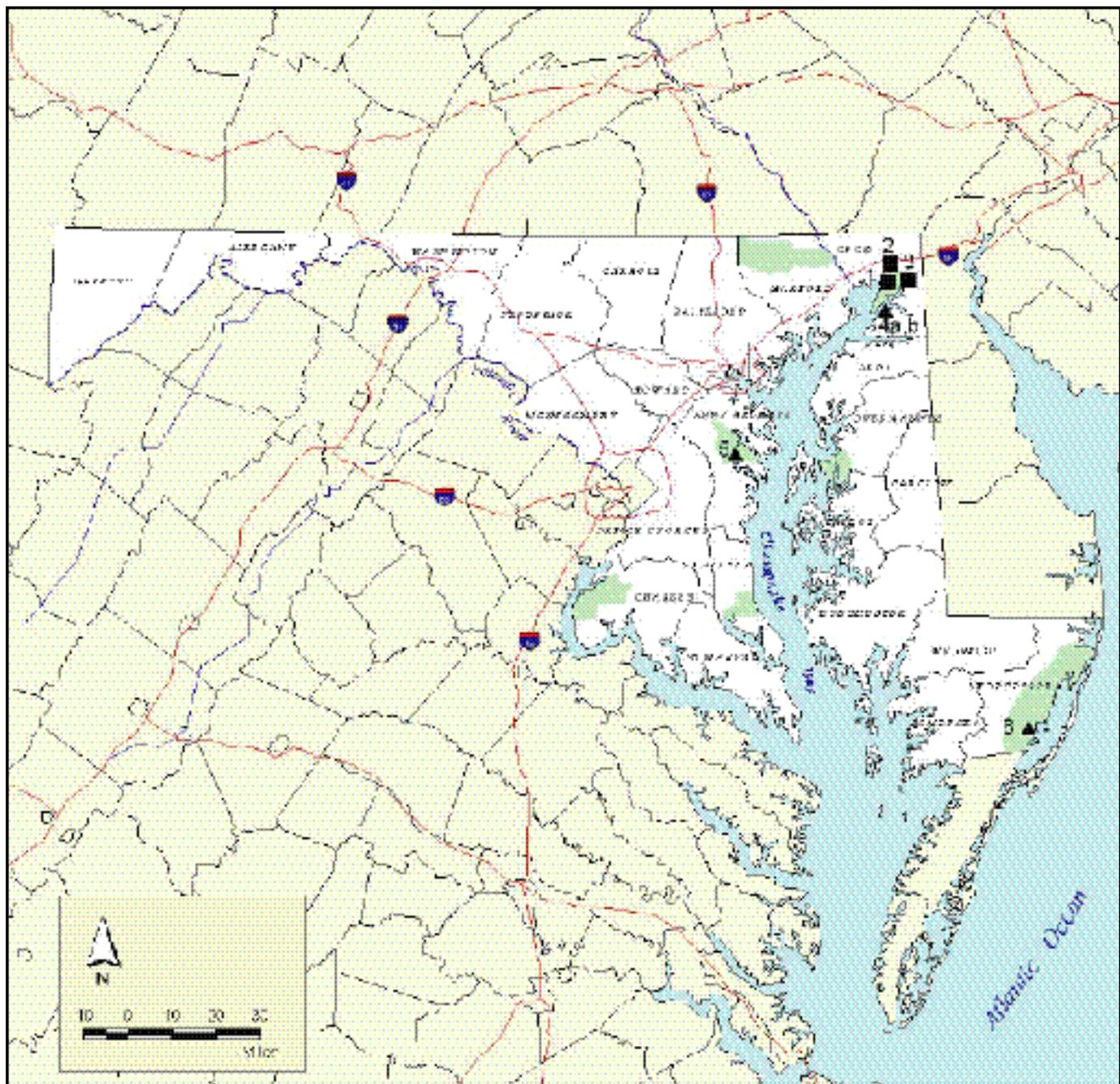
Project Name and No.	Country/ Town/ Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee & Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. Camp Rodney</b>	Cecil/1	491	491,000	0	CE/State	Closed 06-24-99
<b>2. Caveat Investments</b>	Cecil/1	24	39,000	0	CE/State	Closed 06-24-99
<b>3. McDaniel</b>	Cecil/1	153	245,000	0	CE/State	Closed 06-24-99
<b>4a. Muddy Creek</b>	Cecil/1	200	400,000	400,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>4b. Muddy Creek</b>	Cecil/1	253	500,000	250,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>5. Green Cathedral</b>	Anne Arundel/1	292	1,750,000	650,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>6. Coastal Bay</b>	Worcester/1	95	125,000	125,000	CE/State	Funded

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(3 projects)	668	775,000	0
<b>Total Funded</b>	(4 projects)	840	2,775,000	1,425,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(6 projects)	543	1,030,000	1,030,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Maryland

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

■ Completed

▲ Funded



Forest Legacy Area



State boundary



County boundary



Interstate Highway



Major River



Major Lake



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## Massachusetts

AON Approval Date: 08-05-93

AON Amendment Date: 01-16-01

### Overall Goals

- Protect high-elevation forests and municipal watershed
- Protect threatened and endangered species habitats
- Protect aquifers, river corridors, and wetlands
- Encourage traditional forest uses

<b>Project Name and No.</b>	<b>Country/ Town/ Congressional District No.</b>	<b>No. of Acres</b>	<b>Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)</b>	<b>FLP Payment (\$)</b>	<b>CE/Fee and Ownership</b>	<b>Status and/or Closing Date</b>
<b>1. Holich</b>	Hampshire/1	113	220,000	220,000	CE/Federal	Closed 07-31-95
<b>2. Anciporch</b>	Hampshire/1	106	198,000	198,000	CE/Federal	Closed 12-04-95
<b>3. Audubon (Piretti)</b>	Berkshire/1	75	180,000	180,000	CE/Federal	Closed 06-05-95
<b>4. Hutchinson</b>	Worcester/1	490	616,000	616,000	CE/Federal	Closed 07-12-96
<b>5. Pippin Tree</b>	Middlesex/5	73	4,300,000	1,500,000	CE/Federal	Closed 05-30-96
<b>6. Boudreau</b>	Hampshire/2	56	335,000	321,000	CE/Federal	Closed 04-25-97
<b>7. Johnson</b>	Hampshire/2	47	50,000	48,000	CE/Federal	Closed 01-20-98
<b>8. Stockbridge</b>	Berkshire/1	67	60,000	60,000	CE/Federal	Closed 09-13-99
<b>9. Berkshire Natural Resource Council (Kripalu)</b>	Berkshire/1	225	280,000	280,000	CE/Federal	Closed 12-31-97
<b>10. 2-Mile Landbridges</b>	Worcester/1	508	350,000	350,000	CE/Federal	Funded
<b>11. Hatfield Watershed #1</b>	Hampshire/1	130	600,000	400,000	CE/Federal	Funded
<b>12. Pumpkin Brook Link</b>	Middlesex/5	136	750,000	250,000	Fee/Town	Funded
<b>13. Alford Springs</b>	Berkshire/1	667	1,100,000	1,000,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>14. Hatfield Watershed #2</b>	Hampshire/1	130	800,000	600,000	CE/Federal	Funded

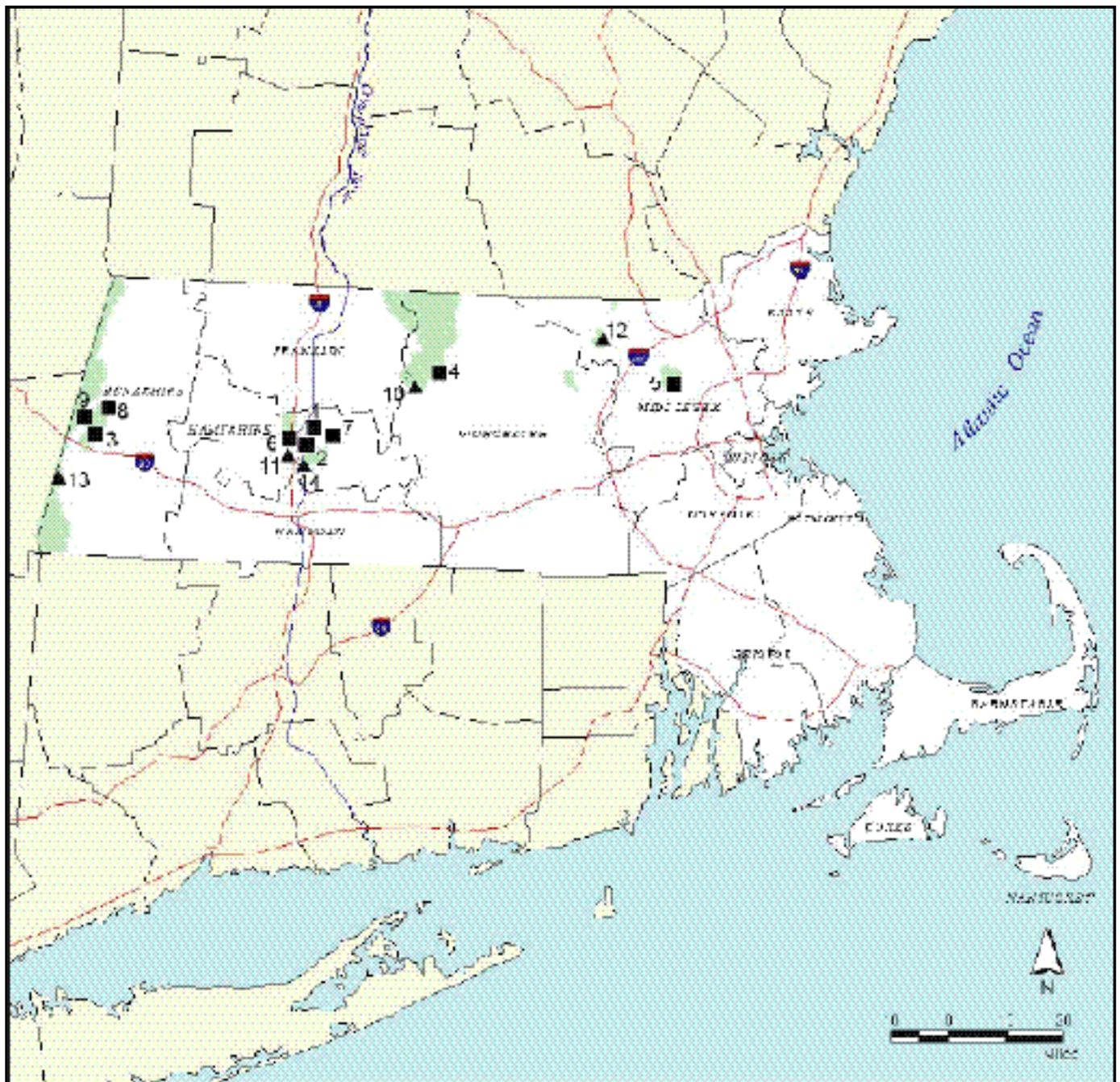
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	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(9 projects)	1,252	6,239,000	3,423,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(5 projects)	1,571	3,600,000	2,600,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(3 projects)	322	3,565,000	1,895,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Massachusetts

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- ▲ Funded

- Forest Legacy Area
- State boundary
- County boundary

- Interstate Highway
- Major River
- Major Lake



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## Minnesota

AON Approval Date: 02-02-00

### Overall Goals

- Prevent forest conversion in areas of the State where private forest land has a greater chance of being developed in the next decade
- Encourage all eligible organizations and agencies in the State to focus on the most threatened forests and protect them
- Work with organizations and agencies in the State in protecting specific forest tracts from development
- Prevent the outright loss of productive timber land
- Prevent the fragmentation of forests
- Prevent the parcelization of ownerships

Project Name and No.	Country/ Town/ Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. Big Woods Heritage Forest</b>	Rice/1	140	409,000	0	Fee/State	Closed 12-21-99
<b>2. Nerstrand Woods 1</b>	Rice/1	111	238,000	238,000	CE/State	Closed 03-31-01
<b>3. Seven-Mile Woods #1</b>	Rice/1	180	330,000	330,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>4. Seven-Mile Woods #2</b>	Rice/1	82	153,000	5,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>5. Seven-Mile Woods #3</b>	Rice/1	52	108,000	94,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>6. Seven-Mile Woods #4</b>	Rice/1	20	35,000	10,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>7. Cannon River Wildness #1</b>	Rice/1	62	145,000	106,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>8. &amp; 9. Nerstrand Wood #3</b>	Rice/1	73	400,000	300,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>10. &amp; 11. Seven-Mile Woods #5</b>	Rice/1	50	110,000	66,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>12. Cannon River Big Woods #1</b>	Rice/1	101	339,000	254,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>13. Nerstrand Wood #2</b>	Rice/1	10	22,000	15,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>14. Seven-Mile Woods #6</b>	Rice/1	15	18,000	5,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>15. Rice Woods</b>	Rice/1	108	184,000	138,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>16. Rice County Big Woods</b>	Rice/1	470	1,338,000	906,000	CE/State	Funded

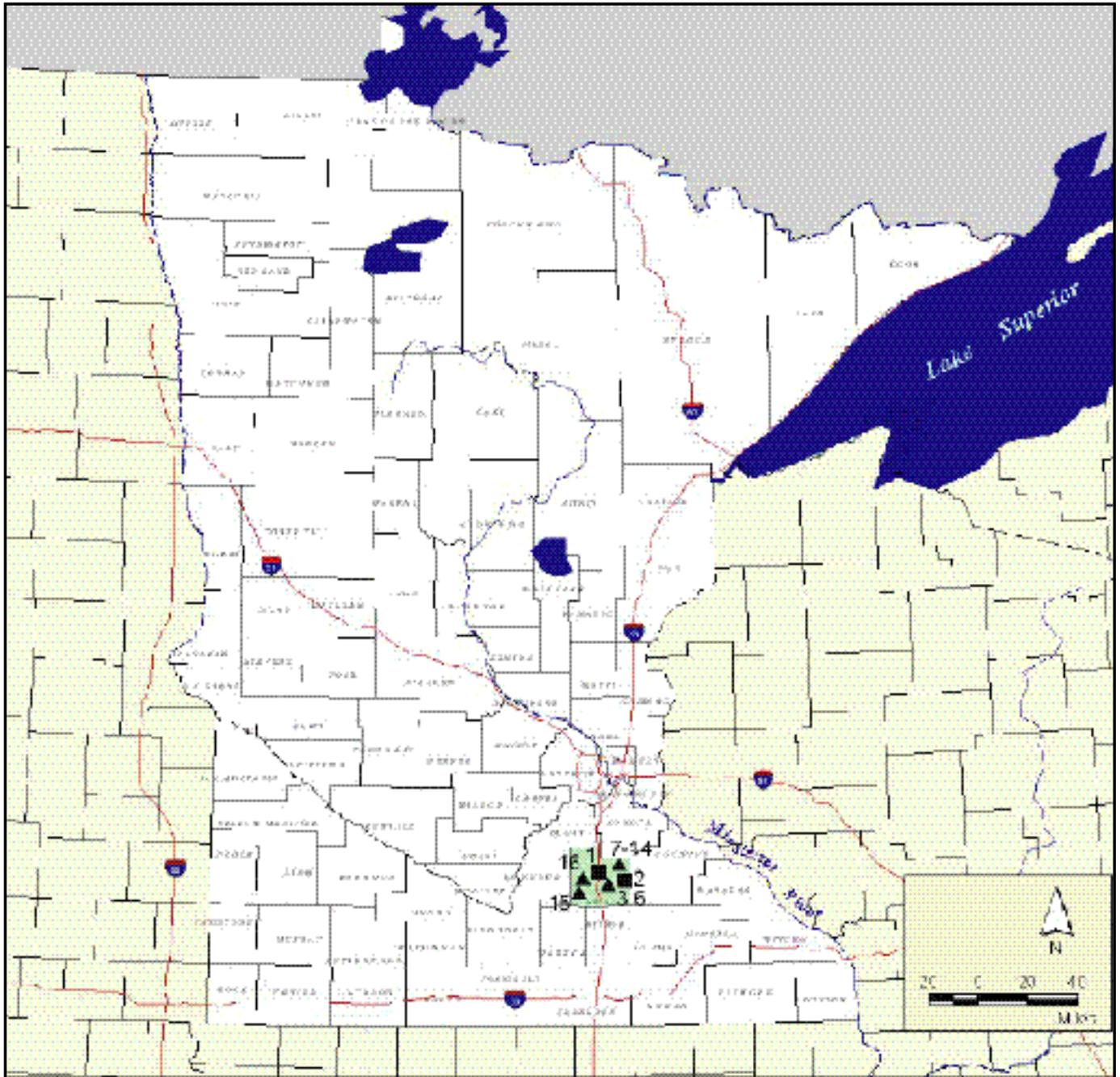
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	<b>No. Projects</b>	<b>No. Acres</b>	<b>Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)</b>	<b>FLP Payment</b>
<b>Total Closed</b>	(2 projects)	251	647,000	238,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(14 projects)	1,223	3,182,000	2,229,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(1 projects)	420	1,813,200	1,082,400

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Minnesota

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- ▲ Funded

- Forest Legacy Area
- State boundary
- County boundary
- Interstate Highways
- Major Rivers
- Major Lakes



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## Montana

AON Approval Date: 02-29-00

### Overall Goals

- Identify and protect environmentally important, privately owned forest land threatened with conversion to uses that are inconsistent with traditional forest uses including, but not limited to, residential subdivisions, commercial development, extensive pasture, cultivated farmland, and mining that causes extensive surface disturbance
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development
- Provide environmental benefits through the protection of riparian areas, native forest plants and animals, remnant forest types, and natural ecosystem functions
- Enhance recreational opportunities
- Provide watershed and water supply protection
- Provide employment opportunities and economic stability through the maintenance of traditional forest uses
- Maintain important scenic resources
- Provide links to public and other privately owned protected areas
- Protect rare, threatened, endangered, and sensitive species
- Protect or enhance habitat connectivity and related values needed to ensure biodiversity
- Protect important historical and cultural sites
- Promote forest stewardship
- Provide buffer areas to already-protected areas

Project Name and No.	Country/ Town/ Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
1. Manley Ranch Phase I	Powell & Granite/1	4,600	802,000	420,000	CE/State	Funded
2. Manley Ranch Phase II	Powell & Granite/1	3,300	593,000	137,000	CE/State	Funded
3. Thompson/Fisher Phase II	Lincoln & Sanders/1	52,935	11,999,156	3,794,633	CE/State	Funded
4. Thompson/Fisher Phase I	Sanders/1	13,320	2,293,218	1,000,417	CE/State	Closed 12-20-00

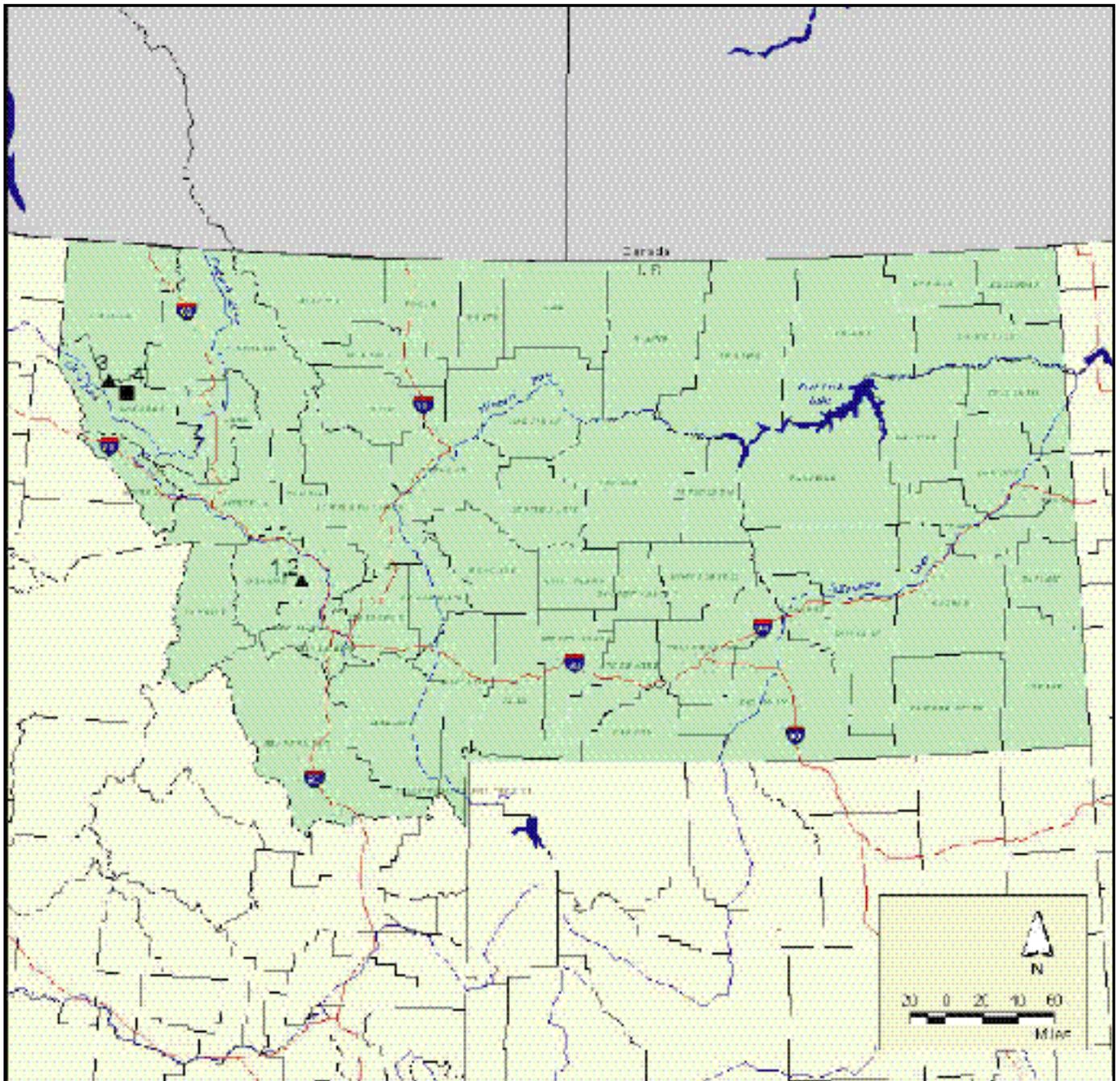
	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Closed</b>	(1 project)	13,320	2,293,218	1,000,417
<b>Total Funded</b>	(3 projects)	60,835	13,394,156	4,351,633
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(5 projects)	145,118	39,846,600	17,480,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Montana

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

■ Completed

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Forest Legacy Area

State boundary

County boundary

Interstate Highways

Major Rivers

Major Lakes



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## New Hampshire

AON Approval Date: 02-11-94

AON Amendment Date: 02-29-00

### Overall Goals

- Expand existing protected forests
- Protect large blocks of forest land
- Provide for traditional forest uses
- Protect critical wildlife habitats

<b>Project Name and No.</b>	<b>Country/ Town/ Congressional District No.</b>	<b>No. of Acres</b>	<b>Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)</b>	<b>FLP Payment (\$)</b>	<b>CE/Fee and Ownership</b>	<b>Status and/or Closing Date</b>
<b>1. 13-Mile Woods</b>	Coos/2	2,754	555,000	555,000	CE/Federal	Closed 08-04-97
<b>2. Smarts Mountain Lyme Timber #1</b>	Grafton/2	3,185	630,000	625,000	CE/Fee Federal	Closed 06-11-97
<b>3. Smarts Mountain Lyme Timber #2 (Roy T. Van Vleck)</b>	Grafton/2	80	17,000	17,000	CE/Fee Federal	Closed 06-11-97
<b>4. Smarts Mountain Lyme Timber #3 (Reservoir Pond)</b>	Grafton/2	90	25,700	25,000	CE/Fee Federal	Closed 06-11-97
<b>5. Smarts Mountain Lyme Timber #4 (Dartmouth College)</b>	Grafton/2	556	205,750	205,750	CE/Fee Federal	Closed 06-11-97
<b>6. Jahoda (Pittsburg)</b>	Coos/2	344	105,000	105,000	CE/Federal	Closed 04-26-96
<b>7. Jahoda/Johnson (Clarksville)</b>	Coos/2	56	52,000	52,000	CE/Federal	Closed 04-26-96
<b>8. Piermont Mountain</b>	Grafton/2	1,650	219,000	219,000	CE/State	Closed 05-30-97
<b>9a. James River</b>	Coos/2	446	2,000,000	0	Fee/State	Closed 07-29-92
<b>9b. James River</b>	Coos/2	2,559	0	0	CE/State	Closed 07-29-92

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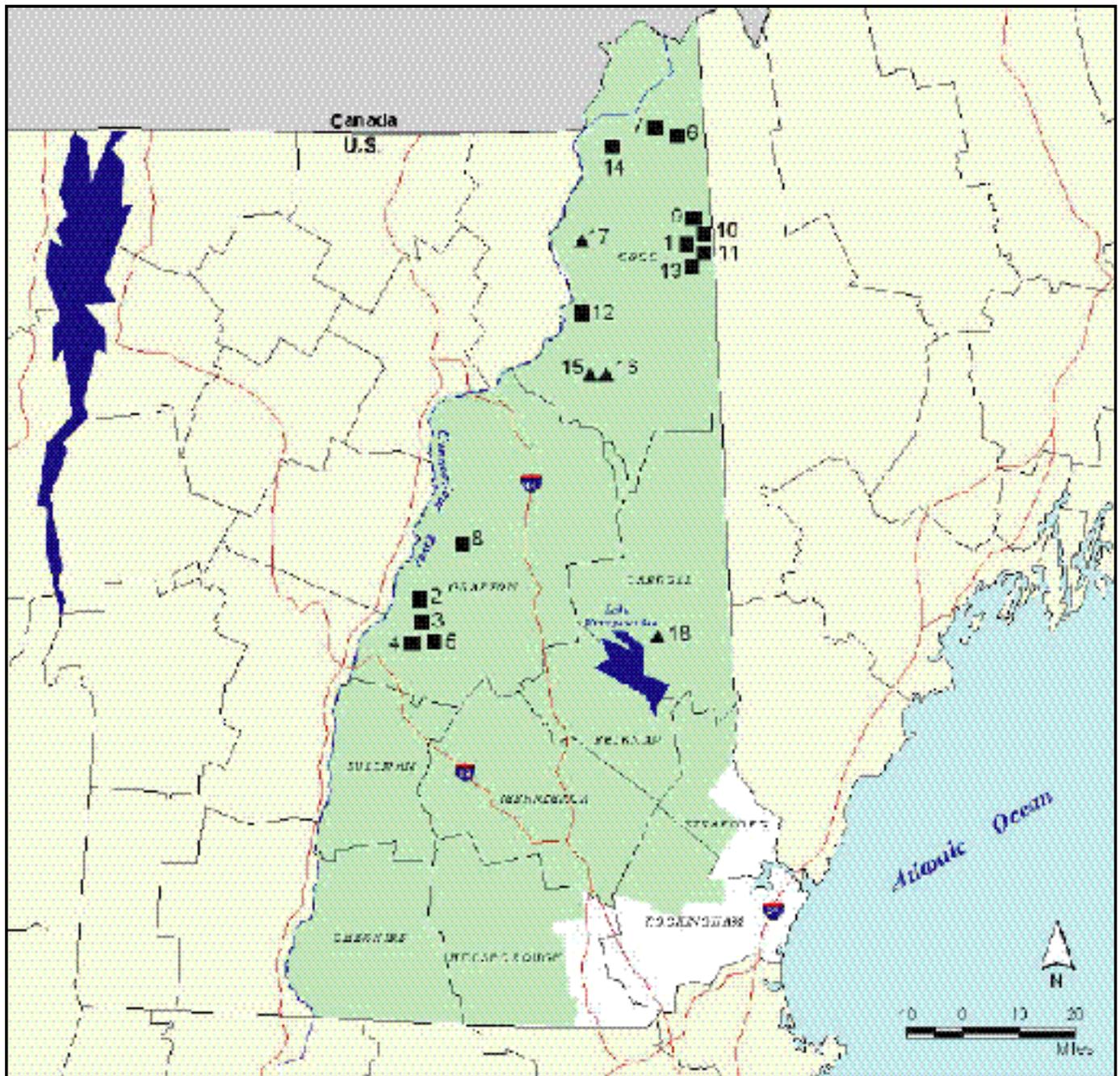
Project Name and No.	County/Town/Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
10. Oxford Paper Co.	Coos/2	602	1,000,000	0	Fee/State	Closed 12-21-92
11. Union Water Power Company	Coos/2	24	167,300	0	Fee/State	Closed 12-21-92
12. Sullivan	Coos/2	122	30,000	0	Fee/State	Closed 01-11-93
13. Pingree	Coos/2	16	75,000	0	Fee/State	Closed 06-21-93
14. Hurlburt Swamp	Coos/2	313	30,000	0	Fee/State	Closed 06-17-93
15. Pond of Safety Phase I	Coos/2	9,940	1,500,000	1,500,000	CE/State	Funded
16. Pond of Safety Phase II	Coos/2	1,840	1,500,000	1,000,000	CE/State	Funded
17. Bunnel Mountain (Blue)	Coos/2	18,608	2,232,960	1,670,000	CE/State	Funded
18. Ossipee Mtns.	Carroll/2	4,800	1,600,000	1,400,000	CE/State	Funded

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(14 projects)	12,797	5,111,750	1,803,750
<b>Total Funded</b>	(4 projects)	35,188	6,832,960	5,570,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(3 projects)	3,750	3,266,666	2,450,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in New Hampshire

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

■ Completed

▲ Funded

Forest Legacy Area

State boundary

County boundary

Interstate Highway

Major River

Major Lakes



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## New Jersey

AON Approval Date: 10-26-94

### Overall Goals

- Protect some of the last extensive unbroken forests in New Jersey
- Provide a great diversity of natural resources
- Protect high-quality drinking water supplies
- Protect important and unique wildlife habitats and critical migration routes
- Provide public recreation opportunities

Project Name and No.	County/ Town/ Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. RTC/FDIC*</b>	Morris/11	145	412,000	412,000	Fee/Federal	Closed 12-19-97
<b>2. Buck Mountain</b>	Morris/11	1,200	4,300,000	200,000	Fee/Federal	Closed 01-09-97
<b>3. Meriden</b>	Morris/11	295	7,000,000	350,000	Fee/State	Closed 06-22-00
<b>4. Highlands Greenway</b>	Sussex/5&11	249	858,800	600,000	Fee/State	Funded
<b>5. Macopin</b>	Passaic/5	700	1,400,000	700,000	CE/State	Closed 12-29-00
<b>6. Fany Highlands</b>	Morris/11	525	3,000,000	750,000	Fee/State	Funded
<b>7. Newark Watershed Phase IV</b>	Morris/11	2,700	2,500,000	271,000	CE/State	Funded

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(4 projects)	2,340	13,112,000	1,662,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(3 projects)	3,474	6,358,800	1,621,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(6 projects)	11,345	40,205,000	16,735,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in New Jersey

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

■ Completed

▲ Funded

 Forest Legacy Area

 State boundary

 County boundary

 Interstate Highway

 Major Road

 Major Water



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## New York

AON Approval Date: 10-26-94

AON Amendment Date: 12-10-98

### Overall Goals

- Protect traditional forest uses
- Provide public recreation opportunities
- Protect water quality
- Protect scenic quality
- Provide wildlife habitat

Project Name and No.	County/Town/Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. Denino Indian Lake</b>	Hamilton/24	141	86,000	86,000	CE/Federal	Closed 08-24-94
<b>2. Brown</b>	Oneida/23	119	120,000	120,000	CE/Federal	Closed 04-21-97
<b>3. Pownal Tanning</b>	Rensselaer/22	278	81,000	81,000	Fee/State	Closed 12-29-97
<b>4. Fox</b>	Rensselaer/22	100	50,000	50,000	Fee/State	Closed 12-29-97
<b>5. Greene Frog</b>	Greene/22	70	66,000	66,000	Fee/State	Closed 08-17-00
<b>6. Sable Highlands</b>	Clinton/24	105,000	10,000,000	500,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>7. East Branch Fish Creek</b>	Lewis/24	47,300	5,000,000	872,000	CE/Fee State	Funded
<b>8. George Allen, NY</b>	Rensselaer/22	600	350,000	350,000	CE/Fee State	Funded
<b>9. Sterling Forest I/9</b>	Clinton/20	847	4,270,000	200,000	Fee/State	Closed 12-11-00

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(6 projects)	1,555	4,673,000	603,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(3 projects)	152,900	15,350,000	1,722,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(2 projects)	133,500	22,000,000	6,000,000

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## North Carolina

AON Approval Date: 02-29-00

### Overall Goals

- Maintain large, contiguous blocks of working forests as part of current and future landscapes
- Conserve diversity of forest types and wildlife habitats
- Connect designated preserves, establish corridors, and reduce landscape fragmentation
- Provide wildlife habitats for endangered and protected species
- Restore and conserve longleaf pine communities
- Restore forest integrity by reintroducing declining species and promoting bottomland forest regeneration
- Encourage protection of scenic vistas
- Buffer unique natural areas, recreational trails, and routes
- Enhance protection of water quality, State nutrient-sensitive waters, and water supply watersheds

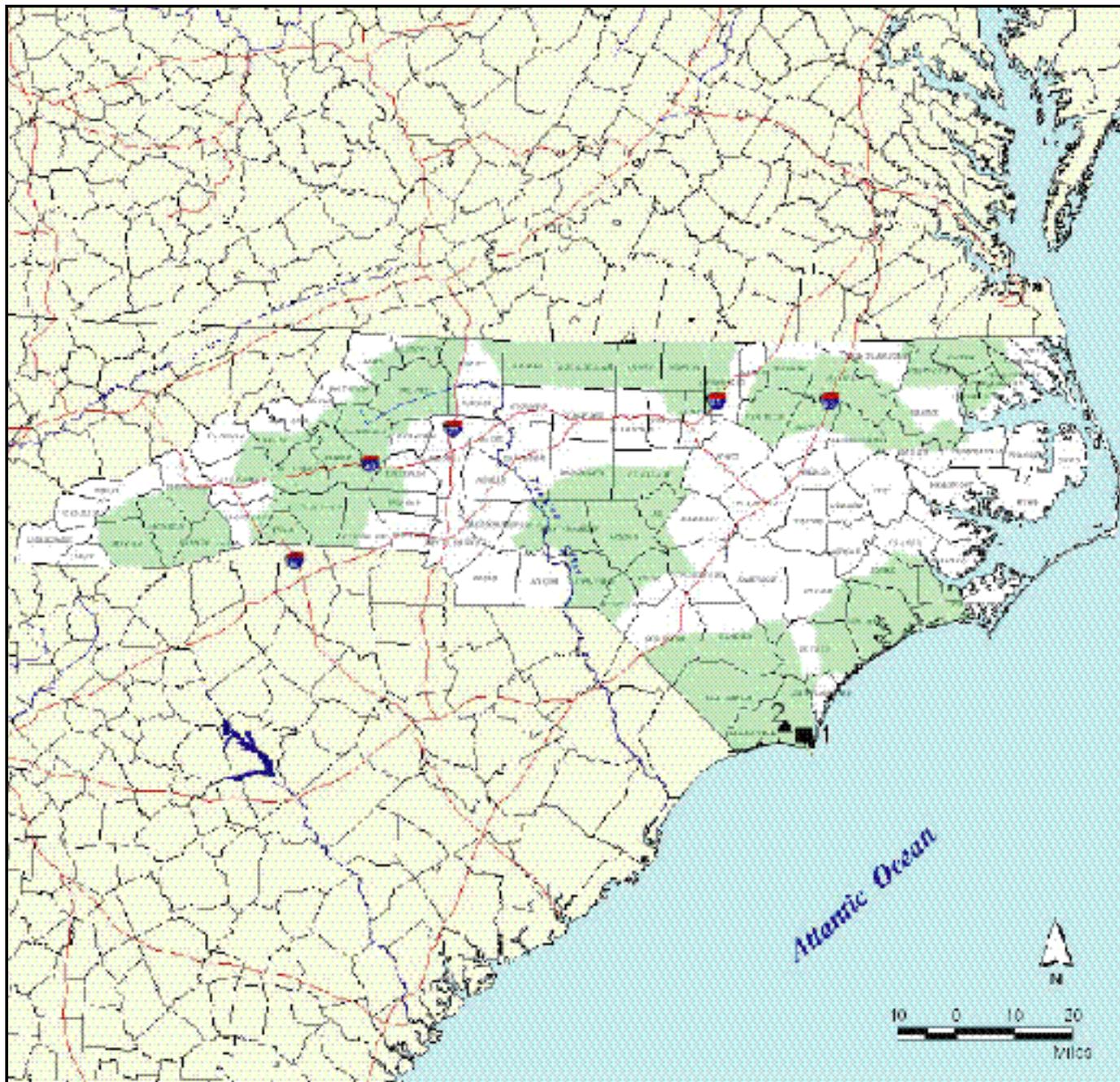
Project Name and No.	Country/ Town/ Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. Town Creek Phase I</b>	Brunswick/7	1,082	2,288,000	1,400,000	CE/State	Closed 12-14-00
<b>2. Town Creek Phase II (Duckhead &amp; Boise Tracts)</b>	Brunswick/7	1,738	3,750,000	2,700,000	CE/State	Funded

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(1 projects)	1,082	2,288,000	1,400,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(1 projects)	1,738	3,750,000	2,700,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(6 projects)	11,807	14,001,500	8,516,125

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## Forest Legacy Activity in North Carolina

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

■ Completed

▲ Funded

Forest Legacy Area  
 State boundary  
 County boundary

Interstate Highway  
 Major Road  
 Major Water



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## Puerto Rico

AON Approval Date: 10-30-97

### Overall Goals

- Protect and restore forested areas in watersheds developed as sources of public water supply
- Maintain buffer zones of existing forest reserves
- Conserve forested areas in primary, or close to primary, conditions
- Conserve biodiversity and unique features

Project Name and No.	Country/ Town/ Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. Hernandez Guánica S.F.</b>	Guánica/AL*	61	145,000	135,000	Fee/PR	Closed 01-19-01
<b>2. Lopez Guánica S.F.</b>	Guánica/AL*	135	348,200	348,200	Fee/PR	Closed 02-01-01
<b>3. Matos Guánica S.F.</b>	Guánica/AL*	81	308,500	308,500	Fee/PR	Closed 02-01-01
<b>4. Gripinas Toro Negro</b>	Jayuya/AL*	498	256,500	0	Fee/PR	Closed 03-30-00
<b>5. La Nuez- Guilarte</b>	Adjuntas/AL*	71	36,500	0	Fee/PR	Closed 03-30-00
<b>6. Mogotes- Guilarte</b>	Yauco/AL*	238	123,000	0	Fee/PR	Closed 03-30-00
<b>7. Fraticelli- Guilarte</b>	Adjuntas/AL*	41	21,000	0	Fee/PR	Closed 03-30-00
<b>8. Busigó- Maricao</b>	Maricao/AL*	257	223,175	0	Fee/PR	Closed 03-15-00
<b>9. Mikasobe- Carite</b>	Guayama/AL*	47	115,000	0	Fee/PR	Closed 05-03-00
<b>10. Sucn. Bauzá-Tres Picachos</b>	Utua-do- Arecibo/AL*	417	753,600	0	Fee/PR	Funded
<b>11. Karst Initiative (Rio Abajo)</b>	Ciales/AL*	1,100	1,180,000	1,180,000	Fee/PR	Funded

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(9 projects)	1,429	1,576,875	791,700
<b>Total Funded</b>	(2 projects)	1,517	1,933,600	1,180,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(4 projects)	4,600	7,100,000	5,300,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Puerto Rico

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

■ Completed

▲ Funded

Forest Legacy Zone

State boundary

Municipality boundary

Major Road

Major River

Major Lake



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## Rhode Island

AON Approval Date: 12-30-93

### Overall Goals

- Protect significant forest tracts
- Protect watersheds of public drinking water supplies
- Add on to existing public open space
- Provide public recreation opportunities
- Protect threatened and endangered species habitats

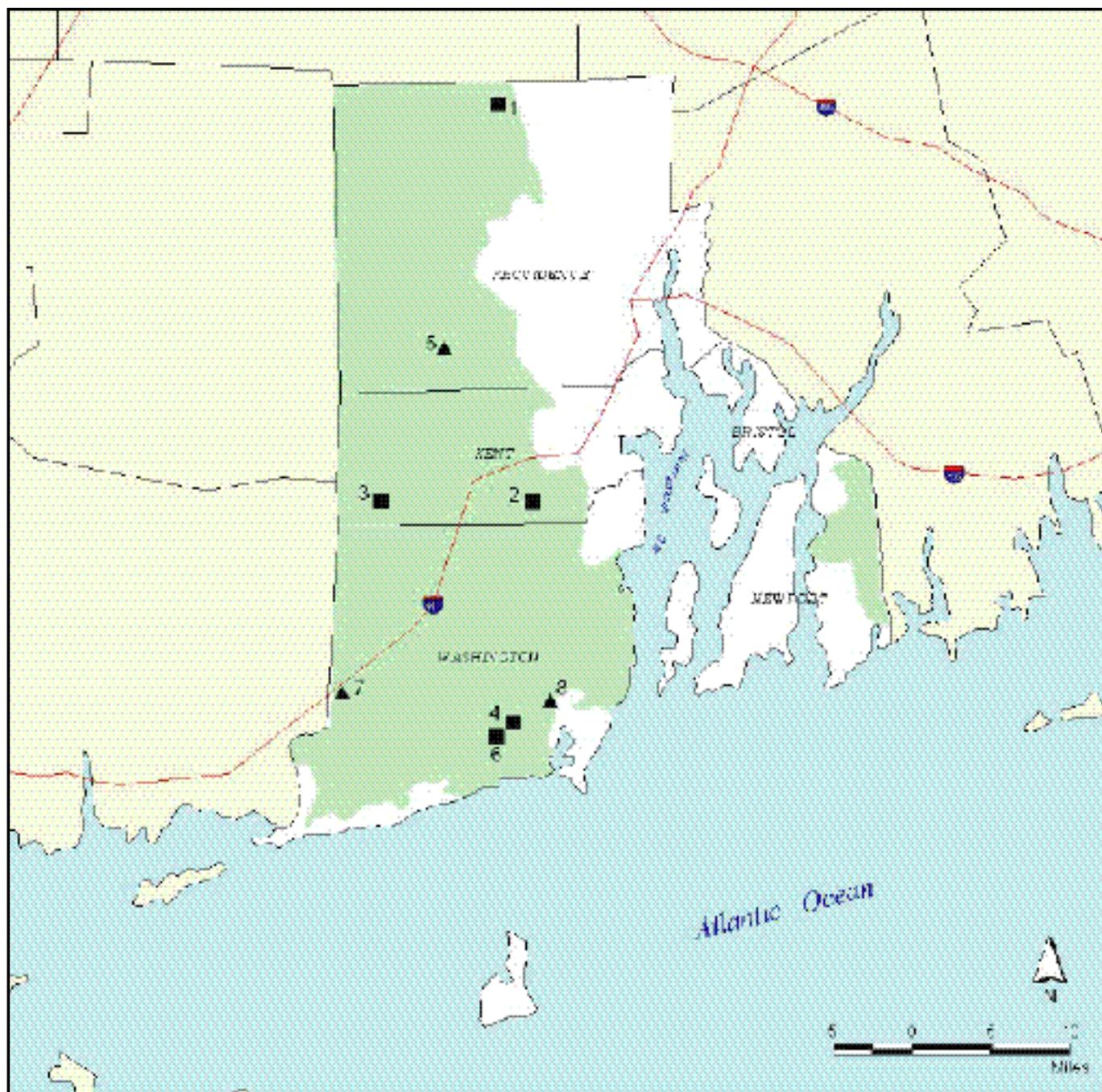
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<b>1. Wright</b>	Providence/2	132	50,000	50,000	CE/State	Closed 05-27-99
<b>2. Brownell</b>	Kent/2	80	155,000	155,000	CE/State	Closed 02-15-99
<b>3. Mt. Tom Trail</b>	Kent/2	145	270,000	270,000	CE/State	Closed 12-28-99
<b>4. Gammell</b>	Washington/2	75	445,000	445,000	CE/State	Closed 12-01-98
<b>5. Cork Brook</b>	Providence/2	49	250,000	250,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>6. Duval Trail Corridor West</b>	Washington/2	166	360,000	360,000	CE/State	Closed 02-21-01
<b>7. Long &amp; Ell Ponds- South</b>	Washington/2	640	880,000	550,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>8. South Road</b>	Washington/2	74	296,000	296,000	CE/State	Funded

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(5 projects)	598	1,280,000	1,280,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(3 projects)	763	1,426,000	1,096,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(3 projects)	331	1,263,000	946,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Rhode Island

Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- ▲ Funded

- Forest Legacy Area
- State boundary
- County boundary
- Interstate Highways
- Major Rivers
- Water Lakes



## South Carolina

AON Approval Date: 02-07-00

### Overall Goals

- Identify and protect environmentally important forest land threatened with conversion to nonforest uses
- Protect river systems and wetlands and their associated upland habitats
- Increase the opportunity for public recreation
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development
- Provide environmental benefits through the restoration and protection of riparian zones and native forest plants
- Provide for watershed and water supply protection
- Provide employment opportunities and economic stability through maintenance of traditional forest uses
- Maintain important scenic resources of the State
- Protect rare, threatened, or endangered species of plants and animals
- Promote forest stewardship
- Promote best management practices for forestry
- Provide for educational and research opportunities
- Provide buffer areas to already-protected areas
- Enhance forest diversity

Project Name and No.	Country/Town/Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. Shooting Tree</b>	Pickens/3	6,890	1,428,000	975,000	Fee/State	Closed 12-07-99
<b>2. Coastal Forest Ecosystem Initiative</b>	Hampton & Jasper/2, 6	7,200	8,000,000	3,000,000	CE/Fee	Funded
<b>3. Ashmore Clamp</b>	Greenville/4	480	600,000	0	CE/Fee	Funded
<b>4. Congaree Bluff</b>	Calhoun/4	200	850,000	0	CE/Fee	Funded
<b>5. Thurmond Bishop</b>	Union/4	TBA	TBA	TBA	CE/Fee	Funded
<b>6. Boggy Branch</b>	Hampton/4	180	245,000	TBA	CE/Fee	Funded

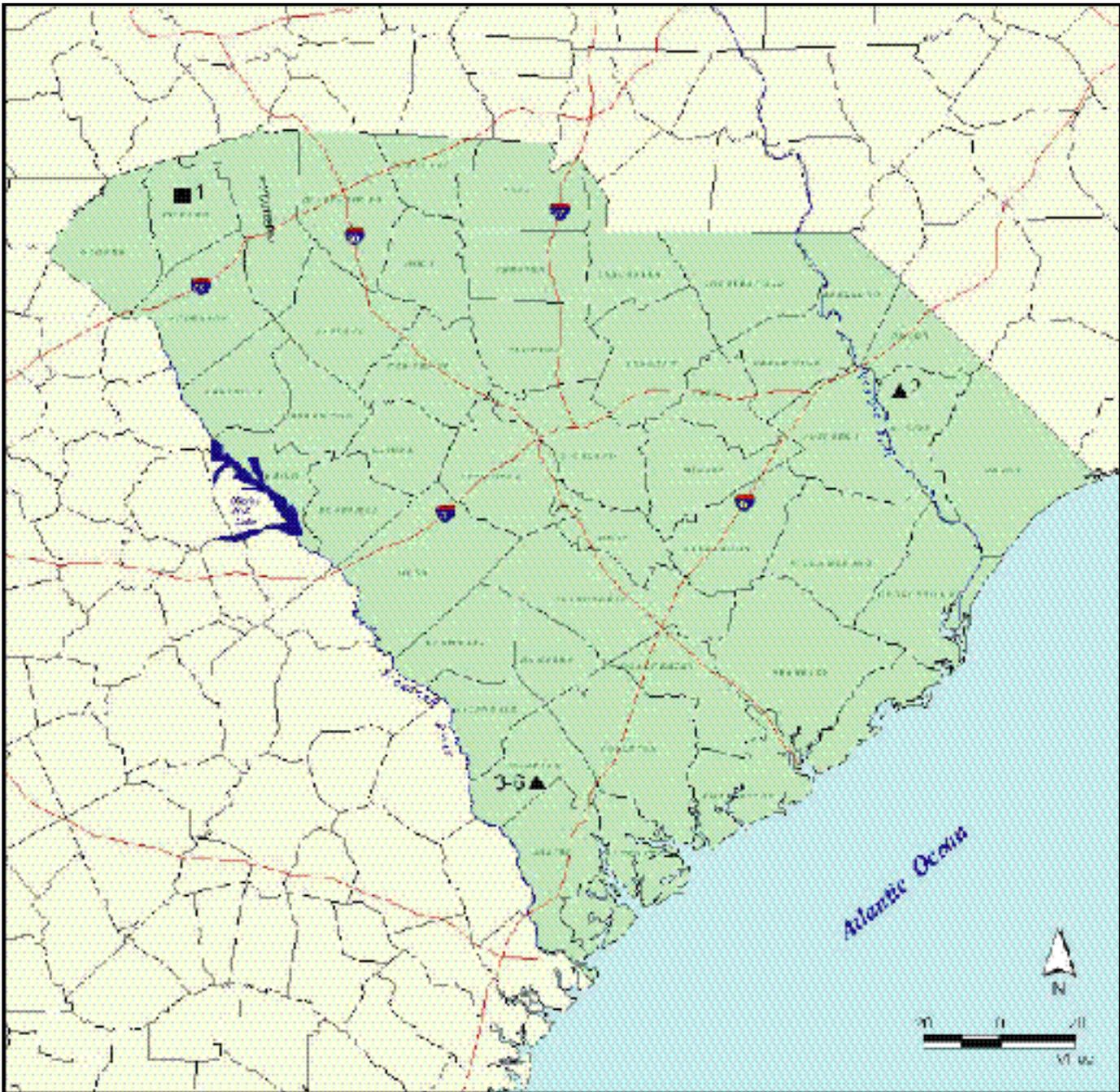
	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(1 projects)	6,890	1,428,000	975,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(5 projects)	8,060	9,695,000	3,000,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(2 projects)	23,049	86,000,000	13,000,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in South Carolina

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

■ Completed

▲ Funded

Forest Legacy Area

State boundary

County boundary

Interstate Highways

Major Highways

Major Lakes



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## Tennessee

AON Approval Date: 02-07-00

### Overall Goals

- Prevent conversion of forest land to other uses
- Preserve and protect fish and wildlife habitats, rare plants, and biological diversity
- Preserve and protect riparian habitats
- Preserve and protect water quality, fisheries, and water supplies
- Preserve and protect natural beauty
- Preserve and protect forest-based recreation opportunities
- Preserve forest land for current and future wood production

Project Name and No.	Country/ Town/ Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. North Chickamauga Creek (ultra)</b>	Hamilton/3	50	3,500,000*	10,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>2. North Chickamauga Creek (C. Patten)</b>	Hamilton/3	2,000	*	1,000,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>3. North Chickamauga Creek (Casey)</b>	Hamilton/3	2,232	*	1,042,940	CE/State	Funded
<b>4. North Chickamauga Creek (B. Patten)</b>	Hamilton/3	250	*	10,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>5. Middleton Tract/Wautaug FLA**</b>	Carter/1	150	350,000	222,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>6. General Shale</b>	Carter/1	55	230,000	10,000	Fee/State	Funded
<b>7. Archie</b>	Carter/1	28	206,000	10,000	Fee/State	Funded
<b>8. Roach</b>	Hamilton/3	120	370,000	10,000	Fee/State	Funded
<b>9. Patrick</b>	Hamilton/3	125	60,000	10,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>10. English</b>	Tipton/3	50	45,000	10,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>11. Bowden</b>	Tipton/3	65	35,750	30,750	CE/State	Funded
<b>12. Simonton</b>	Lauderdale/3	243	96,000	96,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>13. Middlecoff</b>	Fayette/3	652	240,200	220,000	CE/State	Funded

\*Total value includes all four tracts

\*\*Forest Legacy Areas

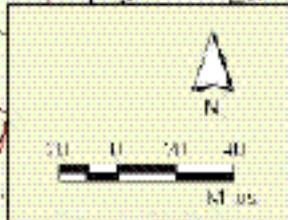
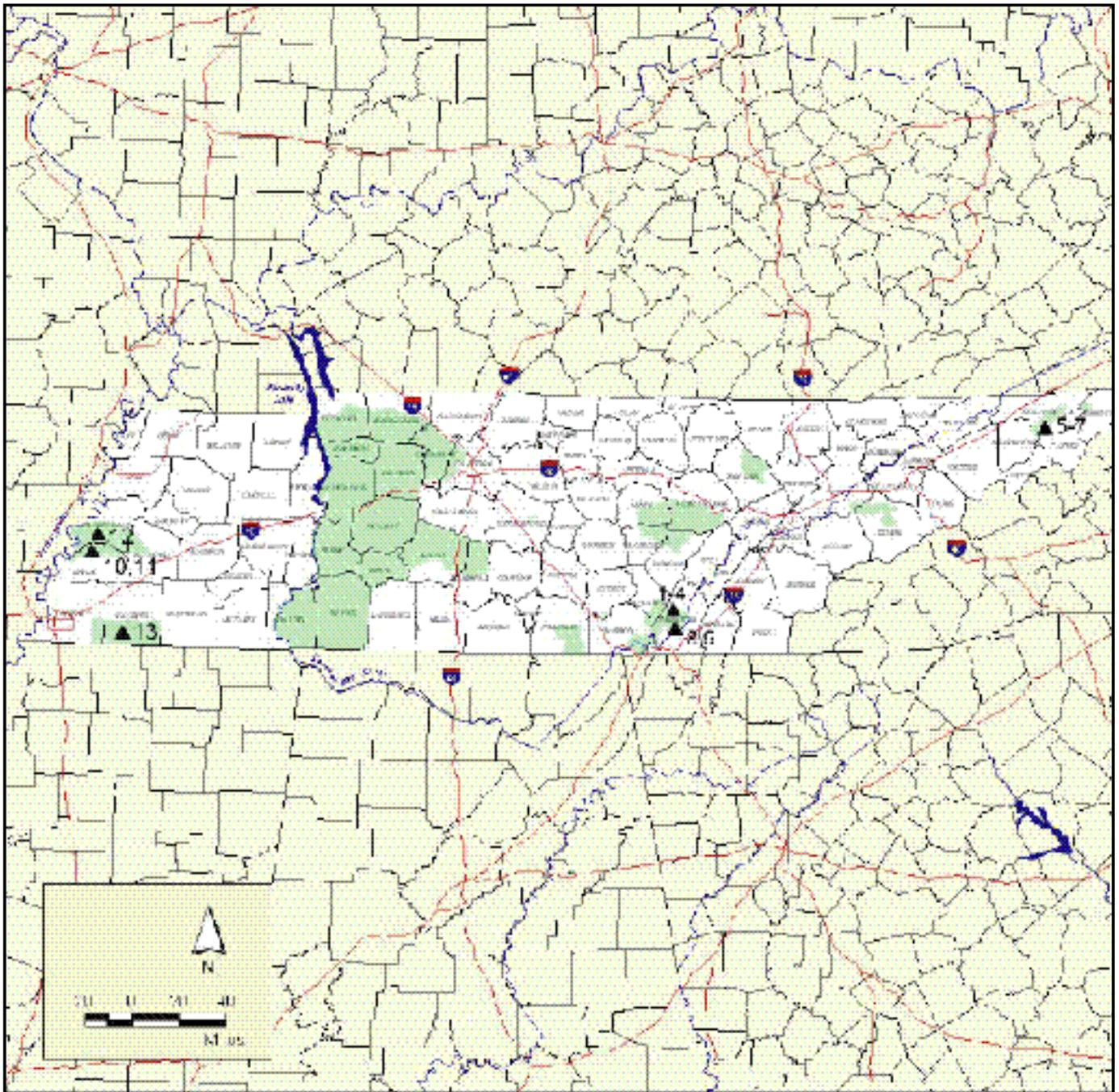
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	<b>No. Projects</b>	<b>No. Acres</b>	<b>Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)</b>	<b>FLP Payment</b>
<b>Total Funded</b>	(13 projects)	6,020	5,132,950	2,681,690
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(6 projects)	17,553	15,231,000	6,866,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Tennessee

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- ▲ Funded

- Forest Legacy Area
- State boundary
- County boundary

- Interstate Highway
- Major River
- Major Lake



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## Utah

AON Approval Date: 02-27-97

### Overall Goals

- Prevent future conversions of forest land and forest resources
- Protect and enhance water quality and water supplies
- Protect wildlife habitat and maintain habitat connectivity and related values needed to ensure biodiversity
- Protect riparian areas
- Maintain and restore natural ecosystem functions
- Maintain forest sustainability and the cultural and economic vitality of rural communities

Project Name and No.	County/Town/Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. Range Creek-Allred</b>	Carbon/3	837	370,000	370,000	CE/State	Closed 01-14-00
<b>2a. East* Canyon</b>	Morgan/3	1,790	1,800,000	900,000	CE/State	Closed 06-06-99
<b>2b. East* Canyon</b>	Morgan/3	5,510	4,600,000	0	CE/State	Funded
<b>3. Chalk Creek</b>	Summit/3	8,890	8,540,000	0	CE/State	Closed 06-03-99
<b>4. Panguitch</b>	Garfield/3	933	1,530,000	1,500,000	CE/State	Closed 04-12-00
<b>5a. Bar J. Ranch Phase I</b>	Sevier/3	5,775	5,870,000	1,200,000	CE/State	Closed 12-22-00
<b>5b. Bar J. Ranch Phase II</b>	Sevier/3	1,964	1,765,000	0	CE/State	Closed 05-16-01
<b>6. Coalville</b>	Summit/3	2,805	2,575,000	1,950,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>7. Range Creek-Jensen</b>	Carbon/3	878	436,000	300,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>8. Summit Park</b>	Summit/3	325	1,600,000	800,000	CE/State	Closed 05-16-01

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(7 projects)	20,541	21,475,000	4,770,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(3 projects)	9,193	7,611,000	2,250,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(7 projects)	77,746	57,750,000	27,730,000

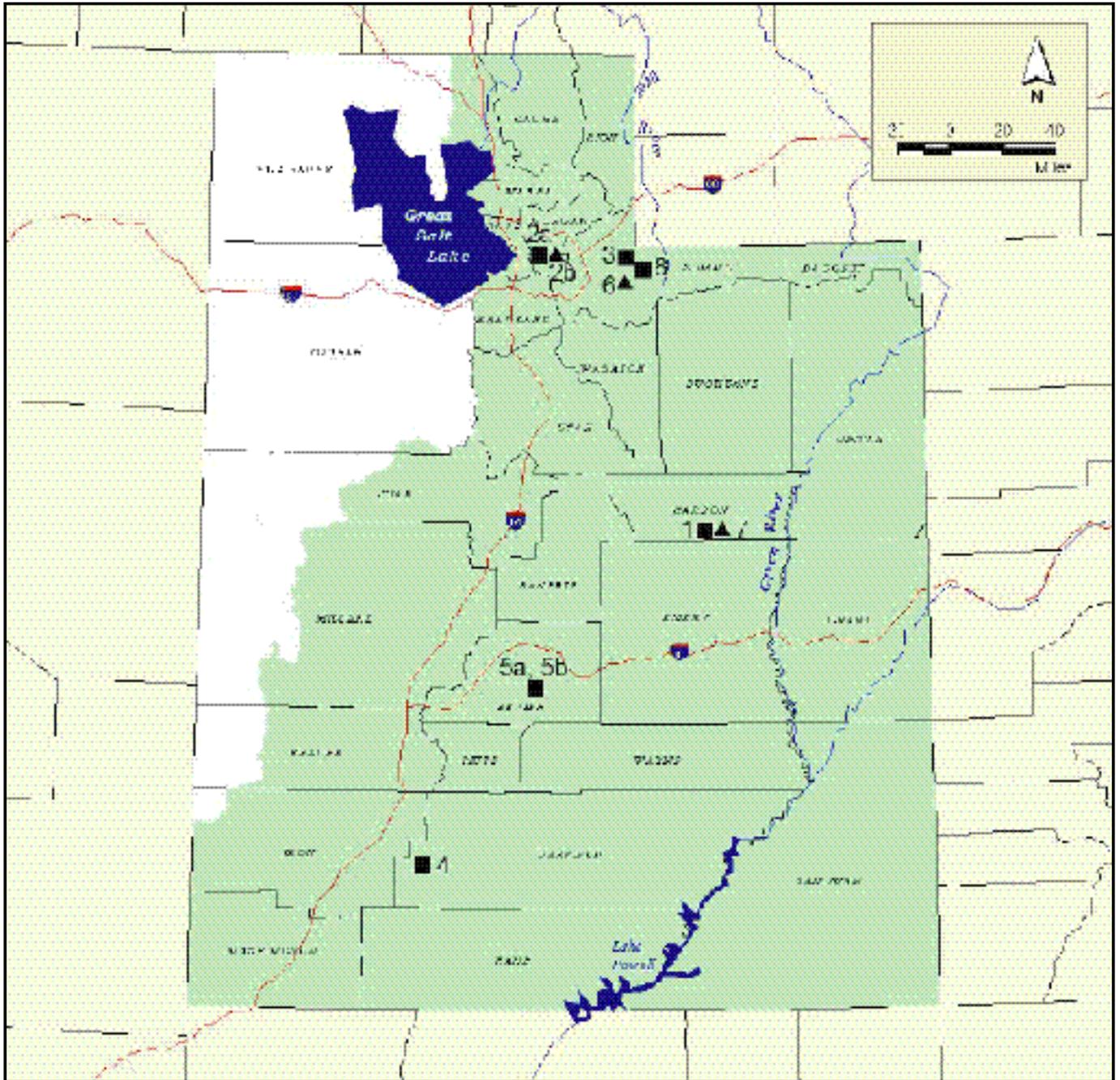
\*Peaceful Valley Ranch

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Utah

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

■ Completed

▲ Funded

Forest Legacy Area

State boundary

County boundary

Interstate Highways

Major Rivers

Major Lakes



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## Vermont

AON Approval Date: 02-11-94

### Overall Goals

- Protect large contiguous and productive forest blocks
- Protect habitats for wildlife dependent on large contiguous forest blocks
- Protect threatened and endangered species habitats
- Protect State fragile areas and underdeveloped shorelines
- Protect significant wetlands
- Protect important recreation corridors

Project Name and No.	County/ Town/ Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. Cow Mountain Pond</b>	Essex/AL*	1,660	271,000	271,000	Fee/Federal	Closed 04-20-93
<b>2. Atlas (Elmore)</b>	Lamoille/AL*	2,281	342,000	342,000	CE/Federal	Closed 05-18-94
<b>3. Wilderness Corporation</b>	Windsor/AL*	2,086	620,000	618,000	CE/State	Closed 10-02-96
<b>4. Green River Reservoir</b>	Lamoille/AL*	5,113	2,526,000	1,776,000	Fee/Federal	Closed 03-30-99
<b>5. Hancock</b>	Essex & Orleans/AL*	31,450	2,847,000	2,500,000	CE/State	Closed 12-20-96
<b>6. Conservation Fund</b>	Windsor/AL*	560	222,000	200,000	CE/State	Closed 09-07-97
<b>7. McConnell Pond</b>	Essex/AL*	4,790	928,000	0	CE/State	Closed 12-16-94
<b>8. Lowell Mountain</b>	Orleans/AL*	1,241	177,000	0	CE/State	Closed 12-16-94
<b>9. Pierce</b>	Rutland/AL*	235	141,000	0	CE/State	Closed 12-16-94
<b>10. Peacham</b>	Caledonia/AL*	730	210,000	0	CE/State	Closed 12-16-94
<b>11. Stockey</b>	Orleans/AL*	809	96,000	0	CE/State	Closed 12-16-94
<b>12. Mt. Holly Wildlife Corridor Lands</b>	Windsor/AL*	1,186	450,000	375,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>13. Northern Forest Tracts</b>	Essex/AL*	4,886	1,470,000	795,000	CE/Fee State	Funded

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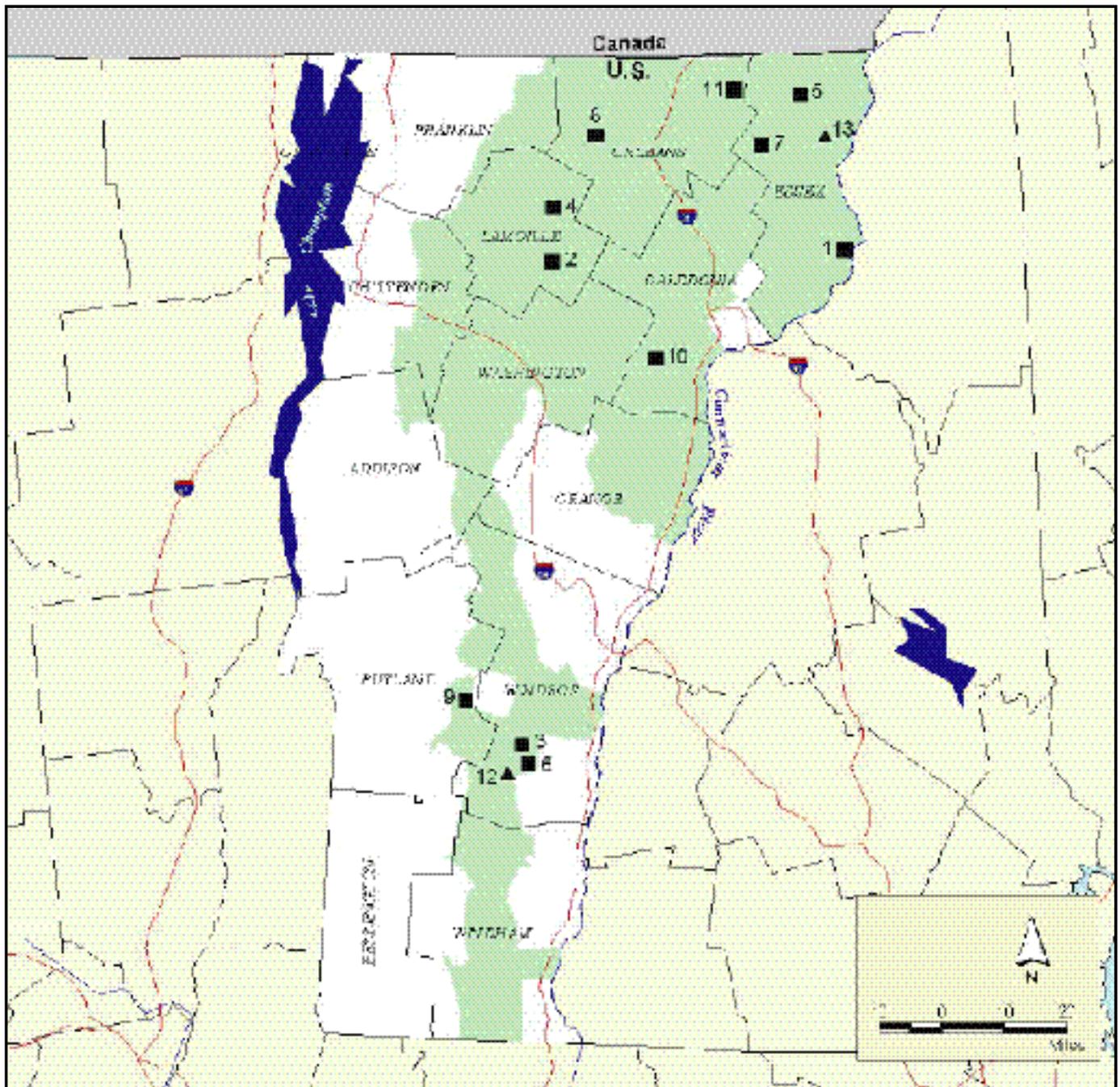
	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Closed</b>	(11 projects)	50,955	8,380,000	5,707,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(2 projects)	6,072	1,920,000	1,170,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(5 projects)	6,066	3,333,332	2,500,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Vermont

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

■ Completed

▲ Funded

Forest Legacy Area

State boundary

County boundary

Interstate Highways

Major River

Major Lake



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## Virginia

AON Approval Date: 01-16-01

### Overall Goals

- Protect Virginia's forest for future generations
- Use conservation easements as the prime tool

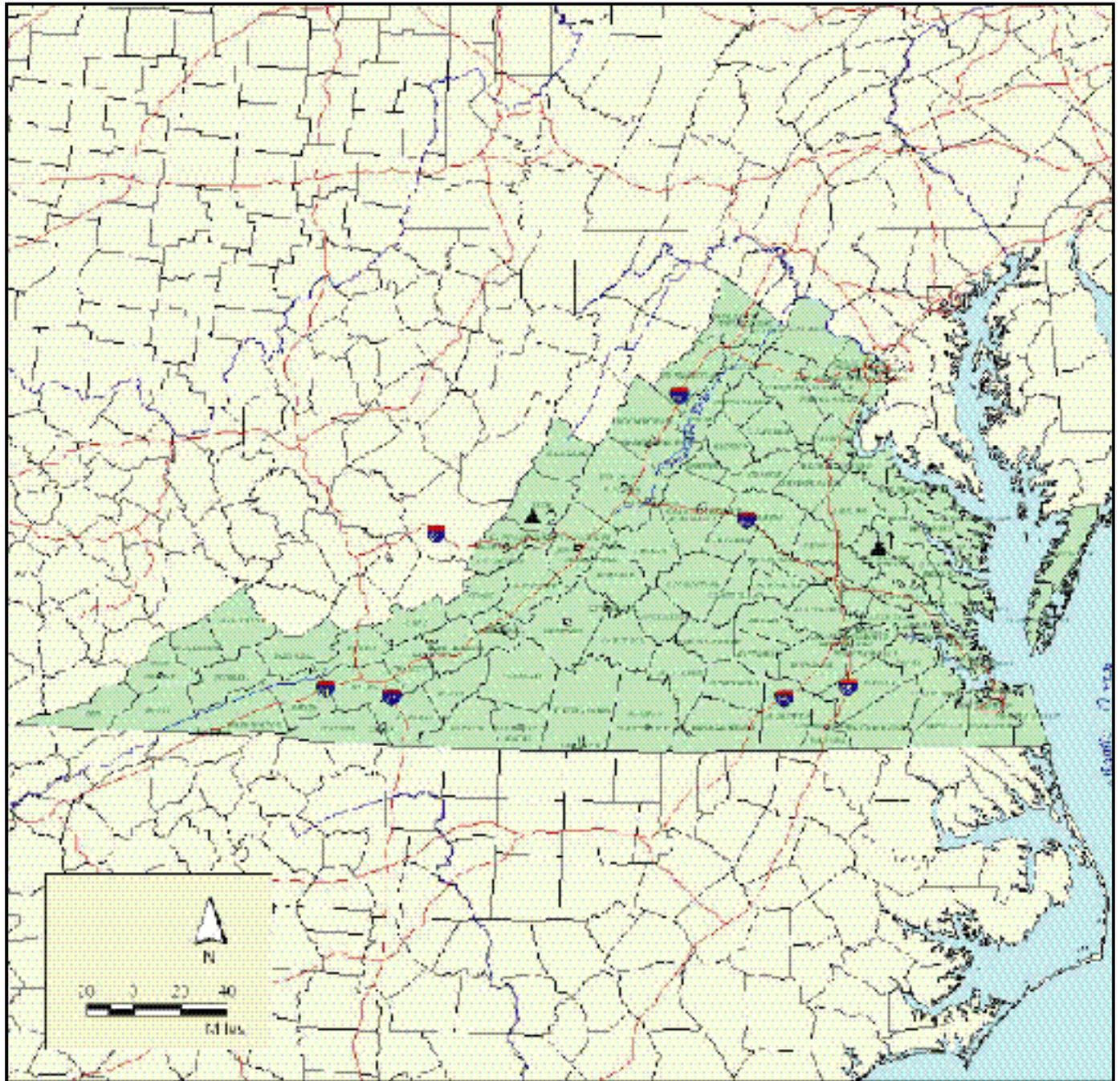
Project Name and No.	County/ Town/ Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
1. Gwathmey	King William	568	800,000	400,000	CE/State	Funded
2. Coles Point	Bath	1,111	1,198,800	597,800	CE/State	Funded

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Funded</b>	(2 projects)	1,679	1,998,800	997,800
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(4 projects)	2,868	8,336,000	2,820,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Virginia

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

■ Completed

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Forest Legacy Area

State boundary

County boundary

Interstate Highway

Major Rivers

Major Lakes



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## Washington

AON Approval Date: 10-26-94

### Overall Goals

- Protect water quality
- Provide habitats for native fish, wildlife, or plants
- Provide present or future timber management opportunities

<b>Project Name and No.</b>	<b>County/Town/Congressional District No.</b>	<b>No. of Acres</b>	<b>Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)</b>	<b>FLP Payment (\$)</b>	<b>CE/Fee and Ownership</b>	<b>Status and/or Closing Date</b>
<b>1. Lind</b>	King/8	130	1,200,000	1,200,000	Fee/Federal	Closed 05-15-95
<b>2. WRECO</b>	King/8	260	1,784,000	1,784,000	Fee/Federal	Closed 12-22-95
<b>3. Plum Creek I</b>	King/8	559	2,727,000	612,000	CE/Federal	Closed 06-28-96
<b>4. Plum Creek II</b>	King/8	120	1,413,000	1,413,000	Fee/Federal	Closed 02-14-97
<b>5. Plum Creek III</b>	King/8	160	1,575,000	52,000	CE/Fee/ Federal	Closed 04-11-97
<b>6. Grouse Ridge &amp; Middle Fork</b>	King/8	1,732	6,002,000	1,145,000	CE/State	Closed 06-26-98
<b>7. Leong River</b>	King/8	52	865,000	599,000	CE/State	Closed 09-29-00
<b>8. Forest Gateway Edge I</b>	King/8	115	1,970,000	1,191,000	CE/State	Closed 07-27-00
<b>9. Forest Gateway Edge II</b>	King/8	46	910,000	610,000	CE/State	Closed 10-09-00
<b>10. Mitchell Hill East</b>	King/8	425	4,245,000	995,000	CE/State Fee/County	Closed 12-05-00
<b>11. Rattlesnake Ridge I (Kimball Creek)</b>	King/8	80	1,150,000	968,000	CE/State	Funded
<b>12. Issaquah Creek Headwaters II</b>	King/8	462	3,850,000	2,700,000	CE/State	Funded

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	<b>No. Projects</b>	<b>No. Acres</b>	<b>Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)</b>	<b>FLP Payment</b>
<b>Total Closed</b>	(10 projects)	3,599	22,691,000	9,601,000
<b>Total Funded</b>	(2 project)	542	5,000,000	3,668,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(6 projects)	645	9,700,000	7,550,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Washington

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- ▲ Funded

- Forest Legacy Area
- State boundary
- County boundary
- Interstate Highways
- Major Rivers
- Major Lakes



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## Wisconsin

AON Approval Date: 01-16-01

### Overall Goals

Minimize fragmentation and conversion of significant forested areas to nonforest uses through the wise administration of conservation easements that focus on the sustainable use of forest resources

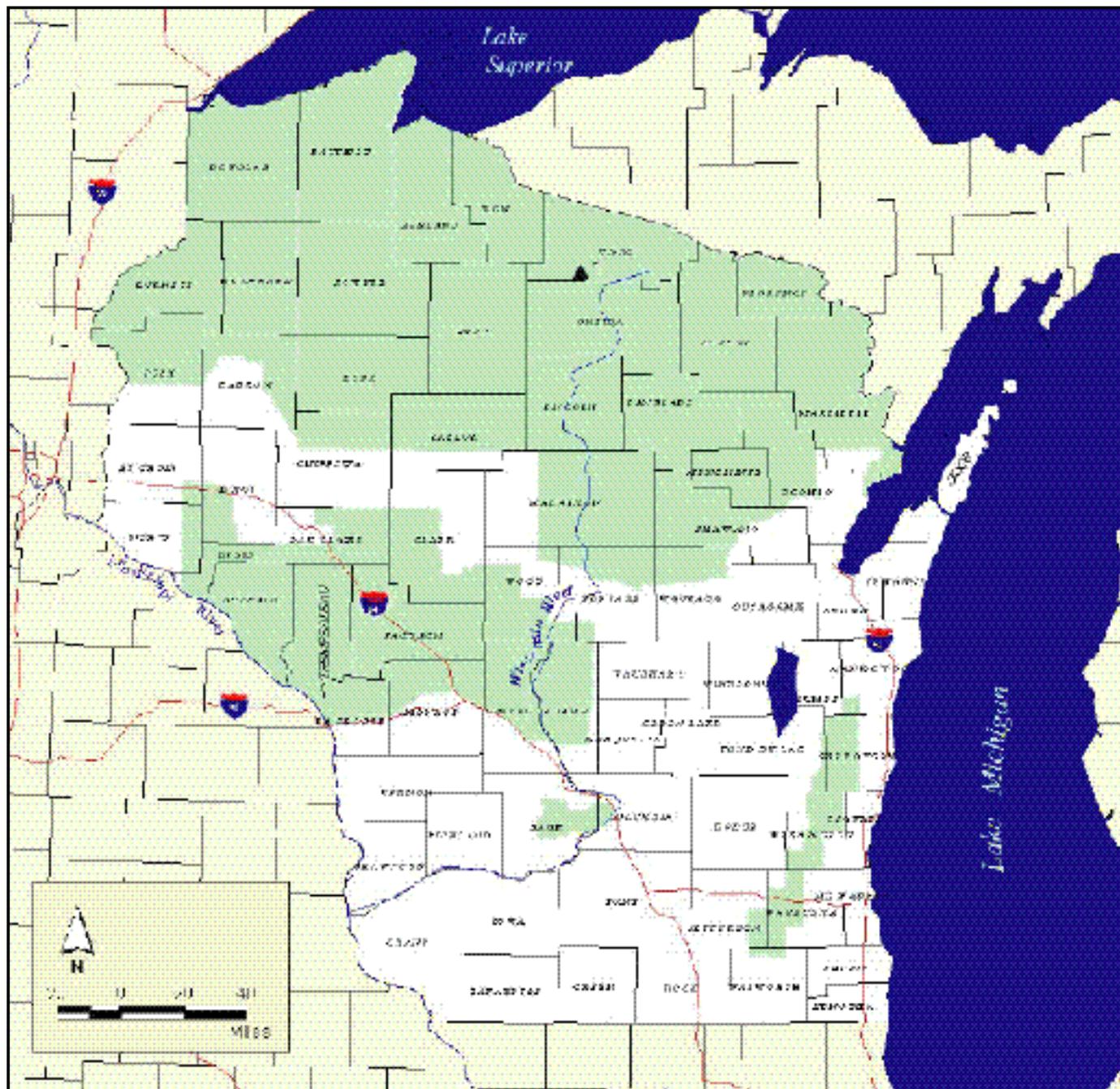
Project Name and No.	County/Town/Congressional District No.	No. of Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment (\$)	CE/Fee and Ownership	Status and/or Closing Date
<b>1. Tomahawk Woods</b>	Oneida, Vilas, Marathon, Lincoln, Iron, & Forest/7, 8	77,000	34,500,000	1,000,000	CE/State	Funded

	No. Projects	No. Acres	Estimated Total Value of Interest (\$)	FLP Payment
<b>Total Funded</b>	(1 projects)	77,000	34,500,000	1,000,000
<b>Potential Future Projects</b>	(2 projects)	24,063	23,000,000	16,000,000

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## Forest Legacy Activity in Wisconsin

### Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- ▲ Funded

- Forest Legacy Area
- State boundary
- County boundary
- Interstate Highway
- Major River
- Major Lake



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# Forest Legacy Success Stories

## Highlights of North Carolina Forest Legacy Program

Conversion of land via development poses the most significant threat to the sustainability of North Carolina's forests, of which 84 percent are privately owned. It is the sixth fastest growing State in the United States and averaged a loss of 156,000 acres of productive forest land from 1992 through 1997. Dramatic population growth is changing North Carolina from a predominantly rural State to an urban State. Urban development and a tremendous increase in retirement and resort communities threaten these forests.

### **The goal of the North Carolina Forest Legacy Program:**

Maintaining working forests as part of the current and future landscapes.

The conservation objectives of the North Carolina Forest Legacy Program are as follows:

- Maintain large, contiguous blocks of working forests in current and future landscapes.
- Conserve diversity of forest types and wildlife habitat.
- Connect designated preserves, establish corridors, and reduce landscape fragmentation.
- Provide wildlife habitat for endangered and protected species.
- Restore and conserve longleaf pine communities.
- Restore forest integrity by reintroducing declining species and promoting bottomland forest regeneration.
- Encourage protection of scenic vistas.
- Buffer unique natural areas, recreation trails, and routes.
- Enhance protection of water quality, State nutrient-sensitive waters, and water supply watersheds.

### **How is North Carolina implementing the Forest Legacy Program?**

The Forest Legacy Steering Committee focuses its attention on links between North Carolina's forests and quality of life. This includes conservation values, community values, and economic values. Public-private partnerships are key to implementing the North Carolina Forest Legacy Program and the North Carolina Million Acres Initiative. Using a mix of State, Federal, and local funds, the programs develop projects at the grassroots level with willing landowners. Local partners work collaboratively to match the landowners' forest management objectives, the interests of the community, and the resource values being conserved.

### **How one landowner's participating...**

International Paper (IP) is a leader in the forest product industry's Sustainable Forestry Initiative and it was the first U.S. forest products company to achieve International Standards Organization (ISO) 14001 certification on its forest land. Every acre of company land is regenerated by replanting, using natural reforestation. In addition to protecting threatened and endangered species, such as the red-cockaded woodpecker, IP invests in habitat development and voluntarily sets aside lands that have unique ecological, biological, or cultural significance.



NC Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., International Paper Executive Vice President Wes Smith, and children from Bellview Elementary School. Camilla Herlevich, attorney and executive director of the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, is in the background holding the conservation easements documents in a blue folder.

## The Rhode Island Philosophy

Clean water, cool shade, scenic countryside, and the opportunity to hike, hunt, or pursue other recreational activities are the thoughts that come to mind when thinking about the values and benefits derived from Rhode Island's forest landscape. Because of the absence of a significant commercial forest products industry, the harvest of timber products has traditionally consisted of cordwood, fuel wood, pallet stock, and sawlogs, undertaken on small woodlots privately owned by our "land rich" forest landowners, most of whom have quietly owned and managed their land for decades. To maximize the potential of their land to provide the variety of forest values they cherished, many have taken advantage of past landowner assistance programs. Most planned to leave their land to their heirs. Surveys consistently find that income is one of the least important reasons why these landowners own, manage, or harvest wood products.

During the late 1970s and early 1980s many people wanted to share in the peaceful and simple lifestyle offered by living in the country, and they could now afford to do so. As the supply of single-family house lots dwindled, some developers set their sites on the larger parcels, which were usually forested, and presented landowners what many thought to be obscenely high offers for developable land. Many landowners, not wanting to cheat their heirs out of their inheritance, declined to sell at first, which contributed to skyrocketing land values.

Meanwhile, financially strapped rural communities mistakenly thought that income generated from new tax money would meet the increasing tax debt, and therefore encouraged new development. This new development, however, only led to a need to increase property taxes as the costs for community services outpaced the increased tax revenues. Faced with a mounting tax burden, many large-tract landowners felt compelled to sell their land, first by subdividing and selling smaller parcels, then eventually by selling the entire tract. It did not take long to notice the loss of the rural character that people had come to expect. Furthermore, the natural resource values that forest lands provide were in jeopardy.

It was against this backdrop that the Rhode Island Forest Legacy Program was born. It was with great anticipation that Rhode Island embarked on its goal of protecting important forest resources through this long-overdue land protection strategy.

In 1991, then-Governor Sundlun appointed the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Division of Forest Environment and its Office of Planning and Development as co-lead agencies for the Forest Legacy Program: Forest Environment for its expertise in forest resources and its well-established landowner relationships, and Planning and Development for its expertise in land acquisition, relationships with nonprofit organizations, and access to funding sources.

The State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee empowered a subcommittee, the Forest Legacy Committee, to develop and coordinate the program with the State lead agencies. The committee's mission was to protect the traditional forest uses and values provided by State forest land.

The establishment of Rhode Island's Forest Legacy Areas was resource based. Where was the existing forest cover? Where were the significant public drinking water aquifers? Already protected lands? Threatened and endangered species? And where was urban sprawl most threatening to forested resources?

When someone analyzed this data, the location of the State's forest legacy areas became startlingly self-evident. Virtually the entire western half of the State and a small section in the eastern part were selected as the "Mainland" and "East Bay" Forest Legacy Areas. Together, these two areas total about 250,000 acres of forest land, nearly 66 percent of our total available forested habitat. Within these areas it is estimated that 3,000 landowners own parcels greater than 25 acres. Fewer than 1,100 private landowners own more than 50 acres, only a few hundred own more than 100 acres, and only a handful own 500 acres or more (Birch, 1994).

To be eligible for the program, landowners must own parcels greater than 25 acres that lie at least partially within a Forest Legacy Area boundary. Someone evaluates qualifying parcels for the natural resource values and benefits they are capable of providing, the perceived degree of threat of conversion of the parcel to a nonforest use, the landowner's expressed willingness to participate in a bargain sale, and the determination of whether a willing third party is participating in the acquisition, management, or monitoring of interests acquired. The Forest Legacy Committee favors conservation easement sales over fee simple acquisitions. The Rhode Island Forest Legacy Programs are intent on keeping forest land in private ownership.



## **The Utah Forest Legacy Program—The Peaceful Valley Ranch**

It started with a promise to hold on to the land that had been in the family since 1918. The Utah Forest Legacy Program purchased a conservation easement that allows the program to keep title and rights to the land while preventing development. This process included a 2-year negotiation, involved more than 50 shareholders, initiated the partnering with numerous agencies and public groups, and resulted in the protection of 16,190 acres of prime Utah land.

As part of this protected land, the 7,300 acre Peaceful Valley Ranch is a working ranch located just a short drive from Park City or Salt Lake City. It is located in a vital watershed area known as East Canyon. Several historic trails pass through the ranch, including the Donner-Reed, Mormon Pioneer, California Overland Stage, and Pony Express trails. Also on the property are a historic farmhouse, barn, and restored Bauchman Pony Express Station, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Peaceful Valley illustrates the pastoral beauty of northern Utah, with mountainsides of coniferous forests of Douglas fir, Engelman spruce, white and sub-alpine fir, stands of quaking aspen, rich riparian corridors of cottonwood and willow, and lush valleys providing habitat for abundant wildlife. The ranch contains significant habitat for elk, mule deer, moose, mountain lion, bobcat, songbirds, bald eagles, golden eagles, sandhill cranes, blue heron, great horned owls, the American kestrel, and numerous other interesting and important wildlife species. Hundreds of migratory elk depend on the ranch for winter feeding and breeding grounds.

The Peaceful Valley Ranch is a great example of public-private partnerships working to protect open space in Utah. “This project is the embodiment, in my mind, of the ethic that needs to capture all of us,” said Governor Mike Leavitt at a site visit to the ranch. The project provided an opportunity for partnerships that reached out statewide. The Trust for Public Lands (TPL) provided expertise and advice to help negotiate this complicated transaction with more than 50 shareholders. FLP support through the USDA Forest Service, Region 4 Office, was essential in planning and funding the project. The newly established Utah Quality Growth Commission awarded its first grant to the project in the amount of \$700,000. The partner participation expanded to include the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Utah Open Lands, and several private foundations. Additional project supporters included the Historic Trails Foundation; National Park Service, Long Distance Trails Office; State of Utah, Department of Natural Resources (Division of Wildlife Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, Division of Water Resources, Division of Water Quality); and Trout Unlimited.

The appraised value of the easement was \$6.4 million. The family donated \$4 million in value, which left \$2.4 million needed to complete the project. Once again, TLP organized a fundraising effort, which was then supplemented with the State grant and \$900,000 from the Forest Legacy Program.

“The landowners’ generosity and dedication—and the hard work of many people—have created this opportunity,” said TPL Project Manager Deb Frey. “The recent awards from the State Quality Growth Commission and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation have put success within our reach.”

While negotiations proceeded with the Peaceful Valley Ranch, family members realized that the land protection approach may be a way to protect their family property. Located just a few miles from the Peaceful Valley Ranch, other family ranches contain the watershed for Chalk Creek, from the snow-covered peaks and alpine lakes forming the headwaters, to the rich pasture land and meadows below. The 8,890-acre working ranch includes thick stands of aspen, ponderosa pine, spruce, and gambel oak, providing habitat for bear, elk, deer, mountain lion, bobcat, rainbow and brown trout, and numerous other species.

The landowners chose to donate a conservation easement worth \$8,540,000 to the State to ensure that traditional uses of the ranch would remain viable for future generations. The easement will allow the landowners to continue grazing cattle and sheep; lease the property for hunting, fishing, helicopter skiing, and timber harvesting; and construct a maximum of six home sites in a designated building envelope.

The completion of this project exemplifies the array of pieces that compose the puzzle of conservation easements—the power of public-private partnership, the financial assistance from State and private groups, substantial donations from the landowners, and perhaps of most importance, landowners who have their heart and soul in the land and want future generations to enjoy that same feeling.

**Nicatous Forest Legacy  
Project Wins the  
“TAKING WING” Award**

TAKING WING, a USDA Forest Service program, in partnership with Ducks Unlimited, Inc., with the mission to be a partner in managing wetland ecosystems for waterfowl and wetland wildlife, presents awards to USDA Forest Service units/employees and partners who enhance wildlife habitat. The Nicatous Lake Forest Legacy project won the Habitat Award, one of four Taking Wing awards for 2001. The Nicatous Lake project, located in northeastern Maine, was chosen because the USDA Forest Service cooperated with partners to protect critical riparian shoreline and wetlands by providing funding and technical assistance in the acquisition of a conservation easement of more than 20,268 acres. The undeveloped shoreline provides habitat for loons and other waterfowl in perpetuity. This is the first time a Taking Wing award has been awarded to a USDA Forest Service State and Private Forestry unit. The Habitat Award was presented to representatives of the USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area, the Maine Forest Service, the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, the Forest Society of Maine, the Trust for Public Land, Robbins Lumber, Inc., and Champion International. Robbins Lumber, Inc., and its former land managers, Champion International, agreed to restrict their management activities on this property for waterfowl habitat enhancement. The USDA Forest Service and partners of the Taking Wing program received the awards at the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference on March 17, 2001. For more information visit <http://www.jwdc.com/wmi/specialevents.html>



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