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Forest Legacy Program Synopsis

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) is to protect environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses.

Program Description

The Forest Legacy Program is a partnership between participating States and the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. These entities work together to identify important forest lands and protect them for future generations.

Conservation easements are the primary tool used to achieve this goal. Priority is given to lands that have important scenic or recreational values; riparian areas; fish and wildlife values, including threatened and endangered species; or other ecological values.

Program Characteristics

- The Forest Legacy Program is entirely voluntary. It operates only in States that have elected to join the program.
- The program helps States and regions identify important forest areas. Lands targeted for protection must fall within designated Forest Legacy Areas.
- State and local partners select priority tracts in cooperation with the Forest Service.
- The program is based on a “willing seller and willing buyer” concept.
- When conservation easements are used, the land remains privately owned.
- Other protection tools include full-fee purchase, voluntary deed restrictions, covenants, and agreements.
- The interests in land may be held by the Federal government or by the State or a unit of local government if the State chooses to select the State Grant Option as authorized by the 1996 Farm Bill.
- When the Federal government holds the easement, State or local units of government agree to administer the lands or interests in lands.
- The lands and interests are held in perpetuity. In the case of interests in land, there is no loss of the Federal investment resulting from change of ownership.
- Forest Stewardship Plans that meet the landowner’s objectives for natural resource management and describe actions to protect the important environmental values for which the land was enrolled in the FLP are prepared on all privately owned tracts.
- The tracts acquired can remain “working forests” and can forever provide forest resources to meet the needs of the local community and the Nation.

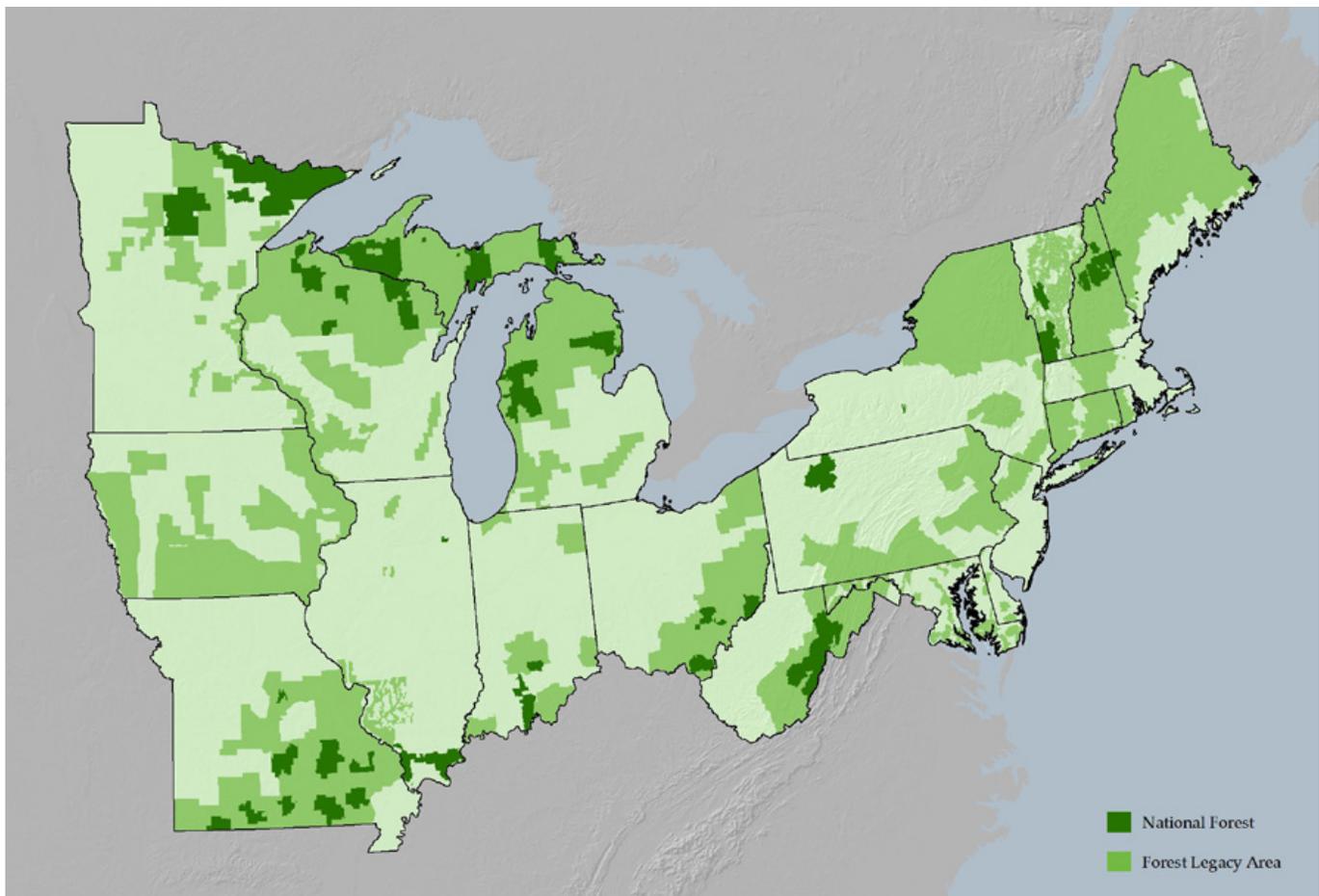
Forest Legacy Program of Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry

This report outlines program activity and accomplishments in the 20 States served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (NA S&PF), a unit of the Forest Service, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 (October 1, 2014–September 30, 2015).

- All 20 States served by NA S&PF have voluntarily joined the Forest Legacy Program.
- In FY2015, accomplishments occurred in seven of the States served by NA S&PF, where a total of 12,292 acres were protected from conversion to nonforest uses.
- NA S&PF’s cumulative FLP accomplishments since 1993 total 1,681,516 acres on 490 tracts through September 30, 2015.

- The total Federal FLP investment of \$328,239,762 in the States served by NA S&PF has protected forests valued at \$638,005,667 through conservation easements and fee acquisitions since 1993.
- The national appropriations for the FLP Projects and NA S&PF’s share over the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	National FLP Appropriations	NA S&PF FLP SHARE
2012	\$52,185,000	\$15,730,000
2013	\$44,215,000	\$17,020,000
2014	\$44,565,000	\$20,185,000
2015	\$46,600,000	\$11,370,000
2016	\$55,947,000	\$18,220,000



Properties considered for inclusion in the Forest Legacy Program must be located within a State’s designated Forest Legacy Area.

Partner Roles

The Federal Role

The significance of the public benefits of a particular forest ranges from local to national in scope. Larger forests tend to be nationally significant because as forest size decreases, the values they provide diminish. Extensive forest areas are often subject to the additional challenge of multiple ownerships and numerous political jurisdictions. Through the FLP, the Federal government helps State and local governments look beyond their political boundaries to identify important forest areas. The Federal government provides oversight, and financial and technical assistance to help protect important forests.

The State Role

States integrate partner resources to cooperatively protect and maintain a forest land base. The lead agency, usually the State forestry agency, carries out the FLP in the State. Responsibilities include the following:

- Collecting information to identify and delineate important forest areas that may be selected as Forest Legacy Areas.
- Consulting with the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee to achieve program purposes.
- Maintaining Federal standards while conducting land acquisition activities.
- Integrating policies and incentives to conserve a forest land base.
- Holding and administering the lands or interests in land that enter the FLP.
- Monitoring tracts for program compliance.

The State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee Role

The State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee's role is identified in the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act. Its duties for the FLP, identified in the act and FLP guidelines, include:

- Establishing eligibility criteria and recommending Forest Legacy Areas in the Assessment of Need process.
- Prioritizing lands for inclusion in the FLP.
- Advising the State lead agency to achieve FLP objectives.

The Nongovernmental Organization (Land Trust) Role

Nongovernmental organizations, specifically land trusts or similar organizations, have a distinct relationship with the FLP. Because of their compatible interest in protecting land for conservation purposes, land trusts can be a primary contact with landowners to negotiate the purchase of conservation easements and to monitor the conservation easements once they are enrolled in the FLP. Lands acquired by or donated to land trusts may be counted toward the non-Federal cost-share amount of total program costs, provided the interests in lands contribute to the goals of the Forest Legacy Program and the lands are located within a Forest Legacy Area.

The Landowner Role

Landowner participation in the FLP is voluntary. A landowner joins the program either by conveying interests in lands to achieve the conservation objectives of the FLP or by purchasing or inheriting land that has already been committed to an FLP conservation easement. The landowner becomes a primary practitioner in maintaining the forest land base by implementing management activities guided by a Forest Stewardship Plan to conserve the values for which the land entered the program.

Forest Legacy Projects Completed During FY2015

In FY2015, accomplishments occurred in seven of the States served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (NA S&PF). A total of 12,292 acres was protected from conversion to nonforest uses. NA S&PF's cumulative FLP accomplishments since 1993 totaled 1,681,516 acres on 490 tracts through September 30, 2015. The total Federal FLP investment of \$328,239,762 in the States served by NA S&PF has protected forests valued at \$638,005,667 through conservation easements and fee acquisitions.

FY2015 accomplishments of the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry Forest Legacy Program include projects in the States of Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia that are highlighted below.

Green Horizons – Delaware

Helped with over \$835,000 in FLP funding, four former Glatfelter Pulp Wood, Inc., forested parcels totaling 371 acres are now part of Redden State Forest. The completion of the \$1.35 million purchase in FY2015 marked the final phase of the Green Horizons Forest Legacy Program Project.

High Peaks – Orbeton Stream and Moosehead Seboomook – Maine

Maine completed two projects in FY2015. On December 23, 2014, a 5,774-acre conservation easement near the Appalachian Trail on the High Peaks – Orbeton Stream Project closed. This project includes a side trail to the State's largest Forest Legacy fee acquisition, the 43,000+ acre Seboomook Unit on December 15, 2014. The Moosehead Seboomook project includes shore frontage on the northern tip of Moosehead Lake and provides a stopover on the international Northern Forest Canoe Trail.

Q2W – Massachusetts

Massachusetts acquired a 65-acre conservation easement, the third tract in the Quabbin Reservoir to Wachusett Mountain (Q2W) Project. Q2W spans three watersheds that provide drinking water for 2.5 million people of the Boston metropolitan area.

Gitcha-ninj Nebish – Michigan

The State closed on a 750-acre conservation easement as part of the Gitcha-ninj Nebish Forest Project. This project includes public recreational access. The tract is dominated by high-quality northern hardwood forests and is adjacent to thousands of acres of State Forest lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources. The property functions as significant habitat for resident and migrant wildlife and is strategically positioned such that it connects larger blocks of protected lands and habitats. This conservation easement will ensure that this premier hardwood forest land continues to be managed as a sustainable working forest in perpetuity.



View of the Gitcha-ninj Nebish Forest Project.
(Credit: Ty Ratliff, Little Traverse Conservancy)

Cardigan Highlands – New Hampshire

The State of New Hampshire completed the final phase of the Cardigan Highlands Forest Legacy Project with the closing of the Groton Hollow tract on April 21, 2015. The conservation easement on this 3,342-acre working forest protects fish and wildlife habitat; important surface and groundwater resources; and public recreational access for hiking, hunting, fishing, snowshoeing, wildlife viewing, and snowmobiling. In total the Cardigan Highlands project conserved 6,856 acres of ecologically exceptional, sustainably managed working forests.

Eagle Rock – Pennsylvania

The State closed on the 1,100-acre Eagle Rock Project. The project is a fee-simple purchase located in Franklin County within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This project will be annexed to the adjacent 85,000+ acre Michaux State Forest, which contains the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. The property is the last remaining large block of private forest land of its size within the region and features high-value habitat for state-listed plants and animals and many game species. The property faces strong development pressure because of its close proximity to Chambersburg, PA; Hagerstown, MD; and the Baltimore/Washington, DC metropolitan area.



View of the Eagle Rock Project.
(Credit: Su Ann Shupp, PA DCNR)

South Branch – West Virginia

West Virginia completed the Island Ridge 1 and 2 conservation easements, which encompass 325 acres. These two easements successfully complete the South Branch Forest Legacy Project, which includes a total of six conservation easements and 2,103 acres.

Budget Summary

Appropriations for the National Forest Legacy Program (dollars in thousands) Fiscal Years 2007–2016

FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
56,563	52,317	49,445	76,460	52,894	53,303	50,515	50,965	53,000	62,347

Summary of Completed Forest Legacy Acquisition Tracts in States Served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (4/10/93–9/30/15)

State	Tracts	Acres	Total value	FLP payment
Connecticut	30	8,125	\$20,324,000	\$8,385,000
Delaware	12	3,336	23,932,000	14,925,000
Illinois	10	558	3,430,000	2,516,000
Indiana	25	8,485	13,166,000	9,910,450
Iowa	11	1,986	2,908,000	1,684,681
Maine	31	731,494	130,357,000	74,361,534
Maryland	9	2,014	7,844,000	4,613,000
Massachusetts	93	14,667	42,917,000	25,559,700
Michigan	10	154,667	36,126,000	15,396,148
Minnesota	34	145,665	37,444,000	15,950,950
Missouri	2	583	4,760,000	2,000,000
New Hampshire	54	249,524	67,309,000	45,738,783
New Jersey	14	6,815	50,196,000	16,928,827
New York	13	135,820	34,265,000	12,060,400
Ohio	2	7,402	8,046,000	5,398,000
Pennsylvania	5	5,544	11,786,000	8,015,833
Rhode Island	22	3,583	22,496,000	8,107,900
Vermont	69	86,130	34,590,000	27,282,349
West Virginia	7	4,608	5,761,000	3,990,593
Wisconsin	29	110,460	45,134,000	25,373,405
Total	482	1,681,466	\$602,791,000	\$328,198,553

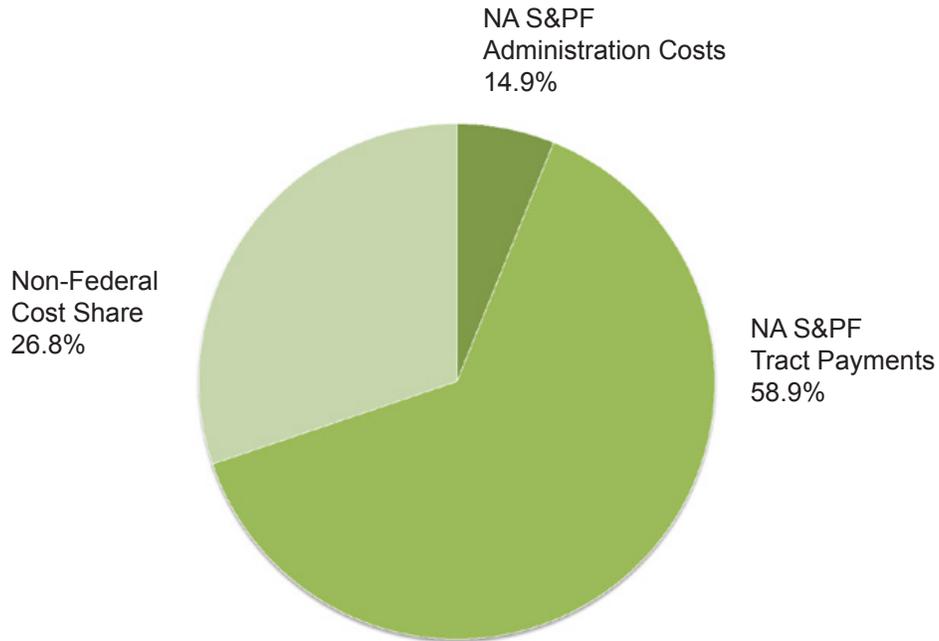
Summary of Funded In-progress Forest Legacy Tracts in States Served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry

State	Tracts	Acres	Total value	FLP payment
Connecticut	7	1,553	\$5,260,000	\$3,935,000
Maine	7	53,001	21,690,000	12,805,000
Massachusetts	28	3,930	10,705,000	7,000,000
Michigan	3	1,299	900,000	550,000
New Hampshire	2	24,200	7,620,000	5,715,000
New Jersey	2	2,395	5,135,000	2,000,000
New York	4	1,310	2,520,000	1,865,000
Ohio	3	1,066	1,715,000	1,285,000
Pennsylvania	1	1,792	4,300,000	2,985,000
Vermont	27	26,936	23,317,000	15,748,000
Wisconsin	2	28,718	9,551,000	6,775,000
Total	86	146,200	\$91,813,000	\$60,663,000

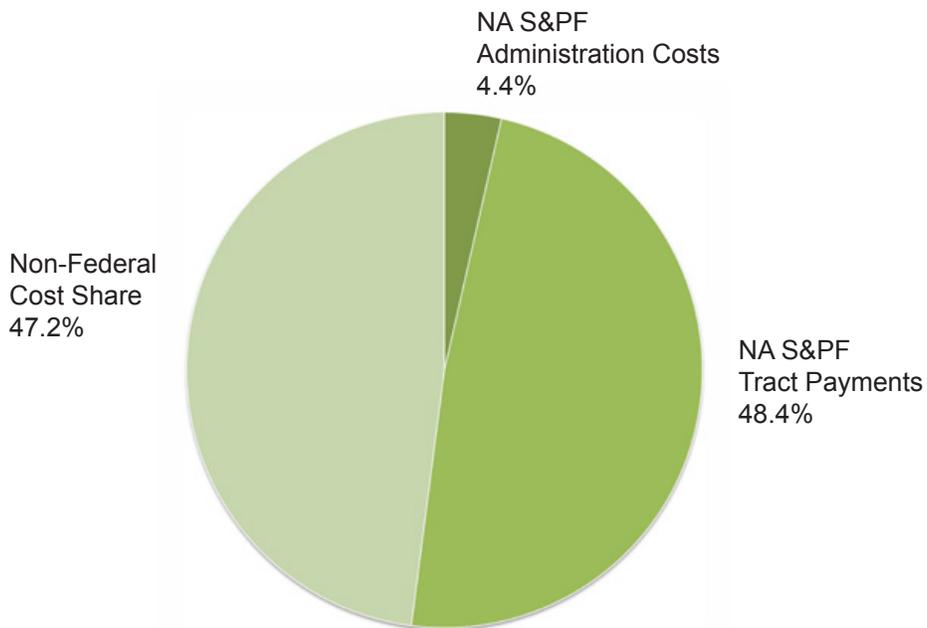
Summary of State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts in States Served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry

States	Tracts	Acres	Total value
13	113	49,407	\$72,050,000

**Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (NA S&PF)
Forest Legacy Program Costs by Federal and Non-Federal Entities**



Fiscal Year 2015



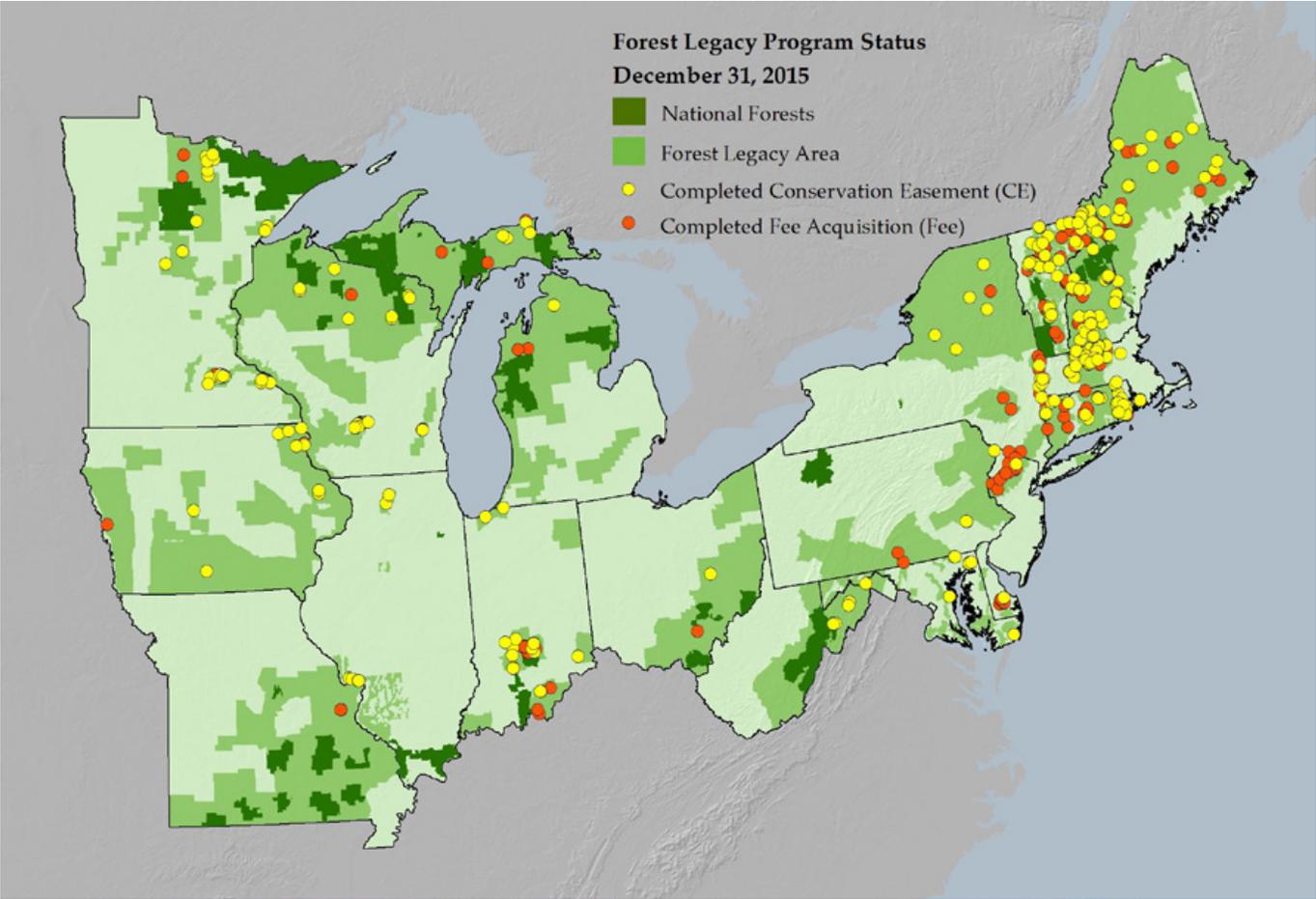
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“To the extent practicable, the Federal share of the total program costs shall not exceed 75 percent, including any in-kind contribution.” (16 U.S.C. 2103c Forest Legacy Program)

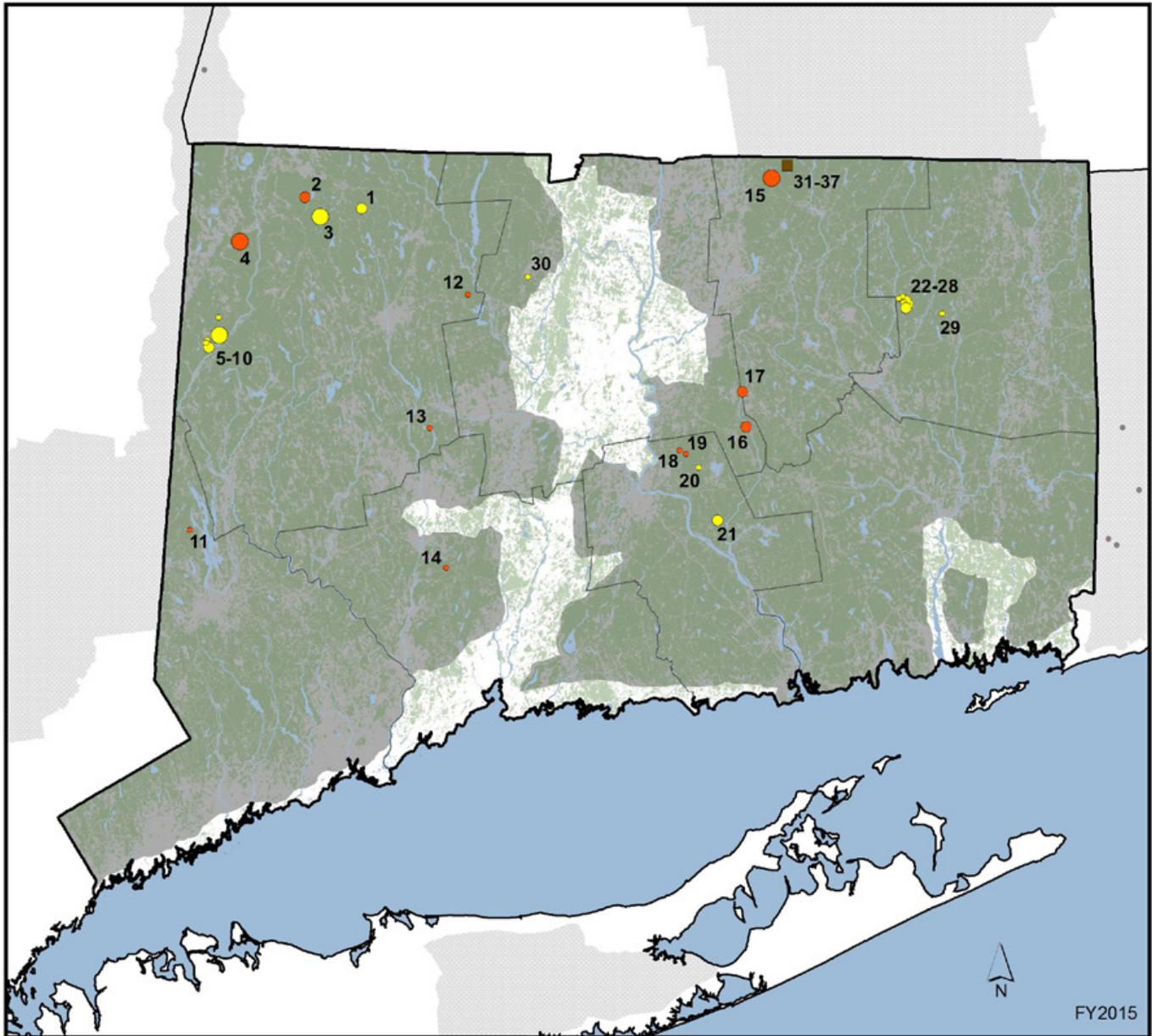
“As a goal, all attempts should be made to keep administrative funds under 15 percent of the total funds appropriated.” (Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines Part 1, X.B.)

Forest Legacy Program Activity by State

The following pages summarize Forest Legacy Program Activity in the 20 States served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, including tracts completed through FY2015, tracts identified for funding, and tracts proposed by each State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee for future funding consideration.



Connecticut Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

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

Assessment of Need approved October 26, 1994
AON amended July 6, 2001



- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Connecticut Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 200 acres
- 100 - 200 acres
- 1 - 100 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Completed project in adjacent State

Connecticut Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

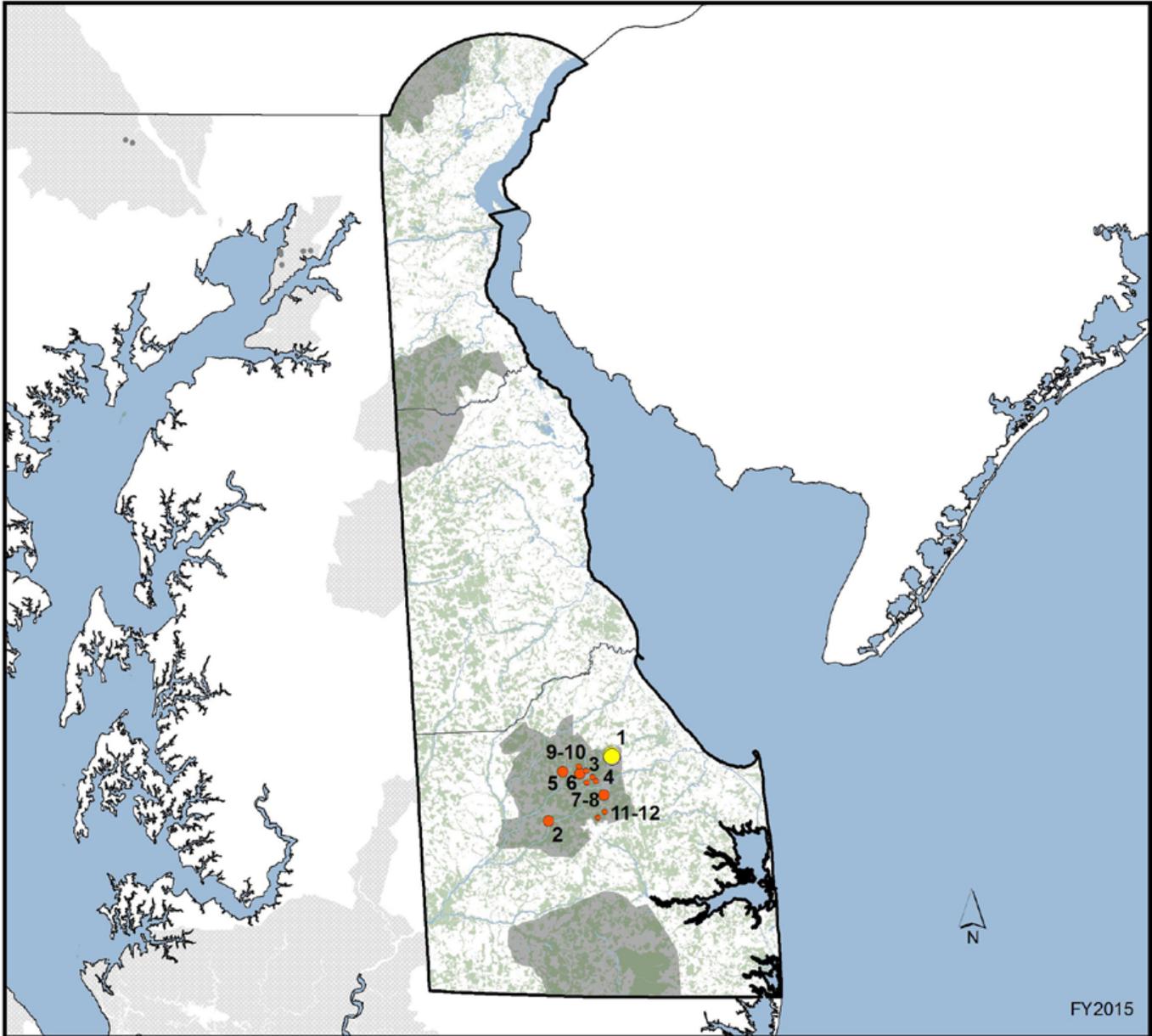
No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Maplewood Farm	CE	172	\$210,000	\$210,000
2-3	Great Mountain Forest 1-2	CE and Fee	5,528	5,453,000	4,089,000
4	Housatonic	Fee	204	410,000	0
5-10	Skiff Mountain 1-6	CE	705	8,445,000	1,733,000
11	Pootatuck	Fee	45	312,000	0
12	Nepaug	Fee	27	45,000	0
13	Mattatuck	Fee	55	170,000	0
14	Naugatuck	Fee	27	85,000	0
15	Shenipsit	Fee	311	597,000	0
16	Salmon River	Fee	158	315,000	0
17-19	Meshomasic 1-3	Fee	128	260,000	0
20	Peaceful Hill	CE	35	217,000	163,000
21	Pine Brook	CE	126	100,000	100,000
22-28	Stonehouse Brook 1-7	CE	478	795,000	596,000
29	Pogmore	CE	53	80,000	80,000
30	Tulmeadow Farm	CE	73	2,830,000	1,415,000
Total	n/a	n/a	8,125	\$20,324,000	\$8,386,000

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2016

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
31-37	Whip-Poor-Will Woods 1-7	CE	1,553	\$5,260,000	\$3,935,000

This landscape-scale conservation effort by seven private landowners would increase protected land in the immediate area by 10%, expanding on the existing abutting, or indirectly abutting, 12,960 acres of protected acres. Project is situated in a larger focus area of 135,000 acres of conserved forest land in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Delaware Forest Legacy Program



State Program 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 the maintenance of traditional forest uses
- Maintain important scenic resources in the State
- Provide linkage between public properties, protected properties, and greenways
- Provide protection of rare, threatened, and endangered species of plants and animals
- Promote forest stewardship
- Provide educational opportunities

- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Delaware Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Assessment of Need approved December 10, 1998
AON amended June 7, 2006



Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

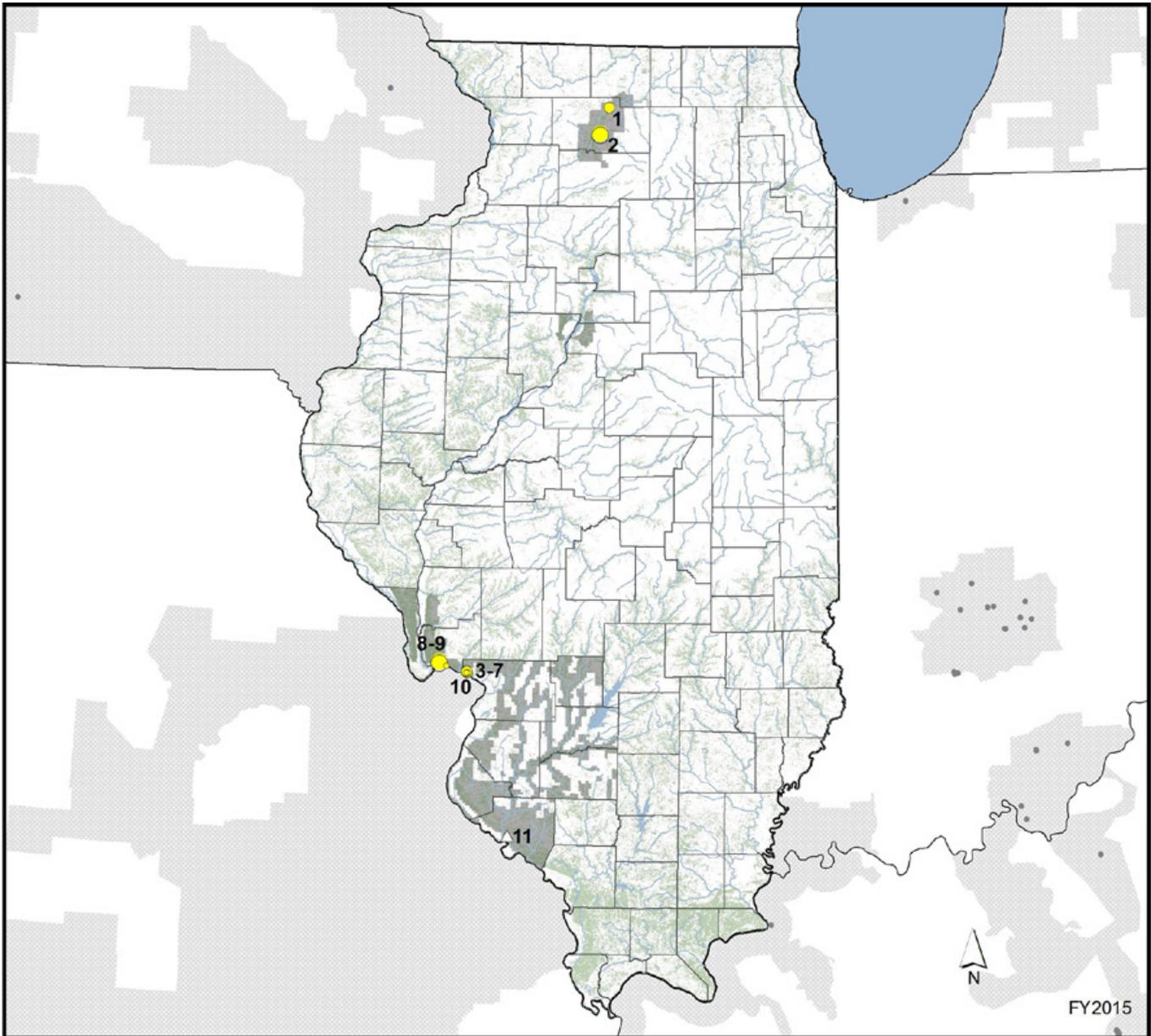
- Over 500 acres
- 250 - 500 acres
- 1 - 250 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Completed project in adjacent State

Delaware Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Green Horizons I	CE	908	\$4,800,000	\$1,994,000
2	Green Horizons II	Fee	448	3,030,000	1,975,000
3	Green Horizons III	Fee	88	1,500,000	986,000
4	Green Horizons IV	Fee	240	3,700,000	1,970,000
5	Green Horizons V	Fee	348	3,982,000	2,000,000
6	Green Horizons VI	Fee	377	2,700,000	2,000,000
7-8	Green Horizons VIIa and VIIb	Fee	555	4,220,000	3,165,000
9-12	Green Horizons VIIc 1-4	Fee	372	1,565,000	835,000
Total	n/a	n/a	3,336	\$25,497,000	\$14,925,000

Illinois Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

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

Assessment of Need approved November 29, 1994
AON Amended November 4, 2011



- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Illinois Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 75 acres
- 50 - 75 acres
- 1 - 50 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

Illinois Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

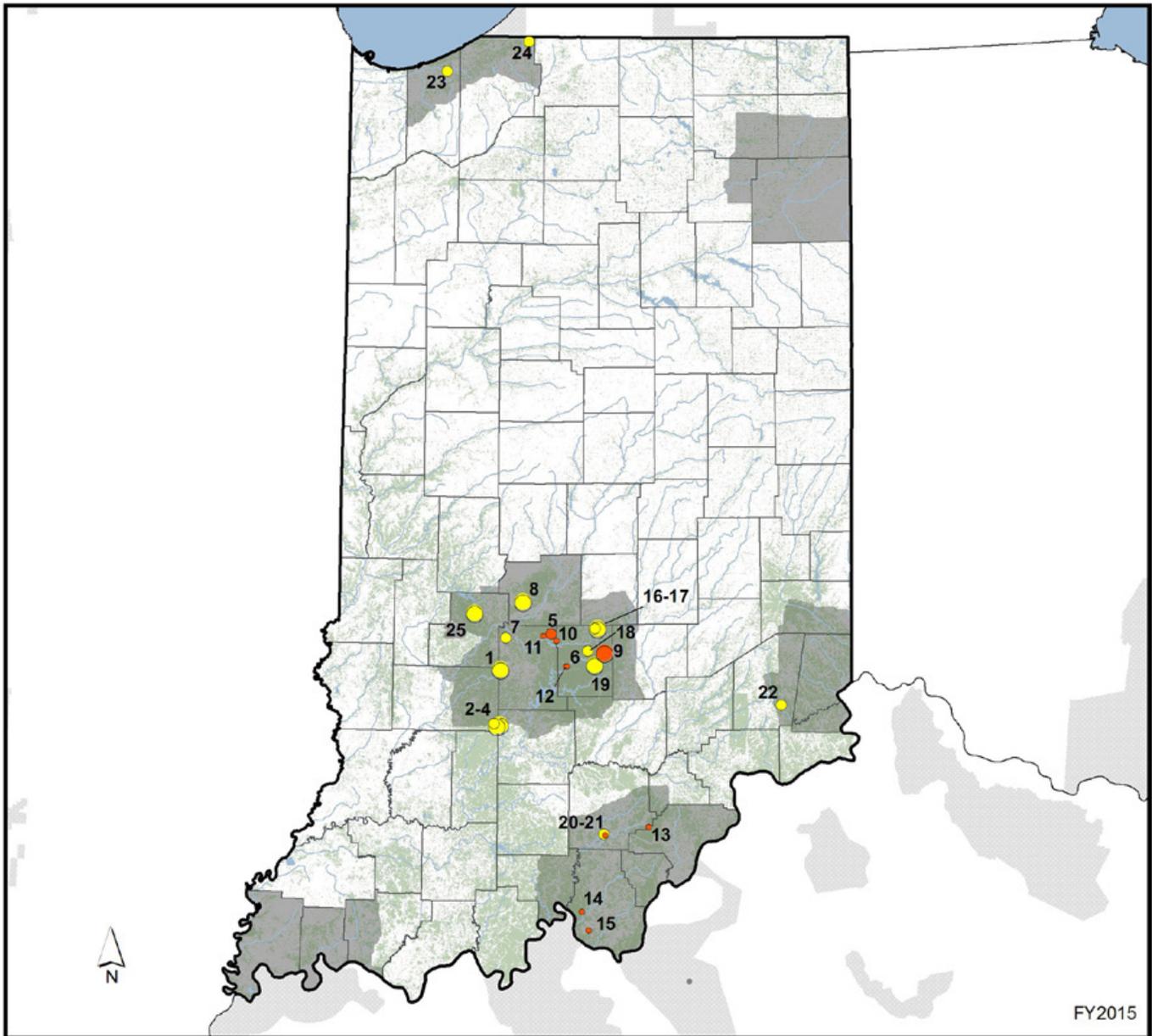
No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Byron Rock River	CE	75	\$1,511,000	\$1,133,000
2	Daysville Forest	CE	93	365,000	273,000
3-5	Oblate Woods 1-3	CE	143	716,000	492,000
6-7	LaVista Woods 1-2	CE	78	330,000	237,000
8	Rattlesnake Ridge	CE	79	102,000	77,000
9	Chautauqua Woods	CE	25	156,000	117,000
10	River Forest	CE	65	250,000	187,000
Total	n/a	n/a	558	\$3,430,000	\$2,516,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2017

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
11	Riley Lake Settlement	CE	140	\$420,000

This project directly buffers the confluence floodplain of the Kaskaskia and Mississippi Rivers, shares boundaries with a large State Fish and Wildlife Area, and is near Beaver Island in the Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge.

Indiana Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Identify and protect environmentally important privately owned forest lands threatened with conversion to nonforest uses, keeping these forests as parts of the working natural landscape
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development and subdivision of important forest lands

Assessment of Need approved December 10, 1998



Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

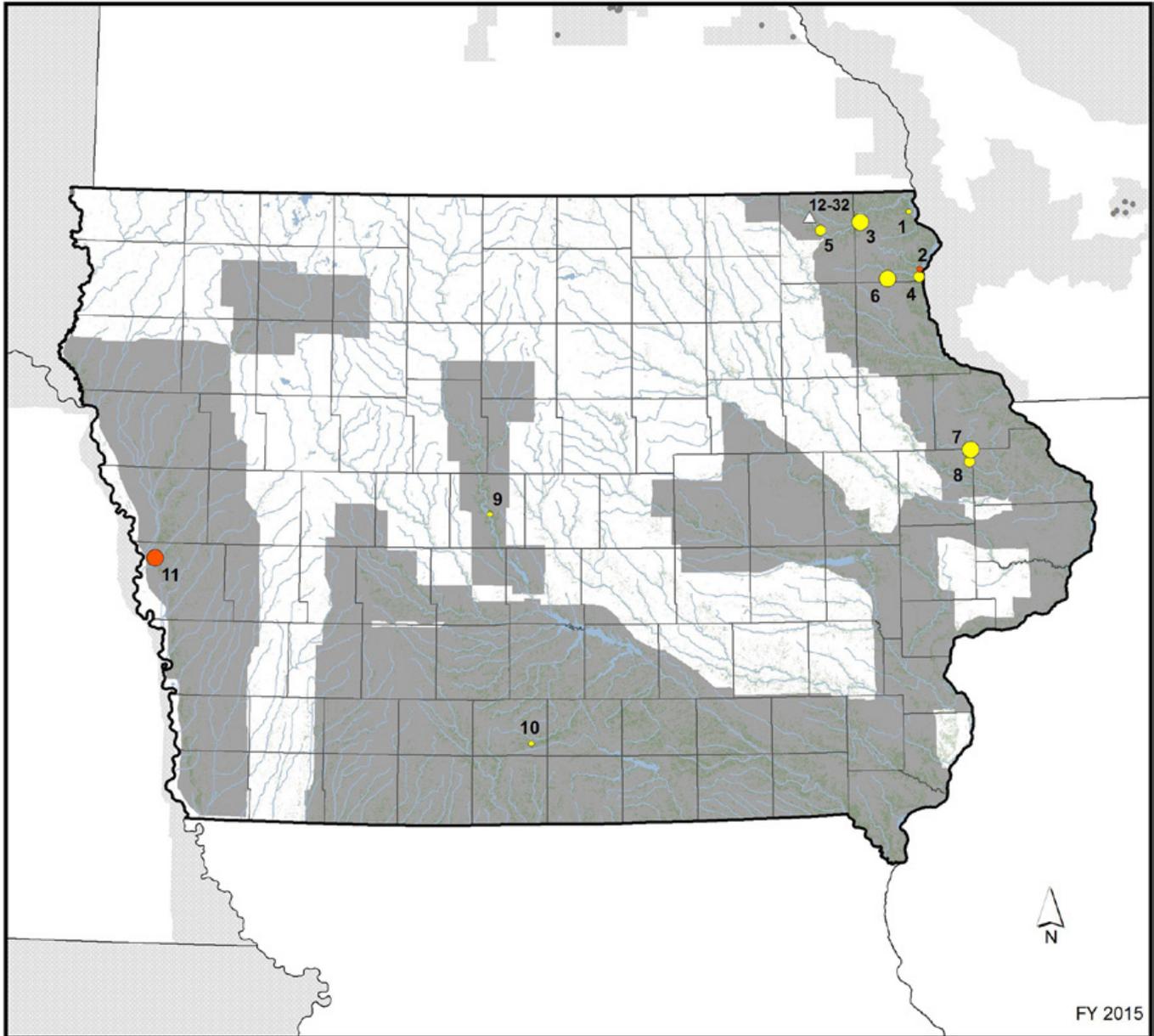
-  Over 250 acres
-  75 - 250 acres
-  1 - 75 acres
-  Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
-  Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
-  Completed project in adjacent State

Indiana Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Little Richland Creek	CE	299	\$110,000	\$84,000
2-6	Indian Creek 1-3 & Cost Share 1-2	CE and Fee	2,390	1,973,000	1,428,000
7	Jack's Defeat Creek	CE	225	398,000	338,000
8-15	Shawnee Hills 1-2 & Cost Share 1-6	CE and Fee	2,067	4,779,000	3,565,000
16	Hills of Gold	CE	460	830,000	726,000
17-18	Land Bridge 1-2	CE	283	797,000	596,000
19	Gnaw Bone Camp	CE	1,368	2,425,000	1,824,000
20-21	Big Spring Farm 1-2	CE and Fee	183	237,000	175,000
22	Corning Woods	CE	142	125,000	0
23	River's Edge	CE	77	167,000	167,000
24	Rattlesnake Creek	CE	163	145,000	123,000
25	Luke's Run	CE	828	1,180,000	885,000
Total	n/a	n/a	8,485	\$13,166,000	\$9,911,000

Iowa Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Protect environmentally important private forests that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses, such as conversion to agriculture, gravel pits/mining, and residential or commercial development
- Protect Iowa's publicly owned or permanently protected forested tracts from environmental threats caused by the development of nearby forest areas
- Prevent and reverse the fragmentation and parcelization of Iowa's contiguous forests by reconnecting parcels of land and keeping forests in contiguous parcels
- Preserve the beauty and public enjoyment of Iowa's forested landscape



Assessment of Need approved March 7, 2002



Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 200 acres
- 100 - 200 acres
- 1 - 100 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

Iowa Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

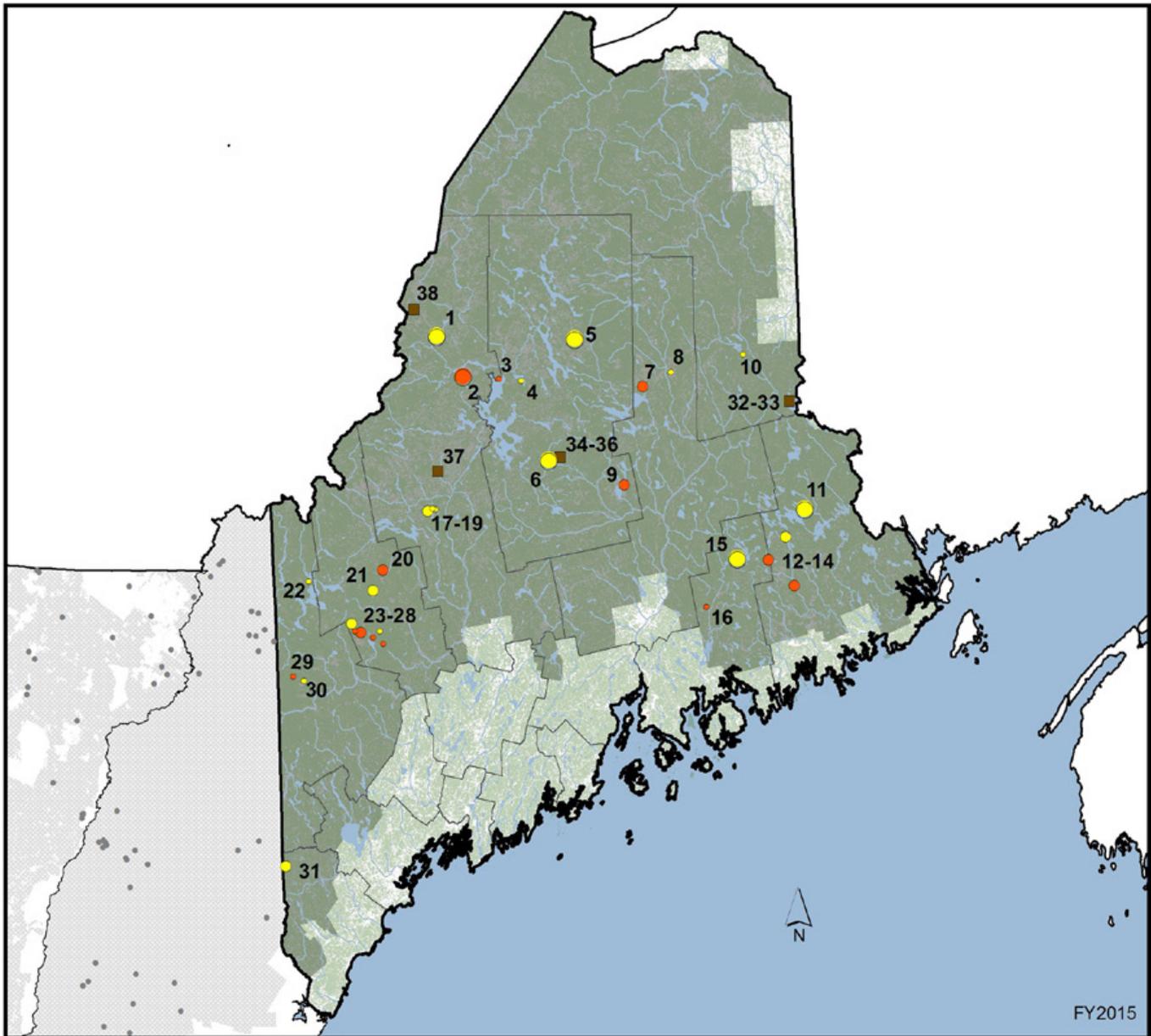
No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Lansing Big Lake	CE	35	\$78,000	\$58,000
2-3	NE Upper Bluffs 1-2	CE and Fee	438	684,000	513,000
4	Effigy	CE	192	214,000	161,000
5	Cold Air Slope	CE	165	561,000	365,000
6	Monona	CE	209	251,000	188,000
7-8	Canyons 1-2	CE	557	339,000	265,000
9	Saylorville Greenbelt	CE	75	156,000	0
10	Stephens Forest	CE	60	19,000	4,000
11	Loess Hills Forest	Fee	255	606,000	132,000
Total	n/a	n/a	1,986	\$2,908,000	\$1,686,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2017

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
12-32	Heritage Valley Project 1-21	CE	4,386	\$5,640,000

The project will encourage active management of productive native hardwood forests on private forest lands in Iowa's "Driftless Area." When combined with adjacent and nearby protected lands, this project will create a complex of over 13,000 acres of conservation land along the state-protected Upper Iowa River, an important tributary of the Upper Mississippi River.

Maine Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Prevent the conversion of Maine's forest to nonforest uses, and thereby protect an array of Maine's traditional forest uses. These uses include timber harvesting, public access, and recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, and hiking, to name but a few
- Protect a wide range of public values, including, but not limited to, wetlands, significant fish and wildlife habitat, historical or archaeological sites, scenic resources, rare or exemplary natural communities, biodiversity, and sustainable forest management

Assessment of Need approved March 18, 1994
AON Amended July 11, 2013



- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Maine Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed (size in acres)
- Over 20,000 acres
 - 5,000 - 20,000 acres
 - 1 - 5,000 acres
 - Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
 - Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
 - Funded
 - Completed project in adjacent State

Maine Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-2	West Branch 1-2	CE and Fee	328,379	\$36,167,000	\$19,657,000
3	Moosehead-Seboomook Inholding	Fee	72	770,000	500,000
4	Leadbetter Island	CE	500	1,150,000	0
5	Katahdin Forest	CE	194,751	23,800,000	4,437,000
6	Katahdin Iron Works	CE	37,000	9,870,000	4,434,000
7-9	Katahdin Forest Expansion 1-3	CE and Fee	13,651	5,522,000	3,700,000
10	Mattawamkeag	CE	3,338	895,000	500,000
11	West Grand Lake Community Forest	CE	21,870	7,407,000	5,555,000
12-14	Machias River 1-3	CE and Fee	20,606	12,239,000	4,843,000
15	Nicatous Lake	CE	20,268	4,450,000	3,000,000
16	Lower Penobscot Forest	Fee	4,974	3,426,000	2,570,000
17-19	Pierce Pond 1-3	CE	9,858	1,950,000	1,950,000
20	High Peaks – Crocker Mountain	Fee	12,046	7,780,000	5,835,000
21	High Peaks – Orbeton Stream	CE	5,774	1,715,000	1,285,000
22	Cupsuptic Lake	CE	1,272	843,000	843,000
23-28	Mt. Blue/Tumbledown Mtn. 1-6	CE and Fee	25,779	7,690,000	4,240,000
29	Grafton	Fee	3,688	2,850,000	2,000,000
30	Stowe Mountain	CE	3,364	1,568,000	1,111,000
31	Leavitt Plantation	CE	8,603	2,750,000	596,000
Total	n/a	n/a	715,793	\$132,842,000	\$67,056,000

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2016

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
32-33	East Grand/Orient 1-2	CE and Fee	7,526	\$3,950,000	\$1,800,000

The project is part of a larger East Grand Watershed Initiative that will protect 12,200 acres of high-value international boundary forest lands and is contiguous to over 1.4 million acres of a conserved forested landscape spanning both sides of the international border with Canada.

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
34-36	Gulf Hagas Whitecap 1-3	CE and Fee	13,875	\$4,500,000	\$1,700,000

This project will conserve productive forest land, important wetlands, four mountain peaks, and 29 miles of undeveloped river frontage and pristine cold-water streams. The project will have managed forest lands that support eight mills and areas of high ecological and recreational importance.

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
37	Cold Stream Forest	Fee	8,000	\$7,340,000	\$5,505,000

The Cold Stream tract is an actively harvested commercial forest that contains nine ponds that provide exemplary wild native brook trout habitat, critical habitat for the threatened Canada lynx, and important deer wintering areas.

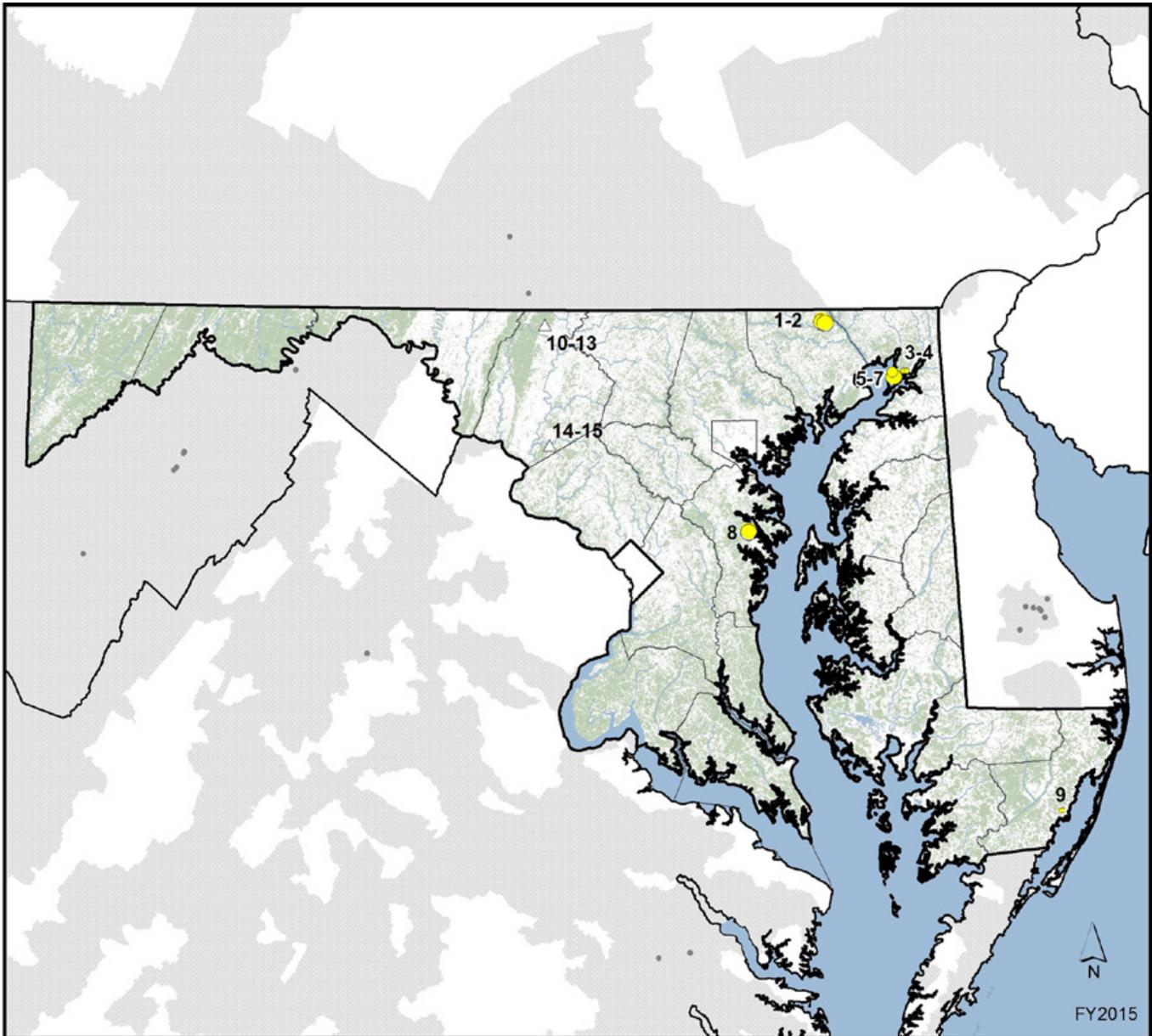
No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
38	Big Six Forest	CE	23,600	\$5,900,000	\$3,800,000

This project will protect the headwaters of the Penobscot and St. John Rivers; conserve one of the United States' most significant sugar maple production sites; and achieve habitat connectivity and integrity for priority species, including Canada lynx and eastern brook trout.

Total Funded Forest Legacy Tracts

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
Total	n/a	n/a	53,001	\$21,690,000	\$12,805,000

Maryland Forest Legacy Program



State Program 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, and endangered species

Assessment of Need approved January 22, 1996
AON ammended March 13, 2014



Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 200 acres
- 100 - 200 acres
- 1 - 100 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- △ Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

Maryland Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-2	Broad Creek 1-2	CE	767	\$4,811,000	\$3,255,000
3-4	Muddy Creek 1-2	CE	186	630,000	630,000
5-7	Rodney, Caveat, and McDaniel	CE	668	775,000	0
8	Green Cathedral	CE	298	1,550,000	650,000
9	Coastal Bay	CE	95	78,000	78,000
Total	n/a	n/a	2,014	\$7,844,000	\$4,613,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2017

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
10-13	Catoctin Mountain Greenway 1 1-4	CE	605	\$770,000

The Catoctin-South Mountain Forest Legacy Area boasts over 23,000 acres of protected Federal, State, and county forest land. Four conservation easements will protect an additional 605 acres. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Jimmy Carter enjoyed trout fishing during retreats at Camp David located less than 2 miles from the project area. Diverse forest community types support high water quality, the local economy through recreation, and timber harvesting.

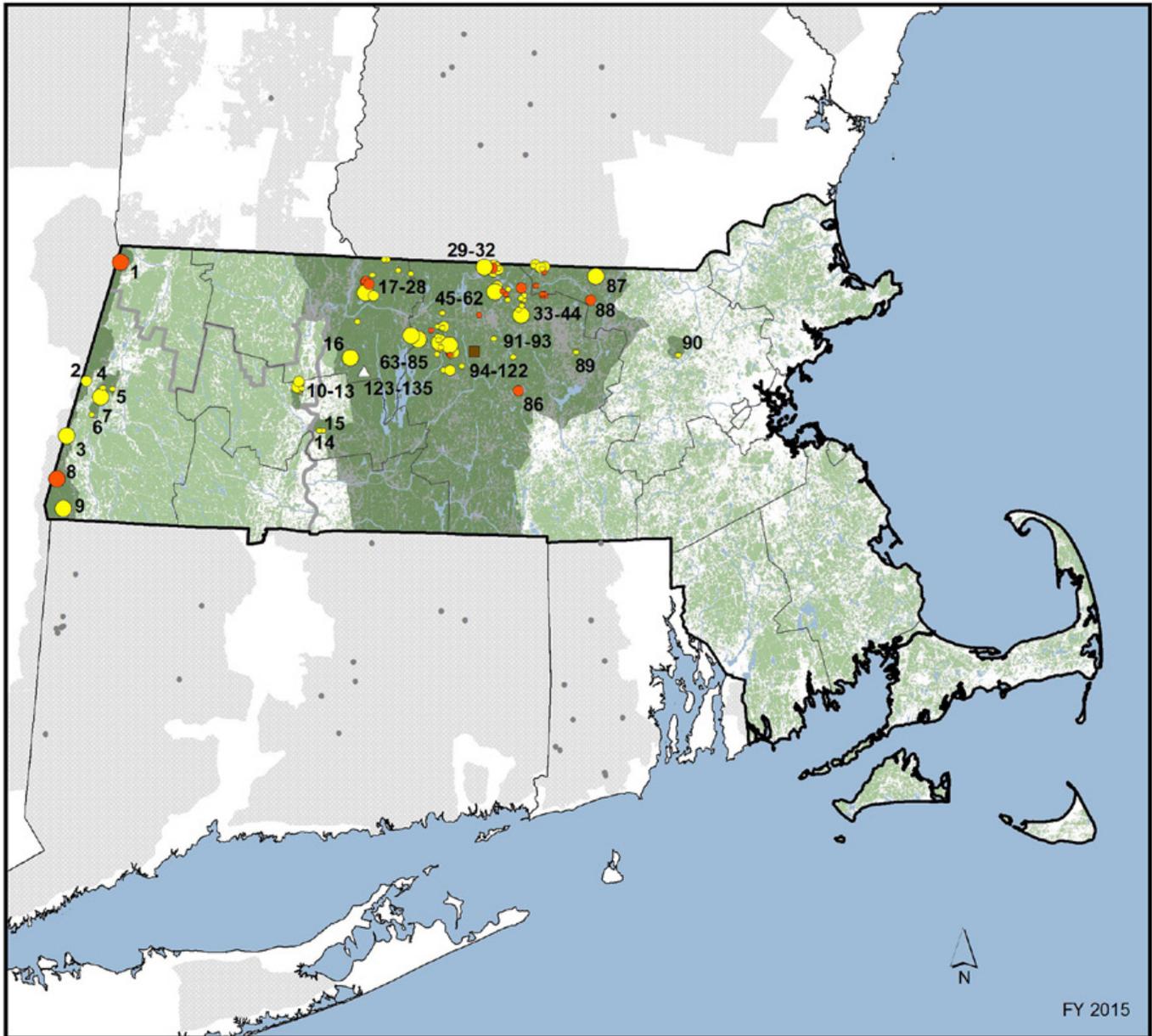
No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
14-15	Sugarloaf Mountain Natural Area (SMNA) North 1-2	CE	566	\$3,400,000

Sugarloaf Mountain is a recreational destination for over 500,000 people annually. Conservation easements will protect an additional 566 acres of forest land. In addition to outstanding scenic and wildlife habitat, the SMNA was the site of several historic events over the past three centuries, including the detection of a surprise Confederate invasion of Maryland during the American Civil War (1861) from Sugarloaf Mountain.

Total State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
Total	n/a	n/a	1,171	\$4,170,000

Massachusetts Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

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

Assessment of Need approved August 5, 1993
AON amended October 25, 2013



Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 200 acres
- 100 - 200 acres
- 1 - 100 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Massachusetts Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Massachusetts Proposed Forest Legacy Area
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Massachusetts Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-3	Alford Springs & Cost Share 1-3	CE	947	\$1,265,000	\$945,000
4	Williams	CE	14	38,000	35,000
5	Audubon	CE	75	180,000	180,000
6	Stockbridge Sportsman's Club	CE	67	60,000	60,000
7	Kripalu (BNRC)	CE	225	280,000	280,000
8	Karner Brook Ridge	Fee	213	975,000	525,000
9	Mt. Washington-Camp Hi-Rock	CE	665	2,100,000	1,097,000
10	Holich	CE	113	220,000	220,000
11-12	Hatfield Watershed 1-2	CE	145	681,000	512,000
13	Anciporch	CE	106	198,000	165,000
14	Johnson	CE	47	59,000	48,000
15	Boudreau	CE	56	321,000	241,000
16	Brushy Mountain	CE	3,486	8,698,000	5,000,000
17-28	Metacomet-Monadnock Forest 1-12	CE and Fee	1,052	2,216,000	1,645,000
29-32	Bush Hill 1-4	CE	339	630,000	216,000
33-44	Southern Monadnock Plateau I 1-12	CE and Fee	1,162	3,653,000	2,679,000
45-62	Southern Monadnock Plateau II 1-18	CE and Fee	2,044	5,468,000	3,320,000
63	Eagleville Pines	CE	283	1,107,000	830,000
64-81	Quabbin Corridor Connection 1-18	CE and Fee	1,668	4,240,000	2,710,000
82	Hutchinson	CE	490	616,000	450,000
83	2-Mile Landbridge	CE	467	600,000	330,000
84-85	Prospect Hill 1-2	CE	167	385,000	302,000
86	Muschopauge Brook	Fee	106	1,000,000	395,000
87	Belmont Springs	CE	255	2,600,000	1,383,000
88	Pumpkin Brook Link	CE	174	750,000	250,000
89	Ballard Hill	CE	33	277,000	90,000
90	Pippin Tree	CE	73	4,300,000	1,500,000
91-93	Quabbin Reservoir to Wachusett Mount 1-3	CE	137	355,000	121,000
Total	n/a	n/a	14,609	\$43,272,000	\$25,529,000

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2016

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
94-122	Quabbin Reservoir to Wachusett Mount. 4-32	CE and Fee	3,930	\$10,705,000	\$7,000,000

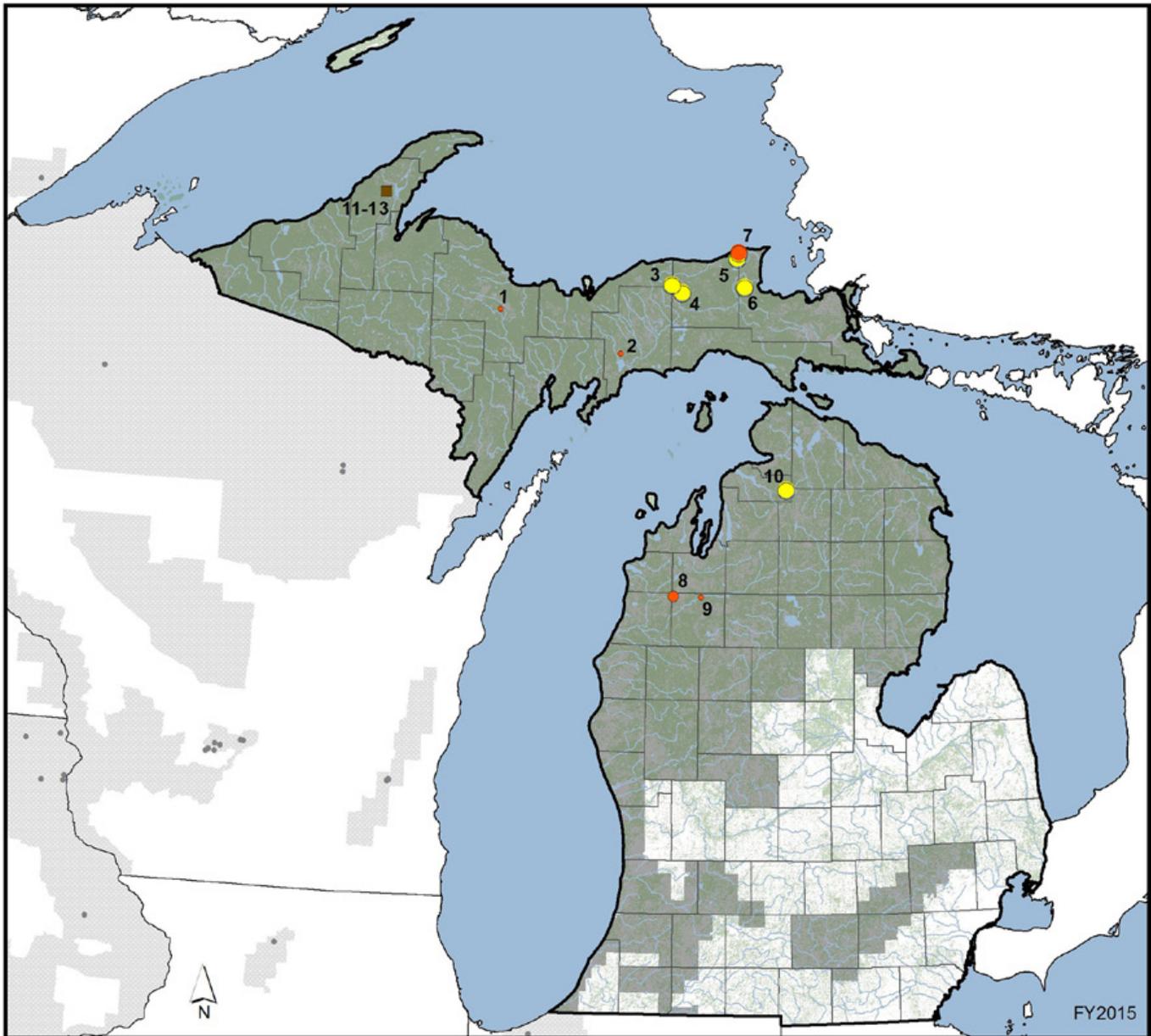
This project implements a landscape-scale vision to conserve a contiguous 20-mile forested corridor from the eastern shore of the Quabbin Reservoir to the peak of Mount Wachusett and provide key linkages to 50,000 acres of existing conserved lands.

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2017

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
123-135	West Quabbin Woodlands 1-13	CE and Fee	3,122	\$6,700,000

The West Quabbin Woodlands Project (WQW) tracts, all owned by this single ninth-generation landowner, will promote sustainable forestry; protect wildlife habitat; and guarantee public access for hiking, hunting, and fishing. The project will also protect significant tracts of forest for drinking water supply, including approximately 1,250 acres within Amherst's municipal watershed and 640 acres within the Quabbin Reservoir watershed, which supplies drinking water for 40% of the population of Massachusetts, including the city of Boston.

Michigan Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need approved February 20, 2004

State Program Goals

- Identify and protect environmentally important, privately owned forests threatened by conversion to uses inconsistent with traditional forest uses
- Reduce forest fragmentation caused by parcelization/subdivision and development
- Provide environmental benefits through the protection of riparian areas, native forest plants and animals, and natural ecosystem functions
- Maintain scenic resources
- Enhance recreational opportunities
- Promote forest stewardship
- Provide undeveloped buffer areas to already protected areas
- Complement other State or Federal interests or assistance programs
- Protect rare, threatened, and endangered species
- Enhance habitat connectivity

- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Michigan Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed (size in acres)
- Over 200 acres
 - 100 - 200 acres
 - 1 - 100 acres
 - Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
 - Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
 - Funded
 - Completed project in adjacent State

Michigan Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

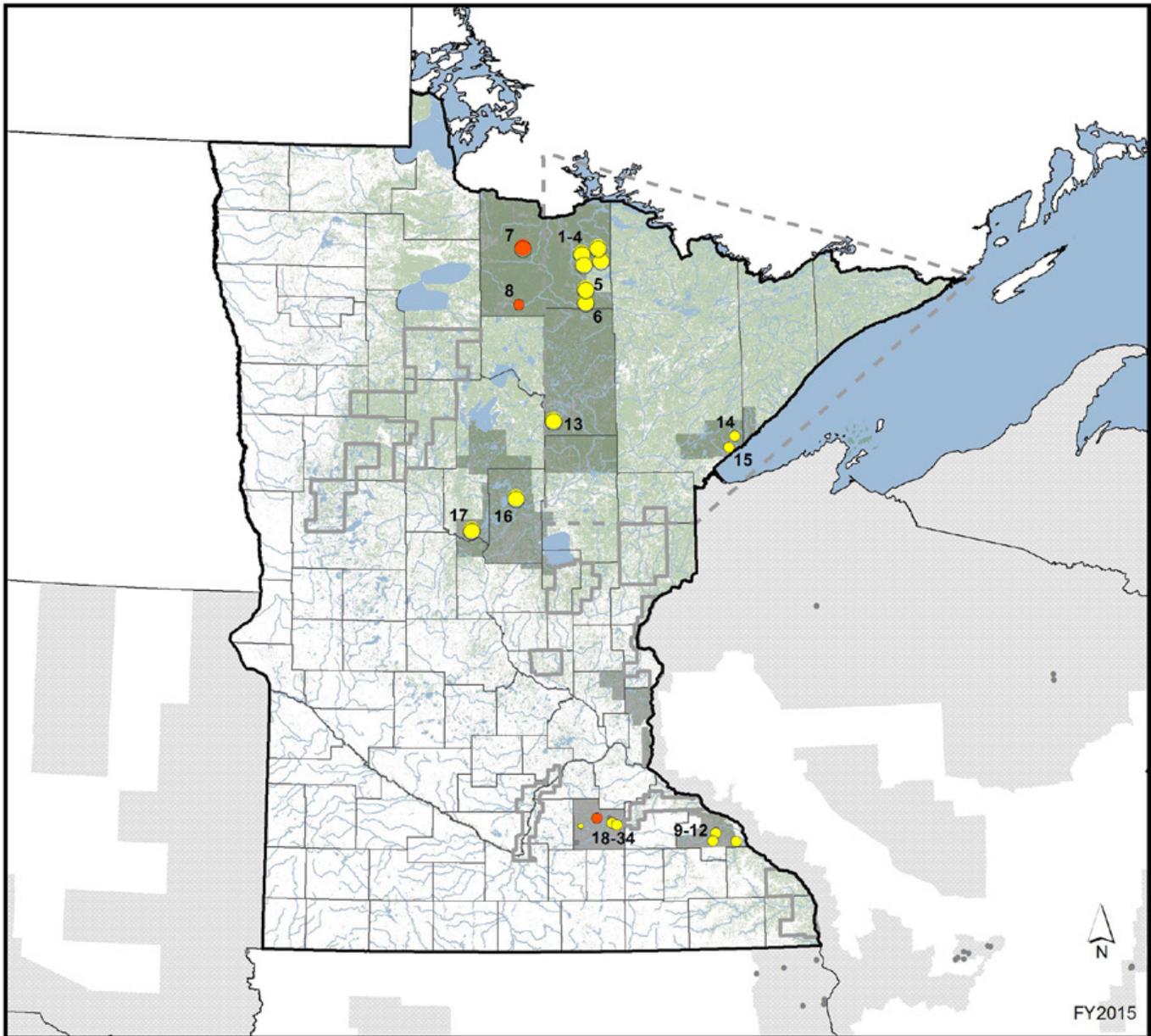
No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-2	Central Upper Peninsula 1-2	Fee	160	\$161,000	\$106,000
3-6	Northern Great Lakes Forest 1-4	CE	149,747	29,416,000	9,445,000
7	Crisp Point	Fee	3,810	6,049,000	4,537,000
8-9	Northern Wexford 1-2	Fee	200	500,000	375,000
10	Gitcha-ninj Nebish	CE	750	1,244,000	934,000
Total	n/a	n/a	154,667	\$37,370,000	\$15,397,000

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2016

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
11-13	Pilgrim River Forest 1-3	CE	1,299	\$900,000	\$550,000

This project will protect and provide public access to 3.5 miles of the Pilgrim River. The property has critical habitat for both game and nongame wildlife and Neotropical migratory birds with over 100 acres of shrub and forested wetlands.

Minnesota Forest Legacy Program



FY2015

Assessment of Need approved February 29, 2000
AON amended September 4, 2013

State Program Goals

- Prevent conversion of private forest lands most likely threatened by development in the next decade
- Encourage all eligible organizations and agencies to focus on and protect the most threatened forests
- Work with organizations and agencies to protect specific forest tracts from development



- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Minnesota Forest Legacy Area - Active (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Minnesota Forest Legacy Area - Candidate
- Mixed Laurentian Province Forest Legacy Area
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

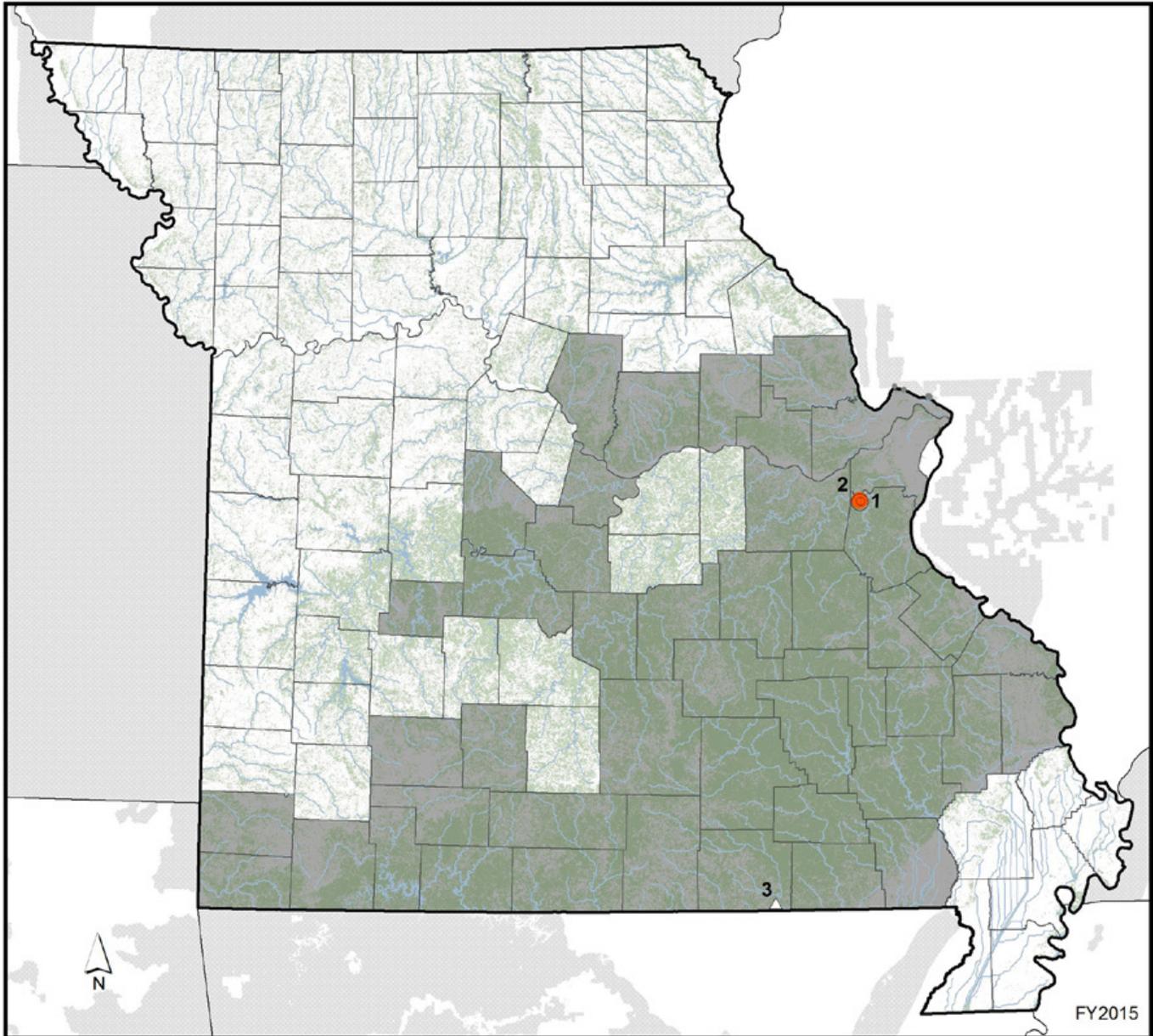
- Completed (size in acres)
- Over 1,000 acres
 - 100 - 1,000 acres
 - 1 - 5,000 acres
 - Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
 - Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
 - Completed project in adjacent State

Minnesota Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-12	Koochiching Forest 1-6 & Cost Share 1-6	CE and Fee	137,297	\$27,871,000	\$9,956,000
13	Sugar Hills	CE	1,659	1,800,000	750,000
14-15	North Duluth 1-2	CE	768	720,000	365,000
16-17	Brainerd Lakes 1-2	CE	4,770	3,600,000	2,700,000
18-23	Nerstrand Woods 1-6	CE	464	1,267,000	1,001,000
24-29	Seven Mile Woods 1-6	CE	347	869,000	478,000
30-31	Cannon River Wilderness 1-2	CE	84	184,000	135,000
32-33	Cannon River Big Woods 1-2	CE	148	724,000	566,000
34	Big Woods Heritage Forest	Fee	128	409,000	0
Total	n/a	n/a	145,665	\$37,444,000	\$15,951,000

Missouri Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need approved August 5, 2005

State Program Goals

– To maintain large blocks of important privately owned forest land that will supply the infrastructure to protect and conserve the important forest values for which the forest was selected. These values are critical watersheds and water supply protection, species richness, native forest ecosystems, karst features, and species of conservation concern. Protection will be in accordance with providing for economic visibility and stability, forest stewardship, and sustainability through the promotion of working forests.



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed (size in acres)
- Over 200 acres
 - 1 - 200 acres
 - Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
 - Proposed

Missouri Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

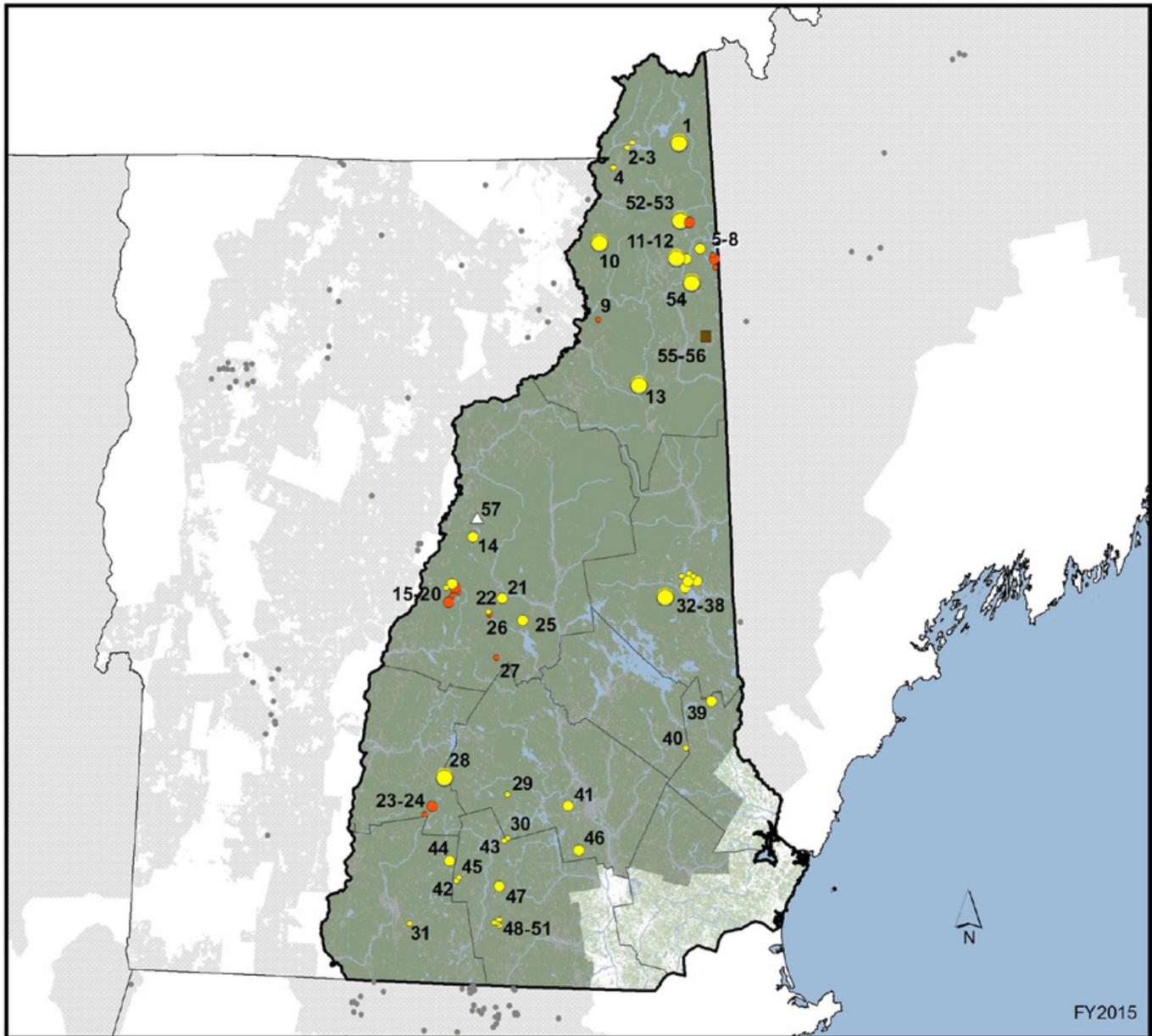
No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	LaBarque Creek 1	Fee	154	\$1,510,000	\$500,000
2	LaBarque Creek 2	Fee	429	3,250,000	1,500,000
Total	n/a	n/a	583	\$4,760,000	\$2,000,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2017

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
3	Eleven Point Forest	Fee	1,820	\$3,000,000

This acquisition will protect 1,820 acres of important forest land that affords critical habitat protection for the federally endangered Ozark hellbender on a 2-mile stretch of Eleven Point River frontage that has a documented reproducing hellbender population by preventing development and keeping the watershed forested. Less than 600 Ozark hellbenders are left in the wild.

New Hampshire Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

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

Assessment of Need approved February 11, 1994
AON amended February 29, 2000



- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- New Hampshire Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 5,000 acres
- 500 - 5,000 acres
- 1 - 500 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

New Hampshire Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Connecticut Lakes Headwaters	CE	146,290	\$15,325,000	\$11,494,000
2-3	Jahoda and Jahoda/Johnson	CE	400	157,000	157,000
4-9	Northern Forest Cost Share 1-6	CE and Fee	3,782	3,302,000	0
10	Bunnell Mountain	CE	18,430	2,050,000	1,675,000
11-12	Thirteen Mile Woods 1-2	CE	8,070	4,605,000	2,195,000
13	Pond of Safety	CE	10,198	3,844,000	2,109,000
14	Piermont Mountain	CE	1,650	219,000	219,000
15-20	Smarts Mountain 1-6	CE and Fee	3,911	878,000	873,000
21-24	Cardigan Highlands 1-2 & Cost Share 1-2	CE and Fee	3,514	2,733,000	1,037,000
25	Cardigan Highlands 5	CE	3,342	1,770,000	1,770,000
26-31	Pillsbury-Sunapee Highlands 1-6	CE and Fee	7,786	3,566,000	2,499,000
32	Trout Pond	CE	2,660	2,130,000	1,184,000
33-37	Ossipee Pine Barrens 1-3 & Cost Share 1-2	CE	2,320	3,667,000	2,351,000
38	Ossipee Mountains	CE	5,372	1,685,000	1,400,000
39-40	Moose Mountain & Cost Share	CE	2,318	1,460,000	988,000
41-42	Rossvie & Cost Share	CE	642	2,720,000	1,970,000
43-45	Willard Pond 1-2 & Cost Share	CE	2,323	4,802,000	3,535,000
46	Kimball Pond	CE	972	1,085,000	700,000
47-51	Crotched Mountain & Cost Share 1-4	CE	1,653	3,287,000	2,182,000
52-54	Androscoggin Headwaters 1-3	CE and Fee	23,891	9,794,000	7,319,000
Total	n/a	n/a	249,524	\$69,079,000	\$45,657,000

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2016

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
55-56	Mahoosuc Gateway 1-2	CE	24,200	\$7,620,000	\$5,715,000

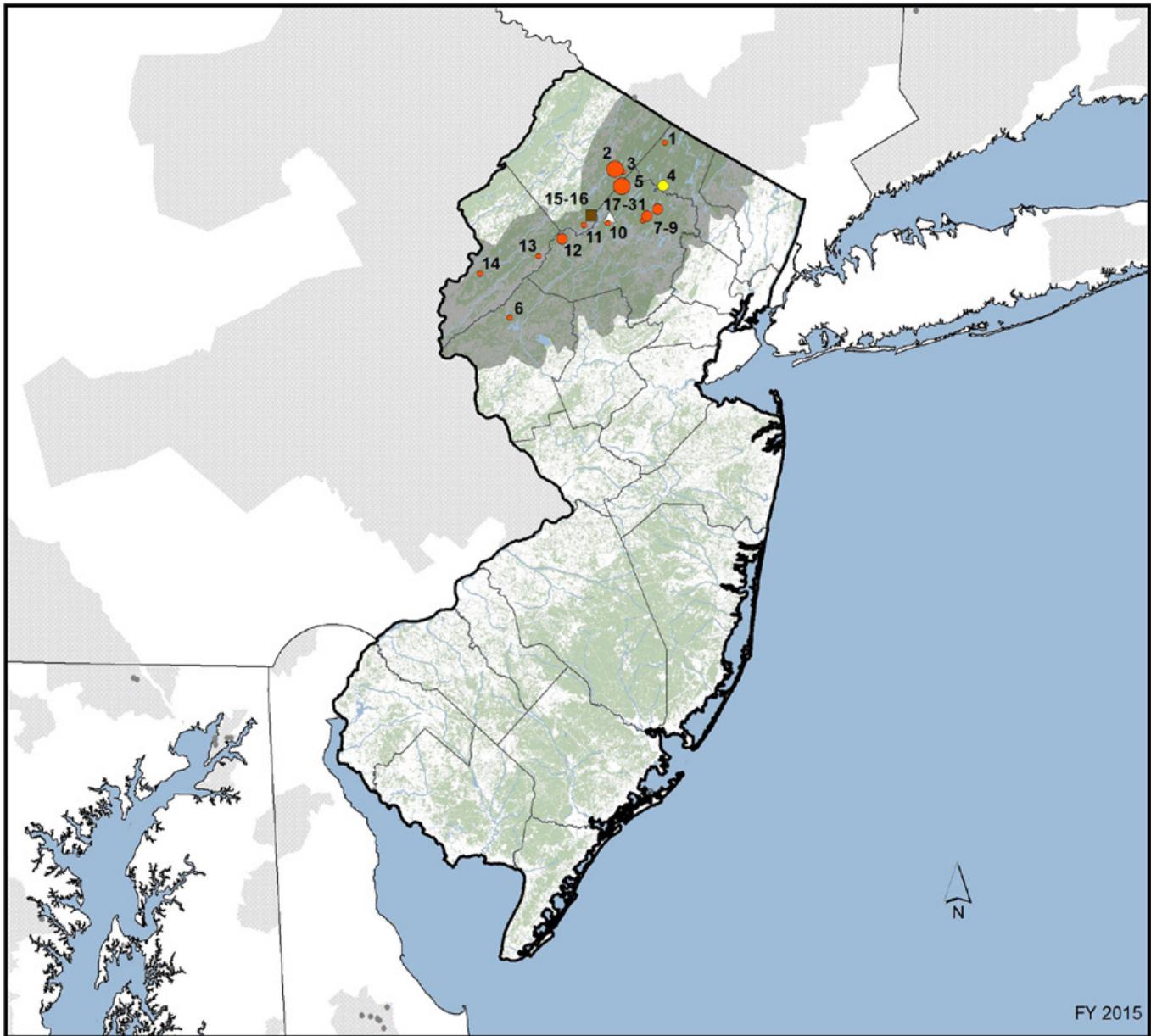
The project lands are central to a landscape-level protection of public lands: the White Mountain National Forest to the west and south, the Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge to the north, the Appalachian Trail to the south and east, and Maine Reserve Lands to the east.

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2017

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
57	Beebe River Uplands Project	CE	6,372	\$3,470,000

The project will protect 6,372 acres of managed northern hardwood and conifer forests. The Beebe River Uplands' exceptional water quality spawns native brook trout. The tracts will be managed for sustainable timber production, wildlife habitat, and water resource protection, ensuring public access.

New Jersey Forest Legacy Program



FY 2015

State Program Goals

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

Assessment of Need approved October 26, 1994



- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- New Jersey Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 1,000 acres
- 500 - 1,000 acres
- 1 - 500 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

New Jersey Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-2	Lake Gerard & Cost Share	Fee	1,244	\$5,940,000	\$1,440,000
3	Highlands Greenway	Fee	257	859,000	600,000
4	Macopin	CE	700	1,432,000	700,000
5-6	Raritan River Watershed & Cost Share	Fee	1,234	7,466,000	3,747,000
7	Buck Mountain	Fee	978	4,602,000	200,000
8	Farny Highlands	Fee	528	6,120,000	1,021,000
9	Meriden	Fee	295	7,000,000	350,000
10	RTC/FDIC	Fee	145	412,000	412,000
11	Lackawanna Cutoff	Fee	305	2,461,000	1,846,000
12	Crown Towers	Fee	611	7,350,000	3,176,000
13	Sparta Mountain South	Fee	85	3,300,000	1,773,000
14	Buckhorn Creek	Fee	433	3,254,000	1,664,000
Total	n/a	n/a	6,815	\$50,196,000	\$16,929,000

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2016

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
15-16	Working Forests, Healthy Forests 1-2	CE	2,395	\$5,135,000	\$2,000,000

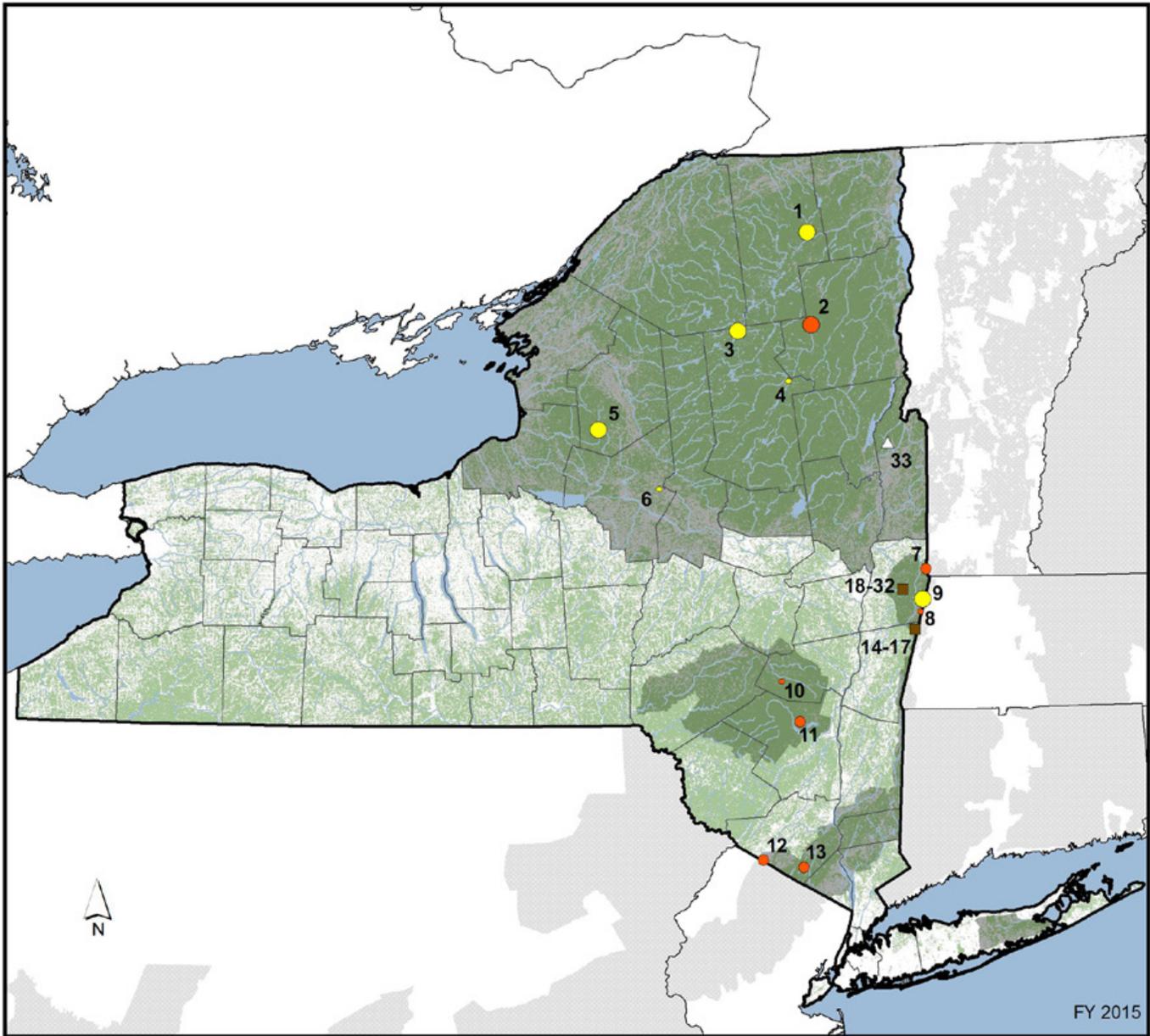
Located in the New Jersey Highlands, these two projects will protect public water resources and biodiversity in this prime contiguous forested land while also providing public access and recreation through extension of the Highlands Trail.

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2017

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
17-31	Rockaway River Wildlife Management Area 1-15	Fee	584	\$2,920,000

Project will protect in Fee 584 acres of forested land with tremendous conservation and connective value. This land is important to the Federally Endangered Indiana bat and Federally Threatened northern long-eared bat. The project is documented summer maternity and fall foraging habitat for these species.

New York Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

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

Assessment of Need approved October 26, 1994
AON amended November 3, 2010



- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- New York Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed (size in acres)
- Over 1,000 acres
 - 200 - 1,000 acres
 - 1 - 200 acres
 - Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
 - Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
 - Funded
 - Proposed
 - Completed project in adjacent State

New York Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Adirondack Working Forest	CE	83,890	\$10,069,000	\$985,000
2	Tahawus	Fee	6,813	5,096,000	1,676,000
3	Adirondack Lakes	CE	10,056	6,102,000	2,500,000
4	Indian Lake	CE	141	86,000	86,000
5	East Branch Fish Creek	CE	31,230	3,140,000	2,362,000
6	Brown	CE	119	120,000	120,000
7-8	Fox and Pownal Tanning	Fee	378	231,000	131,000
9	George Allen	CE	1,313	437,000	350,000
10	Greene Frog	Fee	70	66,000	66,000
11	Ticeteneyck Mountain	Fee	448	1,970,000	500,000
12	Pochuck Mountain	Fee	515	2,678,000	1,284,000
13	Sterling Forest	Fee	847	4,270,000	2,000,000
Total	n/a	n/a	135,820	\$34,265,000	\$12,060,000

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2016

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
14-17	Mount Lebanon 1-4	CE	1,310	\$2,520,000	\$1,865,000

The project represents a unique opportunity to use conservation easements to permanently protect 1,310 acres of significant natural and historical resources and provide opportunities for public recreation, environmental education, and archeological research.

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
18-32	Rensselaer Plateau Working Forest 1-15	CE	12,348	7,850,000	5,455,000

This project implements a landscape-scale vision to conserve and connect core forests of the central and southern Plateau; it establishes a 14-mile regional protected area network linking State and county parks and a U.S. Forest Service-funded community forest in the Albany-Schenectady-Troy metropolitan region.

Total Funded Forest Legacy Tracts

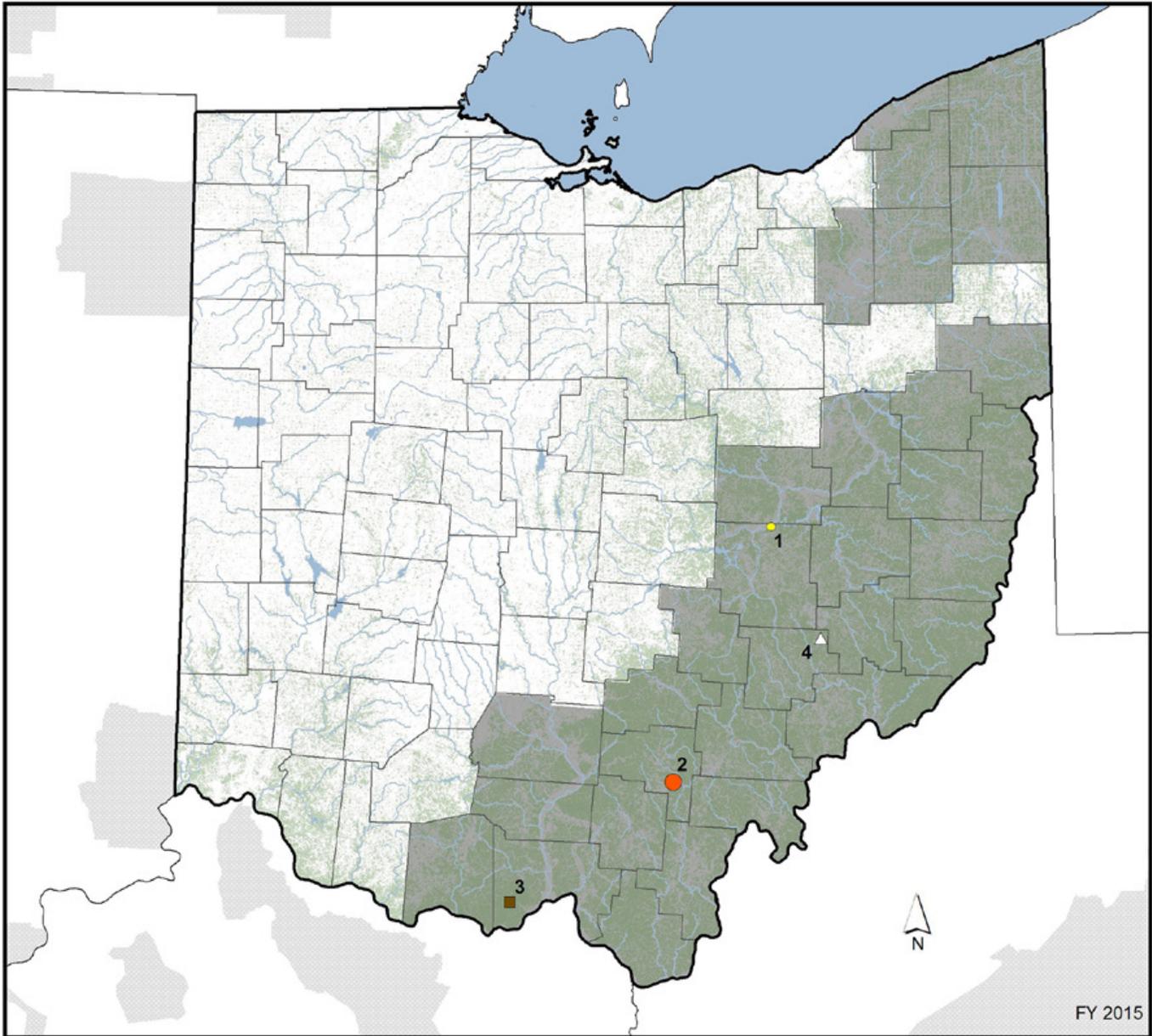
No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
Total	n/a	n/a	13,658	\$10,370,000	\$7,320,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2017

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
33	Fort Ann	CE	1,488	\$950,000

This northern hardwood-dominated property plays a vital part in the region's wood-based economy. This property is within 30 miles of International Paper's Ticonderoga and Finch Paper's Glens Falls mills and has been a consistent source of pulpwood for both mills for more than a century. This tract is partially within the Adirondack Park, the Nation's largest park and a National Historic Landmark.

Ohio Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

—Protect working forests, which are defined as a forest with a management plan stating clearly identified management goals that incorporate timber harvesting as an essential management tool.

Assessment of Need approved August 5, 2005



Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

-  Over 500 acres
-  1 - 500 acres
-  Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
-  Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
-  Funded
-  Proposed
-  Completed project in adjacent State

Ohio Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Muskingum North	CE	436	\$349,000	\$262,000
2	Vinton Furnace Experimental Forest	Fee	6,966	7,697,000	5,136,000
Total	n/a	n/a	7,402	\$8,046,000	\$5,398,000

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2016

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests Value	FLP Payment
3	Little Smokies	Fee	779	\$1,715,000	\$1,285,000

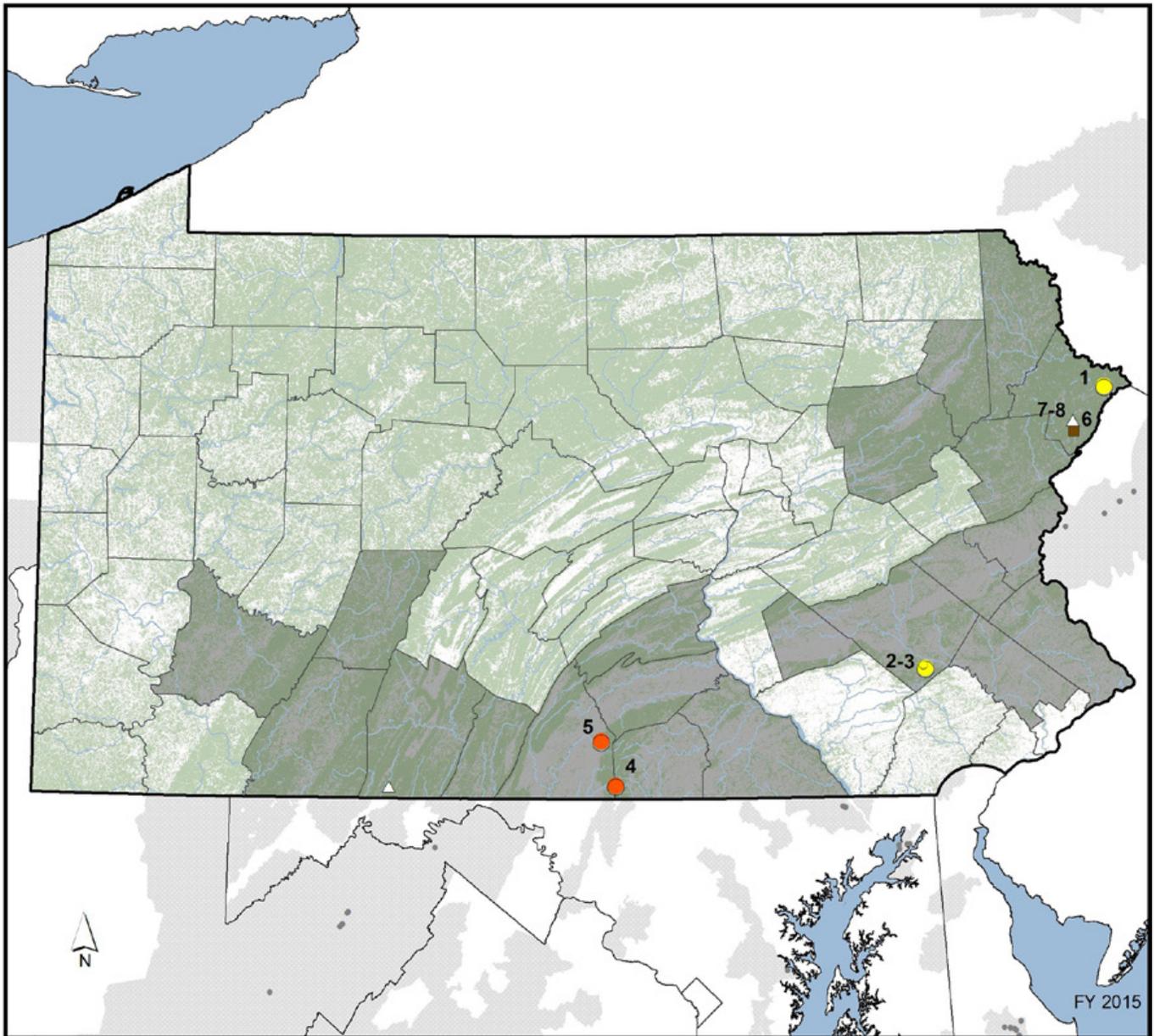
This project will acquire highly strategic forest land in Shawnee State Forest, an area known as the “Little Smokies of Ohio” for its rugged and scenic beauty. The 63,747-acre State Forest includes Ohio’s only state-designated wilderness area and surrounds the 1,168-acre Shawnee State Park.

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2017

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
4	Re-Creation Land Project	Fee	5,998	\$9,335,000

The property is known for historic forest restoration efforts on reclaimed mines and scenic views. The project protects critical, forested areas including habitat for state-listed rare, endangered, and threatened species. In addition, the project will protect water quality in the headwaters of Meigs Creek.

Pennsylvania Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Protect and sustain working forests
- Maintain private ownership of the land
- Promote environmental integrity
- Promote traditional forest uses
- Promote sustainable forest management
- Maintain and reestablish forests along scenic corridors
- Protect headwaters and streams to enhance water quality

Assessment of Need approved March 7, 2002
AON Amended August 2, 2011



- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Pennsylvania Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 1,000 acres
- 1 - 1,000 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

Pennsylvania Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	History of Forestry	CE	1,191	\$4,016,000	\$2,216,000
2-3	Birdsboro Waters 1-2	CE	1,765	2,200,000	800,000
4	Tree Farm #1	Fee	1,466	5,570,000	3,500,000
5	Eagle Rock	Fee	1,122	3,370,000	1,500,000
Total	n/a	n/a	5,544	\$15,156,000	\$8,016,000

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2016

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
6	The Northeast Connection 1	CE	1,792	\$4,300,000	\$2,985,000

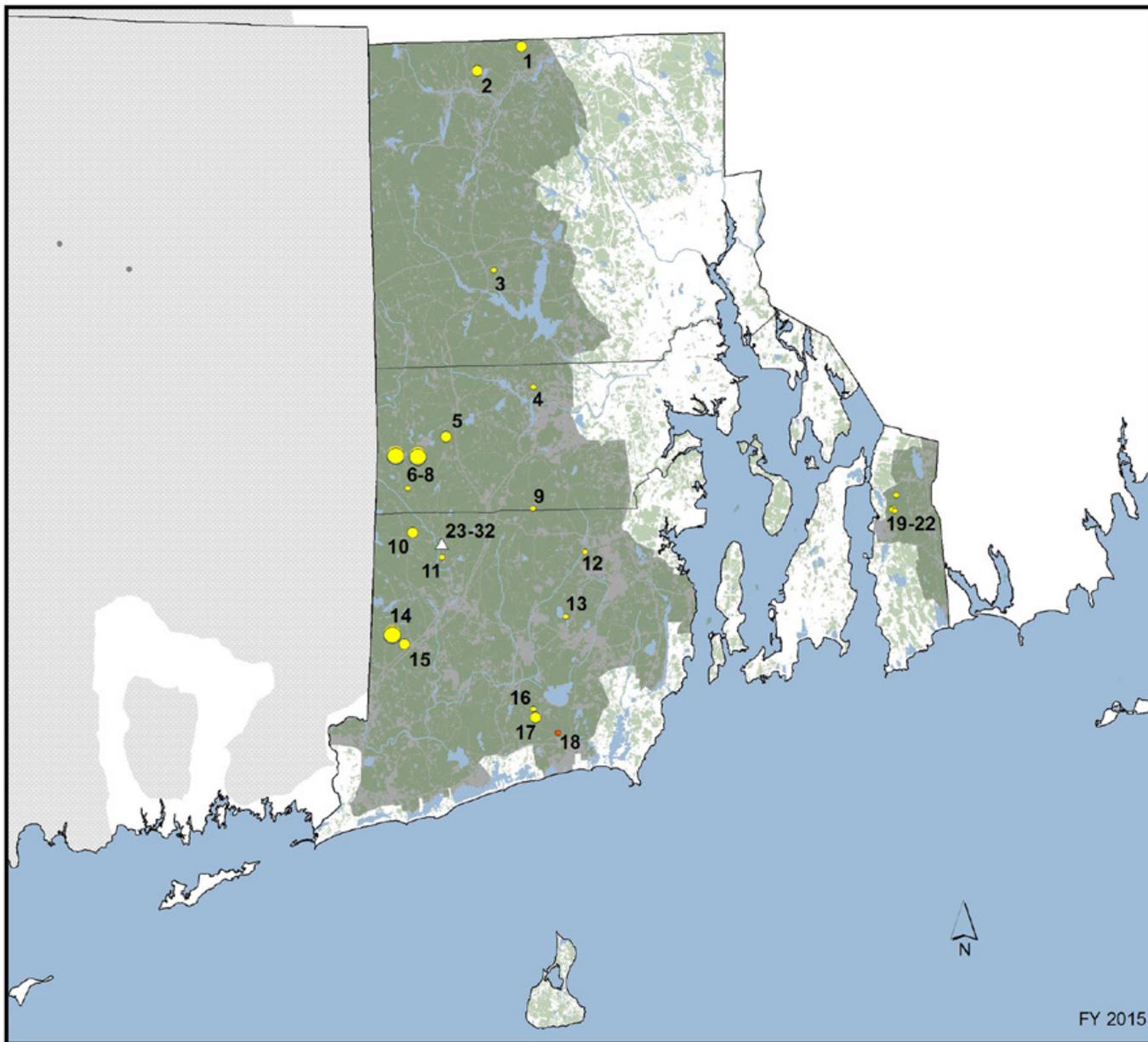
This project is very important to the public water supply because it contains headwaters of the Bushkill and Delaware Rivers. It also contains a wide array of plant and animal life, including species of special concern such as the river otter and bald eagle.

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2017

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
7-8	The Northeast Connection 2-3	CE	1,953	\$4,695,000

This project is very important to the public water supply because it contains headwaters of the Bushkill and Delaware Rivers. It also contains a wide array of plant and animal life, including species of special concern such as the river otter and bald eagle.

Rhode Island Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Protect and sustain working forests
- Maintain private ownership of the land
- Promote environmental integrity
- Promote traditional forest uses
- Promote sustainable forest management
- Maintain and reestablish forests along scenic corridors
- Protect headwaters and streams to enhance water quality

Assessment of Need approved December 30, 1993



- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Rhode Island Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed (size in acres)
- Over 200 acres
 - 100 - 200 acres
 - 1 - 100 acres
 - Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
 - Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
 - Proposed
 - Completed project in adjacent State

Rhode Island Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

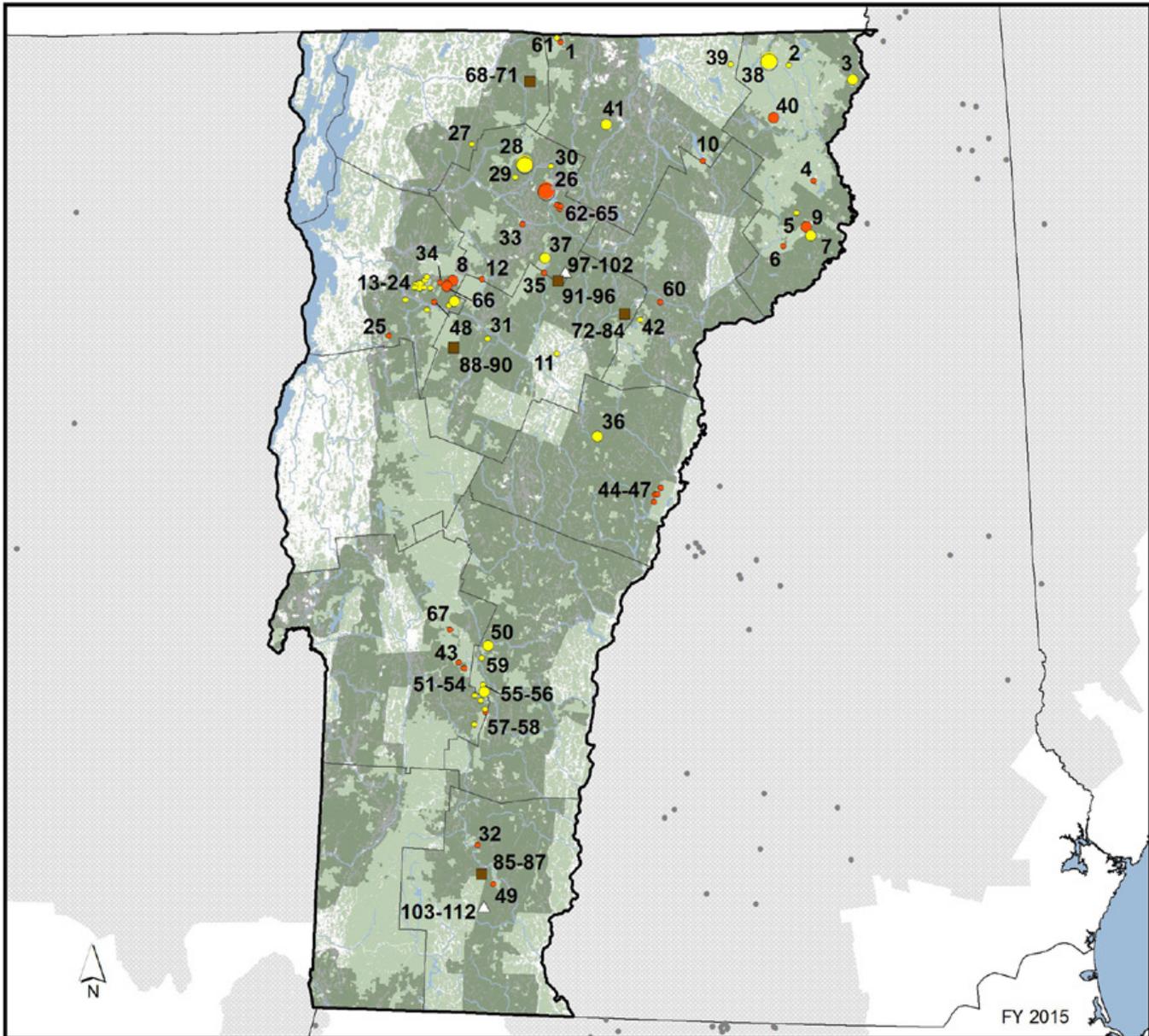
No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1	Screech Hole Bog	CE	137	\$53,000	\$50,000
2	Willoughby Cost Share	CE	200	575,000	0
3	Cork Brook	CE	45	218,000	218,000
4	Coventry Greenway	CE	72	296,000	296,000
5	Great Grass Pond	CE	164	495,000	324,000
6-8	Tillinghast Pond 1-3	CE	1,509	14,620,000	3,000,000
9	Big River	CE	69	770,000	591,000
10	Mount Tom Trail	CE	145	270,000	270,000
11	Pratt Farm Cost Share	CE	72	360,000	0
12	Queen's River	CE	80	155,000	155,000
13	Yawgoo Pond	CE	68	928,000	528,000
14-15	Canonchet Forest 1-2	CE	588	1,646,000	1,009,000
16-17	DuVal Trail Corridor 1-2	CE	211	845,000	724,000
18	Susanna's Woods	Fee	75	445,000	445,000
19-22	Weetamoo Woods 1-4	CE	148	820,000	498,000
Total	n/a	n/a	3,583	\$22,496,000	\$8,108,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2017

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
23-32	Scituate Reservoir Watershed Project 1-10	CE	578	\$3,340,000

The Scituate Reservoir Project will protect, with conservation easements, 578 acres of forest land on 10 tracts in the Scituate Reservoir watershed. The Scituate Reservoir supplies drinking water to 60% of Rhode Islanders (962,570 people). About 25% of the reservoir watershed is protected (primarily land around water impoundments); the remainder is in private ownership. The watershed is within 10 miles of the Providence Metropolitan area and under development pressure from suburban sprawl.

Vermont Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

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

Assessment of Need approved February 11, 1994
AON amended November 3, 2010



- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Vermont Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 5,000 acres
- 1,000- 5,000 acres
- 1 - 1,000 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Proposed
- Completed project in adjacent State

Vermont Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-8	Northeast Kingdom 1-6 & Cost Share 1-2	CE and Fee	5,912	\$2,376,000	\$1,704,000
9	Cow Mountain Pond	Fee	1,660	570,000	271,000
10-25	Chittenden Uplands 1-13 & Cost Share 1-3	CE and Fee	6,112	5,994,000	4,453,000
26	Green River	Fee	5,113	2,526,000	1,776,000
27-32	Eden Forest & Cost Share 1-5	CE and Fee	7,959	5,471,000	3,981,000
33-36	Orange Headwaters & Cost Share 1-3	CE and Fee	1,560	1,073,000	760,000
37	Atlas	CE	2,281	342,000	342,000
38	Hancock	CE	31,450	2,847,000	2,500,000
39-43	Vermont Cost Share Tracts 1-5	CE	7,805	1,552,000	0
44-47	Brushwood Community Forest 1-4	CE and Fee	1,059	1,535,000	1,485,000
48-49	Brushwood Community Forest Cost Share 1-2	Fee	315	470,000	0
50	Chateauguay/No Town	CE	1,175	950,000	550,000
51-54	Mt. Holly Wildlife Corridor 1-4	CE and Fee	1,822	1,918,000	1,438,000
55	Wilderness Corp.	CE	2,086	771,000	618,000
56	Snow	CE	560	200,000	200,000
57-60	Green Mountain Wildlife Corridor 1-4	CE and Fee	1,002	1,649,000	1,088,000
61-66	Northern Green Mountains Linkage 1-6	CE and Fee	2,473	4,192,000	1,869,000
67	Groton Forest Legacy Initiative Cost Share	Fee	345	565,000	0
Total	n/a	n/a	80,661	\$34,590,000	\$22,947,000

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2016

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
68-71	Northern Green Mountains Linkage 6-9	CE	3,628	\$3,353,000	\$2,507,000

Through a combination of easements and fee, this project will protect over 5,000 acres of managed forest land, 25 undeveloped ponds, rare species and communities, 25 miles of streams, and high-quality wildlife habitat.

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
72-84	Groton Forest Legacy Initiative 1-13	CE and Fee	9,742	6,864,000	4,650,000

The project will protect managed forest land, rare species and communities, 15 miles of streams, and 45,000+ feet of undeveloped lake and pond frontage adjacent to the State of Vermont's second-largest landholding, the 29,700-acre Groton Management unit.

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
85-87	Windham Region Working Forest 1-3	CE	1,963	2,925,000	2,185,000

The project is in the watershed of the Connecticut River, 1 of 14 rivers nationally designated as an American Heritage River. Objectives for the Connecticut River include economic revitalization, natural resource and environmental protection, and cultural and historic preservation.

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
88-90	Dowsville Headwaters 1-3	CE and Fee	3,667	4,830,000	2,406,000

Acquisition of the project by the State will improve protection of Camel's Hump, Vermont's highest undeveloped peak. A National Natural Landmark, Camel's Hump is an iconic part of Vermont's identity as emblazoned on the State quarter, State seal, and license plates.

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
91-96	Worcester Woods 1-6	CE	7,936	5,345,000	4,000,000

This project represents an outstanding opportunity to conserve a large block of internationally significant habitat that serves as a forested connection from Vermont's Green Mountains and Northeast Kingdom northeast to Quebec's Gaspé and beyond.

Total Funded Forest Legacy Tracts

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
Total	n/a	n/a	26,936	\$23,317,000	\$15,748,000

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2017

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
97-102	Worcester Woods 7-12	CE	11,275	\$14,010,000

This project represents an outstanding opportunity to conserve a large block of internationally significant habitat that serves as a forested connection from Vermont's Green Mountains and Northeast Kingdom northeast to Quebec's Gaspé and beyond.

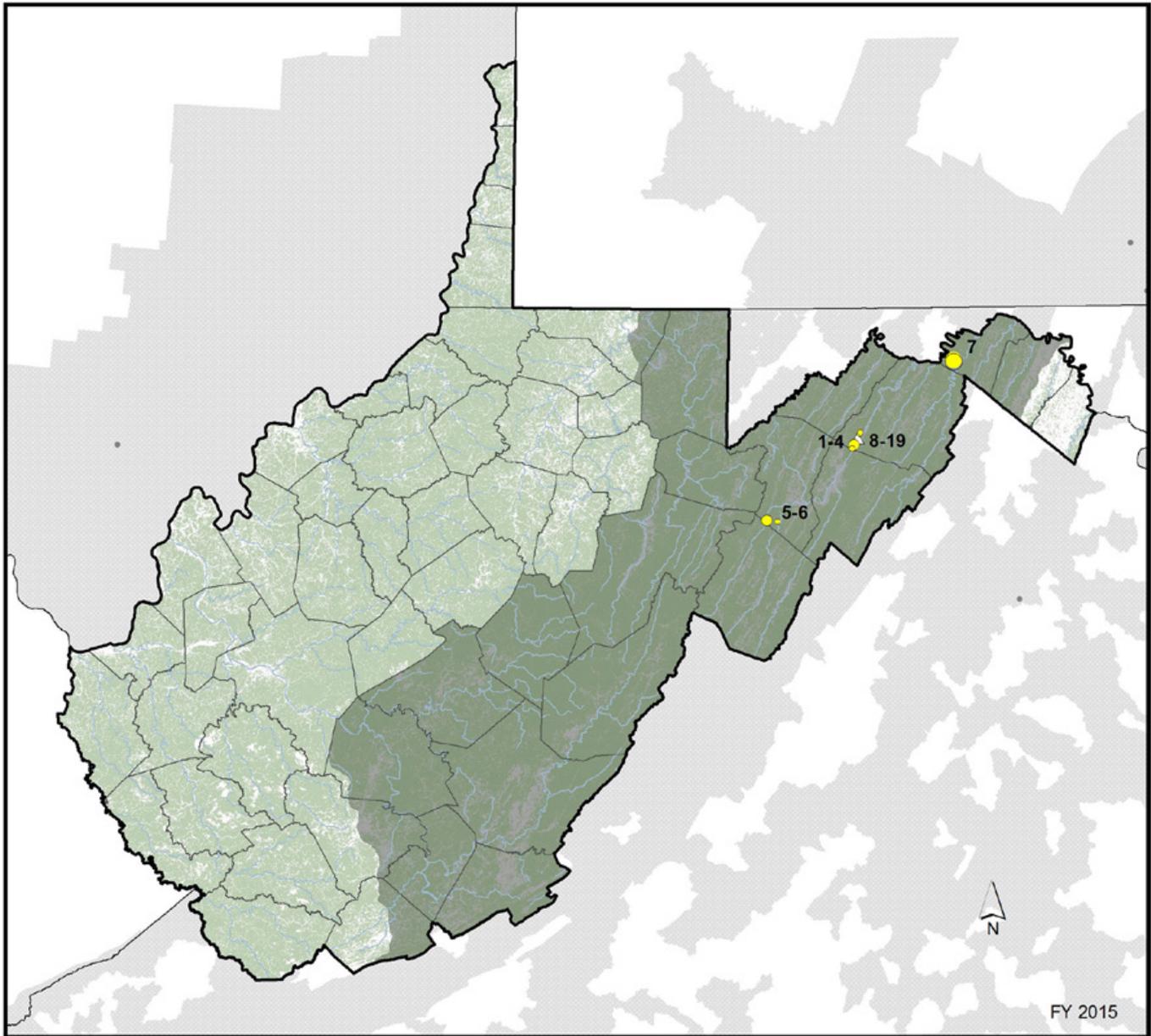
No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
103-112	Windham Region Working Forest 4-13	CE	7,300	6,740,000

Additional properties for this multitract FLP project that is in the watershed of the Connecticut River, 1 of 14 rivers nationally designated as an American Heritage River. Objectives for the Connecticut River include economic revitalization, natural resource and environmental protection, and cultural and historic preservation.

Total State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
Total	n/a	n/a	18,575	\$20,750,000

West Virginia Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

- Maintain large and intact forest land tracts
- Invest in areas that will not be engulfed by other land uses
- Conserve tracts with significant timber resource values
- Support communities by conserving the raw materials for the timber, recreation, and tourism industries
- Maintain important water features by conserving working forests, wetlands, and riparian buffers
- Sustain the most ecologically significant areas of the State

Assessment of Need approved December 2, 2003



Forest Legacy Tract Status

- Completed (size in acres)
- Over 1,000 acres
 - 400 - 1,000 acres
 - 1 - 400 acres
 - Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
 - △ Proposed
 - Completed project in adjacent State

West Virginia Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

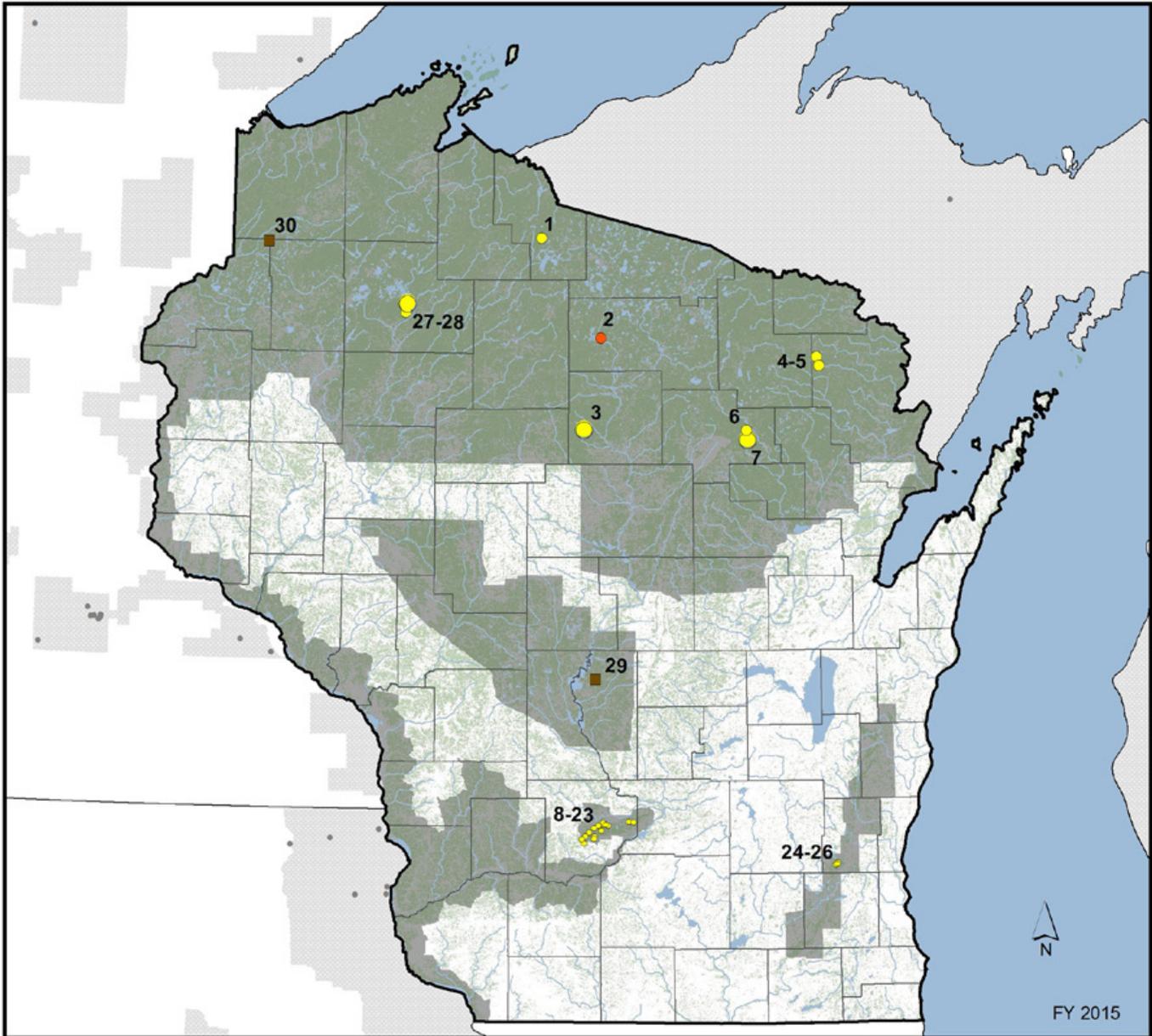
No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-6	South Branch 1-6	CE	2,103	\$2,298,124	\$1,723,593
7	Potomac River Hills	CE	2,505	4,510,000	2,267,000
Total	n/a	n/a	4,608	\$6,808,124	\$3,990,593

State Proposed Forest Legacy Tracts that have cleared the Forest Stewardship or Forest Legacy Committee for FY2017

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Estimated value
8-19	South Branch Phase II Project 1-12	CE	3,220	\$6,660,000

These easements expand and connect to the 2,103 FLP acres that have already been protected by South Branch Phase I.

Wisconsin Forest Legacy Program



State Program Goals

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

Assessment of Need approved January 16, 2001
AON amended November 3, 2010



- Forested Land outside Forest Legacy Areas
- Wisconsin Forest Legacy Area (Forested | Non-Forested)
- Adjacent State Forest Legacy Area

Forest Legacy Tract Status

Completed (size in acres)

- Over 10,000 acres
- 100 - 10,000 acres
- 1 - 100 acres
- Completed Conservation Easement (CE)
- Completed Fee Acquisition (Fee)
- Funded
- Completed project in adjacent State

Wisconsin Forest Legacy Program

Completed Forest Legacy Tracts as of September 30, 2015

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
1-3	Tomahawk Northwoods 1-3	CE and Fee	36,883	\$16,451,000	\$6,972,000
4-5	Wild Rivers 1-2	CE	14,576	7,648,000	4,601,000
6-7	Wolf River 1-2	CE	18,511	8,331,000	3,056,000
8-23	Baraboo Hills 1-16	CE	924	1,352,000	994,000
24-26	Holy Hills 1-3	CE	198	3,131,000	1,975,000
27-28	Chippewa Flowage 1-2	CE	18,179	8,220,000	4,000,000
Total	n/a	n/a	89,271	\$45,134,000	\$21,598,000

Funded Forest Legacy Tracts including FY2016

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
29	Central Sands Pines	CE	7,529	\$4,517,000	\$3,000,000

This property contains critical habitat for the federally endangered Kirtland's warbler and Karner Blue butterfly. The project contains the documented first breeding site of the Kirtland's warbler in the United States outside Michigan.

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
30	Brule-St. Croix Part 2	CE	21,189	5,034,000	3,775,000

Located in the headwaters of the St. Croix National Scenic River and the Bois Brule River, this project ultimately protects water quality in Lake Superior and the Mississippi River. The project links 985,000 acres of existing conservation lands to create an expanse of more than 1 million acres.

Total Funded Forest Legacy Tracts

No.	Name	CE or Fee	Acres	Interests value	FLP payment
Total	n/a	n/a	28,718	\$9,551,000	\$6,775,000

Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry Forest Legacy Program Contacts

The following pages contain contact information for Federal and State staff who are involved with the Forest Legacy Program in the 20 Northeastern and Midwestern States served by Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (NA S&PF), a branch of the Forest Service. Included is the scope of responsibility of the NA S&PF staff in the implementation of the Forest Legacy Program.

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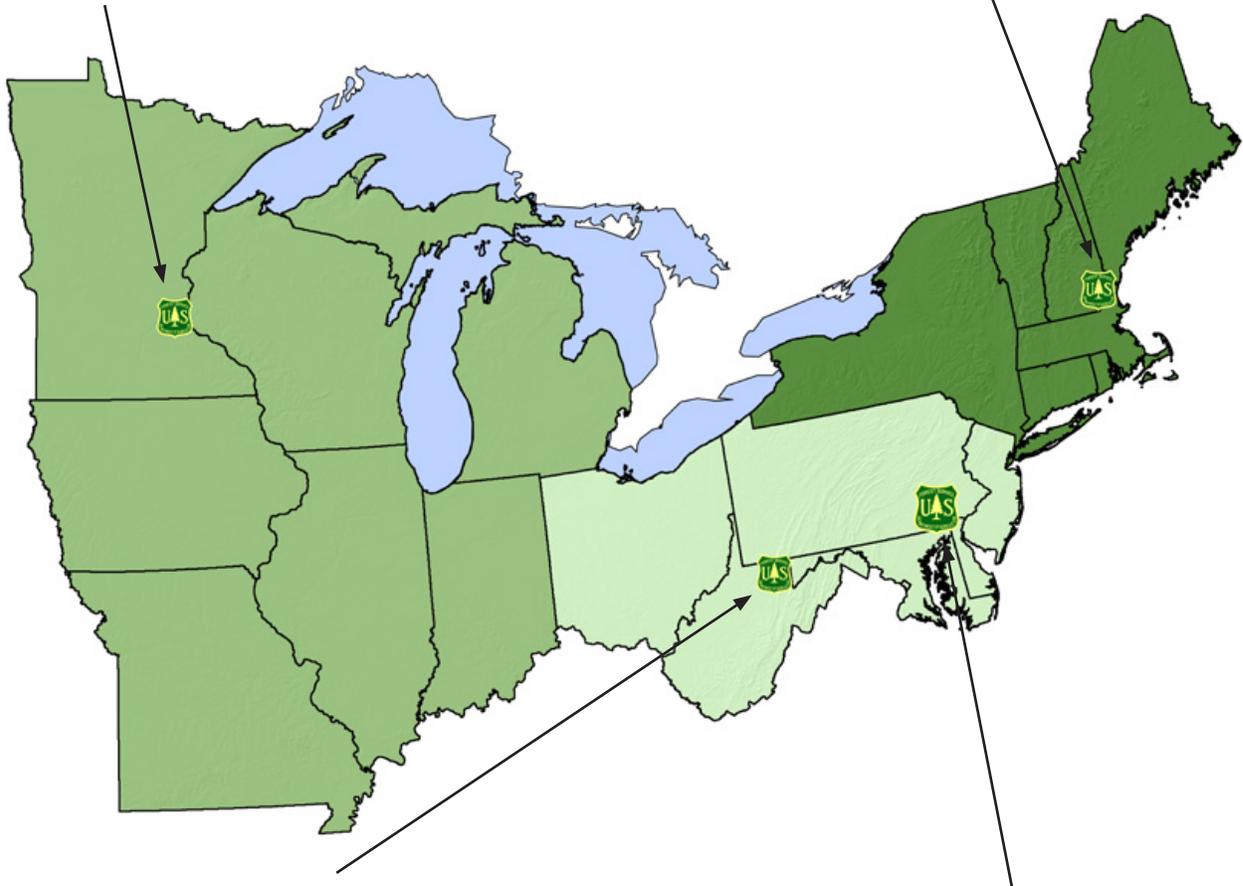
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