



Fiscal Year 2022 Community Forest Program Funded Projects

Final Rank	State	Project Name	Acres	Entity Type	Funding
1	AK	Potter Marsh Watershed Community Forest	303	Local Gov't	\$600,000
2	NH	Shelburne Valley Community Forest	2,717	Non-Profit	\$600,000
3	MT	Mount Dean Stone Community Forest	1,040	Non-Profit	\$600,000
4	NY	Lanford Woods Community Forest	519	Non-Profit	\$326,000
5	CA	Pomo Community Forest	21	Tribal Gov't	\$358,000
6	WA	South Conboy Lake Property - Mt. Adams Community Forest	800	Non-Profit	\$600,000
7	NH	Wilson Community Forest	40	Local Gov't	\$600,000
8	NC	Little Pisgah Labs Community Forest	225	Non-Profit	\$475,000
9	ME	Penobscot Community Forest	206	Non-Profit	\$326,000
10	WA	North Kitsap Divide Community Forest	459	Non-Profit	\$591,000
11	ME	Kezar Corridor Community Forest	1,310	Non-Profit	\$200,000
12	WI	Headwaters Cedar Community Forest	200	Non-Profit	\$200,000
Total Acreage			7,840		
Project Subtotal					\$5,476,000
Technical Assistance Funds					\$24,000
Total Funding					\$5,500,000

Community Forest Program Fiscal Year 2022 Project Descriptions

Potter Marsh Community Forest, Anchorage, Alaska

In Anchorage, Alaska, more than 300 acres of intact coastal forest, salmon streams, trails and animal habitat will be protected within minutes of downtown Anchorage. The project supports recreation and traditional uses (including food and raw materials for craftspeople) for metropolitan Anchorage residents. Recreation on the project will support ongoing community efforts to address public health by giving access to a new trail network in a safe and accessible location for exercise.

Shelburne Valley Community Forest, Coos County, New Hampshire

This 2,717-acre project connects the community to surrounding public lands, including a State Forest, the FY22 funded Forest Legacy/Androscoggin Corridor project and the White Mountain National Forest, and buffers 2.6 miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Ongoing sustainable management of the forest will support forestry jobs in a rural community as well as increase tourism opportunities. The project also preserves current recreational uses which include hunting, biking, walking, and access to the Androscoggin River for paddlers and anglers. Accessible, outdoor recreation areas are a low cost and extremely effective way to provide health benefits.

Mount Dean Stone Community Forest, Missoula, Montana

This project is 1,040 acres and provides valuable connection to other conserved and public lands in the area. Missoula is rapidly growing and developing, and this project will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to residents, contribute to the recreation economy in the region, and be used for fire prevention and educational opportunities. With the participation and guidance of Summit Independent Living, a local nonprofit that builds awareness and advocates for change on behalf of people who live with disabilities, project partners have installed wheelchair-accessible trails adjacent to the Mt. Dean Stone Community Forest and are improving trailhead infrastructure to provide universal access to existing roadbeds for people of all abilities.

Lanford Woods Community Forest, Rensselaer County, New York

This 519-acre project located within a two-to-three-hour drive from New York City and Boston is desirable for second home development. The project protects hunting and recreation areas at risk of loss to development. The project contributes to a larger landscape conservation initiative and will be acquired by a nonprofit that has a strong track record having previously developed the Dorothy's Equal Access Trail at the Poestenkill Community Forest (funded 2014) and the Homestead Trail at the Albert Family Community Forest (Funded 2016), which were featured in the March 2021 Upstate Alliance for the Creative Economy's list of 10 Can't Miss Walking Trails in Rensselaer County. These trails were envisioned, planned, and implemented by the community forests and their volunteers.

Pomo Community Forest, Potter Valley Tribe, California

The Pomo Community Forest will bring 21 acres of ancestral tribal lands back to the Potter Valley Tribe near Fort Bragg, California. It is also within the former boundary of the Mendocino Indian Reservation established in 1856. This reservation was discontinued and opened for

settlement in 1869, leaving local tribes without lands. This acquisition by the Tribe will allow for traditional practices and land management while increasing public access to outdoor recreation in the area. The property is adjacent to the California Coastal Trail, which is planned to be an interconnected public trail system that will span over 1,230 miles from Oregon to Mexico.

South Conboy Lake/Mount Adams Community Forest, Klickitat County, Washington

Adds 800 acres of working forest land to the Mount Adams Community Forest in rural Klickitat County, providing important forest sector jobs in an area of the state with high unemployment. Mount Adams Resource Stewards established a stewardship crew that has grown to sustain 10 seasonal jobs for local residents. This new acquisition is expected to increase local economic impacts of the community forest. This project also restores long standing public access to community members for hunting, fishing, wild mushroom harvesting and firewood gathering. Expansion of the Mount Adams Community Forest helps to maintain a viable working forest land base.

Wilson Community Forest, Town of Stoddard, New Hampshire

Creates a 40-acre community forest in the small rural community of Stoddard for recreation including hiking, fishing and birding, outdoor experiential learning, and an outdoor gathering space for the community. Though Highland Lake is a major attraction and attractive recreational resource, there is very limited public access for people living in nearby communities. Most of shoreline is in private hands. The project secures public access to 4,000 feet of lake frontage, which will be publicly accessible. The forest will be owned by the town and managed for the benefit of the surrounding communities.

Little Pisgah Labs Community Forest, Buncombe County, North Carolina

This 224-acre community forest will provide a unique outdoor learning environment for the 13th largest public school system in North Carolina. Located just footsteps from a planned Career Technical and Education Campus, the campus will integrate classroom science curriculum with the forest's environmental resources. The forest also provides public access for hiking and paddling and conserves important headwater seeps and springs for the Rocky Broad River which flows through Chimney Rock State Park and into the popular tourist destination of Lake Lure.

Penobscot Community Forest, Penobscot, Maine

This community-driven effort will preserve public access for Tribes and residents that have historically used the property for hiking, hunting, and berrying. Located in the Wallamatogus Mountains, these high elevation forests are important for wildlife adaption in the face of climate change and offer panoramic views of Penobscot Bay. The 206-acre project will be owned by the Blue Hill Heritage Trust.

North Kitsap Divide Community Forest, Kitsap County, Washington

Creates opportunities for a new model of sustainable forestry and community employment in the rapidly developing urban growth area (greater Seattle area) of Kitsap County where over 220 jobs are directly tied to the timber industry. Permanent conservation of the 459-acre forest protects water quality for important tribal and commercial shellfish harvesting in Port Gamble and Mill Bays and secures public access for recreation, including the future Sound to Olympics Trail, a regionally significant trail.

Kezar Corridor Community Forest, Maine

This project will permanently protect over 1,300 acres of forests in western Maine that conserve wetlands, riparian areas, and the entire shoreline of a pond. An extensive motorized vehicle trail system on the project will provide easy access to a summit view and pond for those with mobility issues. Reducing barriers to engagement with the natural world for all is a key component of the applicant's mission.

Headwaters Cedar Community Forest, Wisconsin

Protects 200 acres with a diversity of forest types, wetlands, and rare plants in northern Wisconsin. With multiple public access points and half mile of road frontage along a county highway, the forest is easily accessible to the residents of the rural community. The project has strong local support including from the Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. As a community forest, community involvement, outreach, and investment will be prioritized.