

Maine

Forest Legacy Program



Assessment of Need
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I. FOREWORD

Maine's Forest Legacy Program was established in 1994 at the culmination of the work of the congressionally mandated Northern Forest Lands Council. The council identified over thirty-five actions to reinforce the Northern Forest region's traditional patterns of land ownership and use, the first of which was to ensure the consistent and adequate funding by Congress of the Forest Legacy Program. This recommendation came at a time when both public and private efforts were growing to protect forestland in Maine from conversion to non-forest uses.

Many factors have created uncertainty about the long-term stability of Maine's northern forest, and this has led to a significant increase in land protection efforts in the past 25 years. Land ownership changes began occurring at a rate unseen in Maine's history. Six million acres or one-third of Maine's commercial forestland changed hands between 1998 and 2003. New types of landowners, timber investment management organizations (TIMOs) and real estate investment trusts (REITs), began acquiring significant acreage in Maine. These new landowners carried with them a significantly shorter ownership timeline than prior industrial landowners. At the same time, liquidation harvesting became prevalent, causing widespread public concern over unsustainable forest management practices and ultimately resulting in legislation limiting the practice. Finally, development pressure continued throughout Maine's northern forest, including the establishment of "kingdom lots," large tracts purchased by wealthy individuals for personal use. Although for the most part, fears about kingdom lots have not been borne out, combined these factors raised concerns about the long-term availability of Maine's forestland for traditional forest uses.

As forestland ownership and management have evolved in Maine, so too have land protection efforts. In response to greater pressures over conversion of working forestland to non-forest uses, the state of Maine and non-profit land conservation organizations responded by pursuing increasingly large land protection projects. This resulted in close to 3 million acres of forestland being permanently protected by fee or easement over the past 30 years. In addition to the substantial private dollars that were necessary to achieve this, many state and federal funding sources beyond the Forest Legacy Program have played a crucial role in protecting Maine's forestland, including the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grants and Maine's Land for Maine's Future Program (LMF) grants, to name only two.

Since 1994, through the Forest Legacy Program alone, Maine has received over \$76 million and has permanently protected by fee or easement the public values and traditional forest uses of over 741,000 acres of Maine's forest. This has been accomplished through the completion of twenty-one projects comprised of 37 parcels located from York County to Aroostook County and ranging in size from the small but strategic Little W Seboomook inholding at 72 acres to the landscape-scale West Branch project at 328,364 acres (see Appendix 1 for a complete list of all Forest Legacy projects completed and underway).

Each State electing to participate in the Forest Legacy Program must assign a lead State agency to oversee FLP administration through a Governor-level designation or pursuant to State law. The State Lead Agency is usually a forestry agency, but may be another natural resource or land management agency. Maine's State Lead Agency, originally designated as the Maine Forest Service, was changed to the Maine Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands (BPL) by approval of the U.S. Forest Service (see Appendix 2, letter dated July 2, 2001). Maine's State Stewardship Committee established a Maine Forest Legacy Committee (see Appendix 3, letter dated

April 24, 2004 for authorization, and Appendix 4 for Committee purpose and membership) to work with the State Lead Agency on matters related to the Forest Legacy Program.

States interested in participating in the Forest Legacy Program are required to demonstrate eligibility through development of an Assessment of Need (AON) and a State Forest Action Plan. In accordance with FLP Guidelines, Maine has elected to keep its Forest Legacy Assessment document as a separate, standalone appendix to its State Forest Action Plan. Maine's Assessment of Need was modified in 2005, 2010 and 2012. This 2019 Maine Forest Legacy Program Assessment of Need was prepared in response to the Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines requirement that the AON be reviewed at least every 5 years. This AON incorporates only minor changes including: the addition of climate resiliency to the list of Public Values Maine's forests provide; updates to project numbers, acreage and associated tables; minor revisions to the application scoring criteria; and a simplification of emerging policy issues. In February of 2020, an additional amendment was made to include the U.S. Department of Defense in the list of eligible governmental entities outlined in Section VI.

II. DEFINITIONS

1. Traditional Forest Uses – Activities commonly associated with the use of forestland in Maine. These activities could include, but are not limited to: public access, timber harvesting, hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, camping, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, horseback riding, picnicking, boating, swimming, bicycling, snowmobiling, foraging, outdoor education and nature study including scientific and archeological research, and nature observation.
2. Commercial Forest Land – Land used primarily to grow trees for the harvest of timber, wood and other forest products for commercial use, but does not include ledge, marsh, open swamp, bog, water and similar areas, which are unsuitable for growing a forest product or for harvesting for commercial use even though these areas may exist within forest lands.
3. Environmentally Important Forests – a parcel that includes multiple public values as described in Section III.
4. Forest Land Threatened by Conversion to Non-Forest Uses – Forest land which contains characteristics which make such land attractive to changes such that the Traditional Uses and values of the property are reasonably expected to be at risk. These characteristics include, but are not limited to: close proximity to roads; short travel time from population centers; habitat and forest degradation; potential for parcelization; the existence of water resources such as streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes; scenic values and the presence of outdoor recreation opportunities.

III. GOALS OF MAINE FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

The goal of Maine's Forest Legacy Program is to prevent the conversion of Maine's forest to non-forest uses, and thereby protect Maine's Traditional Forest Uses and a wide range of Public Values that Maine's forests provide, including:

- a. the production of timber, fiber and other forest products;
- b. economic benefits from non-timber resources;
- c. public recreation opportunities, including tourism activities;

- d. high environmental value plant and animal habitat as identified by state, regional, or federal programs; habitat for rare, threatened or endangered plant or animal species; and rare or exemplary natural communities;
- e. resilient landscapes that protect the integrity of Maine's forests and critical ecosystem services and the ability to adapt to a changing climate;
- f. large, unfragmented habitat blocks that provide critical habitat needs;
- g. water supply and watershed protection, and/or important riparian areas, wetlands, shorelines, or river systems;
- h. scenic resources (such as mountain viewsheds, undeveloped shorelines, visual access to water, and areas along state highway systems); and
- i. historic/cultural/tribal resources of significance.

IV. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA USED IN DETERMINING MAINE'S FOREST LEGACY AREA

Maine's Forest Legacy Committee, working in association with the Bureau of Parks and Lands, established the following eligibility criteria for use in determining Maine's Forest Legacy Area. These criteria are based on Maine's historical Eligibility Criteria which were most recently approved as part of the state's 2010 Modified Assessment of Need. Eligible lands are those that:

1. Include forest land threatened by conversion to non-forest uses;
2. Provide opportunities for Traditional Forest Uses and contains some or all of the Public Values defined in Section III; and
3. In compliance with Forest Legacy Program requirements, contain parcels which are at least 75% forested and on which more than 50% of the land meets the definition of commercial forest land (the Maine Forest Legacy Program also assures compliance with the requirement that compatible non-forest uses account for "less than 25% of the total area" as described in the federal Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines).

V. IDENTIFYING MAINE'S FOREST LEGACY AREA

A. LOCATION AND CONSISTENCY WITH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Appendix 5 includes a map of Maine's Forest Legacy Area as well as a complete list of towns and townships included therein. Maine's Forest Legacy Area originally encompassed the entire portion of the Northern Forest Lands Study Area that lay in Maine as this large block of land met the established eligibility criteria outlined in Maine's 1993 Modified Assessment of Need. Since that time, Maine's Forest Legacy Committee has undertaken several reviews of and modifications to the Forest Legacy Area (see Appendix 6).

2018-2019 Review

As part of its 2018-2019 review process, the Forest Legacy Committee considered the fact that most of coastal Maine, and most of Maine's southern counties are not included in the Forest Legacy Area. While these regions face the most pressure of forestland conversion to other uses, the predominance of smaller holdings that often lack professional management better lend themselves to Maine's Tree Growth and Open Space tax laws. These current use taxation programs offer a simpler approach to forestland conservation. Neither program offers permanent

protection from development, but the significant penalties associated with change of use create an effective barrier to development. Communities in this region are increasingly considering the USFS Community Forest Program as a tool for forest land conservation.

Through its review, the committee determined that no changes were needed to the existing area and that the entire Forest Legacy Area is consistent with Maine's eligibility criteria, encompasses environmentally important forests, and is consistent with the original purposes for which Congress established the Forest Legacy Program.

B. IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES AND HOW THEY WILL BE PROTECTED

The Maine Forest Legacy Committee determined that the Maine Forest Legacy Program will focus on acquiring conservation easements or fee interest in lands in order to protect the Traditional Forest Uses and Public Values of Maine's forests, as defined previously. These Public Values are derived from the environmental assets of Maine's forests and hence, for the purposes of its Forest Legacy Program, Maine's public and environmental values are one and the same. Maine is committed to protecting the Public Values of Maine's Forests through the following means:

1. It is the intent of the Maine Forest Legacy Program to use Forest Legacy Program funds for the purchase of both conservation easements and fee interest in lands. It is understood that the use of conservation easements is an effective means to protect interests in lands while maximizing the use of federal funds. The acquisition of fee interest in lands is also important, particularly for protecting areas of high ecological value. Lands for which a fee interest is acquired will be managed for Public Values.
2. As part of the state's assessment of all lands, the owner of the subsurface rights to the land will be identified, and a determination made as to whether the acquisition of mineral rights is necessary to realize the purposes for which the land is entered into the Forest Legacy Program. Land or interest in land is typically not acquired if the mineral rights have been severed, because those severed rights pose a threat to surface disturbance and the protection of Maine's Forest Legacy Program goals.
3. Where conservation easements are employed as the method of land protection, a forest stewardship plan will serve as the means for describing specifically how easement provisions will be met. BPL, working in concert with its land protection partners as well as the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Maine Natural Areas Program and the Maine Forest Service, will develop easement provisions that meet FLP Guidelines and where applicable:
 - a. seek to protect significant recreational, wildlife and ecological values for public benefit (for example, important deer yards and significant recreational trails may be identified in the forest stewardship plan and protected through the terms of the easement);
 - b. seek to protect rare and endangered species habitat, rare and exemplary natural communities and other significant wildlife values such as fisheries habitats and deer yards, and natural, scenic, educational, scientific, recreational, historical, cultural and tribal resources (for example, as part of the forest stewardship plan, the state will consult with the Maine Natural Areas Program to identify rare, threatened and endangered species habitats and may include special protection provisions for such habitats in the easement);
 - c. seek to protect water supplies and watersheds, riparian areas, wetlands, shorelines and river systems, and maintain soil fertility and quality (for example, the forest stewardship

plan may address how Best Management Practices will be used to protect soils at risk of erosion from timber harvesting; significant wetlands may be identified and an adequate buffer established to ensure their protection; these values may be protected through the terms of the easement);

- d. seek to assure the sustained, natural capacity of the property and its soils to support healthy and vigorous forest growth, and that, so long as the property is managed as a working forest, commercial forest management, if undertaken, will provide a continuing, renewable and long-term source of forest products, maintain a healthy and biologically diverse forest that supports a full range of native flora and fauna, and limit adverse aesthetic and ecological impacts, particularly in riparian areas, high elevation areas and public vistas.

Conservation easement transactions shall require that a Forest Stewardship Plan or multi-resource management plan, prepared in accordance with Maine Forest Service standards, then-current, be approved before or at closing by the State Forester or designee, as required by 2017 federal Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines section V.17.

The post-closing requirements for modification of Forest Stewardship Plans or multi-resource management plans is governed in part by section V.17 of the Implementation Guidelines, but also by procedures dictated by the terms of the conservation easement. Maine shall require that the forest planning documents be kept current and updated pursuant to the terms drafted into the easement. Modification of the forest planning documents must be agreed to by the Holder, but if Holder provides no comments following consultation, the landowner may proceed with adoption of the revised document. Sample easement language used in recent easements approved by state and federal parties under current federal guidance is as follows:

Holder Review (where there is NO Third-Party Certification):

Grantor shall submit the Multi-Resource Management Plan and any updates or amendments thereto to Holder, and Holder shall review the Plan for consistency the Purposes and other terms of this Conservation Easement. Holder shall provide written comments to Grantor within 30 days of receipt of the Plan, identifying and explaining any portion of the Multi-Resource Management Plan that Holder finds may be inconsistent with the terms of this Conservation Easement and that could result in a violation of this Conservation Easement. If Holder has provided no comments within such 30-day period, Grantor may proceed with adoption of its Plan. The Parties acknowledge that the purpose of the Multi-Resource Management Plan is to guide management activities so that they are in compliance with this Conservation Easement, and that the actual activities and outcomes on the Protected Property will determine compliance with this Conservation Easement. Holder's right to provide comments or failure to exercise that right does not constitute a waiver of the terms of this Conservation Easement.

Holder Review (where there IS Third-Party Certification): *Federal Guidance has been interpreted to allow the Third-Party Certification process to suffice for any post-closing consultation or agreement; Third-Party certification suffices as an alternative to the pre-closing requirements for a Forest Stewardship Plan if 1) the State Forester or designee has approved the third-party forest certification the property is part of, 2) the State Forester or designee has had an opportunity to review the plan and 3) there is a contingency plan for the*

creation of a Forest Stewardship or Multi-resource Management plan if the land was no longer to be certified. The easement holder must also have the ability to review overview certification documents over the years to ensure compliance with the easement purposes; and

- e. seek to assure the availability of the property for traditional non-intensive outdoor recreation by the public (for example, access by the public for specifically identified recreational activities may be protected through the terms of the easement). The acquisition of development rights and other rights, and the placing of restrictions on human activities that could impair critical habitat, degrade water quality or harm important vistas, all may be employed to ensure that Maine's environmental values are protected. By requiring guaranteed public access on Maine Forest Legacy Program parcels, Maine's traditional forest uses will also be protected.

C. CONSERVATION GOALS OF MAINE'S FOREST LEGACY AREA

The conservation goals of Maine's Forest Legacy Area are to prevent the conversion of Maine's forest to non-forest uses, and thereby protect Maine's traditional forest uses and a wide range of Public Values that Maine's forests provide, as defined in Section III.

D. PUBLIC BENEFITS DERIVED FROM ESTABLISHING MAINE'S FOREST LEGACY AREA

The public benefits to be derived from Maine's Forest Legacy Program include the:

1. Production of timber, fiber and other forest products;
2. Economic benefits from non-timber resources;
3. Public recreation opportunities and access for Traditional Forest Uses;
4. High value plant and animal habitat as identified by state, regional, or federal programs; habitat for rare, threatened or endangered plant or animal species; and rare or exemplary natural communities;
5. Water supply and watershed protection, and/or important riparian areas, wetlands, shorelines, or river systems;
6. Sequestration of carbon, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and helps combat a changing climate;
7. Scenic resources (such as mountain viewsheds, undeveloped shorelines, visual access to water, and areas along state highway systems); and
8. Historic/cultural/tribal resources of significance.

VI. **GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT MAY HOLD LAND OR INTERESTS IN LAND**

As Maine's State Lead Agency, the Bureau of Parks and Lands, has and continues to be the preferred agency to hold right, title or interests in lands protected with Forest Legacy Program funding. Listed below are other agencies that may hold right, title or interests in lands protected with Forest Legacy Program funding. These agencies, including BPL, may enter into management agreements with non-governmental entities to help manage protected lands.

- a. Maine DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands
- b. Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
- c. Maine Department of Marine Resources

- d. Maine DACF, Bureau of Forestry
- e. U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service
- f. U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service
- g. U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service
- h. U.S. Department of Defense
- i. Local Governments

VII. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

Maine's Forest Legacy Program has been guided by the following documents: an original Modified Assessment of Need (AON) adopted March 18, 1994, an updated Modified AON adopted March 25, 2005, and an updated Modified AON adopted in June of 2010. Prior to the adoption of each document, the State undertook a thorough public involvement process to solicit feedback on the proposed Program guidelines. Forest landowners, land conservation organizations and others interested parties were notified by email of the draft document and public comment opportunity. All towns, townships and unorganized territories proposed for addition to or removal from Maine's Forest Legacy Area were notified in writing and provided an opportunity for comment. The draft Statewide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy document was posted for public comment on the DACF Maine Forest Service website. The general public was notified of the opportunity to comment through a media release to all major Maine media outlets and an email message to all subscribers to the agency's various listservs. This served as a means of publication for the Forest Legacy Program Assessment of Need as well. The draft Forest Legacy Program Assessment of Need was posted on the DACF BPL's website enabling the public to submit comments online.

VIII. MAINE FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM POLICY ISSUES

Maine's Forest Legacy Program seeks to be fully compliant with existing federal guidance on the use of Forest Legacy Program dollars for uses such as communications facilities, transmission lines and other linear non-forest corridors, energy generation infrastructure (including wind power), gravel extraction, and providing ecosystem service markets. These issues are addressed in the Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines (revised May 2017). At the same time, the Maine Forest Legacy Committee seeks to learn more about emerging policy areas that impact Maine's forests so that future guidance about key issues may be developed and incorporated into Maine's Forest Legacy Program policies and procedures, and so Maine can influence consideration of key issues at the Federal program level as appropriate.

IX. APPLICATION AND PRIORITIZATION PROCESS FOR MAINE FOREST LEGACY PROJECTS

With approval from the Governor, each year the Maine DACF submits a prioritized list of potential Maine Forest Legacy Program projects to the U.S. Forest Service in hopes of securing Forest Legacy Program funding. This prioritized list is based on a ranking process undertaken by Maine's Forest Legacy Committee. In order to consider the broadest range of potential Forest Legacy Program projects from throughout Maine's Forest Legacy area, the Forest Legacy Committee issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) once each year.

Projects must be described in a proposal and submitted in five copies to the DACF BPL by the RFP deadline, which is typically in June. Landowners and land protection partners interested in submitting proposals must include the following in a narrative application (each item must comply with page limits, have 1" page margins, single spacing and font size of 11 point or larger):

- A. Summary Information Form (see attached – Maximum of 2 pages);
- B. A detailed description of how the proposed project meets the Minimum Required Criteria of Maine's Forest Legacy Program (see attached list) (Maximum of 2 pages);
- C. A detailed description of how the proposed project addresses each of Maine's Forest Legacy Scoring Criteria (see attached list) (Maximum of 10 pages);
- D. Map(s) of the project area;
- E. Letters of support; and
- F. A budget of the project, including the source and amount of matching funds, and detailing how the project meets Forest Legacy Program match requirements of at least 25% of the total project costs. The project budget should include a line item for a stewardship endowment, and a description of the extent of the applicant's commitment to raise stewardship endowment funds by the date of closing, or an explanation of planned alternative approaches or commitments to stewardship. A signed Memorandum of Understanding between the State lead agency and the applicant concerning the stewardship endowment must be executed prior to submitting the application to the U.S. Forest Service.

Proposals are first evaluated and numerically scored by a Scoring Subcommittee of Maine's Forest Legacy Committee. The Scoring Subcommittee is comprised of two or three other Maine Forest Legacy Committee members. No Maine Forest Legacy Committee member representing an applicant may serve on the Scoring Subcommittee. Numerical scores and a narrative assessment of each project, including a judgment as to the project's readiness, will be forwarded to the full Forest Legacy Committee. This scoring is advisory to the full Forest Legacy Committee and is intended to provide a systematic context for considering the applications. The full Forest Legacy Committee will then make a final recommendation on the selection and prioritization of that year's potential Maine Forest Legacy projects. No Forest Legacy Committee member representing an applicant, the landowner or other partner with a material interest may vote on funding recommendations. The Forest Legacy Committee member representing the DACF BPL may vote and participate in these deliberations. Applicants will be notified of the Committee's project selection and prioritization recommendations within four months of the RFP deadline. Selected applicants will then work with BPL to prepare project briefs to submit to the U.S. Forest Service. The Maine DACF will submit draft project briefs and a prioritized list, including requested funding levels, of potential Maine Forest Legacy projects to the U.S. Forest Service, Eastern Region for funding in the following fiscal year. Following review by the Eastern Region Forest Legacy Program staff, additional edits to project briefs may be made by the applicant and BPL prior to

final submission to the U.S. Forest Service Washington Office. The Maine DACF will ensure that all materials are submitted in accordance with the deadlines set forth in the Forest Service call for projects for that year.

A. Maine Forest Legacy Program Summary Information Form

Maine Forest Legacy Program proposals are due once each year, generally June 1st. Proposals in five copies must be sent to the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands, 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0022. An electronic copy of the proposal must also be submitted by pdf. Please provide the following information as part of your Maine Forest Legacy Program proposal (maximum of 2 pages).

1. Date
2. Project Title
3. Project Location (township and county)
4. Name, Address, Telephone Number and Contact Person of Landowner
5. Name, Address and Telephone Number and Contact Person of Partner Organization (if applicable)
6. Land Protection Method (easement or fee) and Management Entity Proposed
7. Abstract of Project
8. Estimated Total Project Cost
 - a. Acquisition cost
 - b. Pre-acquisition costs including, but not limited to, legal, survey and appraisal costs
9. Forest Legacy Funding Request (\$) (must not exceed 75% of the above Total Project Cost)
10. Matching Funds to be provided (\$ and source) (must equal at least 25% of the Total Project Cost)
11. Annual Management Costs and Easement Stewardship Endowment Commitment (see Appendix 7)

B. Maine Forest Legacy Program Minimum Required Criteria

1. Parcels must be within Maine's Forest Legacy Area.
2. Parcels must be at least 75% forested, and more than 50% of the land must meet the definition of commercial forest land (land used primarily to grow trees for the harvest of timber, wood and other forest products for commercial use, but does not include ledge, marsh, open swamp, bog, water and similar areas, which are unsuitable for growing a forest product or for harvesting for commercial use even though these areas may exist within forest lands).
3. Parcels must be threatened by conversion to non-forest use (contains characteristics which make such land attractive to changes such that the traditional uses and values of the property are reasonably expected to be at risk. These characteristics include, but are not limited to: close proximity to roads; short travel time from population centers; habitat and forest degradation; potential for parcelization; the existence of water resources such as streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes; scenic values and the presence of outdoor recreation opportunities). It is recognized that pre-acquisition of land may occur by a land protection partner at the request of the State as part of the land protection strategy for particular parcels. In this case, the parcels must have been threatened by conversion to non-forest use prior to pre-acquisition to meet the Minimum Required Criteria for Maine's Forest Legacy Program.

4. Proposed holder of right, title or interest in parcel must be among those cited in Section VI.
5. To the extent that it has the legal authority to do so, the landowner must guarantee unencumbered foot access to the parcels.
6. Landowner must guarantee access on the parcels for non-motorized recreational uses of the parcels, including but not limited to hunting, fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing and wildlife watching by the general public.
7. Proposal must meet Forest Legacy Program match requirements (the Forest Legacy Program will pay no more than 75% of the total project costs).
8. Proposal must provide evidence of intact mineral rights or demonstrate a plan to acquire them in time for application to the U.S. Forest Service.

C. Maine Forest Legacy Program Scoring Criteria *(for applications that meet Minimum Required Criteria)*

MAXIMUM Total Points: 100

IMPORTANCE CRITERIA (30 points maximum)

1. Identify total size of project: (0 pts if < 10,000 Acres; 2 pts if > 10,000 Acres, 5 pts if > 20,000).
2. Describe to what extent the project contains each public value and how it will be protected through the project (maximum of 15 points)
 - a. Economic benefits from timber and potential forest productivity (including landowner commitment to sustainable forest management in accordance with a management plan and whether land is third party certified; whether forestry activities contribute to the region's resource-based economy; and whether the property contains characteristics to sustain a productive forest)
 - b. Economic benefits from non-timber products (such as non-timber forest products and guided outdoor recreation)
 - c. Public recreation opportunities
 - d. High value plant and animal habitat as identified by state, regional, or federal programs, including but not limited to Significant Wildlife Habitat; Beginning with Habitat Focus Areas; habitat for rare, threatened or endangered plant or animal species (including Essential Habitat and Critical Habitat); and rare or exemplary natural communities.¹
 - e. water supply and watershed protection, and/or containing important riparian areas, wetlands, shorelines, or river systems
 - f. scenic resources (such as mountain viewsheds, undeveloped shorelines, visual access to water, areas along state highway system)
 - g. historic/cultural/tribal resources of significance as formally documented or confirmed by a government agency or non-governmental organization

(1 pt for each public value significantly represented by the project; 0 additional pts if project is of primarily regional significance; 4 additional pts if project is of state significance; 8 additional pts if project is of national significance)

¹Relevant data to this criterion may be obtained from MDIFW, the Maine Natural Areas Program, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Other private or non-profit sources or individuals may have additional information relevant to this criterion.

parcel is being guaranteed and vehicle access to the project will be available; scoring will recognize that vehicle access to certain lands such as high elevation parcels may not be appropriate).

4. Describe the future forest management objectives, what entity will be responsible for future forest management, how the property will be sustainably managed to protect the values identified in #2, and whether the property is or will be certified by a third party. (5 pts for third party certification).

THREATENED CRITERION (20 points maximum)

5. Describe the extent to which the values identified in #2 are under threat of loss or conversion to non-forest uses (or were under threat prior to pre-acquisition). Describe the type, severity and imminence of the threat. Include a description of any legal protections that currently exist on the property; landowner circumstances; adjacent land use; and physical attributes of the parcel that could facilitate conversion: (5 pts if threat of loss or conversion is low; 10 pts if threat of loss or conversion is moderate or long-term; 20 pts if threat of loss or conversion is high or imminent).

STRATEGIC CRITERION (30 points maximum)

6. Describe the property's relevance or relationship to conservation efforts on a broader level. Describe the scale of the broader conservation plan, the scale of the project's contribution to that plan, and the placement of the project within the plan area. Describe whether the project is adjacent to or otherwise located so as to significantly enhance the values of existing conservation land. (0 pts if property is not part of a broader conservation plan and does not substantially connect to other conserved lands; 15 pts if the property makes a modest contribution to a conservation effort and is near already protected lands; 30 pts if the property significantly advances a landscape scale or watershed-based conservation strategy through infill and/or key linkages and supports previous conservation investments.)

READINESS FACTORS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS (20 points maximum)

7. Describe the degree of match being provided as a percentage of the Total Project Cost (the Total Project Cost is the sum of acquisition and pre-acquisition costs, but does not include stewardship endowment; do not include funds raised for stewardship endowment as match). *(0 pts if percent match is <50%; 10 pts if percent match is 50% or greater).*
8. Describe the degree of project readiness including the status of each of the following:
 - a. preliminary appraisal
 - b. agreement on easement or fee acquisition conditions between landowner and state
 - c. cost-share commitment has been obtained from a specified source
 - d. signed option or purchase and sales agreement is held by the state or at the request of the state OR at the request of the state, conservation easement or fee title is held by a third party
 - e. title search is completed and includes statement of minerals determination

(2 pt for each readiness factor completed, up to 10 pts maximum).

9. Describe the nature of ongoing management and stewardship of the fee or easement parcel. If fee, describe the potential for the parcel to generate revenue through timber harvesting, recreational fees, or other revenue streams directly connected to the parcel. Describe the annual management and stewardship costs of the parcel and the size of endowment needed to cover these costs using, in the case of easements, the model recommended in Appendix 7. Describe landowner or conservation partner's commitment to raise the necessary endowment. (*No points*)

X. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Maine's Forest Legacy Program complies with all State and Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination and all applicable requirements of all other State and Federal laws, Executive orders, regulations, and policies. Maine's Forest Legacy Program does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin or ancestry, in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities, or its hiring or employment practices. This notice is provided as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Maine Human Rights Act and Executive Order Regarding State of Maine Contracts for Services. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the ADA may be forwarded to the ADA Compliance/EEO Coordinators, Natural Resources Service Center, 155 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333, 207-287-2214. Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication in program and services are invited to make their needs and preferences known to Bureau of Parks and Lands or Forest Legacy Program staff.

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This document was prepared by Liz Petruska, in consultation with the Maine Forest Legacy Committee. It was reviewed and approved by: the Maine Forest Legacy Committee and by Andy Cutko, Director, Bureau of Parks and Lands, on behalf of the State Lead Agency.

Appendix 1
Maine Forest Legacy Program Projects Completed and Underway as of 2020

No.	Completed Date	PROJECTNAME	LOCATION	FEE	CE	ACRES	FLP Award	TOTAL \$
				Tracts	Tracts			
1	12/29/1993	Cupsuptic Lake	Oxford County		1	1,272	\$ 843,000	\$ 843,000
2-4	8/15/1996	Pierce Pond	Somerset County		3	9,858	\$ 1,950,000	\$ 1,950,000
5	4/11/2000	Nicatous	Hancock County		1	20,268	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 4,450,000
6	9/20/2001	Leavitt Plantation Forest	York County		1	8,603	\$ 596,000	\$ 2,750,000
7	4/30/2003	Mattawamkeag	Aroostook County		1	3,338	\$ 500,000	\$ 894,700
8-9	12/22/2003	West Branch	Somerset County	1	1	328,379	\$ 19,657,145	\$ 36,167,465
10 -12	12/23/2003	Machias River Phases 1-3	Washington County	2	2	21,122	\$ 4,843,300	\$ 13,289,236
13-18	8/31/2004	Mount Blue State Park / Tumbledown Mountain	Franklin County	4	2	25,779	\$ 4,240,000	\$ 7,690,000
19	9/19/2005	Lower Penobscot Forest - Amherst	Hancock County	1		4,974	\$ 2,570,000	\$ 3,425,810
20	6/28/2006	Katahdin Forest	Piscataquis and Penobscot Counties		1	194,751	\$ 4,437,000	\$ 23,800,000
21	3/21/2007	Katahdin Ironworks	Piscataquis County		1	37,000	\$ 4,434,000	\$ 9,870,000
22	5/25/2007	Grafton	Oxford County	1		3,688	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,850,000
23	12/11/2009	Grafton Notch - Stowe Mountain	Oxford County		1	3,364	\$ 1,111,000	\$ 1,567,800
24	4/30/2012	Katahdin Forest Expansion	Piscataquis and Penobscot Counties	2	1	13,651	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 5,862,257
25	12/18/2012	West Grand Lake Community Forest	Washington County		1	21,870	\$ 5,554,832	\$ 7,406,603
26	6/17/2013	High Peaks - Crocker Mountain	Franklin County	1		12,046	\$ 5,835,213	\$ 7,780,483
27	12/13/2014	High Peaks-Orbeton Stream	Franklin County		1	5,774	\$ 1,285,044	\$ 1,715,172
28	12/15/2014	Moosehead - Seboomook Inholding	Somerset County	1		72	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,062,843
29	3/25/2016	Cold Stream Forest	Somerset County	1		8,159	\$ 5,505,000	\$ 7,400,571
30	3/30/2016	East Grand / Orient	Aroostook County	1	1	7,486	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 4,045,705
31	11/17/2017	Gulf Hagas Whitecap	Piscataquis and Somerset Counties	2	1	9,976	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 3,249,921
Completed Totals				17	20	741,430	\$ 76,061,534	\$ 148,071,566
32	Pending	Big Six Forest	Somerset County	1		23,045	\$3,800,000	
Pending Totals				18	20	764,475	\$ 79,861,534	

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Date: July 2, 2001

Ralph Knoll, Director
Planning and Land Acquisition
Bureau of Parks and Lands
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Mr. Knoll:

Please note this letter is to serve two purposes. The first purpose is to acknowledge the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands as the State Lead Agency for the Forest Legacy Program (FLP). This is at the request of Governor King in a letter dated May 11, 2001. I understand that the Maine Forest Service, the former State Lead Agency, will continue to be involved in the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) through the Maine Forest Stewardship Committee. Your activities as the State Lead Agency should be coordinated with Deirdre Raimo, Forest Legacy Program Manager for the Northeastern Area. Deirdre may be reached at (603) 868 – 7695 or draimo@fs.fed.us.

The second purpose is to respond to the request of the Maine Forest Legacy Committee, acting on behalf of the Maine Stewardship Committee, for a Forest Legacy Area Boundary change. The boundary change requested is acceptable with reconciliation of certain boundary discrepancies noted below.


The boundary change as requested meets Maine's Eligibility Criteria and will complement Maine's current efforts to achieve FLP goals. The public support as explained in your justification is essential to maintaining a viable FLP. However, a discrepancy in the boundary of the Maine Forest Legacy Area was noted when evaluating your request. The Modified Assessment of Need for Maine, which was approved by the Secretary on March 18, 1994, displayed the Forest Legacy Area by shading in a township map. The boundary was described by listing all the towns within the Forest Legacy Area. There were certain towns or townships that were shaded on the Forest Legacy Area map but not listed in the accompanying list of towns. In addition, the boundary description had listed some towns to be included in the Forest Legacy Area but these towns were not shaded on the map. Some of these towns are included in your current proposal to expand the Forest Legacy Area. The Maine Modified Assessment of Need describes the initial Forest Legacy Area as encompassing the "Northern Forest Lands Study Area". Thus, when determining which towns were intended to be in the Area initially and which were not, the "Northern Forest Lands Study" of April 1990 boundary was checked and towns that could be interpreted to be in the Study Area were included and those that did not fit in the Study area were excluded.

Towns for which there was a discrepancy and are considered to be in the Maine Forest Legacy Area are Hammond and Milford. Towns for which there was a discrepancy and are not considered to be in the Maine Forest Legacy Area include Blue Hill and Verona. As the remaining towns are included in your proposal, they are not listed here.



Your boundary change request for the Forest Legacy Area to include the additional towns as stated in your letter of June 20, 2001 is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn P. Maloney". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

KATHRYN P. MALONEY
Area Director

cc:

Tom Doak, Maine State Forester

Karen Mollander

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Robin Morgan

Rick Cooksey



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JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI
GOVERNOR

PATRICK K. MCGOWAN
COMMISSIONER

April 28, 2004

Re: Maine Forest Legacy Stewardship Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

The Maine Department of Conservation has served as the lead agency for the federal Forest Legacy program in Maine since its inception. Initially, the Bureau of Forestry (aka Maine Forest Service), as the State forestry agency, had oversight of the program. However, the Bureau of Parks and Lands, as the primary agency in Maine that acquires and manages public land, became heavily involved in the mid-1990s. The USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area officially recognized this role in July, 2001, when it transferred oversight of Maine's Forest Legacy program to the Bureau of Parks and Lands.

The Forest Legacy program in each state officially comes under the purview of the State Stewardship Committee. However, in 1993, Maine's State Stewardship Committee created a Forest Legacy Committee to address the needs of the program more efficiently. The State Stewardship Committee collaborates with and offers advice to Maine Forest Service primarily in regard to management assistance and outreach programs targeting small landowners. The Forest Legacy Committee, in cooperation with the Bureau of Parks and Lands, focuses solely on implementation of the Forest Legacy program, which in Maine has dealt almost exclusively with larger tracts in industrial or land management company ownership.

The Forest Legacy committee operates independently of the State Stewardship Committee, due to the separation in both the agency exercising oversight and in area of responsibility. The State Stewardship Committee no longer exercises authority over Maine's Forest Legacy Program. The Stewardship Committee delegated that responsibility to the Forest Legacy Committee in 1993.

The Department of Conservation seeks formal recognition of this delegation of responsibility from the State Stewardship Committee to Maine's Forest Legacy Committee, as part of its 2004 revision of the Forest Legacy Modified Assessment of Need.

Sincerely,

Morten Moesswilde, Landowner Outreach Forester
Maine Forest Service - Forest Policy and Management Division
Maine Department of Conservation



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Appendix 4

Maine Forest Legacy Committee Purpose and Membership

Purpose

The Maine Forest Legacy Committee was established in 1993 by Maine's State Stewardship Committee "to work with the Maine Forest Service on matters related to the Forest Legacy Program." Its purpose today remains largely the same: to provide input to the Maine Department of Conservation Bureau of Parks and Lands, the lead agency for Maine's Forest Legacy Program, regarding the management and implementation of the Forest Legacy Program in Maine.

Committee Responsibilities

It is the Maine Forest Legacy Committee's responsibility to:

- Review and make recommendations on appropriate Maine Forest Legacy Program policies, procedures, and other programmatic materials except those explicitly excluded by reference in other parts of this document;
- Administer an annual Request for Proposals process to solicit new Maine Forest Legacy Program projects;
- Review and rank project proposals submitted;
- Maintain a list of currently active and viable Forest Legacy Program projects;
- Make recommendations to the Bureau of Parks and Lands regarding the prioritization of projects for Forest Legacy Program funding;
- Provide input on the range of values to be protected within Maine Forest Legacy Program projects;
- Periodically review the Maine Forest Legacy Program Assessment of Need;
- Monitor the Forest Legacy Program's structure to ensure that it continues to meet the forest land protection needs of the State; and
- Ensure that support for the Forest Legacy Program remains strong within Maine and nationally.

Committee Membership

The Committee is intended to represent a broad range of agencies and organizations with interest and expertise in forest and land conservation issues while being of a reasonable size to remain efficient. Each Committee member embraces the principles and concepts of the Forest Legacy Program, is willing to work positively within the Committee structure to achieve the Forest Legacy Program's goals, and has a strong understanding of and commitment to seeing the economic, recreational, and ecological values and traditions of Maine's forestlands maintained.

The Committee consists of 12 members some of whom are permanent members, but most of whom hold staggered three year terms. Committee member terms are limited to two consecutive terms. Committee members are chosen by the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands. Standing Committee members and others may make recommendations to the Bureau Director regarding potential Committee candidates at any time. Public participation is welcome at Committee meetings.

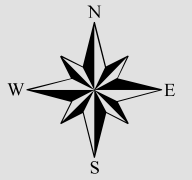
It is the responsibility of each member of the Maine Forest Legacy Committee to:

- Regularly attend and participate in Maine Forest Legacy Committee meetings, which are held from 3-6 times/year;
- Review Committee materials prior to Committee meetings;
- Periodically serve on subcommittees or otherwise perform special assignments;
- Bring unique expertise to the Committee based on the members' affiliation with a particular interest group, organization, or agency;
- Provide input into the development and review of Maine Forest Legacy Program policies, procedures and other programmatic materials except those explicitly excluded by reference in other sections of this document;
- Evaluate project proposals and make recommendations regarding their merits, priority and funding level as Maine Forest Legacy projects; and
- Serve as an advocate for the Forest Legacy Program.

Committee Composition

Maine Forest Legacy Committee members represent the following interests, organizations, and state agencies:

- 1/2. Two large landowners/land managers (representing a private industrial landowner, private non-industrial landowner, family ownership, and/or timber investment management organization)
3. Statewide sportsman's organization
4. Statewide environmental advocacy organization
- 5/6. Two statewide non-profit land conservation partners
7. Wood harvester or processor
8. Public Representative who resides within Maine's Forest Legacy area - individual will fill gap in skills/interests otherwise not represented on Committee
9. Dept. of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands, Deputy Director – permanent position
10. Maine Forest Service, State Forester Designee – permanent position
11. Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Director of Resource Management – permanent position



Quebec

New Brunswick

MAINE

New Hampshire

Aroostook

Piscataquis

Somerset

Penobscot

Franklin

Washington

Oxford

Hancock

Waldo

Kennebec

Knox

Androscoggin

Lincoln

Sagadahoc

Cumberland

York

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TOWN	COUNTY		
Abbot	Piscataquis	Bowtown Twp	Somerset
Acton	York	Bradford	Penobscot
Adamstown Twp	Oxford	Bradley	Penobscot
Albany Twp	Oxford	Bradstreet Twp	Somerset
Alder Brook Twp	Somerset	Brassua Twp	Somerset
Alder Stream Twp	Franklin	Bridgton	Cumberland
Alexander	Washington	Brighton Plt	Somerset
Alfred	York	Brookton Twp	Washington
Allagash	Aroostook	Brownfield	Oxford
Alton	Penobscot	Brownville	Piscataquis
Amherst	Hancock	Buckfield	Oxford
Amity	Aroostook	Burlington	Penobscot
Andover	Oxford	Burnham	Waldo
Andover North Surplus	Oxford	Byron	Oxford
Andover West Surplus Twp	Oxford	C Surplus	Oxford
Anson	Somerset	Calais	Washington
Appleton Twp	Somerset	Cambridge	Somerset
Argyle Twp	Penobscot	Canaan	Somerset
Ashland	Aroostook	Canton	Oxford
Athens	Somerset	Caratunk	Somerset
Atkinson	Piscataquis	Carmel	Penobscot
Attean Twp	Somerset	Carrabassett Valley	Franklin
Aurora	Hancock	Carroll Plt	Penobscot
Avon	Franklin	Carrying Place Town Twp	Somerset
Baileyville	Washington	Carrying Place Twp	Somerset
Bald Mountain Twp T2 R3	Somerset	Carthage	Franklin
Bald Mountain Twp T4 R3	Somerset	Cary Plt	Aroostook
Baldwin	Cumberland	Casco	Cumberland
Bancroft	Aroostook	Castle Hill	Aroostook
Baring Plt	Washington	Caswell	Aroostook
Barnard Twp	Piscataquis	Cathance Twp (formerly No. 14 Twp)	Washington
Batchelders Grant Twp	Oxford	Cedar Lake Twp (formerly T3 R9, NWP)	Penobscot
Beattie Twp	Franklin	Centerville Twp	Washington
Beaver Cove	Piscataquis	Chain of Ponds Twp	Franklin
Beddington	Washington	Chapman	Aroostook
Benedicta Twp	Aroostook	Charleston	Penobscot
Berry Twp (formerly T18 ED BPP)	Washington	Charlotte	Washington
Berwick	York	Chase Stream Twp	Somerset
Bethel	Oxford	Chester	Penobscot
Big Lake Twp (formerly No. 21 Twp)	Washington	Chesterville	Franklin
Big Moose Twp	Piscataquis	Chesuncook Twp	Piscataquis
Big Six Twp	Somerset	Clayton Lake Twp (formerly T11, R14, WELS)	Aroostook
Big Ten Twp	Somerset	Clifton	Penobscot
Big Twenty Twp	Aroostook	Coburn Gore	Franklin
Big W Twp	Somerset	Codyville Plt	Washington
Bigelow Twp	Somerset	Comstock Twp	Somerset
Bingham	Somerset	Concord Twp	Somerset
Blake Gore	Somerset	Connor Twp	Aroostook
Blanchard Twp	Piscataquis	Cooper	Washington
Bowdoin College Grant East Twp	Piscataquis	Coplin Plt	Franklin
Bowdoin College Grant West Twp	Piscataquis	Corinna	Penobscot
Bowerbank	Piscataquis	Corinth	Penobscot
Bowmantown Twp	Oxford	Cornish	York
		Cornville	Somerset

Cove Point Twp	Piscataquis	Fryeburg	Oxford
Cox Patent	Aroostook	Garfield Plt	Aroostook
Crawford	Washington	Garland	Penobscot
Cross Lake Twp	Aroostook	Gilead	Oxford
Crystal	Aroostook	Glenburn	Penobscot
Cyr Plt	Aroostook	Glenwood Plt	Aroostook
Dallas Plt	Franklin	Gorham Gore	Franklin
Danforth	Washington	Grafton Twp	Oxford
Davis Twp	Franklin	Grand Falls Twp	Penobscot
Day Block Twp (formerly T31 MD BPP)	Washington	Grand Isle	Aroostook
Days Academy Grant Twp	Piscataquis	Grand Lake Stream Plt	Washington
Dead River Twp	Somerset	Great Pond	Hancock
Deblois	Washington	Greenbush	Penobscot
Denmark	Oxford	Greenlaw Chopping Twp (formerly T27 ED BPP)	Washington
Dennistown Plt	Somerset	Greenfield Twp	Penobscot
Dennysville	Washington	Greenville	Piscataquis
Dennysville	Washington	Greenwood	Oxford
Detroit	Somerset	Grindstone Twp	Penobscot
Devereaux Twp	Washington	Guilford	Piscataquis
Dexter	Penobscot	Hamlin	Aroostook
Dixfield	Oxford	Hammond	Aroostook
Dixmont	Penobscot	Hammond Twp	Somerset
Dole Brook Twp	Somerset	Hanover	Oxford
Dover-Foxcroft	Piscataquis	Harfords Point Twp	Piscataquis
Drew Plt	Penobscot	Harmony	Somerset
Dudley Twp	Aroostook	Harrison	Cumberland
Dyer Brook	Aroostook	Hartford	Oxford
Dyer Twp	Washington	Hartland	Somerset
E Twp	Aroostook	Haynesville	Aroostook
Eagle Lake	Aroostook	Hebron	Oxford
Eagle Lake Twp	Piscataquis	Hersey	Aroostook
East Middlesex Canal Grant Twp	Piscataquis	Herseytown Twp	Penobscot
East Millinocket	Penobscot	Highland Plt	Somerset
East Moxie Twp	Somerset	Hiram	Oxford
Eastbrook	Hancock	Hobbstown Twp	Somerset
Eastport	Washington	Holeb Twp	Somerset
Ebeemee Twp	Piscataquis	Hopkins Academy Grant Twp	Penobscot
Edinburg	Penobscot	Howland	Penobscot
Edmunds Twp	Washington	Hudson	Penobscot
Elliottsville Twp	Piscataquis	Indian Stream Twp	Somerset
Elm Stream Twp	Somerset	Indian Twp Res	Washington
Embden	Somerset	Industry	Franklin
Enfield	Penobscot	Island Falls	Aroostook
Etna	Penobscot	Islands of Moosehead Lake	Piscataquis
Eustis	Franklin	Jackman	Somerset
Exeter	Penobscot	Jay	Franklin
Farmington	Franklin	Jim Pond Twp	Franklin
Flagstaff Twp	Somerset	Johnson Mountain Twp	Somerset
Fletchers Landing Twp	Hancock	Katahdin Iron Works Twp	Piscataquis
Forest Twp	Washington	Kenduskeag	Penobscot
Forkstown Twp	Aroostook	Kibby Twp	Franklin
Forsyth Twp	Somerset	Kineo Twp	Piscataquis
Fort Kent (west of Rt 11)	Aroostook	King & Bartlett Twp	Somerset
Fowler Twp	Washington	Kingfield	Franklin
Franklin	Hancock	Kingman Twp	Penobscot
Freeman Twp	Franklin	Kingsbury Plt	Piscataquis
Frenchtown Twp	Piscataquis	Kossuth Twp	Washington

Lagrange	Penobscot	Mount Abram Twp	Franklin
Lake View Plt	Piscataquis	Mount Chase	Penobscot
Lakeville	Penobscot	Mount Katahdin Twp	Piscataquis
Lambert Lake Twp	Washington	Moxie Gore	Somerset
Lang Twp	Franklin	Naples	Cumberland
Lebanon	York	Nashville Plt	Aroostook
Lee	Penobscot	Nesourdnahunk Twp	Piscataquis
Levant	Penobscot	New Canada	Aroostook
Lexington Twp	Somerset	New Portland	Somerset
Lily Bay Twp	Piscataquis	New Sharon	Franklin
Limerick	York	New Sweden	Aroostook
Limington	York	New Vineyard	Franklin
Lincoln	Penobscot	Newburgh	Penobscot
Lincoln Plt	Oxford	Newfield	York
Little W Twp	Somerset	Newport	Penobscot
Lobster Twp	Piscataquis	Newry	Oxford
Long A Twp	Penobscot	North Berwick	York
Long Pond Twp	Somerset	North Yarmouth Academy Grant Twp	Aroostook
Lovell	Oxford	Northeast Carry Twp	Piscataquis
Lowell	Penobscot	Northfield	Washington
Lowelltown Twp	Franklin	Norway	Oxford
Lower Cupsuptic Twp	Oxford	Oakfield	Aroostook
Lower Enchanted Twp	Somerset	Oqiton Twp	Hancock
Lynchtown Twp	Oxford	Orient	Aroostook
Macwahoc Plt	Aroostook	Orneville Twp	Piscataquis
Madawaska Lake Twp (formerly T16 R4, WELS)	Aroostook	Osborn	Hancock
Madison	Somerset	Otisfield	Oxford
Madrid Twp	Franklin	Oxbow Plt	Aroostook
Magalloway Plt	Oxford	Oxbow Twp	Oxford
Mariaville	Hancock	Oxford	Oxford
Marion Twp	Washington	Palmyra	Somerset
Masardis	Aroostook	Paris	Oxford
Mason Twp	Oxford	Parkertown Twp	Oxford
Massachusetts Gore	Franklin	Parkman	Piscataquis
Mattamiscontis Twp	Penobscot	Parlin Pond Twp	Somerset
Mattawamkeag	Penobscot	Parmachenee Twp	Oxford
Maxfield	Penobscot	Parsonsfield	York
Mayfield Twp	Somerset	Passadumkeag	Penobscot
Meddybemps	Washington	Patten	Penobscot
Medford	Piscataquis	Pembroke	Washington
Medway	Penobscot	Perham	Aroostook
Mercer	Somerset	Perkins Twp	Franklin
Merrill	Aroostook	Perry	Washington
Merrill Strip Twp	Franklin	Peru	Oxford
Mexico	Oxford	Phillips	Franklin
Milford	Penobscot	Pierce Pond Twp	Somerset
Millinocket	Penobscot	Pittsfield	Somerset
Milo	Piscataquis	Pittston Academy Grant	Somerset
Milton Twp	Oxford	Pleasant Point	Washington
Misery Gore Twp	Somerset	Pleasant Ridge Plt	Somerset
Misery Twp	Somerset	Plymouth	Penobscot
Molunkus Twp	Aroostook	Plymouth Twp	Somerset
Monson	Piscataquis	Portage Lake	Aroostook
Moose River	Somerset	Porter	Oxford
Moosehead Junction Twp	Piscataquis	Prentiss Twp T4 R4 NBKP	Somerset
Moro Plt	Aroostook	Prentiss Twp T7 R3 NBPP	Penobscot
Moscow	Somerset	Princeton	Washington

Pukakon Twp	Penobscot	Strong	Franklin
Rainbow Twp	Piscataquis	Summit Twp	Penobscot
Rangeley	Franklin	Sumner	Oxford
Rangeley Plt	Franklin	Sweden	Oxford
Raymond	Cumberland	T1 R10 WELS	Piscataquis
Redington Twp	Franklin	T1 R11 WELS	Piscataquis
Reed Plt	Aroostook	T1 R12 WELS	Piscataquis
Richardsontown Twp	Oxford	T1 R13 WELS	Piscataquis
Riley Twp	Oxford	T1 R5 WELS	Aroostook
Ripley	Somerset	T1 R6 WELS	Penobscot
Robbinston	Washington	T1 R8 WELS	Penobscot
Rockwood Strip T1 R1 NBKP	Somerset	T1 R9 WELS	Piscataquis
Rockwood Strip T2 R1 NBKP	Somerset	T10 R10 WELS	Piscataquis
Roxbury	Oxford	T10 R11 WELS	Piscataquis
Rumford	Oxford	T10 R12 WELS	Piscataquis
Russell Pond Twp	Somerset	T10 R13 WELS	Piscataquis
Saint Albans	Somerset	T10 R14 WELS	Piscataquis
Saint Croix Twp	Aroostook	T10 R15 WELS	Piscataquis
Saint Francis	Aroostook	T10 R16 WELS	Somerset
Saint John Plt	Aroostook	T10 R3 WELS	Aroostook
Saint John Twp	Somerset	T10 R6 WELS	Aroostook
Sakom Twp	Washington	T10 R7 WELS	Aroostook
Salem Twp	Franklin	T10 R8 WELS	Aroostook
Sandbar Tract Twp	Somerset	T10 R9 WELS	Piscataquis
Sandbar Tract Twp	Somerset	T10 SD	Hancock
Sandwich Academy Grant Twp	Somerset	T11 R10 WELS	Aroostook
Sandy Bay Twp	Somerset	T11 R11 WELS	Aroostook
Sandy River Plt	Franklin	T11 R12 WELS	Aroostook
Sangerville	Piscataquis	T11 R13 WELS	Aroostook
Sapling Twp	Somerset	T11 R14 WELS	Aroostook
Sebago	Cumberland	T11 R15 WELS	Aroostook
Sebec	Piscataquis	T11 R16 WELS	Aroostook
Seboeis Plt	Penobscot	T11 R17 WELS	Aroostook
Seboomook Twp	Somerset	T11 R3 NBPP	Washington
Seven Ponds Twp	Franklin	T11 R4 WELS	Aroostook
Shapleigh	York	T11 R7 WELS	Aroostook
Shawtown Twp	Piscataquis	T11 R8 WELS	Aroostook
Sherman	Aroostook	T11 R9 WELS	Aroostook
Shirley	Piscataquis	T12 R10 WELS	Aroostook
Silver Ridge Twp	Aroostook	T12 R11 WELS	Aroostook
Skinner Twp	Franklin	T12 R12 WELS	Aroostook
Smyrna	Aroostook	T12 R13 WELS	Aroostook
Soldiertown Twp T2 R3 NBKP	Somerset	T12 R15 WELS	Aroostook
Soldiertown Twp T2 R7 WELS	Penobscot	T12 R16 WELS	Aroostook
Solon	Somerset	T12 R17 WELS	Aroostook
Soper Mountain Twp	Piscataquis	T12 R7 WELS	Aroostook
Spencer Bay Twp	Piscataquis	T12 R8 WELS	Aroostook
Springfield	Penobscot	T12 R9 WELS	Aroostook
Scapan Twp	Aroostook	T13 R10 WELS	Aroostook
Squaretown Twp	Somerset	T13 R11 WELS	Aroostook
Stacyville	Penobscot	T13 R12 WELS	Aroostook
Starks	Somerset	T13 R13 WELS	Aroostook
Stetson	Penobscot	T13 R14 WELS	Aroostook
Stetsontown Twp	Franklin	T13 R15 WELS	Aroostook
Stockholm	Aroostook	T13 R16 WELS	Aroostook
Stoneham	Oxford	T13 R5 WELS	Aroostook
Stow	Oxford	T13 R7 WELS	Aroostook

T13 R8 WELS	Aroostook	T2 R9 WELS	Piscataquis
T13 R9 WELS	Aroostook	T22 MD	Hancock
T14 R10 WELS	Aroostook	T24 MD BPP	Washington
T14 R11 WELS	Aroostook	T25 MD BPP	Washington
T14 R12 WELS	Aroostook	T26 ED BPP	Washington
T14 R13 WELS	Aroostook	T28 MD	Hancock
T14 R14 WELS	Aroostook	T3 Indian Purchase Twp	Penobscot
T14 R15 WELS	Aroostook	T3 ND	Hancock
T14 R16 WELS	Aroostook	T3 R1 NBPP	Penobscot
T14 R5 WELS	Aroostook	T3 R10 WELS	Piscataquis
T14 R6 WELS	Aroostook	T3 R11 WELS	Piscataquis
T14 R7 WELS	Aroostook	T3 R12 WELS	Piscataquis
T14 R8 WELS	Aroostook	T3 R13 WELS	Piscataquis
T14 R9 WELS	Aroostook	T3 R3 WELS	Aroostook
T15 R10 WELS	Aroostook	T3 R4 BKP WKR	Somerset
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T7 R10 WELS	Piscataquis	TD R2 WELS	Aroostook
T7 R11 WELS	Piscataquis	Temple	Franklin
T7 R12 WELS	Piscataquis	The Forks Plt	Somerset
T7 R13 WELS	Piscataquis	Thorndike Twp	Somerset
T7 R14 WELS	Piscataquis	Tim Pond Twp	Franklin
T7 R15 WELS	Piscataquis	Tomhegan Twp	Somerset
T7 R16 WELS	Somerset	Topsfield	Washington
T7 R17 WELS	Somerset	Township 6 North of Weld	Franklin
T7 R18 WELS	Somerset	Township C	Oxford
T7 R19 WELS	Somerset	Township D	Franklin
T7 R5 WELS	Aroostook	Township E	Franklin
T7 R6 WELS	Penobscot	Trout Brook Twp	Piscataquis
T7 R7 WELS	Penobscot	TX R14 WELS	Piscataquis
T7 R8 WELS	Penobscot	Unity	Waldo
T7 R9 NWP	Piscataquis	Unity Twp	Kennebec
T7 R9 WELS	Piscataquis	Upper Cupsuptic Twp	Oxford
T8 R10 WELS	Piscataquis	Upper Enchanted Twp	Somerset
T8 R11 WELS	Piscataquis	Upper Molunkus Twp	Aroostook
T8 R14 WELS	Piscataquis	Upton	Oxford
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T8 R16 WELS	Somerset	Vanceboro	Washington
T8 R17 WELS	Somerset	Veazie Gore	Penobscot
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T8 R3 NBPP	Washington	Wallagrass	Aroostook
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T8 R5 WELS	Aroostook	Waterboro	York
T8 R6 WELS	Penobscot	Waterford	Oxford
T8 R7 WELS	Penobscot	Webbertown Twp	Aroostook
T8 R8 WELS	Penobscot	Webster Plt	Penobscot
T8 R9 WELS	Piscataquis	Weld	Franklin
T9 R10 WELS	Piscataquis	Wellington	Piscataquis
T9 R11 WELS	Piscataquis	Wesley	Washington
T9 R12 WELS	Piscataquis	West Forks Plt	Somerset
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T9 R15 WELS	Piscataquis	Westfield	Aroostook
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Winterville Plt
Woodstock
Woodville
Wyman Twp

Penobscot
Aroostook
Oxford
Penobscot
Franklin

APPENDIX 6: HISTORY OF CHANGES TO MAINE’S FOREST LEGACY AREA

Maine’s Forest Legacy Area originally encompassed the entire portion of the Northern Forest Lands Study Area that lay in Maine as this large block of land met the established eligibility criteria outlined in Maine’s 1993 Modified Assessment of Need. Since that time, the following changes have been made:

1. 2001

In 2001, the U.S. Forest Service, at Maine’s request, approved a boundary change to Maine’s Forest Legacy Area, adding the following 14 towns: Baldwin, Bridgton, Brownfield, Casco, Cornish, Denmark, Harrison, Hiram, Naples, Otisfield, Parsonsfield, Porter, Raymond and Sebago (see Appendix 3, letter dated July 2, 2001). These towns, though outside the original Northern Forest Lands Study Area, clearly met the state’s eligibility criteria as well.

2. 2009

In 2009, the Maine Forest Legacy Committee undertook a thorough review of the existing Forest Legacy Area to determine if there were additional towns, townships or unorganized territories within the State that met its eligibility criteria of containing significant areas of commercial forest land threatened by conversion to non-forest uses, and which provided opportunities for traditional forest uses as well as contained clearly defined public values. At the same time, it considered the elimination of towns, townships and unorganized territories with a land base containing a minimal amount of these same characteristics. The following towns were identified for addition to and elimination from Maine’s Forest Legacy Area. These changes reduced Maine’s Forest Legacy Area by 63,517 acres.

Original Forest Legacy Area (Acres)	16,015,218
Additions	Acres Added
Bradley	32,395
Clifton	22,959
Burnham, Unity, Unity Twp	59,478
Bold Coast (Northfield, T18 ED BPP, Centerville, Whiting)	113,528
Total Additions	228,360
Reductions	Acres Removed
Mapleton, Washburn, Woodland	66,856
St. Agatha, Frenchville, Madawaska, Fort Kent (east of Rt 11 only)	102,861
Smithfield, Norridgewock, Skowhegan, Fairfield	122,160
Total reductions	291,877
Revised Legacy Area	15,951,701
Net Acreage Change	-63,517
Net Change as % of Total Legacy Area	-0.40%

At its February 4, 2010 meeting, the Maine Forest Legacy Committee voted in support of this updated Forest Legacy Area, which consists of the original Northern Forest Lands Study Area, the 14 towns added in 2001, and the changes reflected in the above table. Also in February, 2010, each municipality potentially affected received written notification with an opportunity for comment. The DACF BPL received no concerns.

3. 2012-2013

In 2012, the committee received a petition from the Trust for Public Land and other interested parties to expand Maine's Forest Legacy Area to include twelve towns in York County. The committee evaluated whether these towns met the eligibility criteria enumerated above and found that there remained significant forest management activity and potential for continued active management of working forests, notwithstanding significant conversion pressures, in ten of those towns: Acton, Alfred, Berwick, Lebanon, Limerick, Limington, Newfield, North Berwick, Shapleigh and Waterboro. At its February 13, 2013 meeting, the committee voted unanimously in support of adding these 10 towns to Maine's Forest Legacy Area, finding that the proposed additions were consistent with Maine's eligibility criteria: the towns contain large undeveloped forestland parcels, they provide a range of public values and traditional forest-related economic and recreational activities, and they face significant threats of conversion. The following corrections were also made:

- Eliminate Bangor, Brewer, and Cutler, Hampden, and Machiasport. These are historical errors.
- Add Eastbrook, located in Hancock County. This is an historical error.
- Dennysville is listed twice; one entry should be deleted.
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- Change name of No 14 Twp to Cathance Twp (Washington Co.).
- Change name of No 21 Twp to Big Lake Twp (Washington Co.).

These changes resulted in a total Forest Legacy Area of 16,135,547 acres. The U.S. Forest Service approved the updated Forest Legacy Area on July 11, 2013.



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Ralph Knoll, Director
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Dear Mr. Knoll:

Please note this letter is to serve two purposes. The first purpose is to acknowledge the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands as the State Lead Agency for the Forest Legacy Program (FLP). This is at the request of Governor King in a letter dated May 11, 2001. I understand that the Maine Forest Service, the former State Lead Agency, will continue to be involved in the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) through the Maine Forest Stewardship Committee. Your activities as the State Lead Agency should be coordinated with Deirdre Raimo, Forest Legacy Program Manager for the Northeastern Area. Deirdre may be reached at (603) 868 – 7695 or draimo@fs.fed.us.

The second purpose is to respond to the request of the Maine Forest Legacy Committee, acting on behalf of the Maine Stewardship Committee, for a Forest Legacy Area Boundary change. The boundary change requested is acceptable with reconciliation of certain boundary discrepancies noted below.

The boundary change as requested meets Maine's Eligibility Criteria and will complement Maine's current efforts to achieve FLP goals. The public support as explained in your justification is essential to maintaining a viable FLP. However, a discrepancy in the boundary of the Maine Forest Legacy Area was noted when evaluating your request. The Modified Assessment of Need for Maine, which was approved by the Secretary on March 18, 1994, displayed the Forest Legacy Area by shading in a township map. The boundary was described by listing all the towns within the Forest Legacy Area. There were certain towns or townships that were shaded on the Forest Legacy Area map but not listed in the accompanying list of towns. In addition, the boundary description had listed some towns to be included in the Forest Legacy Area but these towns were not shaded on the map. Some of these towns are included in your current proposal to expand the Forest Legacy Area. The Maine Modified Assessment of Need describes the initial Forest Legacy Area as encompassing the "Northern Forest Lands Study Area". Thus, when determining which towns were intended to be in the Area initially and which were not, the "Northern Forest Lands Study" of April 1990 boundary was checked and towns that could be interpreted to be in the Study Area were included and those that did not fit in the Study area were excluded.

Towns for which there was a discrepancy and are considered to be in the Maine Forest Legacy Area are Hammond and Milford. Towns for which there was a discrepancy and are not considered to be in the Maine Forest Legacy Area include Blue Hill and Verona. As the remaining towns are included in your proposal, they are not listed here.



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Your boundary change request for the Forest Legacy Area to include the additional towns as stated in your letter of June 20, 2001 is hereby approved.

Sincerely,


KATHRYN P. MALONEY
Area Director

cc:

Tom Doak, Maine State Forester

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Dear Mr. Knoll:

Your submission of an updated Maine Modified Assessment of Need (MAON) for the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) in a letter dated March 7, 2005 has been reviewed. In accordance with the Forest Legacy Guidelines of June 30, 2003, the Updated Maine MAON includes no elements that cause it to be a Significant Amendment to the Maine MAON currently in use -- March 18, 1994 approval date -- thus, approval takes place at the Northeastern Area USDA Forest Service office. I approve the March 2005 Maine Forest Legacy Program Modified Assessment of Need.

The MAON reflects the changes that have evolved in the Maine FLP, such as project prioritization; and incorporates some clarifications in key definitions as well as the interactions of the Maine Forest Stewardship and Maine Forest Legacy committees. The public involvement and involvement of the Maine Forest Legacy committee in reviewing the document and your incorporation of their concerns helps assure that the program course is acceptable to the public. Approval of the Updated Maine MAON signifies that the 2005 document will guide Maine in implementing the FLP into the foreseeable future.

Maine is to be commended for the initiative and spirit exhibited to undertake an Assessment of Need (AON) Update without significant written guidance on how to proceed. As the first state in the Area to undertake an update, you demonstrated extra effort and coordination with the Northeastern Area. The Northeastern Area appreciates your leadership in this regard.

If you have any questions about FLP implementation, please contact Deirdre Raimo at (603) 868 -- 7695 or by email draimo@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,


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Area Director

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To: Kathryn P. Maloney, Area Director

Thank you for your evaluation of the documents prepared by Maine, New York, Vermont, and Wisconsin, for compliance with Forest Legacy Program. I approve the amendments, updates, and revisions to the Forest Legacy Program which you cite in your letter dated November 3, 2010, for the States of Maine, New York, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

/s/ James E. Hubbard
JAMES E. HUBBARD
Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry

cc: Ted Beauvais
Macario Herrera





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COMMISSIONER

May 8, 2013

Mr. Tony Ferguson, Area Director
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Northeastern Area State & Private Forestry
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**RE: Request for Expansion of Maine’s Forest Legacy Area
Addition of Ten Towns in York County, Maine**

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

On behalf of the Maine Forest Legacy Committee and the Maine Division of Parks & Public Lands, Maine’s lead agency for the Forest Legacy Program, *I write to respectfully request a boundary modification to Maine’s Forest Legacy Area that would go into effect prior to the FY’15 application cycle.* Attached are maps showing Maine’s current Forest Legacy Area and the ten towns proposed for addition, as well as a complete list of towns and townships included therein (Addendum, Figures 1 and 2).

History of Changes to Maine’s Forest Legacy Area: As indicated in Maine’s 2010 Assessment of Need, Maine’s Forest Legacy Area originally encompassed the entire portion of the Northern Forest Lands Study Area that lay in Maine as this large block of land met the established eligibility criteria outlined in Maine’s 1993 Modified Assessment of Need. In 2001, the U.S. Forest Service, at Maine’s request, approved a boundary change to Maine’s Forest Legacy Area, adding the following 14 towns: Baldwin, Bridgton, Brownfield, Casco, Cornish, Denmark, Harrison, Hiram, Naples, Otisfield, Parsonsfield, Porter, Raymond and Sebago (see letter dated July 2, 2001). These towns clearly met the State’s eligibility criteria as well.

In 2009, the Maine Forest Legacy Committee undertook a review of the existing Forest Legacy Area to determine if there were additional towns, townships or unorganized territories within the State that met its eligibility criteria. At the same time, it considered the elimination of towns, townships and unorganized territories with a land base containing a minimal amount of these same characteristics. As a result of this process, nine towns were approved for addition to Maine’s Forest Legacy Area: Bradley, Clifton, Burnham, Unity, Unity Twp, Northfield, T18 ED BPP, Centerville and Whiting, while 10 full towns and one partial town were eliminated from the Area: Mapleton, Washburn, Woodland, St. Agatha, Madawaska, Frenchville, Smithfield, Norridgewock, Fairfield, Skowhegan, and the portion of Fort Kent east of Route 11. The changes reduced Maine’s Forest Legacy Area by 63,517 acres.

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Current Requested Changes: Because Maine’s forest conditions, ownership patterns and development pressures are constantly changing due to a wide range of factors, Maine’s Forest Legacy Committee has found value in reviewing its Area boundary every five years to ensure that it continues to serve the State forest resources well. The Committee underwent such a review earlier this year, and identified 10 towns in southwestern Maine that meet Maine’s FLA Eligibility Criteria. These include:

Acton
Alfred
Berwick
Lebanon
Limerick
Limington
Newfield
North Berwick
Shapleigh
Waterboro

Justification: The towns proposed to be added to the Forest Legacy Area meet all of Maine’s Eligibility Criteria:

1. Include forested land threatened by conversion to non-forest uses - *the towns contain relatively large undeveloped forestland parcels, and face significant threats of conversion. 82 percent of the area is forested, yet pressures for development and subdivision threaten the future of the environmentally important forests in this area. Residential development pressure is significant in southern Maine. Berwick, Lebanon, and Acton lie within the Piscataqua-Salmon Falls watershed which has been identified by the U.S. Forest Service’s Forests on the Edge project as among the most highly threatened areas of private forestland in the country.*

2. Provide opportunities for traditional forest uses - *the towns include large unfragmented blocks of productive forest land, interspersed with high quality streams and hills that provide for a range of traditional forest-related economic and recreational activities. These towns serve as a local resource for hunters, anglers, and other recreational users.*

3. Contain parcels on which more than 50% of the land meets the definition of commercial forest land - *the towns were chosen in large part by identifying those towns adjacent to Maine’s existing Forest Legacy Area that contain significant proportions of the town still in large forestland ownership. The lands are owned largely by family ownerships, with large parcels ranging from hundreds to thousands of acres in size. 79 percent of the area is considered “timberland” meaning forest land capable of producing crops of industrial wood. The State of Maine has identified these large ownership blocks as highly threatened and important to the long term viability of Maine’s forest economy.*

4. Contain the following public values associated with environmentally important forests:

- **Production of timber, fiber and other forest products** – *because these areas contain large blocks of productive forest land, they play a significant role in Maine’s forest based economy. On average over the period 2001-2010, 2.3 percent of the area was harvested each year (the Maine average was 2.5 percent). In addition, these towns lie within a local ‘wood basket’ of more than a dozen sawmills in York County, Maine, and within 50 miles of the Sappi Fine Paper Mill in Westbrook (Cumberland County).*

The ten towns to be added comprise 30 percent of York County, and together with the two towns already in the FLA, include the majority of the large forested tracts in York County. York County supplies about 360,000 tons per year to Maine’s forest products industry and accounts for about 12% of Maine’s white pine sawlog harvest, one of the state’s highest value forest products. Over 600 people are directly employed in the forest products industry in York County. The employment multiplier for the forest industry doubles this number. The average wage for these workers is over \$41,000 per year, 15% higher than the average wage in the county.

- **Economic benefits from non-timber resources** – *the areas contain forest available for outdoor recreation and related tourism, and provide ecosystem services including water supply protection, all benefitting the State economy.*
- **Public recreation opportunities, including tourism activities** – *the areas provide opportunities for a variety of recreational pursuits, including hunting, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.*
- **High value plant and animal habitat; habitat for rare, threatened or endangered plant or animal species; and rare or exemplary natural communities** - *habitat for a number of state rare plants is found in the area. Southern Maine has the highest number of plant species and highest number of endangered species in all of Maine, and is therefore of very high significance for conservation and protection. However, existing protection is low relative to other rural areas in Maine. (see Addendum, Figures 3 and 4)*
- **Water supply and watershed protection, and/or important riparian areas, wetlands, shorelines, or river systems** – *Berwick, Lebanon, and Acton fall within the Salmon Falls watershed. In addition, high value riparian habitats and exemplary wetland communities are found within the addition areas.*
- **Scenic resources** – *the added towns contain recreational, scenic and boating opportunities on the Salmon Falls and Little Rivers, Great East Lake which straddles the NH border, and numerous other lakes and ponds*

Public Process: At its February 13, 2013 meeting, the Maine Forest Legacy Committee voted unanimously in support of adding the 10 towns listed above. In March, 2013, each municipality potentially affected received written notification with an opportunity for comment. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands

received no comments. The Forest Legacy Committee has determined that this entire area is consistent with Maine's Forest Legacy Area eligibility criteria, encompasses environmentally important forests, and is consistent with the original purposes for which Congress established the Forest Legacy Program.

Thank you for your consideration of this requested expansion to Maine's Forest Legacy Area. Please feel free to contact me should require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Eickenberg".

Katherine Eickenberg
Chief of Planning and Maine Forest Legacy Program Coordinator
Division of Parks & Public Lands

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Attachments: Addendum



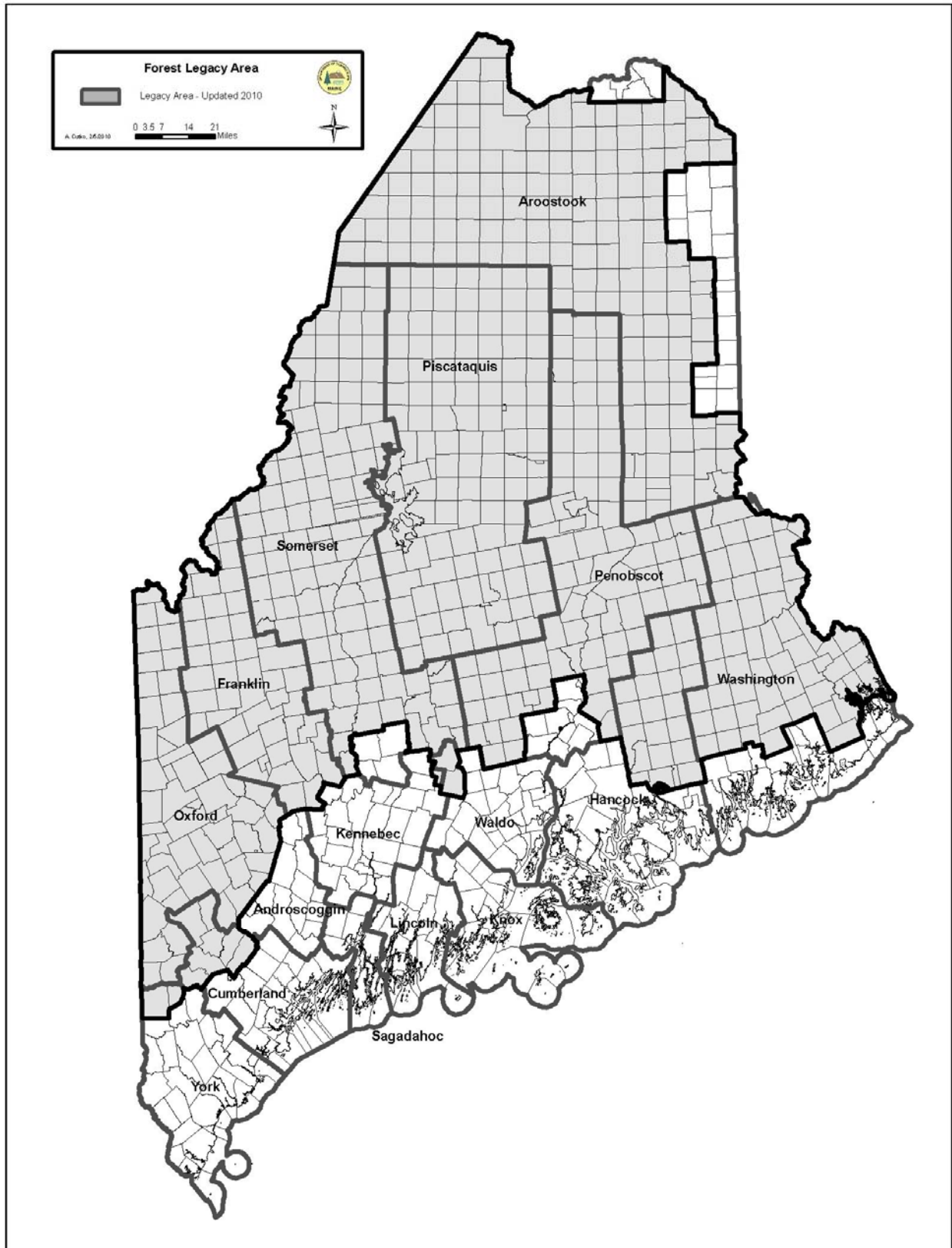
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**Figure 1: 2010 Assessment of Need
Maine Forest Legacy Area Map**



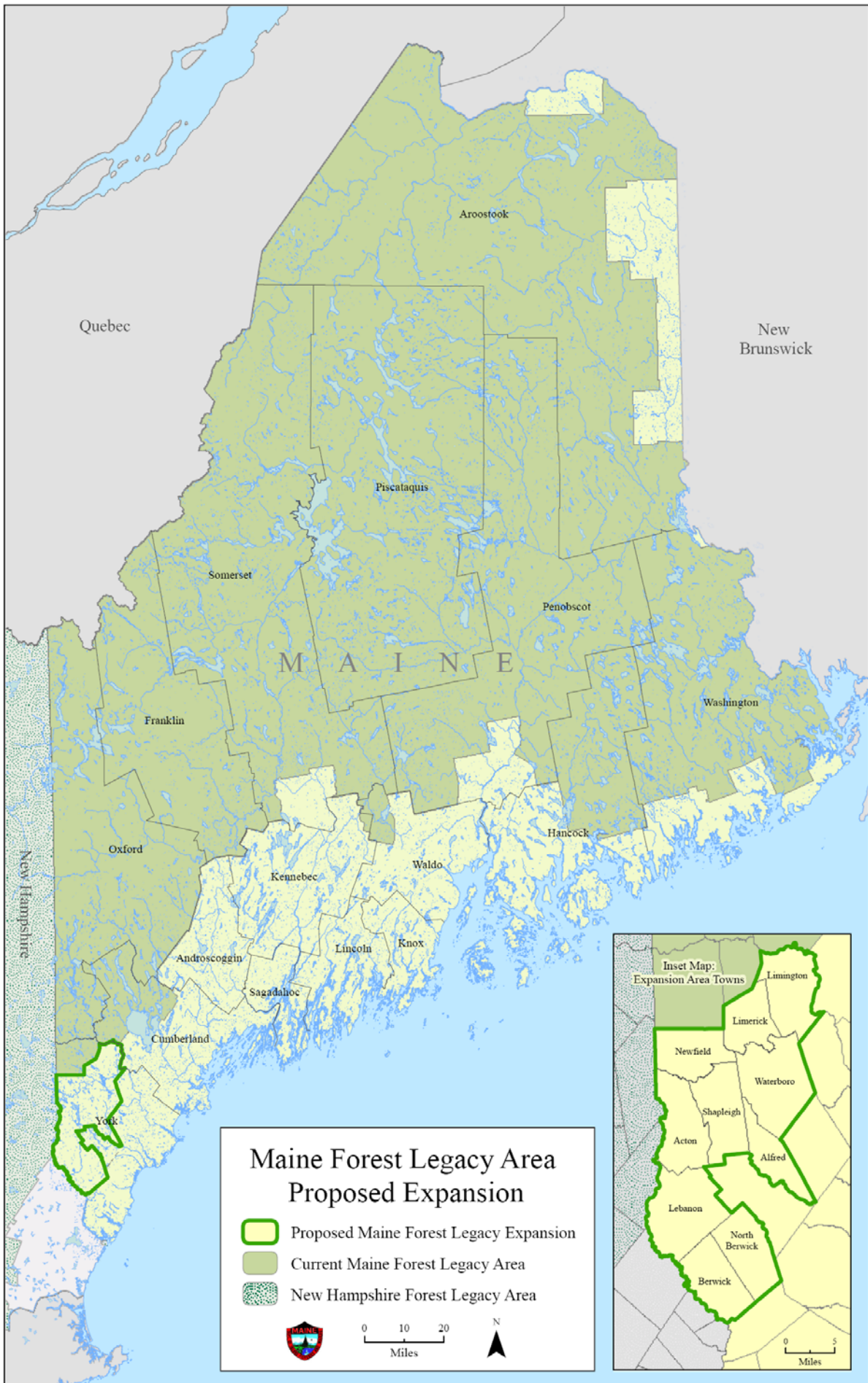


Figure 2

Additions and Corrections to List of Towns in Maine FLA (2010 Assessment of Need)

Additions Proposed in 2013 for FY 2015 round

Acton
Alfred
Berwick
Lebanon
Limerick
Limington
Newfield
North Berwick
Shapleigh
Waterboro

Corrections (errors noted in 2010 list plus renamed towns):

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Complete List of Towns Including 10-Town Addition 2013

TOWN	COUNTY		
Abbot	Piscataquis	Brighton Plt	Somerset
Acton	York	Brookton Twp	Washington
Adamstown Twp	Oxford	Brownfield	Oxford
Albany Twp	Oxford	Brownville	Piscataquis
Alder Brook Twp	Somerset	Buckfield	Oxford
Alder Stream Twp	Franklin	Burlington	Penobscot
Alexander	Washington	Burnham	Waldo
Alfred	York	Byron	Oxford
Allagash	Aroostook	C Surplus	Oxford
Alton	Penobscot	Cathance Twp	Washington
Amherst	Hancock	Calais	Washington
Amity	Aroostook	Cambridge	Somerset
Andover	Oxford	Canaan	Somerset
Andover North Surplus	Oxford	Canton	Oxford
Andover West Surplus Twp	Oxford	Caratunk	Somerset
Anson	Somerset	Carmel	Penobscot
Appleton Twp	Somerset	Carrabassett Valley	Franklin
Argyle Twp	Penobscot	Carroll Plt	Penobscot
Ashland	Aroostook	Carrying Place Town Twp	Somerset
Athens	Somerset	Carrying Place Twp	Somerset
Atkinson	Piscataquis	Carthage	Franklin
Attean Twp	Somerset	Cary Plt	Aroostook
Aurora	Hancock	Casco	Cumberland
Avon	Franklin	Castle Hill	Aroostook
Baileyville	Washington	Caswell	Aroostook
Bald Mountain Twp T2 R3	Somerset	Centerville Twp	Washington
Bald Mountain Twp T4 R3	Somerset	Chain of Ponds Twp	Franklin
Baldwin	Cumberland	Chapman	Aroostook
Bancroft	Aroostook	Charleston	Penobscot
Baring Plt	Washington	Charlotte	Washington
Barnard Twp	Piscataquis	Chase Stream Twp	Somerset
Batchelders Grant Twp	Oxford	Chester	Penobscot
Beattie Twp	Franklin	Chesterville	Franklin
Beaver Cove	Piscataquis	Chesuncook Twp	Piscataquis
Beddington	Washington	Clifton	Penobscot
Benedicta Twp	Aroostook	Coburn Gore	Franklin
Berry Twp	Washington	Codyville Plt	Washington
Berwick	York	Comstock Twp	Somerset
Bethel	Oxford	Concord Twp	Somerset
Big Lake Twp	Washington	Connor Twp	Aroostook
Big Moose Twp	Piscataquis	Cooper	Washington
Big Six Twp	Somerset	Coplin Plt	Franklin
Big Ten Twp	Somerset	Corinna	Penobscot
Big Twenty Twp	Aroostook	Corinth	Penobscot
Big W Twp	Somerset	Cornish	York
Bigelow Twp	Somerset	Cornville	Somerset
Bingham	Somerset	Cove Point Twp	Piscataquis
Blake Gore	Somerset	Cox Patent	Aroostook
Blanchard Twp	Piscataquis	Crawford	Washington
Bowdoin College Grant East Twp	Piscataquis	Cross Lake Twp	Aroostook
Bowdoin College Grant West Twp	Piscataquis	Crystal	Aroostook
Bowerbank	Piscataquis	Cyr Plt	Aroostook
Bowmantown Twp	Oxford	Dallas Plt	Franklin
Bowtown Twp	Somerset	Danforth	Washington
Bradford	Penobscot	Davis Twp	Franklin
Bradley	Penobscot	Day Block Twp	Washington
Bradstreet Twp	Somerset	Days Academy Grant Twp	Piscataquis
Brassua Twp	Somerset	Dead River Twp	Somerset
Bridgton	Cumberland	Deblois	Washington
		Denmark	Oxford

Dennistown Plt	Somerset	Hamlin	Aroostook
Dennysville	Washington	Hammond	Aroostook
Detroit	Somerset	Hammond Twp	Somerset
Devereaux Twp	Washington	Hanover	Oxford
Dexter	Penobscot	Harfords Point Twp	Piscataquis
Dixfield	Oxford	Harmony	Somerset
Dixmont	Penobscot	Harrison	Cumberland
Dole Brook Twp	Somerset	Hartford	Oxford
Dover-Foxcroft	Piscataquis	Hartland	Somerset
Drew Plt	Penobscot	Haynesville	Aroostook
Dudley Twp	Aroostook	Hebron	Oxford
Dyer Brook	Aroostook	Hersey	Aroostook
Dyer Twp	Washington	Herseytown Twp	Penobscot
E Twp	Aroostook	Highland Plt	Somerset
Eagle Lake	Aroostook	Hiram	Oxford
Eagle Lake Twp	Piscataquis	Hobbs town Twp	Somerset
Eastbrook	Hancock	Holeb Twp	Somerset
East Middlesex Canal Grant Twp	Piscataquis	Hopkins Academy Grant Twp	Penobscot
East Millinocket	Penobscot	Howland	Penobscot
East Moxie Twp	Somerset	Hudson	Penobscot
Eastport	Washington	Indian Stream Twp	Somerset
Ebeemee Twp	Piscataquis	Indian Twp Res	Washington
Edinburg	Penobscot	Industry	Franklin
Edmunds Twp	Washington	Island Falls	Aroostook
Elliottsville Twp	Piscataquis	Islands of Moosehead Lake	Piscataquis
Elm Stream Twp	Somerset	Jackman	Somerset
Embden	Somerset	Jay	Franklin
Enfield	Penobscot	Jim Pond Twp	Franklin
Etna	Penobscot	Johnson Mountain Twp	Somerset
Eustis	Franklin	Katahdin Iron Works Twp	Piscataquis
Exeter	Penobscot	Kenduskeag	Penobscot
Farmington	Franklin	Kibby Twp	Franklin
Flagstaff Twp	Somerset	Kineo Twp	Piscataquis
Fletchers Landing Twp	Hancock	King & Bartlett Twp	Somerset
Forest Twp	Washington	Kingfield	Franklin
Forkstown Twp	Aroostook	Kingman Twp	Penobscot
Forsyth Twp	Somerset	Kingsbury Plt	Piscataquis
Fort Kent (west of Rt 11)	Aroostook	Kossuth Twp	Washington
Fowler Twp	Washington	Lagrange	Penobscot
Franklin	Hancock	Lake View Plt	Piscataquis
Freeman Twp	Franklin	Lakeville	Penobscot
Frenchtown Twp	Piscataquis	Lambert Lake Twp	Washington
Fryeburg	Oxford	Lang Twp	Franklin
Garfield Plt	Aroostook	Lebanon	York
Garland	Penobscot	Lee	Penobscot
Gilead	Oxford	Levant	Penobscot
Glenburn	Penobscot	Lexington Twp	Somerset
Glenwood Plt	Aroostook	Lily Bay Twp	Piscataquis
Gorham Gore	Franklin	Limerick	York
Grafton Twp	Oxford	Limington	York
Grand Falls Twp	Penobscot	Lincoln	Penobscot
Grand Isle	Aroostook	Lincoln Plt	Oxford
Grand Lake Stream Plt	Washington	Little W Twp	Somerset
Great Pond	Hancock	Lobster Twp	Piscataquis
Greenbush	Penobscot	Long A Twp	Penobscot
Greenfield Twp	Penobscot	Long Pond Twp	Somerset
Greenlaw Chopping Twp	Washington	Lovell	Oxford
Greenville	Piscataquis	Lowell	Penobscot
Greenwood	Oxford	Lowelltown Twp	Franklin
Grindstone Twp	Penobscot	Lower Cupsuptic Twp	Oxford
Guilford	Piscataquis	Lower Enchanted Twp	Somerset

Lynchtown Twp	Oxford	Oxbow Plt	Aroostook
Macwahoc Plt	Aroostook	Oxbow Twp	Oxford
Madison	Somerset	Oxford	Oxford
Madrid Twp	Franklin	Palmyra	Somerset
Magalloway Plt	Oxford	Paris	Oxford
Mariaville	Hancock	Parkertown Twp	Oxford
Marion Twp	Washington	Parkman	Piscataquis
Masardis	Aroostook	Parlin Pond Twp	Somerset
Mason Twp	Oxford	Parmachenee Twp	Oxford
Massachusetts Gore	Franklin	Parsonsfield	York
Mattamiscontis Twp	Penobscot	Passadumkeag	Penobscot
Mattawamkeag	Penobscot	Patten	Penobscot
Maxfield	Penobscot	Pembroke	Washington
Mayfield Twp	Somerset	Perham	Aroostook
Meddybemps	Washington	Perkins Twp	Franklin
Medford	Piscataquis	Perry	Washington
Medway	Penobscot	Peru	Oxford
Mercer	Somerset	Phillips	Franklin
Merrill	Aroostook	Pierce Pond Twp	Somerset
Merrill Strip Twp	Franklin	Pittsfield	Somerset
Mexico	Oxford	Pittston Academy Grant	Somerset
Milford	Penobscot	Pleasant Point	Washington
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Milo	Piscataquis	Plymouth	Penobscot
Milton Twp	Oxford	Plymouth Twp	Somerset
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Misery Twp	Somerset	Porter	Oxford
Molunkus Twp	Aroostook	Prentiss Twp T4 R4 NBKP	Somerset
Monson	Piscataquis	Prentiss Twp T7 R3 NBPP	Penobscot
Moose River	Somerset	Princeton	Washington
Moosehead Junction Twp	Piscataquis	Pukakon Twp	Penobscot
Moro Plt	Aroostook	Rainbow Twp	Piscataquis
Moscow	Somerset	Rangeley	Franklin
Mount Abram Twp	Franklin	Rangeley Plt	Franklin
Mount Chase	Penobscot	Raymond	Cumberland
Mount Katahdin Twp	Piscataquis	Redington Twp	Franklin
Moxie Gore	Somerset	Reed Plt	Aroostook
Naples	Cumberland	Richardsontown Twp	Oxford
Nashville Plt	Aroostook	Riley Twp	Oxford
Nesourdnahunk Twp	Piscataquis	Ripley	Somerset
New Canada	Aroostook	Robbinston	Washington
New Portland	Somerset	Rockwood Strip T1 R1 NBKP	Somerset
New Sharon	Franklin	Rockwood Strip T2 R1 NBKP	Somerset
New Sweden	Aroostook	Roxbury	Oxford
New Vineyard	Franklin	Rumford	Oxford
Newburgh	Penobscot	Russell Pond Twp	Somerset
Newfield	York	Saint Albans	Somerset
Newport	Penobscot	Saint Croix Twp	Aroostook
Newry	Oxford	Saint Francis	Aroostook
North Berwick	York	Saint John Plt	Aroostook
North Yarmouth Academy Grant Twp	Aroostook	Saint John Twp	Somerset
Northeast Carry Twp	Piscataquis	Sakom Twp	Washington
Northfield	Washington	Salem Twp	Franklin
Norway	Oxford	Sandbar Tract Twp	Somerset
Oakfield	Aroostook	Sandwich Academy Grant Twp	Somerset
Oqiton Twp	Hancock	Sandy Bay Twp	Somerset
Orient	Aroostook	Sandy River Plt	Franklin
Orneville Twp	Piscataquis	Sangerville	Piscataquis
Osborn	Hancock	Sapling Twp	Somerset
Otisfield	Oxford	Sebago	Cumberland
		Sebec	Piscataquis

Seboeis Plt	Penobscot	T11 R8 WELS	Aroostook
Seboomook Twp	Somerset	T11 R9 WELS	Aroostook
Seven Ponds Twp	Franklin	T12 R10 WELS	Aroostook
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Sherman	Aroostook	T12 R13 WELS	Aroostook
Shirley	Piscataquis	T12 R14 WELS	Aroostook
Silver Ridge Twp	Aroostook	T12 R15 WELS	Aroostook
Skinner Twp	Franklin	T12 R16 WELS	Aroostook
Smyrna	Aroostook	T12 R17 WELS	Aroostook
Soldiertown Twp T2 R3 NBKP	Somerset	T12 R7 WELS	Aroostook
Soldiertown Twp T2 R7 WELS	Penobscot	T12 R8 WELS	Aroostook
Solon	Somerset	T12 R9 WELS	Aroostook
Soper Mountain Twp	Piscataquis	T13 R10 WELS	Aroostook
Spencer Bay Twp	Piscataquis	T13 R11 WELS	Aroostook
Springfield	Penobscot	T13 R12 WELS	Aroostook
Squapan Twp	Aroostook	T13 R13 WELS	Aroostook
Squaretown Twp	Somerset	T13 R14 WELS	Aroostook
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Starks	Somerset	T13 R16 WELS	Aroostook
Stetson	Penobscot	T13 R5 WELS	Aroostook
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Stockholm	Aroostook	T13 R8 WELS	Aroostook
Stoneham	Oxford	T13 R9 WELS	Aroostook
Stow	Oxford	T14 R10 WELS	Aroostook
Strong	Franklin	T14 R11 WELS	Aroostook
Summit Twp	Penobscot	T14 R12 WELS	Aroostook
Sumner	Oxford	T14 R13 WELS	Aroostook
Sweden	Oxford	T14 R14 WELS	Aroostook
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T1 R13 WELS	Piscataquis	T14 R6 WELS	Aroostook
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T11 R17 WELS	Aroostook	T17 R14 WELS	Aroostook
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T24 MD BPP	Washington	T6 R13 WELS	Piscataquis
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T26 ED BPP	Washington	T6 R15 WELS	Piscataquis
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T3 ND	Hancock	T6 R6 WELS	Penobscot
T3 R1 NBPP	Penobscot	T6 R7 WELS	Penobscot
T3 R10 WELS	Piscataquis	T6 R8 WELS	Penobscot
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T3 R4 WELS	Aroostook	T7 R15 WELS	Piscataquis
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T3 R9 NWP	Penobscot	T7 R19 WELS	Somerset
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T32 MD	Hancock	T7 R6 WELS	Penobscot
T34 MD	Hancock	T7 R7 WELS	Penobscot
T35 MD	Hancock	T7 R8 WELS	Penobscot
T36 MD BPP	Washington	T7 R9 NWP	Piscataquis
T37 MD BPP	Washington	T7 R9 WELS	Piscataquis
T39 MD	Hancock	T8 R10 WELS	Piscataquis
T4 Indian Purchase Twp	Penobscot	T8 R11 WELS	Piscataquis
T4 R10 WELS	Piscataquis	T8 R14 WELS	Piscataquis
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T4 R9 WELS	Piscataquis	T8 R8 WELS	Penobscot
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T42 MD BPP	Washington	T9 R11 WELS	Piscataquis

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T9 R14 WELS	Piscataquis	Weston	Aroostook
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T9 R3 WELS	Aroostook	Winn	Penobscot
T9 R4 WELS	Aroostook	Winterville Plt	Aroostook
T9 R5 WELS	Aroostook	Woodstock	Oxford
T9 R7 WELS	Aroostook	Woodville	Penobscot
T9 R8 WELS	Aroostook	Wyman Twp	Franklin
T9 R9 WELS	Piscataquis		
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TA R10 WELS	Piscataquis		
TA R11 WELS	Piscataquis		
TA R2 WELS	Aroostook		
TA R7 WELS	Penobscot		
Talmadge	Washington		
Taunton & Raynham Academy Grant	Somerset		
TB R10 WELS	Piscataquis		
TB R11 WELS	Piscataquis		
TC R2 WELS	Aroostook		
TD R2 WELS	Aroostook		
Temple	Franklin		
The Forks Plt	Somerset		
Thorndike Twp	Somerset		
Tim Pond Twp	Franklin		
Tomhegan Twp	Somerset		
Topsfield	Washington		
Township 6 North of Weld	Franklin		
Township C	Oxford		
Township D	Franklin		
Township E	Franklin		
Trout Brook Twp	Piscataquis		
TX R14 WELS	Piscataquis		
Unity	Waldo		
Unity Twp	Kennebec		
Upper Cupsuptic Twp	Oxford		
Upper Enchanted Twp	Somerset		
Upper Molunkus Twp	Aroostook		
Upton	Oxford		
Van Buren	Aroostook		
Vanceboro	Washington		
Veazie Gore	Penobscot		
Wade	Aroostook		
Waite	Washington		
Wallagrass	Aroostook		
Waltham	Hancock		
Washington Twp	Franklin		
Waterboro	York		
Waterford	Oxford		
Webbertown Twp	Aroostook		
Webster Plt	Penobscot		
Weld	Franklin		
Wellington	Piscataquis		
Wesley	Washington		
West Forks Plt	Somerset		
West Middlesex Canal Grant	Somerset		
West Paris	Oxford		

Figure 3: Biodiversity Indicators – Species Richness and RTE Species (MNAP)

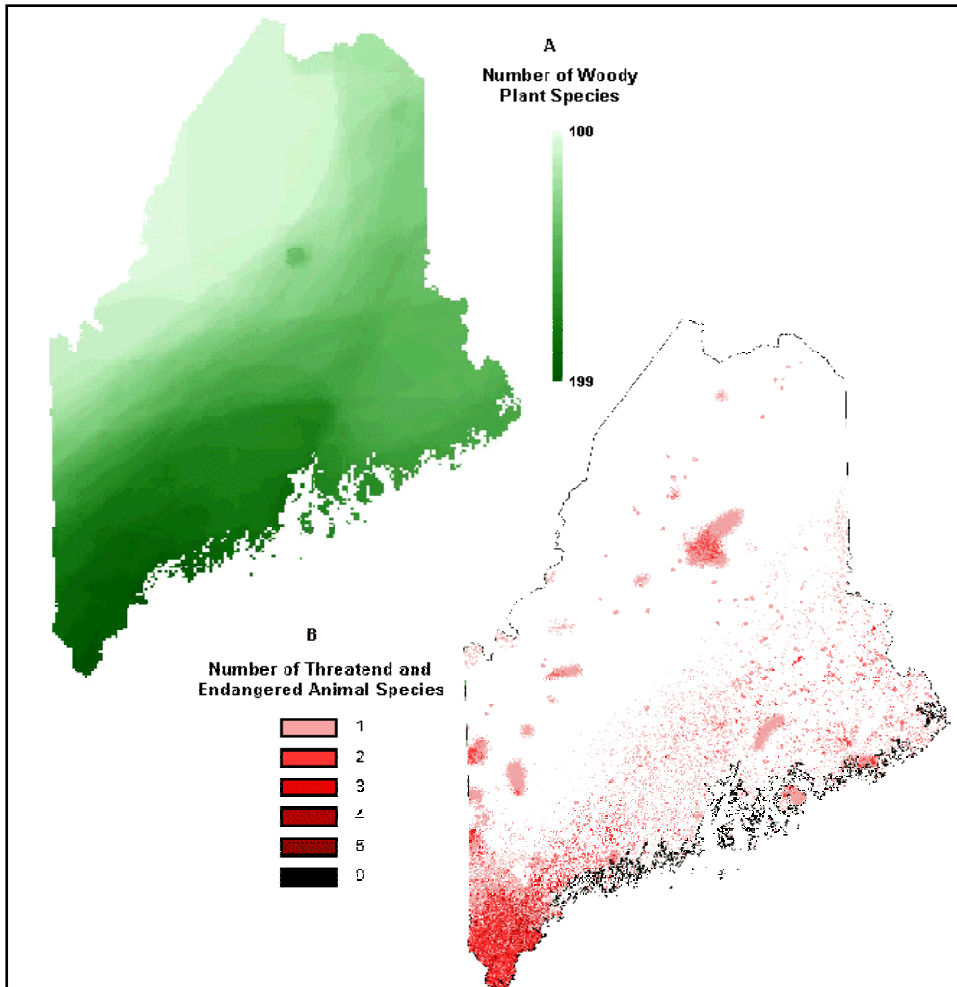
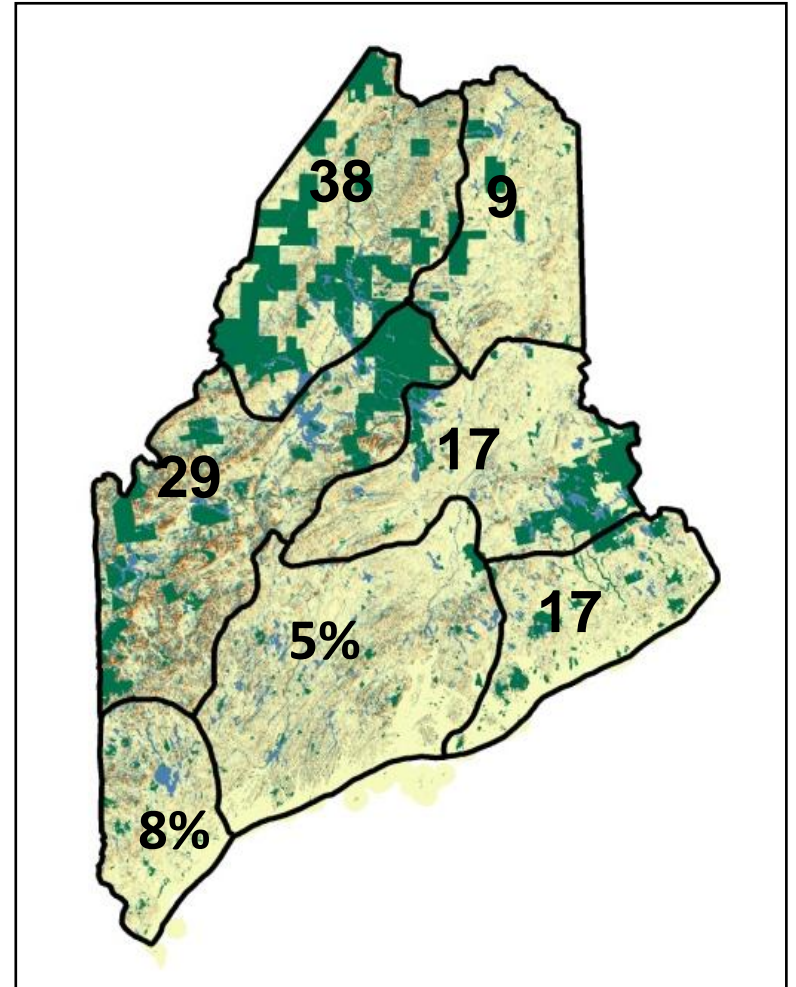


Figure 4: Percent Protected Land by Physiographic Region (MNAP)





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Dear Ms. Eickenberg:

I am writing in response to your May 8, 2013 letter requesting a State of Maine Forest Legacy Program (FLP) Assessment of Need (AON) amendment to expand the State's Forest Legacy Area (FLA) through a boundary adjustment.

The FLP Implementation Guidelines defines AON amendments as either "significant changes" or "minor adjustments". Both amendments require U.S. Forest Service review and approval. The Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (NA S&PF) review has determined the requested FLA boundary adjustment to be a minor adjustment and not a program hindrance (FLP Implementation Guidelines June 2003 as Amended May 2012, Part 1, Sections VI & VII). Based on this review, I approve Maine's FLA boundary adjustment to include the ten requested towns in York County, Maine (Acton, Alfred, Berwick, Lebanon, Limerick, Limington, Newfield, North Berwick, Shapleigh and Waterboro). With this approval, we request that Maine provide NA S&PF FLP staff an updated Geographic Information System shapefile reflecting the FLA expansion.

This amendment recognizes the evolving forest conditions, ownership patterns, and development pressure that could impact environmentally important forest areas in Maine. The public involvement process, both with the Maine Forest Legacy Committee and the affected municipalities, ensures the adjustment will be consistent with the FLP Eligibility Criteria and acceptable to the public.

The Maine Forest Legacy Committee and the Maine Division of Parks and Public Lands are to be commended for their commitment to continued program effectiveness in undertaking a review of the state's FLA boundary every five years. If you have any questions, please contact Miranda Hutten, Natural Resources Specialist, at (603) 868-7683 or by email at mlhutten@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

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E. A Proposed Approach for the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands for Determining Working Forest Conservation Easement Monitoring Endowment Amounts

Several years of easement monitoring costs have now been tracked on large forestry easements in northern New England. Nevertheless, there is considerable variability in the size of these easements (from 21,000 to 335,000 acres); the number of years of monitoring history (from ten to only a few years); the terms of the easements (from simply no development to complex terms affecting how the forest is managed); and the methods used to monitor them. Consequently, the experience from these easements can only be considered as general guidance from which we can produce a range of cost figures reflecting monitoring costs for easements of various sizes. To develop a greater level of accuracy, an individual property could be analyzed to see if an adjustment, upwards or downwards, can be supported.

The table below represents then, a *modified* hybrid approach, and is a logical method for Maine to use in establishing endowment levels for future working forest easements. This table should be updated regularly to reflect increased experience with easement monitoring, particularly given that the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands is only beginning to employ recently developed standardized protocols for its working forest conservation easements, using advanced tools including satellite imagery change analysis.

**Conservation Easement Endowment Guideline Table
for Maine Bureau of Parks & Lands Working Forest Easements**

Easement Size	Endowment Size	Endowment \$/Acre	\$ Available/Yr (@3.5%)	\$ Available per Acre/Yr
less than 10,000 acres	\$100,000	-	\$3,500	-
~10,000 acres	\$150,000	\$15	\$5,250	\$0.53
Township Size + (20,000 acres)	\$200,000	\$10	\$7,000	\$0.35
~100,000 -	\$750,000	\$7.50	\$26,250	\$0.26
200,000 acres+	\$850,000	\$4.25	\$29,750	\$0.15

An individual property's endowment should initially be determined using the Endowment Guideline Table, interpolating between the various easement size categories as needed. Through analysis of the three major cost factors described earlier (see Sections C.1-3), including property attributes and easement terms, easement monitoring method(s) to be employed, and frequency of

monitoring, a detailed cost estimate should be prepared to determine if an adjustment to the endowment level is warranted.

It is worth noting that as more experience and expertise is gained in monitoring working forest conservation easements, and to the extent that easement provisions can be somewhat standardized in the future, economies of scale can be realized. In general, the table already shows an expected inverse relationship between the size of an easement and the per acre cost of monitoring. More specifically, the per acre cost of monitoring rises dramatically on easements under 20,000 acres, and rises even further on easements under 10,000 acres. As a result, it could be argued that the endowment size for a 20,000-acre easement and a 2,000-acre easement should be the same. Governmental agencies and land trusts can address this challenge in part by taking strategic advantage of economies of scale, for example, through joint acquisition of satellite imagery and air photos, as well as satellite change detection analysis and air photo interpretation.