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Message From Larry Payne, Director, Cooperative Forestry

Forests provide communities with a variety of benefits, including jobs, timber and other forest products, healthy water supplies, recreational opportunities, cultural and historic resources, habitat, carbon sequestration, and aesthetics and scenic views, just to name a few. More than half of the forest land within the United States is privately owned.

Between 1997 and 2002, approximately 820,000 acres of non-Federal forest land were converted annually to development; this is a rate of almost 2,250 acres per day. With the conversion of these lands and the loss of open space, the resources and services provided by these forest lands are also lost. To ensure the maintenance of these resources, along with healthy economies and communities, it is essential that the United States maintains healthy, productive, and sustainable forest land.

The State and Private Forestry organization of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service partners with States and territories, tribes, local communities, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to provide financial and technical assistance to landowners and resource managers to help sustain the Nation’s forests. Our mission is to facilitate sound forest stewardship across lands of all ownerships through cost-effective, nonregulatory partnerships, while maintaining the flexibility for individual forest
landowners to pursue their objectives. On State, local, and privately owned lands, we accomplish this by working with States to implement a variety of cooperative programs, including fire protection, forest pest management, conservation education, economic development, urban and community forestry, forest stewardship, and forest legacy.

The Forest Legacy Program is a vital element of the mission of State and Private Forestry. The program’s success is visible in the results, the outcome of which is a legacy of forests for future generations. I am pleased to present this report updating the status of the Forest Legacy Program.
Executive Summary

The Forest Legacy Program (FLP) is a voluntary private land conservation program implemented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, States, local governments, land trusts, private landowners, and other partners. It provides financial assistance, leveraged by non-Federal cost sharing, to prevent the fragmentation and conversion of private forest land. This program ensures that important forests remain intact and that they continue to contribute to the community, the local economy, the landowner, and the environment. The FLP is implemented by States that have joined the program; support of the partner entities forms the backbone of the program and is critical to its success. Since 2001, the FLP has achieved much success, including the following:

• The program now has 39 active States and territories. An additional eight States and territories are in the process of developing implementation plans (Assessments of Need) to join the program.

• Since 2001, 15 States and territories (Alabama, Alaska, American Samoa, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, U.S. Virgin Islands, and West Virginia) have joined the FLP.

• The FLP budget has been increasing over the past 3 years—from $59.9 million in 2001 to $64 million in 2004. The President’s fiscal year 2005 budget request included $100 million for the FLP, but was funded at $57.1 million.

• From the inception of the program in 1990, the FLP has conserved 1,001,057 acres, with a value of over $361.2 million, through a program investment of nearly $183.3 million.

• In June 2003, the USDA Forest Service completed revisions to the FLP Implementation Guidelines. The guidelines were completed through the hard work of the dedicated State-USDA Forest Service team.
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Forest Legacy Program Overview

The Forest Legacy Program (FLP) was established in the 1990 Farm Bill to protect environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses. Through the use of conservation easements and fee-simple acquisitions, the FLP assures that both traditional uses of private lands and the public values of America’s forests are protected for future generations. It provides a cost-effective mechanism to conserve important scenic, cultural, fish, wildlife, and recreation resources; riparian areas; and other ecological values. The FLP is implemented by State lead agencies through partnerships with local governments, land trusts, and willing landowners. The program operates on the principle of “willing buyer, willing seller.”

The FLP provides an incentive-based mechanism to maintain working forests, protect important fish and wildlife habitat, conserve watershed functions, and maintain recreational opportunities. The program emphasizes protection of significant forests that can be effectively protected and managed.

States and territories develop an Assessment of Need (AON) to participate in the FLP. The AON is an implementation plan that evaluates forest characteristics, uses, and threats; describes specific forest areas where the FLP will be focused; and outlines program goals and eligibility criteria that guide the selection of forest tracts.


Since its first appropriations in FY 1992, the FLP has conserved over 1 million acres across 29 States and territories. The FLP has provided excellent leverage of the forest conservation Federal investment by protecting more than $361 million of land value with a Federal investment of more than $183 million.
Budget History

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* In FY 1995, $7.8 million of unspent funds—including all of the FY 1995 funds and $1.112 million of prior-year funds—were rescinded. Amounts are the original appropriations before the rescission.

** Total includes redistribution of $6.914 million from prior year funds.
## Summary of Forest Legacy Program Accomplishments (as of September 30, 2004)

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Map of Completed Projects (as of September 30, 2004)
### Fiscal Year 2005 Proposed Forest Legacy Program Project List

**President’s Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Request for Forest Legacy Program Projects**
(Order reflects rank in priority)

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**TOTAL**                                                   **$100,019,000**
Participating Forest Legacy Program States

About the tables:

- The overall goals reflect the States’ priorities for the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) implementation.
- “CE” refers to conservation easement.
- “FE” refers to fee simple acquisition.
- “AON” refers to assessment of need.
- Project closure dates are as of September 30, 2004.
- Projects with $0 FLP payment indicate State match properties that are considered accomplishments of the FLP.
- Projects are ordered by fiscal year of funding.
Alabama
AON Approval Date: March 22, 2002

Overall Goals

- Protect tracts that fit into a larger conservation effort, including tracts that augment and complement other conservation initiatives by Federal and State agencies, land trusts, and other private conservation organizations.
- Protect forest resources that have a Federal nexus, either because they are adjacent to Federal lands or because they provide habitat for migratory birds or other Federal trust species.
- Protect tracts with significant biodiversity because they are more likely to protect Alabama’s natural heritage on the minimum acreage and thus in the most cost-effective way possible. Also, by focusing on biodiversity hot spots, the likelihood the program will head off the listing of additional species under the Endangered Species Act will be greater.
- Preserve and protect fish and wildlife habitats, rare plants, and biological diversity.
- Preserve and protect riparian habitats.
- Preserve and protect water quality, fisheries, and water supplies.
- Preserve and protect the natural beauty of the land.
- Preserve and protect forest-based recreation opportunities.
- Preserve forest lands for current and future wood production.

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Alaska
AON Approval Date: November 1, 2002

Overall Goals
- Protect fish and wildlife habitat connectivity, habitat diversity, and related values needed to ensure biological diversity and healthy fish and wildlife populations.
- Increase opportunities for natural lands recreation, especially near communities and existing roads, and protect existing opportunities at remote sites.
- Buffer, protect, and enhance the natural ecosystem functions and natural lands recreation value of lands currently under conservation and forest management.
- Prevent forest fragmentation.
- Protect areas important to Alaska’s communities for water supplies, traditional uses, and economic reasons.
- Protect river systems, wetlands, coastal areas and their associated hydrologic functions and upland habitats.
- Provide and maintain opportunities for traditional forest uses, including the production of wood and nontimber forest products.

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American Samoa

Forest Legacy Activity in American Samoa

Acquisition Status and Project Number
Accepting applications

Forest Legacy Area

Major Roads

Major Streams

Map produced by: USDA Forest Service

1/04
American Samoa
AON Approval Date: January 23, 2004

Overall Goals
• Protect unique or environmentally important areas belonging to private owners who are being threatened by conversion to nonforest uses and that fit the established program eligibility goals.
• Three priorities for action are as follows:
  1. Conserve and restore forest areas as watersheds or for controlling erosion and subsequent sedimentation of lagoons and other coastal areas.
  2. Conserve and protect forest lands in a natural state (as close to “primary forest” as possible), or in one recommended Forest Legacy Area, returning it to its native state.
  3. Conserve the biodiversity of the territory by preserving representative areas.

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California

Map showing Forest Legacy Activity in California with details on acquisition status and project number.
California
AON Approval Date: January 22, 1996
Amendment Date: January 16, 2001

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

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Colorado
AON Approval Date: March 22, 2002

Overall Goals
• Reduce forested land fragmentation as a result of development pressures, subdivision, and increasing housing density.
• Protect water quality and production amounts.
• Protect significant wildlife habitat.
• Protect economically significant timber forest products through positive forest stewardship programs.
• Protect significant riparian communities.
• Maintain continuity of forested lands adjacent to protected lands.
• Protect unique ecological areas.
• Reduce wildfire risk and occurrences, especially in developed areas or ecologically sensitive areas.
• Protect private property owners’ rights.
• Protect lifestyle for property owners.

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Connecticut

Forest Legacy Activity in Connecticut

Acquisition Status and Project Number
- ■ Completed
- ▲ Funded

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

Map produced by: USDA Forest Service

1/04
Connecticut
AON Approval Date: October 26, 1994

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

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Delaware

Forest Legacy Activity in Delaware

Acquisition Status and Project Number

- ■ Completed
- ▲ Funded

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

Map produced by: USDA Forest Service

1/04

Delaware

Susquehanna River
PA
NEW CASTLE
KENT
SUSSEX
Delaware Bay
Atlantic Ocean

Miles
0 10 10
Delaware
AON Approval Date: December 10, 1998

**Overall Goals**

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

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Forest Legacy Activity in Georgia

Acquisition Status and Project Number

- □ Completed
- ▲ Funded

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

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Forest Legacy Program National Report for Fiscal Year 2004
Georgia
AON Approval Date: March 22, 2002

Overall Goal

- Protect environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses, and promote working forests and other conservation opportunities.

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Hawaii
Hawaii
AON Approval Date: November 29, 1994

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

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AON Approval Date: November 1, 2002

Overall Goals
- Identify important forest lands and reduce forest land conversion that would be inconsistent with traditional uses.
- Maintain forest sustainability and historic uses of forested lands.
- Help maintain the culture and economies of rural communities through maintaining “working” forest landscapes.
- Conserve and enhance water quality and water quantities associated with forested landscapes.
- Maintain riparian and wetland areas.
- Conserve and enhance wildlife habitat and maintain habitat connectivity within forested landscapes.

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Forest Legacy Activity in Illinois

Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- Funded

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Illinois
AON Approval Date: November 29, 1994

Overall Goals
• Reduce forest fragmentation.
• Restore riparian zones.
• Provide public recreational opportunities.

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Indiana
AON Approval Date: December 10, 1998

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

Forest Legacy Activity in Iowa

Acquisition Status and Project Number

▲ Funded

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

Map produced by: USDA Forest Service

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Iowa
AON Approval Date: March 7, 2002

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

Forest Legacy Activity in Kentucky

Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Funded

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**Kentucky**

AON Approval Date: December 3, 2003

**Overall Goals**

- Protect environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses.
- Promote working forests and other conservation opportunities.

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Maine
AON Approval Date: March 18, 1994

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

Forest Legacy Activity in Maryland

Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- Funded

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

Map produced by: USDA Forest Service

1/04
Maryland
AON Approval Date: January 22, 1996

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

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Forest Legacy Activity in Massachusetts

Acquisition Status and Project Number
- ■ Completed
- ▲ Funded

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

Map produced by: USDA Forest Service

1/04
Massachusetts
AON Approval Date: August 5, 1993
Amendment Date: January 16, 2001

Overall Goals
• Protect high-elevation forests and municipal watershed.
• Protect threatened and endangered species habitats.
• Protect aquifers, river corridors, and wetlands.
• Encourage traditional forest uses.
### Massachusetts

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Forest Legacy Activity in Michigan

Acquisition Status and Project Number
△ Funded

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Forest Legacy Program National Report for Fiscal Year 2004
Michigan
AON Approval Date: July 20, 2004

Overall Goals
• Ensure the continuity of economic, ecologic, aesthetic, and cultural benefits derived from the forests of Michigan by enabling the persistence of sustainable, traditional uses of environmentally important, threatened forests on private lands.
• The following objectives were identified:
  - Identify and protect environmentally important, privately owned forests threatened by conversion to uses inconsistent with traditional forest uses.
  - Reduce forest fragmentation caused by parcelization/subdivision and development.
  - Provide environmental benefits through the protection of riparian areas, native forest plants and animals, and natural ecosystem functions.
  - Maintain scenic resources.
  - Enhance recreational opportunities.
  - Promote forest stewardship.
  - Provide undeveloped buffer areas to already protected areas.
  - Complement other State and Federal interests or assistance programs.
  - Protect rare, threatened, and endangered species.
  - Enhance habitat connectivity.

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

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Overall Goals
• Identify and protect environmentally important, privately owned forest land threatened with conversion to uses that are inconsistent with traditional forest uses, including, but not limited to, residential subdivisions, commercial development, extensive pasture, cultivated farmland, and mining that causes extensive surface disturbance.
• Reduce forest fragmentation caused by development.
• Provide environmental benefits through the protection of riparian areas, native forest plants and animals, remnant forest types, and natural ecosystem functions.
• Enhance recreational opportunities.
• Provide watershed and water supply protection.
• Provide employment opportunities and economic stability through the maintenance of traditional forest uses.
• Maintain important scenic resources.
• Provide links to public and other privately owned protected areas.
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Forest Legacy Activity in Nebraska

Acquisition Status and Project Number
Accepting applications

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Nebraska
AON Approval Date: March 30, 2004

Overall Goals
• Protect forested parcels in danger of conversion/fragmentation, commercial and residential development, or being cleared for agriculture.
• Protect significant wildlife habitat.
• Protect lakes, rivers, streams, and other significant riparian areas.
• Protect unique ecological areas.
• Protect flora/fauna species diversity.
• Protect water resources.
• Protect existing and expansion of forest-based hunting and fishing opportunities.

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Overall Goals
• Expand existing protected forests.
• Protect large blocks of forest land.
• Provide for traditional forest uses.
• Protect critical wildlife habitats.

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Forest Legacy Activity in New Jersey

Acquisition Status and Project Number
- Completed
- Funded

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

Locus

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New Jersey
AON Approval Date: October 26, 1994

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

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New Mexico
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• Provide undeveloped buffer areas to already protected areas.

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Overall Goals
• Protect traditional forest uses.
• Provide public recreation opportunities.
• Protect water quality.
• Protect scenic quality.
• Provide wildlife habitat.

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

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Oregon

Forest Legacy Activity in Oregon

Acquisition Status and Project Number
Accepting applications

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1/04
Overall Goals

- Conserve private forest lands in areas where forests may be lost to nonforest uses.
- Sustain forest resources such as river flows and clean water, fish and wildlife habitat, carbon stores, soil productivity, commercial and noncommercial timber, scenic quality, recreational opportunity, and biodiversity.
- Strengthen communities and facilitate State, local, and private partnerships in forest conservation.
Pennsylvania

Forest Legacy Activity in Pennsylvania

Acquisition Status and Project Number
Accepting applications

Map produced by: USDA Forest Service 1/04
Pennsylvania
AON Approval Date: May 7, 2002

Overall Goals
• Maintain traditional forest uses, including recreation and timber harvesting, following Best Management Practices (BMPs).
• Maintain productivity of forests for future generations.
• Reduce the trend toward forest parcelization.
• Conserve significant tracts of contiguous forest.
• Conserve water resources and riparian zones.
• Conserve important habitats for plants, fish, and wildlife.
• Restore degraded forested ecosystems.

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Puerto Rico

Forest Legacy Activity in Puerto Rico

Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- Funded

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Puerto Rico
AON Approval Date: October 30, 1997

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

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Rhode Island

Forest Legacy Activity in Rhode Island

Acquisition Status and Project Number
- ■ Completed
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Forest Legacy Area
State boundary
County boundary
Interstate Highways
Major Rivers
Major Lakes

1/04
**Rhode Island**
AON Approval Date: December 30, 1993

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

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South Carolina

Forest Legacy Activity in South Carolina

Acquisition Status and Project Number
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Forest Legacy Area
State boundary
County boundary
Interstate Highways
Major Rivers
Major Lakes

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1/04
South Carolina
AON Approval Date: February 7, 2000

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

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Tennessee

Forest Legacy Activity in Tennessee
Tennessee
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Overall Goals
• Prevent conversion of forest land to other uses.
• Preserve and protect fish and wildlife habitats, rare plants, and biological diversity.
• Preserve and protect riparian habitats.
• Preserve and protect water quality, fisheries, and water supplies.
• Preserve and protect natural beauty.
• Preserve and protect forest-based recreation opportunities.
• Preserve forest land for current and future wood production.
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U.S. Virgin Islands

Forest Legacy Activity in the U.S. Virgin Islands

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U.S. Virgin Islands
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Overall Goals
• Identify and protect environmentally important forested lands threatened by conversion to nonforest use.
• Reduce continued fragmentation of forest resources.
• Provide environmental benefits through the protection and restoration of wetland areas.
• Provide watershed and water supply protection.
• Protect marine resources through reductions in nonpoint source pollution from denuded land.
• Maintain valuable scenic resources of the Virgin Islands.
• Protect rare and endangered flora and fauna.

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Utah
AON Approval Date: February 27, 1997

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

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Forest Legacy Activity in Vermont

Acquisition Status and Project Number

- Completed
- Funded

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

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Overall Goals

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

Vermont

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Virginia

Forest Legacy Activity in Virginia

Acquisition Status and Project Number
- Completed
- Funded

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

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Forest Legacy Program National Report for Fiscal Year 2004
**Virginia**

AON Approval Date: January 16, 2001

**Overall Goals**

- Protect Virginia’s forests for future generations.
- Use conservation easements as the prime tool.

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# Washington

AON Approval Date: October 26, 1994

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

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West Virginia
AON Approval Date: December 2, 2003

Overall Goals

- Protect from development, parcelization, and fragmentation regionally significant properties that contain important environmental values but also contribute to the working forest economies and local communities.
- The following objectives were identified:
  - Maintain large and intact forest land tracts.
  - Invest in areas that will not be engulfed by other land uses.
  - Facilitate compliance with program guidelines and avoid conflict with other industries.
  - Conserve tracts with significant timber resource values.
  - Support communities by conserving raw materials for the timber, recreation, and tourism industries.
  - Maintain important water features by conserving working forests, wetlands, and riparian buffers.
  - Sustain the most ecologically significant areas of the State.

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Overall Goal
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