

New England/New York Forestry Initiative Fact Sheet



Background

The New England/New York region contains over 52 million acres of forest land, including the largest intact block of temperate broadleaf forest in the Nation. Eighty percent are privately owned.

In 2008/2009, the New England Governors' Conference commissioned a Blue Ribbon Task Force to identify the most urgent land conservation issues facing New England. The committee identified five principles to build a lasting conservation legacy for future generations of New Englanders, including

"Keeping Forests as Forests." (For the full report, go to http://www.negc.org/main/admin/uploads/20_negc_clc_report_909.pdf.) NRCS is supporting the Governor's effort by establishing the New England/New York Forestry Initiative.



Through the New England/New York Forestry Initiative, NRCS is working with its partners and forest landowners and land managers to Keep Forests as Forests and maintain and enhance the public benefits they provide. The Initiative provides a combination of technical and financial assistance to landowners and land managers in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Partnerships

NRCS and its partners are poised to assist private forest landowners understand the multi-resource value of their forests and to involve them in the management of the forests within the region.

For More Information:

For more information on the New England/New York Forestry Initiative and how you can participate in protecting the region's forests, contact:

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