

Community Forests



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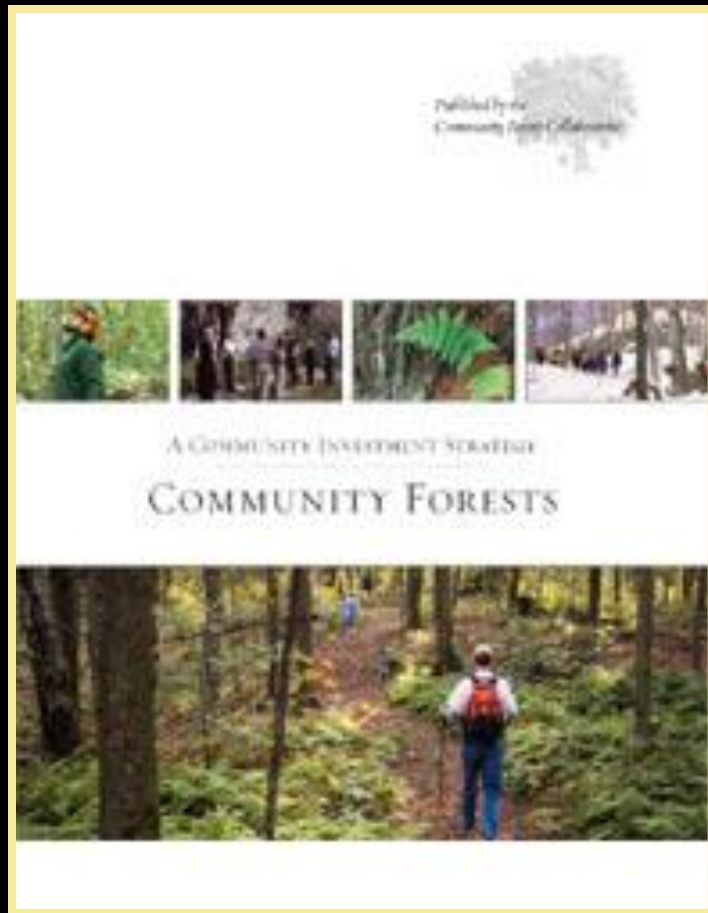
- **Created in 2005**
- **Includes:**
 - **The Trust for Public Land**
 - **The Northern Forest Center**
 - **Sustainable Forest Futures**
 - **Quebec-Labrador Foundation**
- **Operates in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine**

What is a Community Forest?

- **Historical context in New England**
- **Town Forests**
 - Acquisition
 - Management or not
 - Community Needs
- **Old model with new relevance**



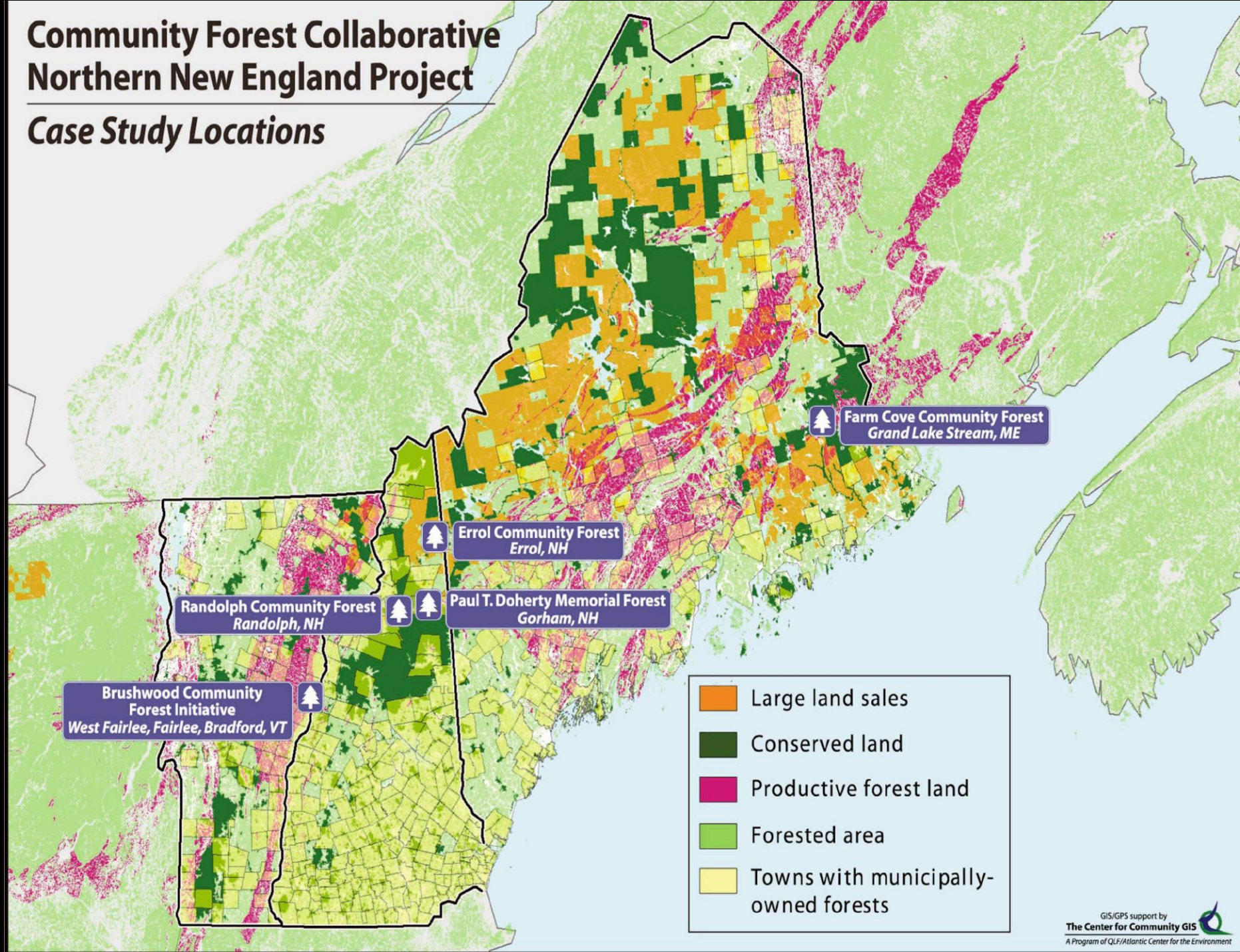
Community Forest Model



- **Our model includes:**
 - **Community ownership**
 - **Community participation in management**
 - **Community benefits tied to community priorities**
 - **Conservation Easements**

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Case Study Locations



Benefits from a Community Forest



- **Local ownership**
- **Long-term sustainable forest management**
- **Traditional open access**
- **Revenue generation from timber and other**
- **Education**
- **Social capacity building**
 - ~ **New people, new skills**
 - ~ **Community pride**

Community and Economic Development



- **Water supply protection**
- **Land Use Planning**
- **Protecting Gateway**

“ People come here for beautiful forests and clean water; if we don’t take care of these, who will come?”

Bill Freedman, Errol

Publications



- **Community Forests, A Community Investment Strategy**
- **Needs and Resources for Creating & Managing Community Forests**
- ***Coming Soon: Economic Benefits of Community Forests***