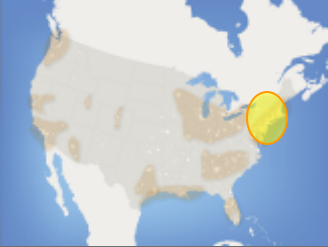


Landscape Conservation in the Northeast Megaregion

Robert Pirani

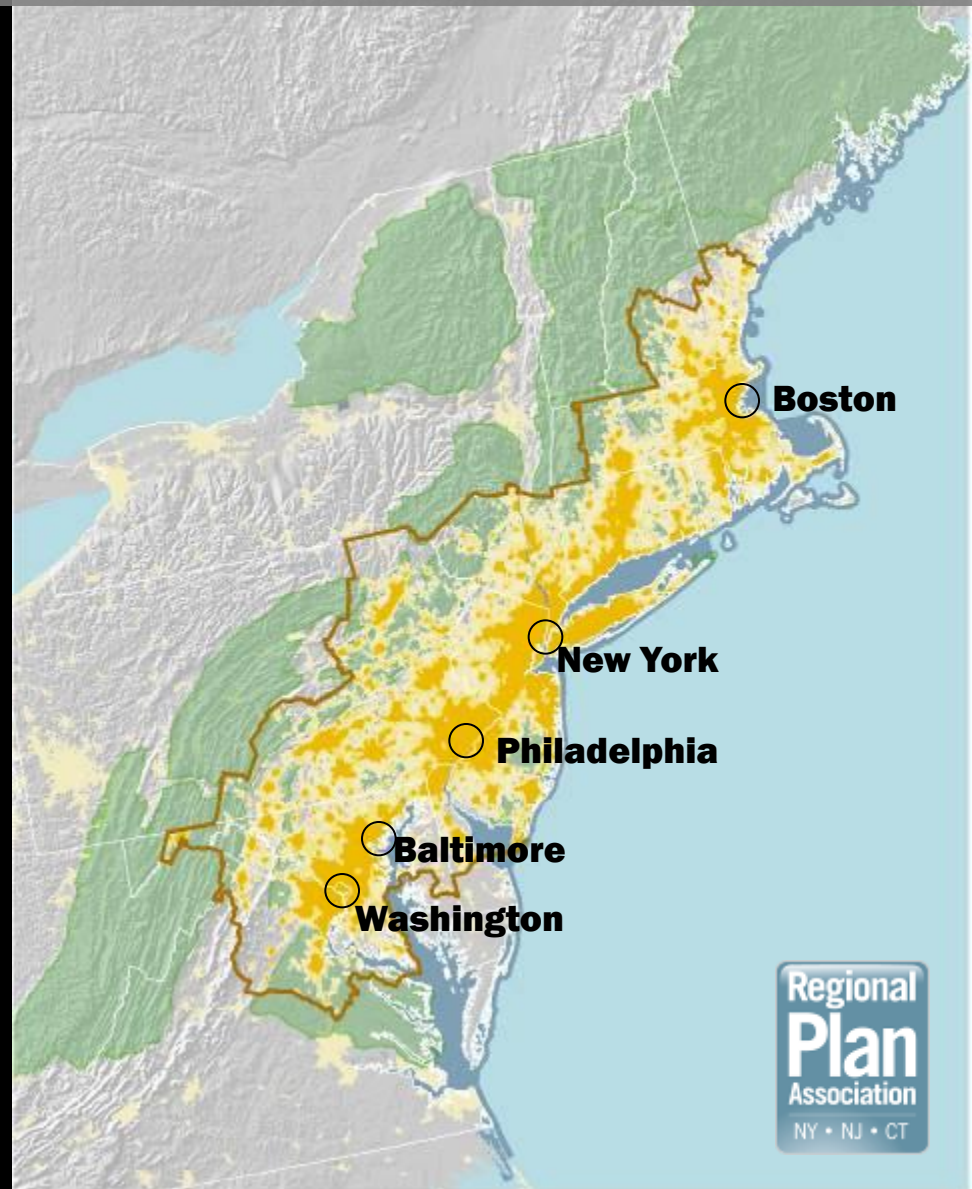
Vice President for Environmental Programs

November, 2010



The Northeast Megaregion

- 49 million inhabitants
- 17% of U.S. population on 2% of the land area
- 20% of U.S. GDP
- Will add 19 million additional people by 2050





Landscapes and Estuaries

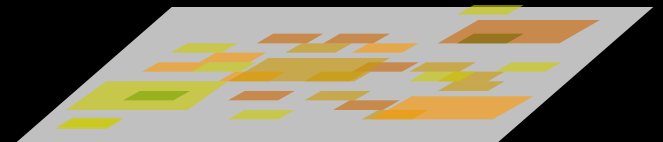
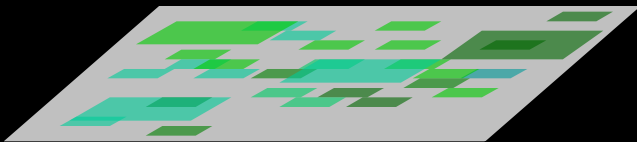
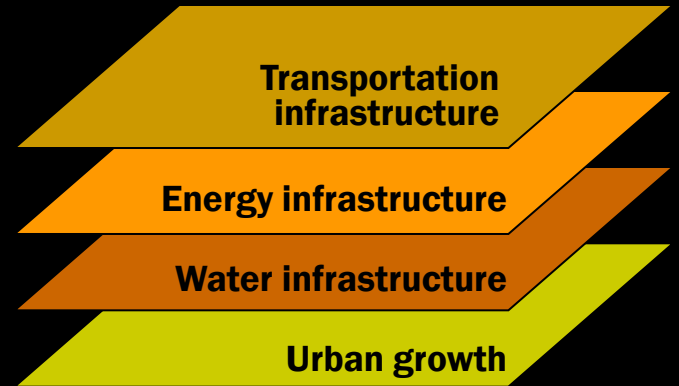
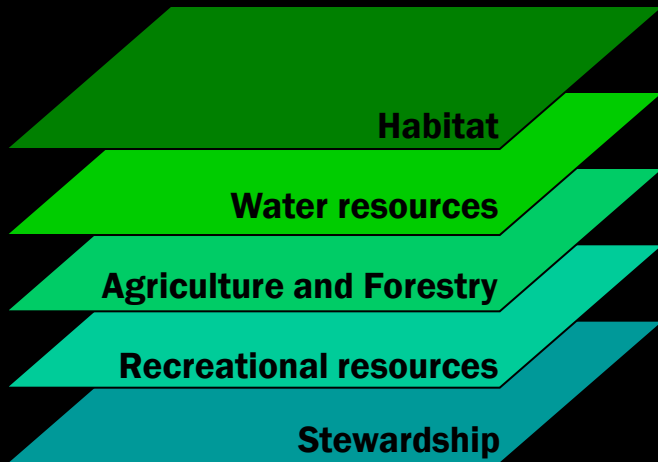
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Mountain Club**



Context for the Northeast

Objectives

- Build a base of knowledge on the status of landscape conservation initiatives in the thirteen-state Northeastern area: Who, What, Where, Why, How
- Understand the spatial relationships between landscape conservation initiatives, important natural resources, existing stewardship, and urban growth and infrastructure investment
- Assess the political, funding, and capacity needs landscape conservation initiatives



Context for the Northeast

Landscape Conservation Initiatives Profile Form

- Name:
- Website:
- Location and Size:
- Value of Resource:
- Threats:
- Governance:
- Objectives:
- Tools:
- Progress and Effectiveness:
- Federal Engagement:
- Partnerships:

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Inventory

Using the Inventory [List Initiatives](#) [Map Initiatives](#)

The following inventory is an initial compilation of public and private initiatives that seek to conserve landscapes and landscape processes across political jurisdictions in the northeast. These initiatives have been created to meet one or more objectives: Habitat protection; water resource management; agricultural and forest production; and open space, cultural and recreational resource promotion.

These landscape conservation initiatives can also be generally characterized as:

- Crossing political jurisdictions;
- Having multiple objectives and/or outcomes;
- Deploying conservation tools at a relevant geographic scale and time horizon;
- Covering geographically contiguous areas;
- Being accountable;
- Making progress toward measurable outcomes.

This inventory of landscape conservation initiatives will serve as the basis for an assessment of how these diverse efforts relate to habitat protection, other natural resource goals, and infrastructure and land use plans. Information has been collected for each of the identified initiatives and can be seen in the initiative profiles by clicking on the "List Initiatives" tab above.

You can browse the summary entries by using the keyword search or by selecting distinguishing criteria to your right and then clicking on the "List Initiatives" or Map Initiatives" tabs above. In this way, the results can be viewed as a list or plotted by center point on a map of the northeast.

Also available is a simple alphabetical index of initiatives

Please help us make this inventory as complete as possible by clicking on the individual initiatives and commenting on draft information collected for each one.

Additional landscape initiatives can be submitted for inclusion in the inventory here.

Find or Submit an Initiative

Inventory Filters

Keyword Search

Initiative Attributes

Initiative Scale

- Local (32)
- County (44)
- Small Metro (46)
- Large Metro (8)
- Megaregion (8)

States

- Connecticut (12)
- Delaware (9)
- Maine (25)
- Maryland (12)
- Massachusetts (22)
- New Hampshire (19)
- New Jersey (17)
- New York (45)
- Pennsylvania (41)
- Rhode Island (6)
- Vermont (15)
- Virginia (23)
- Washington D.C. (2)
- West Virginia (12)

Stature

- Institution (63)
- Network (20)
- Partnership (55)

Not in the inventory? [Submit a New Initiative](#)

*If you are having trouble viewing this page an **alphabetical index** of initiatives is available.*

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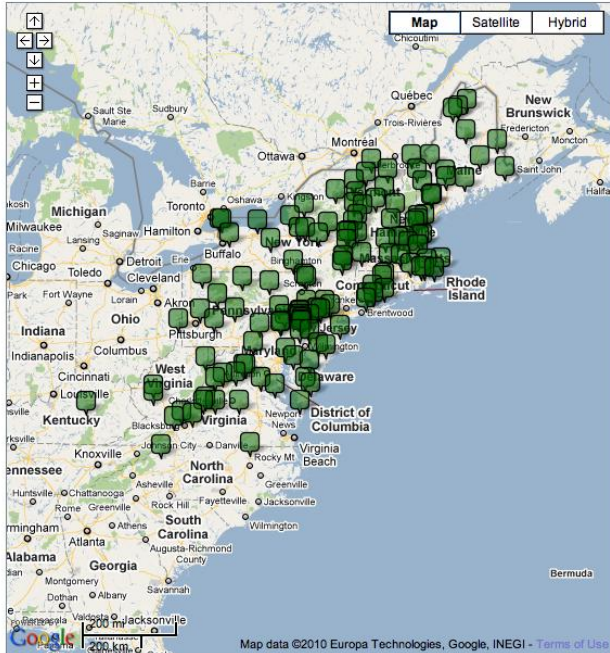
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138 Items



Map Satellite Hybrid

Inventory Filters

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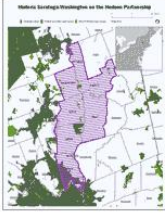
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Using the Inventory List Initiatives Map Initiatives

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Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission
States: New York
Acres: 12823
Scale: Local
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Historic Saratoga-Washington on the Hudson Partnership
States: New York
Acres: 189718
Scale: Local
- 

Lake George Park Commission
States: New York
Acres: 28557
Scale: Local

Find or Submit an Initiative

Inventory Filters

Keyword Search

Initiative Attributes

Initiative Scale

☒ Local (6)
☒ County (3)
☐ Small Metro (8)
☐ Megaregion (1)

States

☐ Connecticut (3)
☐ Maine (1)
☐ Massachusetts (3)
☐ New Hampshire (1)
☒ New York (9)
☐ Pennsylvania (4)
☐ Rhode Island (1)

Stature

Institution (9)

Lead Institution

☐ Federal Agency (2)
☐ Non-Profit (7)
☒ Regional Committee (5)
☒ State Government (4)

Required Management Plan

No (7)
Yes (2)

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Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission

The form below reflects our research regarding these initiatives based on published material, project websites, and some direct conversation with project staff. We invite you to provide feedback on the draft by updating or correcting the information below along with any additional comments. Please provide your contact information in case we have questions. Press submit to send the completed form. Thank you.

Location and Size

Size in Acres

Municipalities

Counties

State(s)

☐ Connecticut
☐ Delaware
☐ Washington D.C.
☐ Massachusetts
☐ Maryland
☐ Maine
☐ New Hampshire
☐ New Jersey
☒ New York
☐ Pennsylvania
☐ Rhode Island
☐ Virginia
☐ Vermont
☐ West Virginia

Values

What resources make this landscape valuable?

☐ Open Space & Recreation

Map

Albany Pine Bush Preserve

Initiative Website

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.rpa.org/northeastlandscapes/initiative-new.php. The page has a dark brown background with the title "Northeast Landscapes" in a large, light green serif font. Below the title is a navigation bar with four green buttons: "Inventory", "Atlas", "About", and "Contact". To the right of the navigation bar is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon.

The main content area is titled "New Initiative" in a green serif font. Below the title is a paragraph of text: "The inventory is based on published material, project websites, and some direct conversation with project staff. We know that we did not find every landscape initiative and we invite you to submit additional initiatives for inclusion. Please consider our definition of landscape initiatives [link to inventory page] and fill in the form as completely as possible. Its very important to provide your contact information so that we can confirm the information and address any questions we have. Press submit to send the completed form. Thank you."

The form is divided into several sections:

- Initiative**: Contains two text input fields labeled "Name of Initiative" and "Website URL".
- Location and Size**: Contains three text input fields labeled "Size in Acres", "Municipalities", and "Counties".
- State(s)**: Contains a list of checkboxes for various states: Connecticut, Delaware, Washington D.C., Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Vermont, and West Virginia.

On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar with several sections:

- Find or Submit an Initiative**: A button with the text "Find or Submit an Initiative".
- News**: A section titled "Large Landscape Conservation: A Strategic Framework for Policy and Action" with a brief description.
- Links**: A section with links to "Regional Plan Association", "America 2050", "Lincoln Land Institute", and "America's Great Outdoors".
- Funded By**: A section with links to "The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation" and "The USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry".