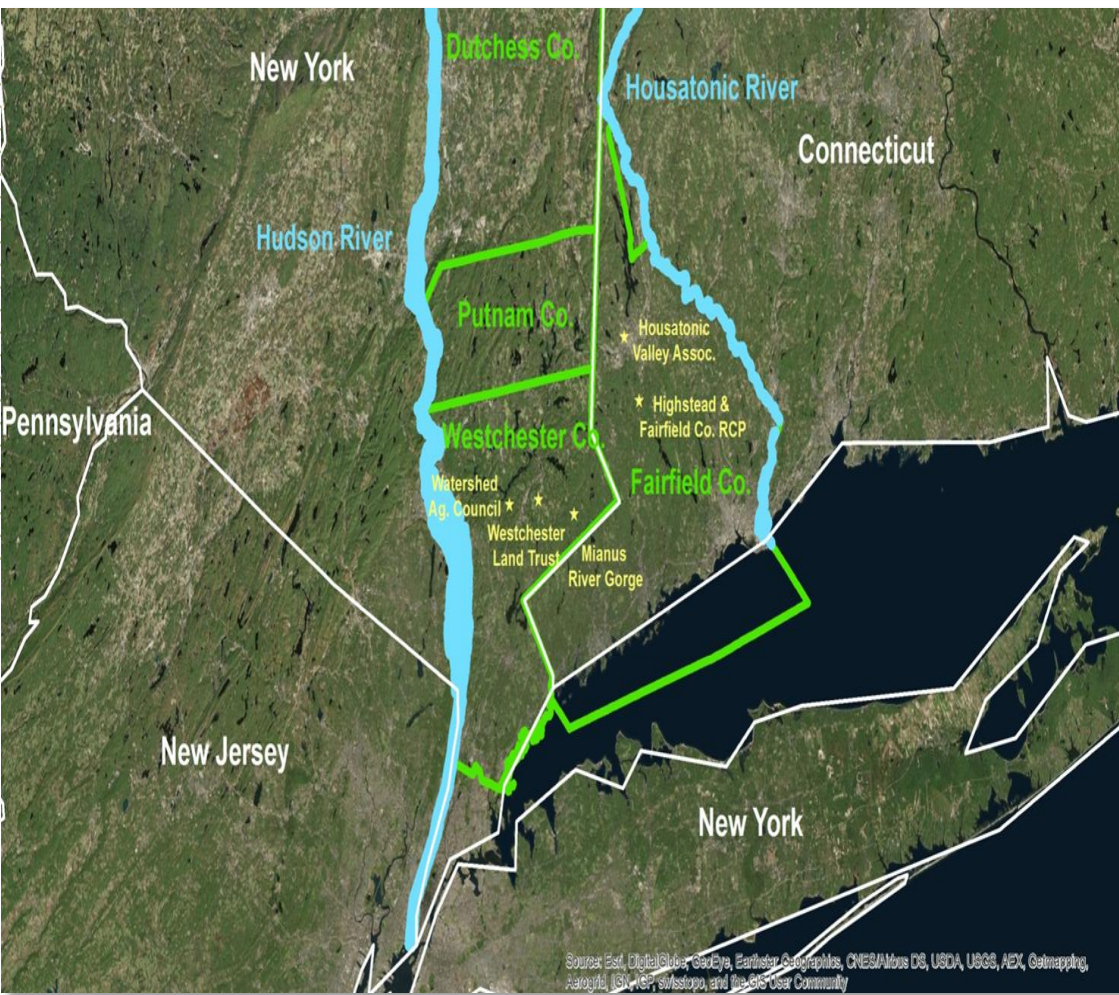


United States Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration Grant Program

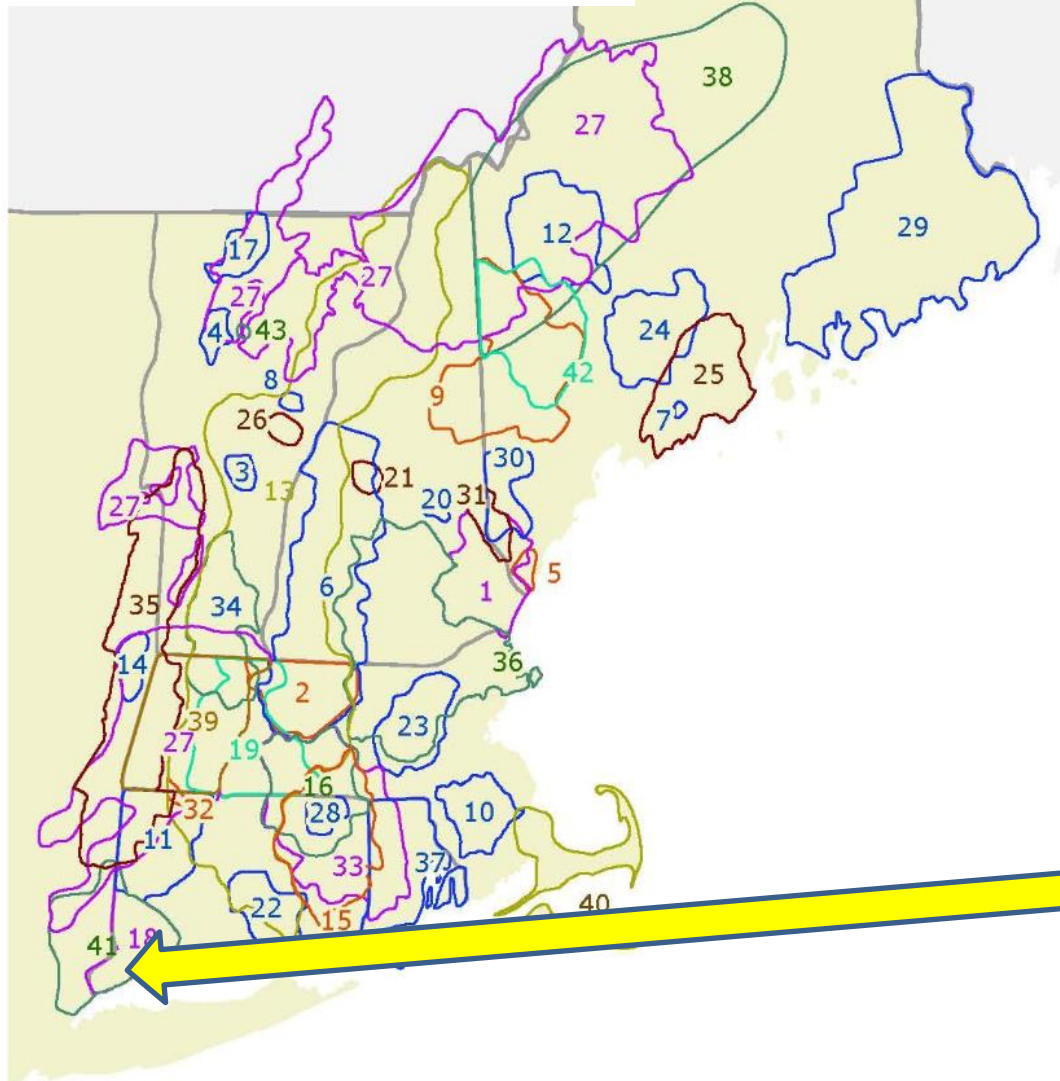


Hudson to
Housatonic

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Regional Conservation Partnership NETWORK



- 1 - Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership
- 2 - North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership
- 3 - Chateaugay No Town Conservation Project
- 4 - Chittenden County Uplands Conservation Project
- 5 - Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative
- 6 - Quabbin to Cardigan Partnership
- 7 - River-Link
- 8 - Orange County Headwaters Project
- 9 - Upland Headwaters Alliance
- 10 - Resilient Taunton Watershed Network
- 11 - Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative
- 12 - High Peaks Initiative
- 13 - Friends of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge
- 14 - Rensselaer Plateau Working Forest Initiative
- 15 - Thames River Basin Partnership
- 16 - Mass-Conn Sustainable Forest Partnership
- 17 - Cold Hollow to Canada Forest Link Project
- 18 - Fairfield County Regional Conservation Partnership
- 19 - Forever Farmland Initiative
- 20 - Belknap Range Conservation Coalition
- 21 - Newfound Land Conservation Partnership
- 22 - Lower CT River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange
- 23 - West Suburban Conservation Council
- 24 - Kennebec Woodland Partnership
- 25 - 12 Rivers Conservation Initiative
- 26 - Taylor Valley Conservation Project
- 27 - Staying Connected Initiative
- 28 - Quiet Corner Initiative
- 29 - Downeast Conservation Network
- 30 - Forest Works!
- 31 - Salmon Falls Watershed Collaborative
- 32 - Sandy Brook Conservation Corridor
- 33 - Southern New England Heritage Forest Partnership
- 34 - MA-VT Woodlands Partnership
- 35 - Berkshire-Taconic Regional Conservation Partnership
- 36 - Merrimack Conservation Partnership
- 37 - Rhode Island Woodland Partnership
- 38 - Maine Mountain Collaborative
- 39 - Berkshire Wildlife Linkage Partnership
- 40 - Massachusetts Coastal Pine Barrens Partnership
- 41 - Hudson to Housatonic Regional Conservation Partnership
- 42 - Maine West
- 43 - Shutesville Hill Wildlife Corridor Project

Landscape Scale Restoration

Ideal Grant For Regional Conservation Partnerships



- Land protection & stewardship
- Results oriented
- Coordination & capacity
- Multiple RCPs can collaborate

Landscape Scale Restoration Grant

General Information

- Size of grants
- Match requirement
- Timeline
- State Forest Action Plans



Hudson to Housatonic Conservation Initiative: Engaging Family Forest Owners in the Stewardship and Conservation of Climate Resilient Habitat and Contributing Tributaries to Reservoirs in Westchester County, NY and Fairfield County, CT

A photograph of a forest landscape with a stone wall in the foreground and tall trees in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

YOU LIVE IN A
SPECIAL PLACE

FIND OUT WHY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH • 10-11:30AM

- Dozens of Conservation Partners
- Professional Development Trainings
- 13 Focal Areas (260 landowners per focal area)

Map
Conservation
Focal Areas &
ID Priority
Parcels

Build
Database of
Priority Parcel
Landowners
for Each Focal
Area

Develop Work
Plan to
Engage
Targeted
Landowners

Design
Invitations to
Draw
Targeted
Landowners
to Woods
Forum

STEWARDSHIP

- Backyard Birds Workshop
- Woodland Management Event
- Discuss Funding with NRCS Staff
- Landowner Applies for EQIP Funding for Upland Wildlife Habitat Creation

CONSERVATION

- Estate Planning Workshop
- Cultivation Event with Current Easement Holders & Ambassadors
- Property Visit by Local Land Trust
- Landowner Donates a Conservation Easement



OUTCOMES



- Landowners targeted: 3,500
- Event invites extended: 10,000 +
- Event attendees: 485
- Landowner visits: 39
- Stewardship actions: 121

Actions scheduled: 52

- Land conservation consultation: 20
- Acres protected: 217

Acres in play: 1,000+



4 GOALS

1. Increase the pace of land protection so that XX% of our priority wildlife habitats, parks, trails, gardens, and farms are linked to others by 2060.
2. Make it easy for municipalities and community groups to conserve and steward land together.
3. Engage landowners to take stewardship and land protection actions.
4. Improve the knowledge and capacity of H2HRCP members so they can achieve their shared mission.

LSR STRONG PROPOSALS



- Link to State Forest Action Plans
- Clear & Measurable Results
- Enhance Public Benefits
- Collaboration
- Project Lifespan / Impact

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This session offers tips for drafting a competitive application, how to align proposals with State Forest Action Plans, and advice from Cold Hollow to Canada, a successful RCP recipient.

Presenters –

Bridget Butler, Cold Hollow to Canada

Karl Honkonen, US Forest Service Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry

Bill Labich, Highstead

Christopher Martin, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

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June 5, 2018
11 AM – 12 PM

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