

New England Wildlands 2023

from Wildlands in New England: Past, Present, and Future

Ownership types: shades of the same color are only to differentiate nearby Wildlands with the same owner type.

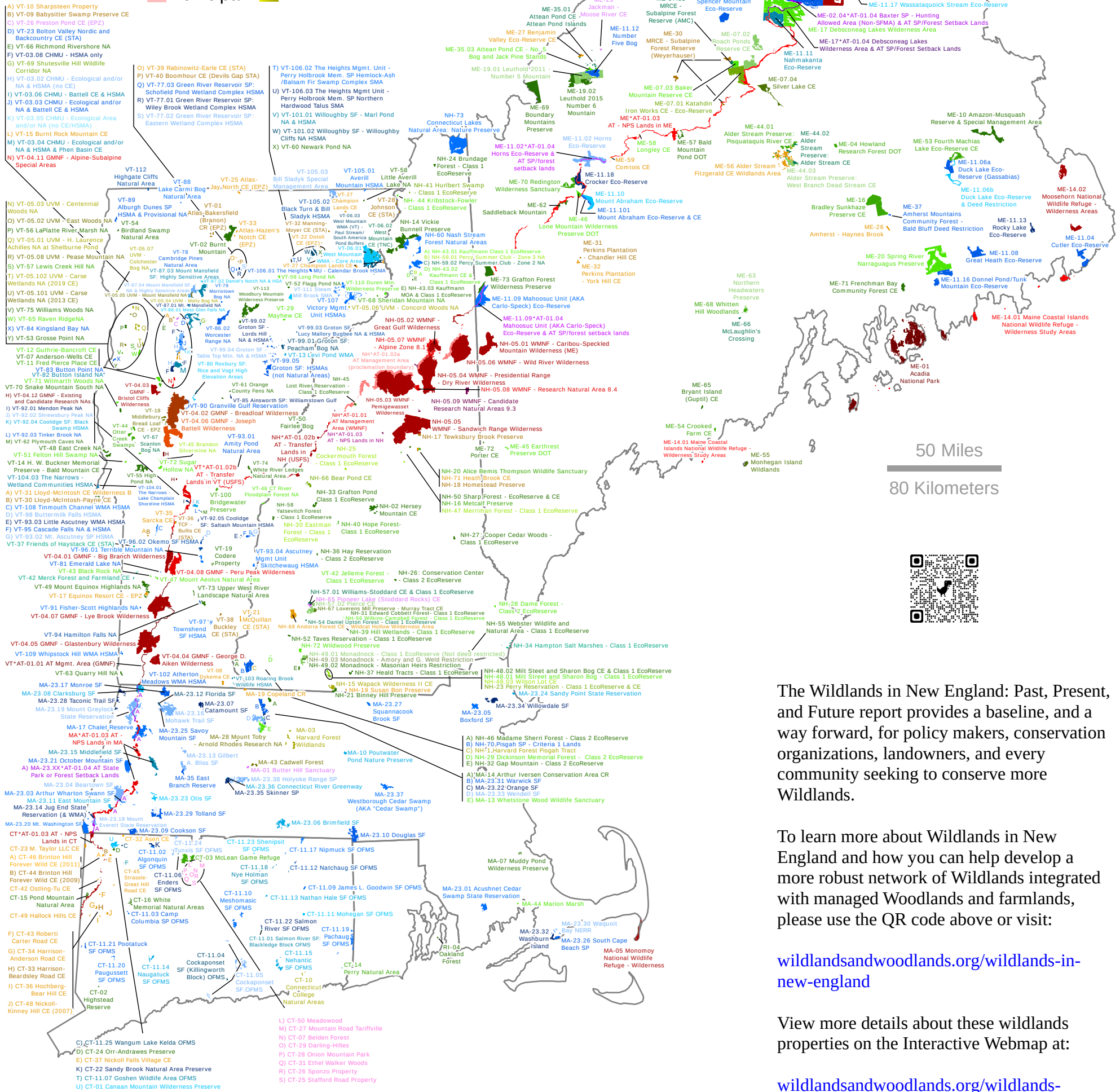
- Federal

State

Municipal
- Conservation Org.

Private

Educational



The Wildlands in New England: Past, Present, and Future report provides a baseline, and a way forward, for policy makers, conservation organizations, landowners, and every community seeking to conserve more Wildlands.

To learn more about Wildlands in New England and how you can help develop a more robust network of Wildlands integrated with managed Woodlands and farmlands, please use the QR code above or visit:

wildlandsandwoodlands.org/wildlands-in-new-england

View more details about these wildlands properties on the Interactive Webmap at:

wildlandsandwoodlands.org/wildlands-webmap/

The looming global crises of climate change, biodiversity loss, and precarious human welfare call for urgent action. Today, in New England, we can and must act by halting forest and farmland loss, accelerating land protection, increasing the sustainable production of food and wood, and designating more Wildland areas. Wildlands—conservation areas that are preserved to allow natural processes to unfold, with no active management—lie at the heart of this integrated conservation agenda.

Wildlands in New England is the first regional study to map and describe all known Wildlands. New England, with about 40 million acres of land, is 81 percent forested, but only 3.3 percent of the region (1.32 million acres) are Wildlands. These Wildlands comprise 426 individual municipal, state, federal, and private properties. Although the pace of Wildland conservation has increased in recent decades, the total area protected remains far below the Wildlands, Woodlands, Farmlands & Communities (WWF&C) goal of at least 10 percent of the



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