

# COMMUNITY FORESTS

## Forestland ownership and climate change



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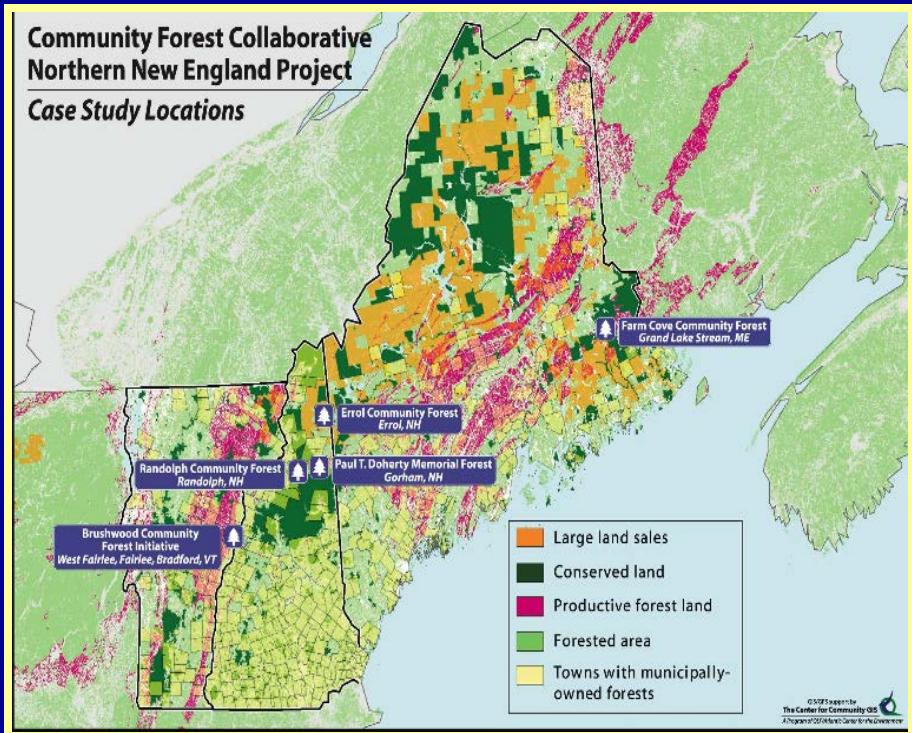
# Ownership Models

- Local Government and Tribal
  - Randolph, NH; Arcata, CA; Hoke County, NC; Klamath Tribe, ID; Nulheganaki, Barton, VT
- Non-Profit:
  - Elk Creek Conservation Area, MT; Blackfoot Community Conservation Area, MT; Usal Redwood Forest, CA; Downeast Lakes Land Trust/Farm Cove Community Forest, ME
- Other:
  - Little Hogback Community Forest, VT – private LLC
  - Weaverville Community Forest, CA – long-term stewardship contract with BLM
  - International Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs)

# COMMUNITY FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- FOREST FRAGMENTATION
- FOREST MANAGEMENT
- ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

# COMMUNITY FOREST COLLABORATIVE



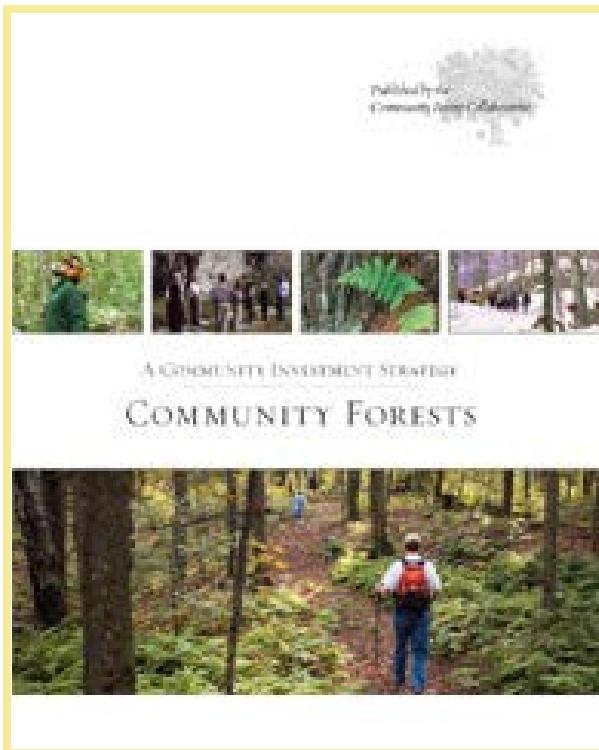
- Created in 2005
- Partners include:
  - **The Trust for Public Land**
  - **The Northern Forest Center**
  - **Sustainable Forest Futures**
  - **Quebec-Labrador Foundation**
- Operates in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine

# Community Forest Model

- ✓ Community ownership
- ✓ Community participation in management
- ✓ Access to benefits and value from the forest that support other priorities
- ✓ Permanent protection

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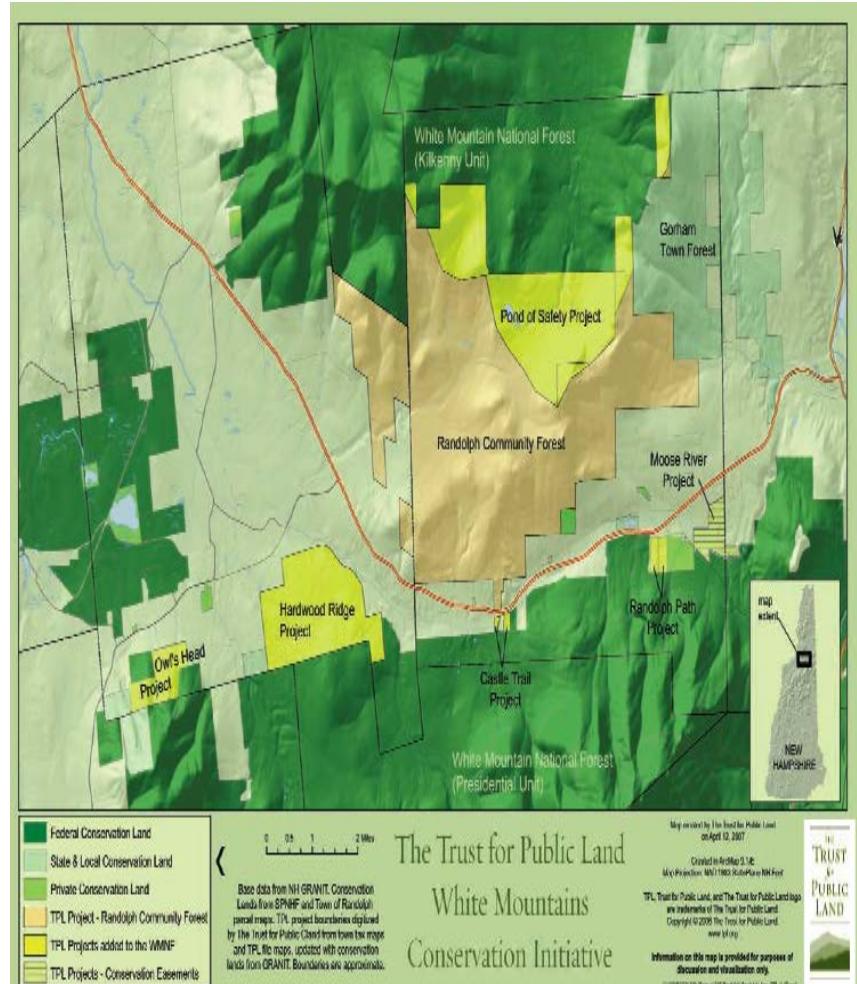
## A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT STRATEGY



- COMMUNITY WELL-BEING
- CIVIC LIFE
- ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
- CONSERVATION

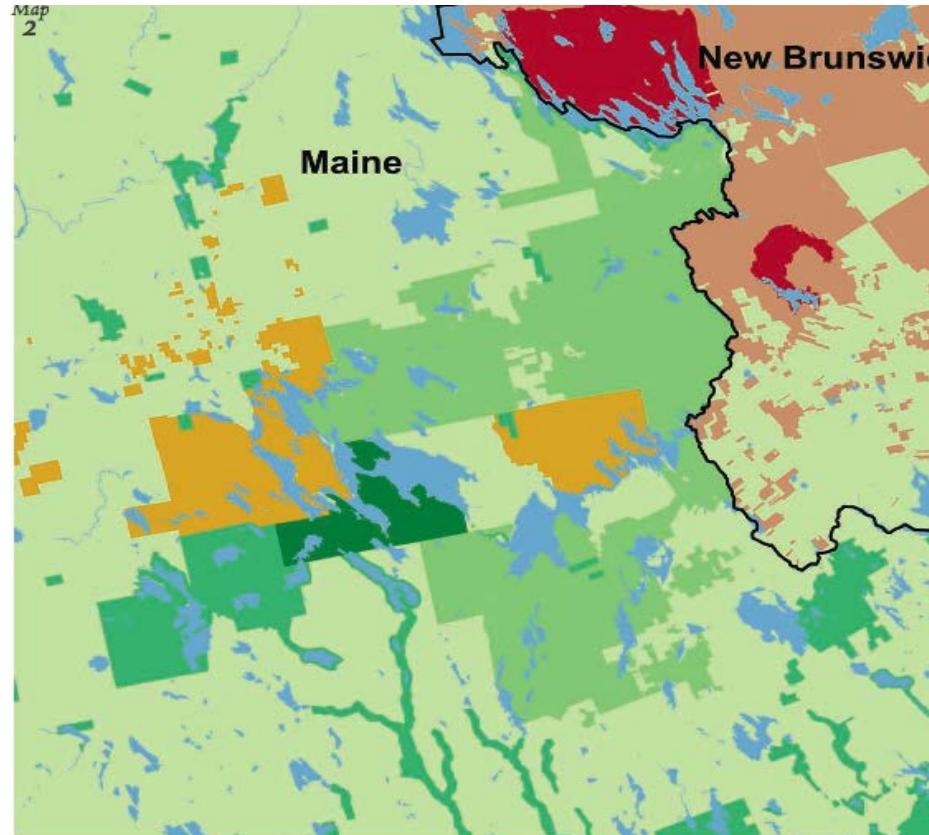
# Randolph Community Forest

- 10,200 acres
- Links two segments of the White Mountain National Forest
- Cooperative management across ownerships
- Wildlife management/monitoring
- Public programs on forest management



# Farm Cove Community Forest

- Downeast Lakes Land Trust
- 33,708 acres
- Component in 1.4 million acre international wildlife corridor
- Buffers ecological reserve
- Collaborative forest management across ownerships
- Public engagement in forest management practices



Map by DLLT 3/29/07  
Data from Maine OGIS, NEFF, TNC, & Service NB

0 5 10 20 Mile

# Economic Opportunities

Ecosystem  
services



Local  
value-added  
enterprises



Forest  
products



Open  
space and  
recreation



# Farm Cove Community Forest Carbon Offset Project

Partnership of Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) and Finite Carbon

19,118 Acres

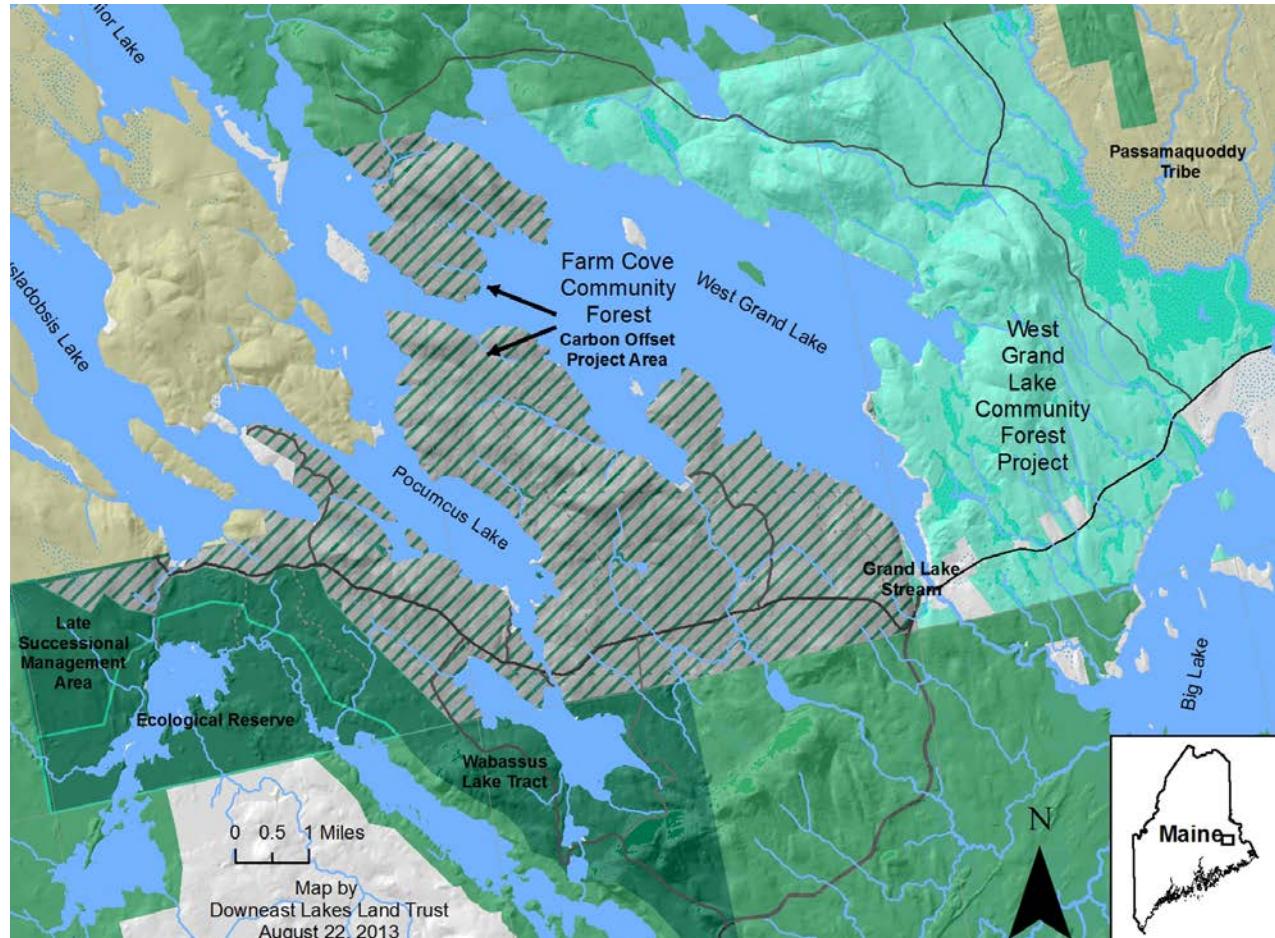
Registered with Climate Action Reserve (CAR)

Transitioning to California Air Resources Board (ARB)

200,000 initial carbon offsets

DLLT to apply revenue toward purchase of planned West Grand Lake Community Forest

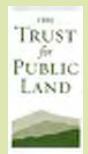
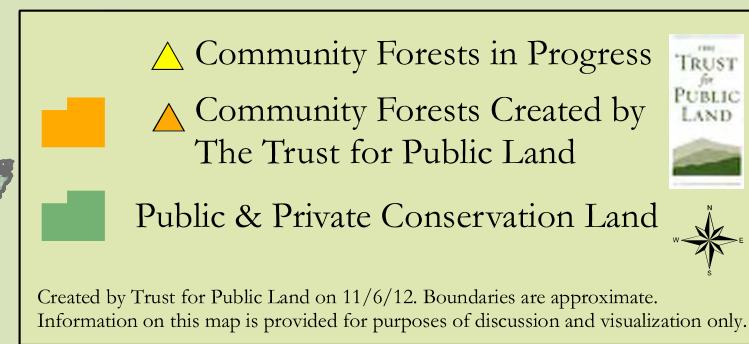
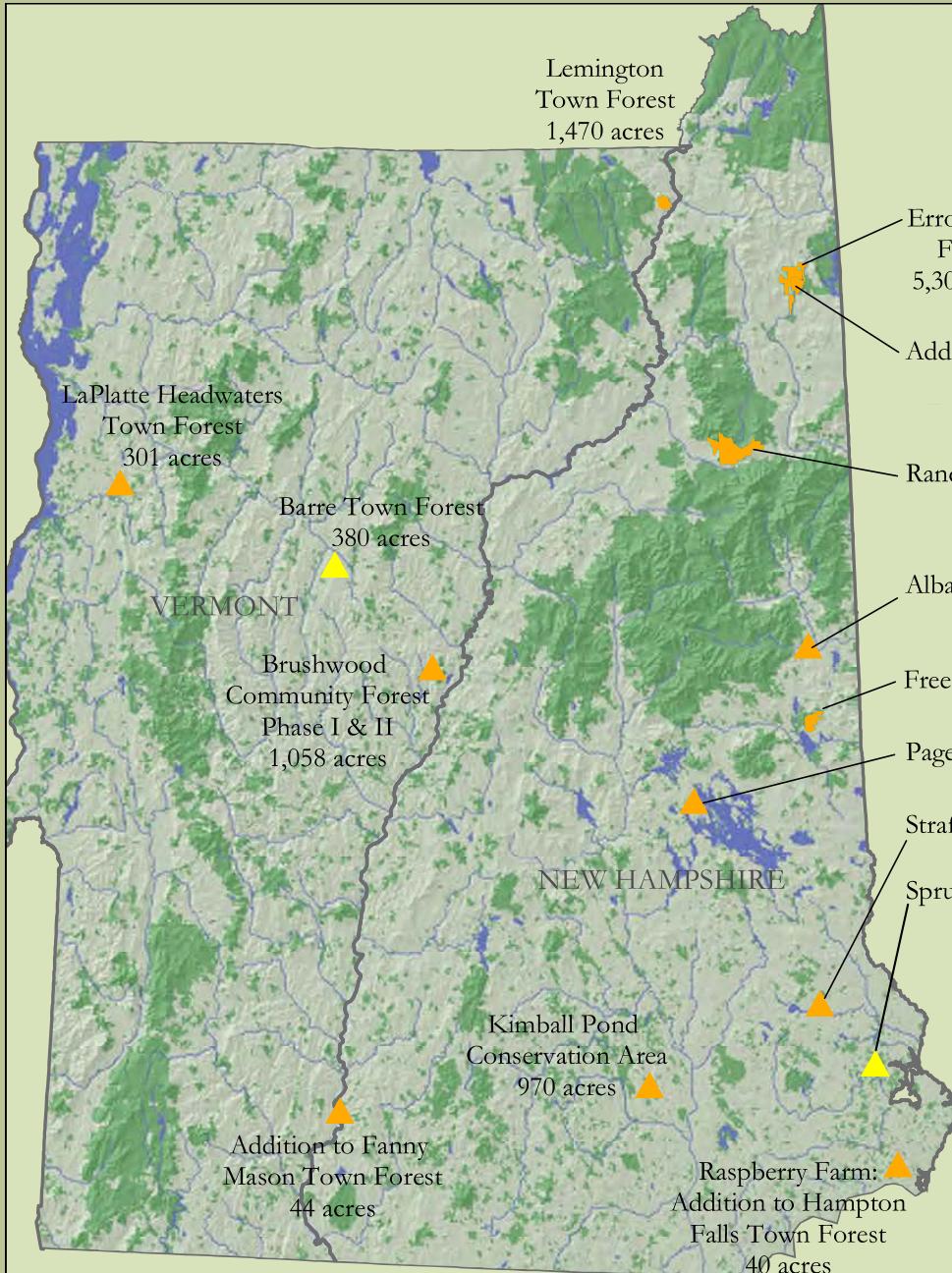
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# The Trust for Public Land's Community Forest Projects

2002-2012

*25,586 acres protected*





# Community Forests

*Generating economic and social benefits for communities, while conserving forestland*

## Principles

- *Owned and Managed on behalf of a community*
- *Acquisition process and management structure ensures community participation and responsibility*
- *Community has access to value and benefits of the forest*
- *Conservation values of forestland protected by conservation easement and sustainable forest management practices*

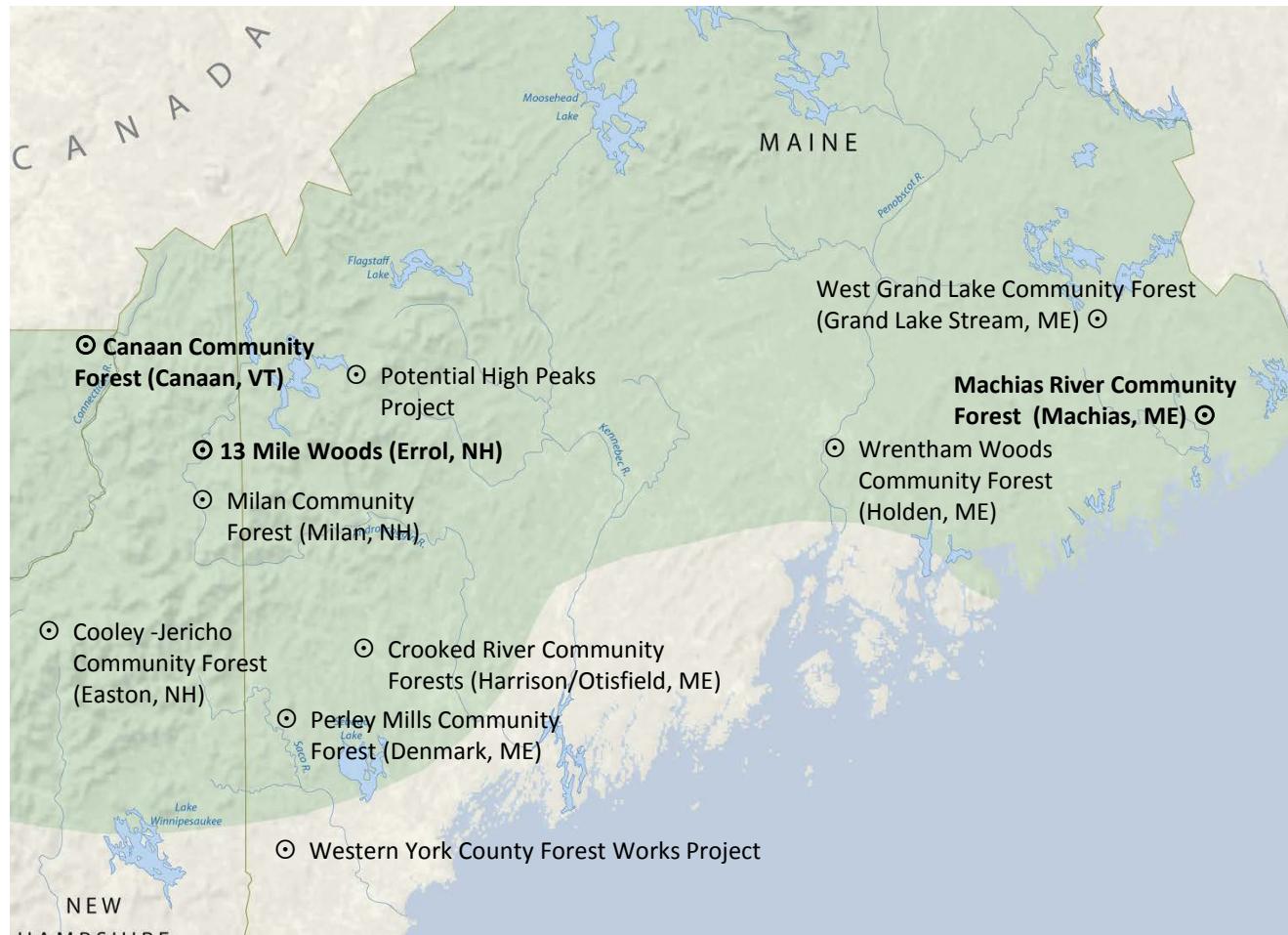
## Collaborative Partners

- *Trust for Public Land*
- *Quebec Labrador Foundation*

## Value of a Community Forest

- *Fills in mosaic of conservation strategies by connecting other easements*
- *Engages a broader set of stakeholders and resources than state and federal government alone*
- *Potentially important component of economic development in expanding assets of the community, protecting ecological services, and providing a resource base for economic activity*

**\*Projects in bold on map are completed**



# NEW SUPPORT

## OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE/COMMUNITY FOREST FUND

- \$1.4 MILLION
- 2 GRANT ROUNDS
- GRANT SUPPORT/CAPITAL
- 7 PROJECTS

## USFS/COMMUNITY FOREST PROGRAM

- \$3.5 MILLION
- 1 GRANT ROUND
- GRANT SUPPORT/CAPITAL
- 10 PROJECTS

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