

The Wildlands and Woodlands Initiative & The Role of CAM

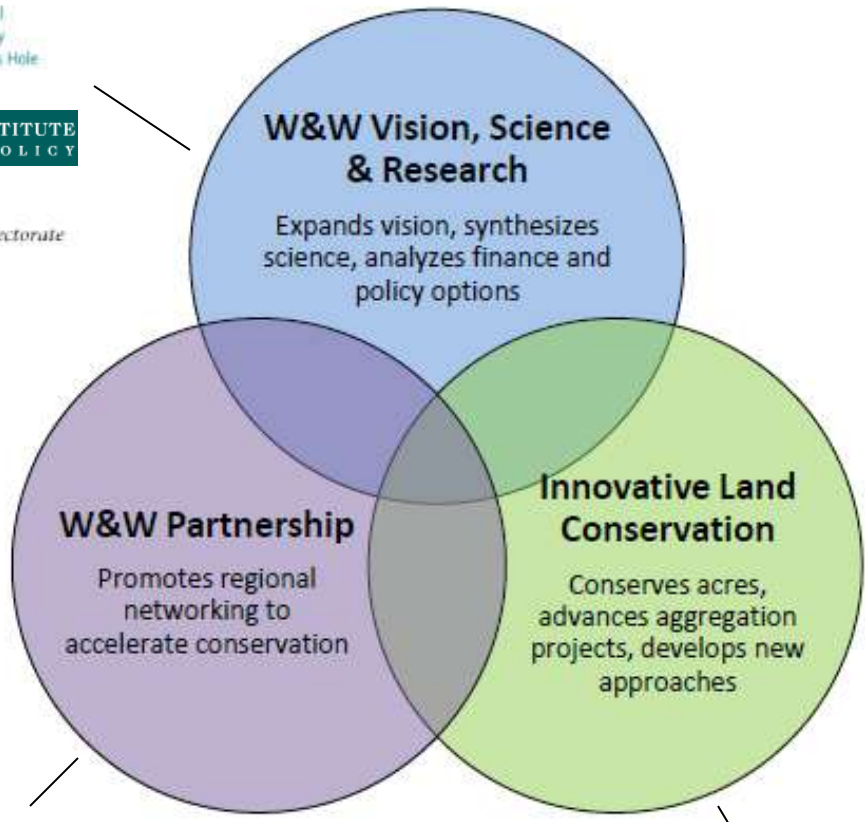
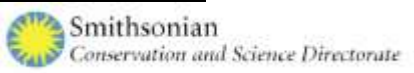
CAMNet's Annual Rendezvous
Antioch University New England
Keene, NH

Bill Labich, Regional Conservationist, Highstead

CAM's About:

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- Experimentation
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- Collaborative creation of processes and their products
- Stakeholder engagement
- Continual discovery of *best* solutions

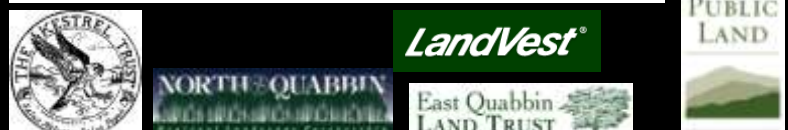
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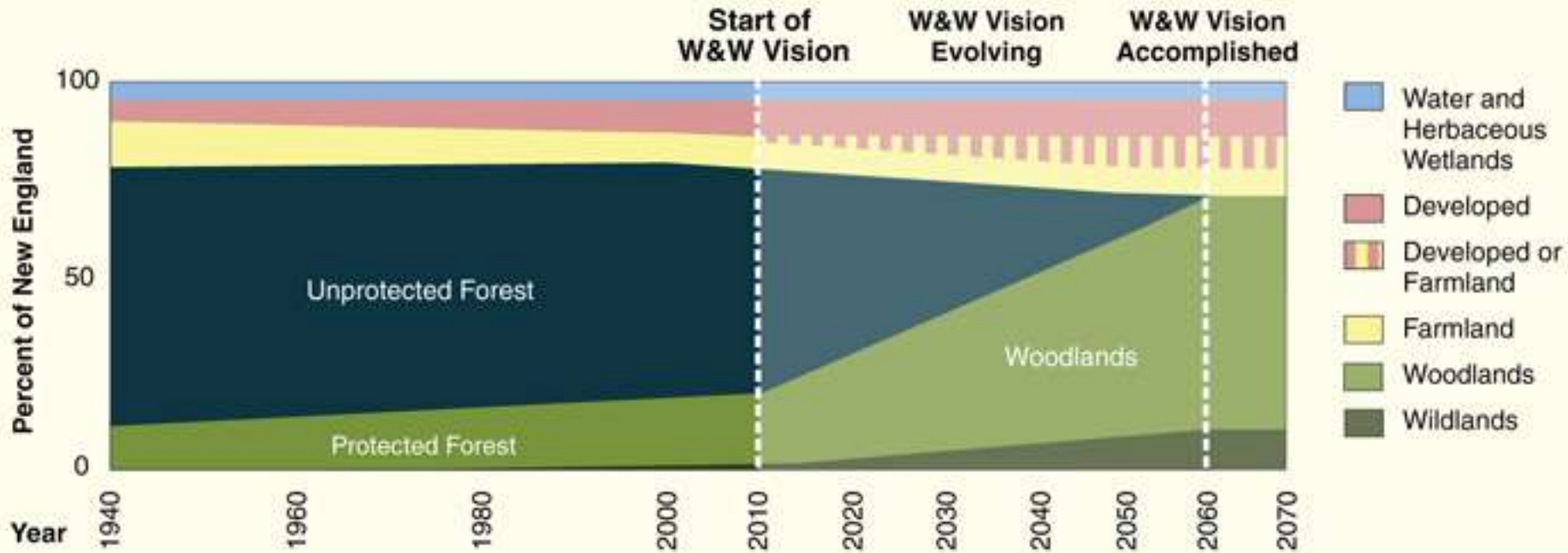
Steering Committee

- Policy & Civic Engagement
- Outreach & Communications
- Fundraising

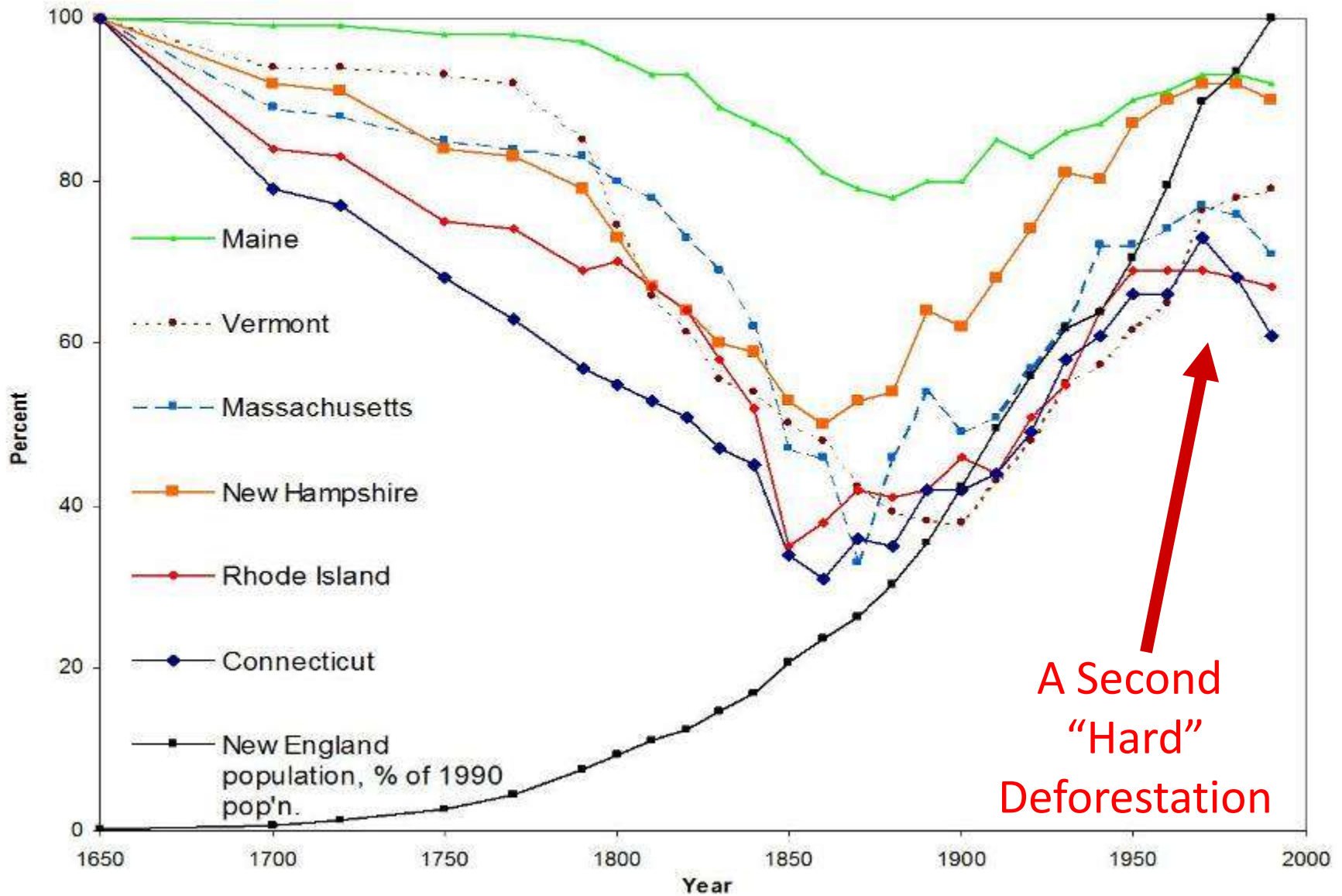
NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION
CONSERVING FORESTS *for* FUTURE GENERATIONS



New England Land Cover: Past, Present, and Future



Forest Cover and Population Trends in New England



A Second
"Hard"
Deforestation

Wildlands and Woodlands



*A Vision
for
the Forests
of
Massachusetts*

2005

*David Foster, David Kittredge, Brian Donahue,
Glenn Motzkin, David Orwig, Aaron Ellison,
Brian Hall, Betsy Colburn and Anthony D'Amato*

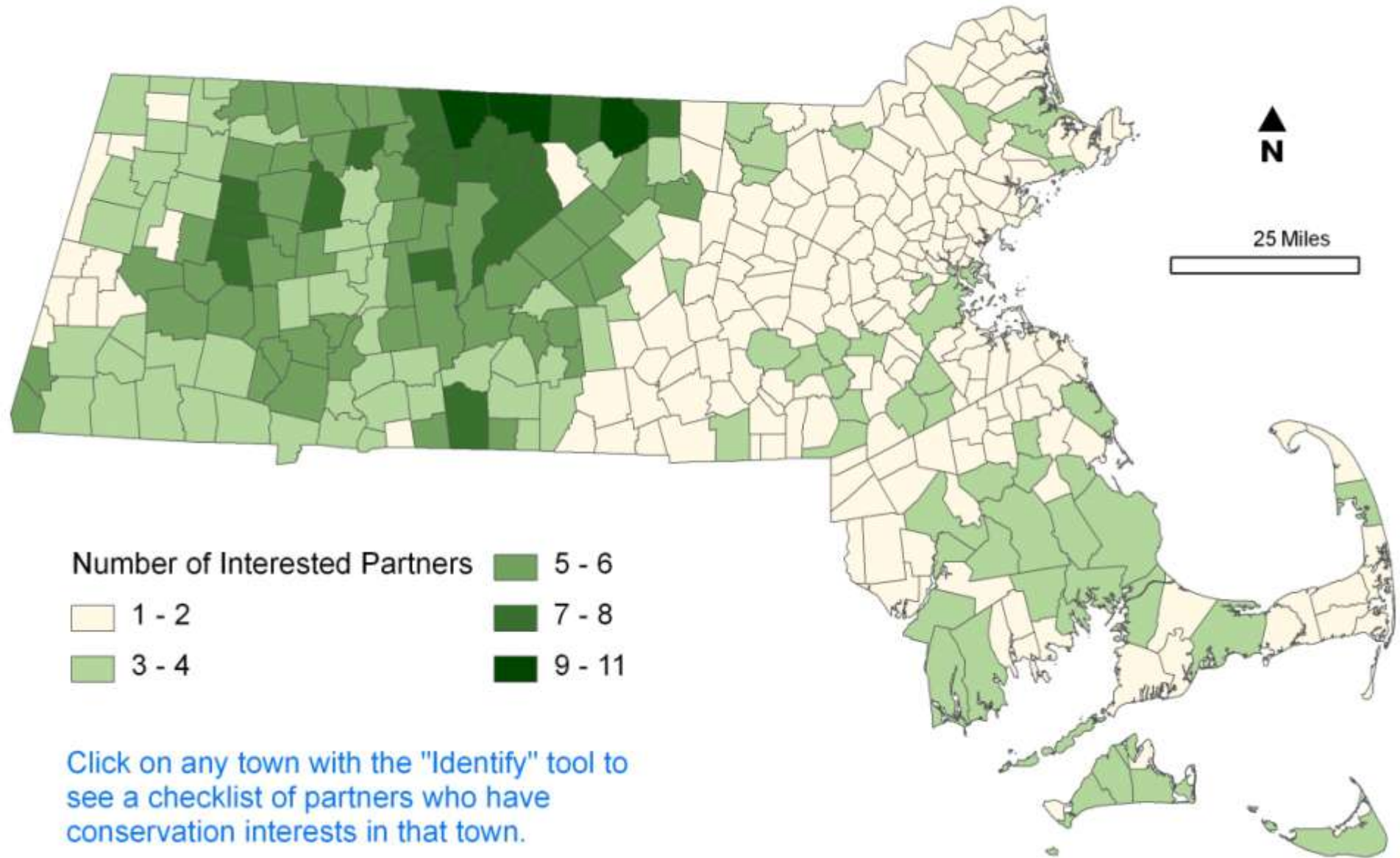


A scenic landscape photograph showing a vast mountain range under a cloudy sky. In the foreground, there are large, light-colored rocks and some green and yellow foliage. A river flows through a valley in the middle ground. The text "Wildlands and Woodlands" is overlaid in large white letters, and a green banner below it contains the subtitle "A Vision for the New England Landscape".

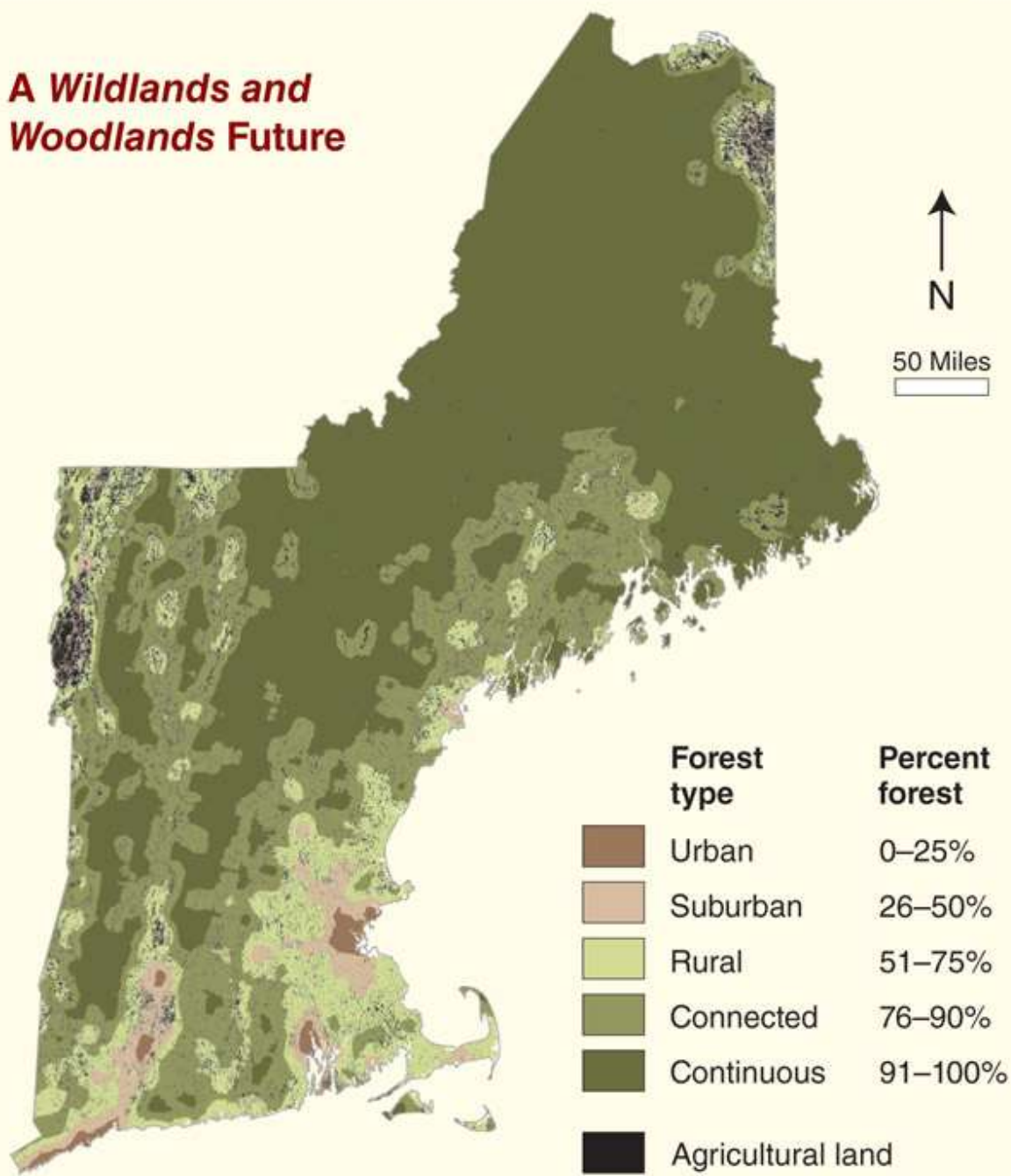
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A Vision for the New England Landscape

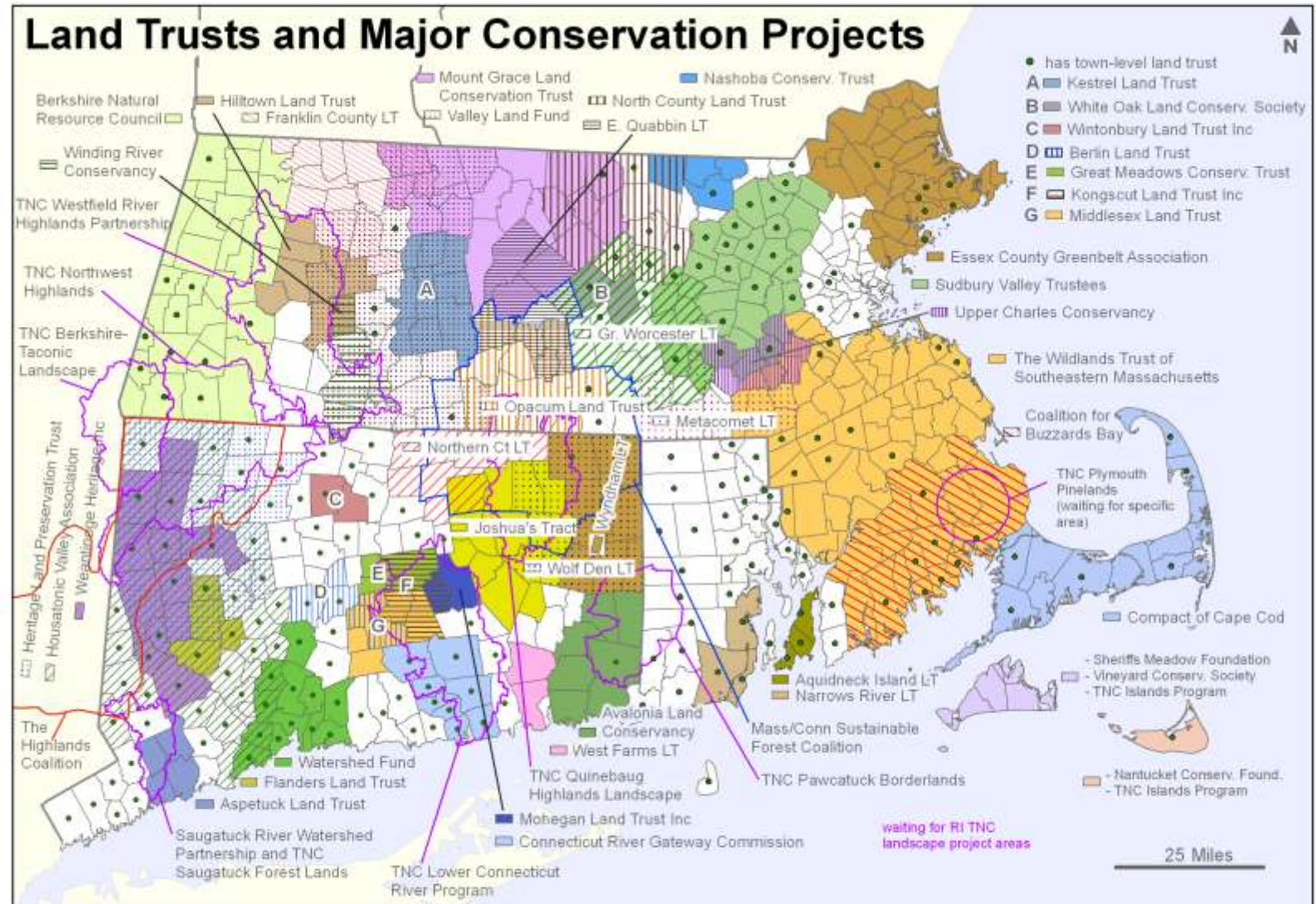
Towns of Interest to Wildlands and Woodlands Partnership Members



A Wildlands and Woodlands Future



New England's Conservation Capacity



How to Advance a Vision?





Things we might want to measure

- Acres protected permanently
- Acres under long term management
- Number of municipalities that have adopted conservation bylaws
- Number of community forests and under formal management
- Awareness of landowners as to their conservation and management options

Regional Conservation Partnerships



Important Attributes of Successful Partnerships

Capacity of Lead Group

- Strength of Professional Network
- Staffing > 1 FTE
- Territory Size \geq Partnership Region
- Financial Know -How of Partners

Strategy

- Conservation Vision maps with targets
- Real municipal engagement
- Scheduled meetings
- Coordinate activities and fundraising

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