

# Quabbin-to-Cardigan In New Hampshire



## OVERVIEW

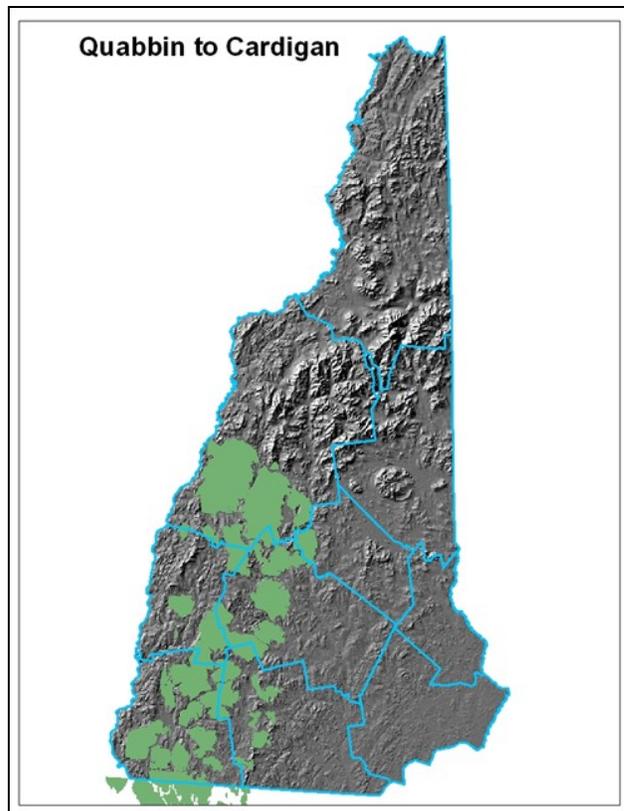
Quabbin-to-Cardigan (Q2C) is a focus area for land protection and sustainable forestry, as it is one of the largest ecologically significant forest blocks in New England. The 100 mile stretch of ground encompasses about 2 million acres from the Quabbin Reservoir in Western Massachusetts to Cardigan Mountain in Southern Grafton County, New Hampshire. Increasing development pressures threaten to fragment forest tracts which impact the viability of the forest industry and wildlife habitat. By protecting and restoring large forested tracts, the goal is to conserve the rich forest legacy of these landscapes, ecosystem services they provide, and sustain an economically viable forest industry.

## LAND MANAGEMENT

To keep private forests as forests, the **Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)** Forestry Initiative opportunity will assist private landowners in conservation planning and management of their forests to ensure sustainability. For 2011, NRCS is prioritizing the funding for landowners in the Quabbin-to-Cardigan forest corridor. NRCS will provide landowners with **technical and financial assistance** aimed at promoting sustainable forestry practices. The following is a list of “core” conservation practices:

- **Forest Stand Improvement**
- **Creating Early Successional Habitat**
- **Forest Regeneration**
- **Controlling Invasive Plants**
- **Providing fish passage**
- **Installing best management practices to reduce erosion on forest trails and landings.**

Several other practices are available for private landowners interested in enrolling in this initiative. Contact your local field office (reverse) for more information.



## LAND PROTECTION

**The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)** offers landowners the opportunity to restore and permanently protect the wetlands and associated uplands on their property. The program focuses on lands that have been utilized for agriculture or forestry and stand to benefit from wetland restoration efforts. NRCS will purchase an easement on the property as well as provide **100% of the technical and financial support** needed to complete the restoration. WRP helps private landowners in the Q2C area by:

- **Restoring Wetlands and Riparian Areas**
- **Protecting Rare Communities**
- **Improving Water Quality**
- **Relocating Forest Trails**

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## USDA-NRCS Offices within Q2C corridor

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**Concord Field Service Center**

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603-223-6021

**For Hillsborough County, Contact:**

**Milford Field Service Center**

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Milford, NH 03055  
603-673-2409

**For Grafton County, Contact:**

**Orford Field Service Center**

19 Archer Town Rd.  
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**For Cheshire and Sullivan Counties, Contact:**

**Walpole Field Service Center**

11 Industrial Park Dr.  
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**For Easements Programs, including the Wetlands  
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