

State Forest Action Plan: Forest Stewardship Program



Forest Stewardship Program

- Cooperative Forest Management Act (1978)
- Federal Program Focus:
 - Assist landowners with active resource management
 - Maintain productive and healthy forestlands for current and future landowners
 - Increase economic benefits while conserving forests
- Technical assistance to forest landowners

Forest Stewardship in RI

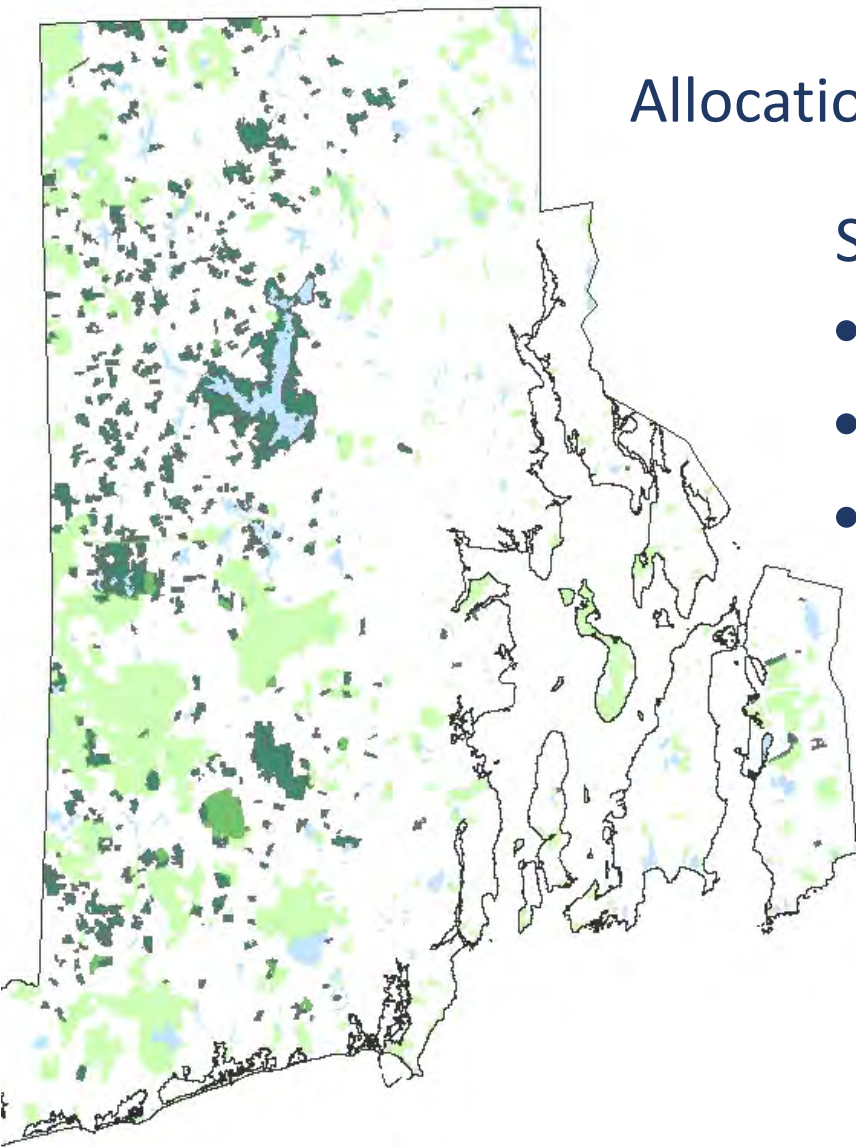
Allocation: \$79,000*

Support for forest landowners:

- Opportunities for funding
- technical assistance & advice
- connections to more resources

Partners:

- NRCS
- PPLT
- RIRC&D
- RICDs
- ATFS
- Etc!



**Goal 1: Promote Conservation of
Non-Industrial Private Forestland**

**Goal 2: Protect Private Forest Land
from Development and
Degradation**

**Goal 3: Enhance forest resources
and ecosystem services of private
forest lands**



PPLT Partnership & Project

(1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.2.2, 2.2.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.3)

- Invasive species outreach and education for private landowners
- Invasive species plans and treatments for private lands
- Underserved landowner identification, outreach, technical assistance delivery
- Pocasset Pokanoket Land Trust leading
- Project coordinator hired for September
- Competitive grant funded through IRA



Dirt-to-Trees-to-Wildlife Project

(1.2.1, 3.2.2)

- Tool for guiding sustainable management on private forestlands
- 3 Phases
 1. Dirt: soils classification & typing
 2. Trees: forest type associates classified by soil types
 3. Wildlife: wildlife associates of forest ecosystem types



Dirt-to-Trees-to-Wildlife Project

(1.2.1, 3.2.2)

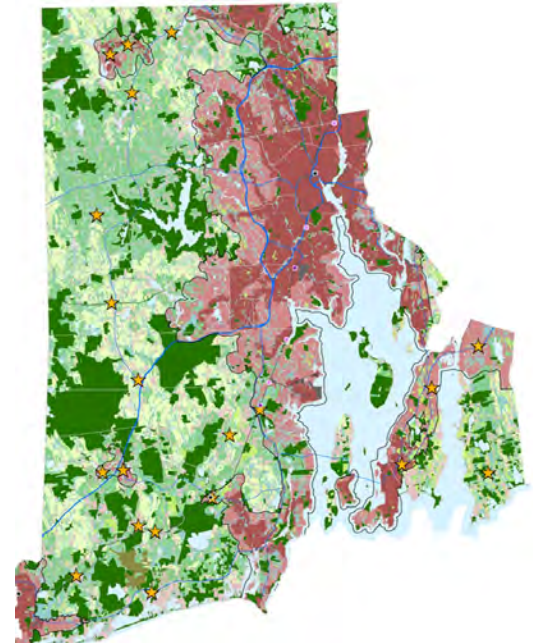
- Soils & vegetation sampling
 - Soil pits in collaboration with NRCS
 - Improving soils map accuracy
- Forest Types so far matching up as expected
- Matching NRCS ecological site descriptions to DTW habitat types



BMP Update Project

(2.3.1, 3.1.3, 3.2.1)

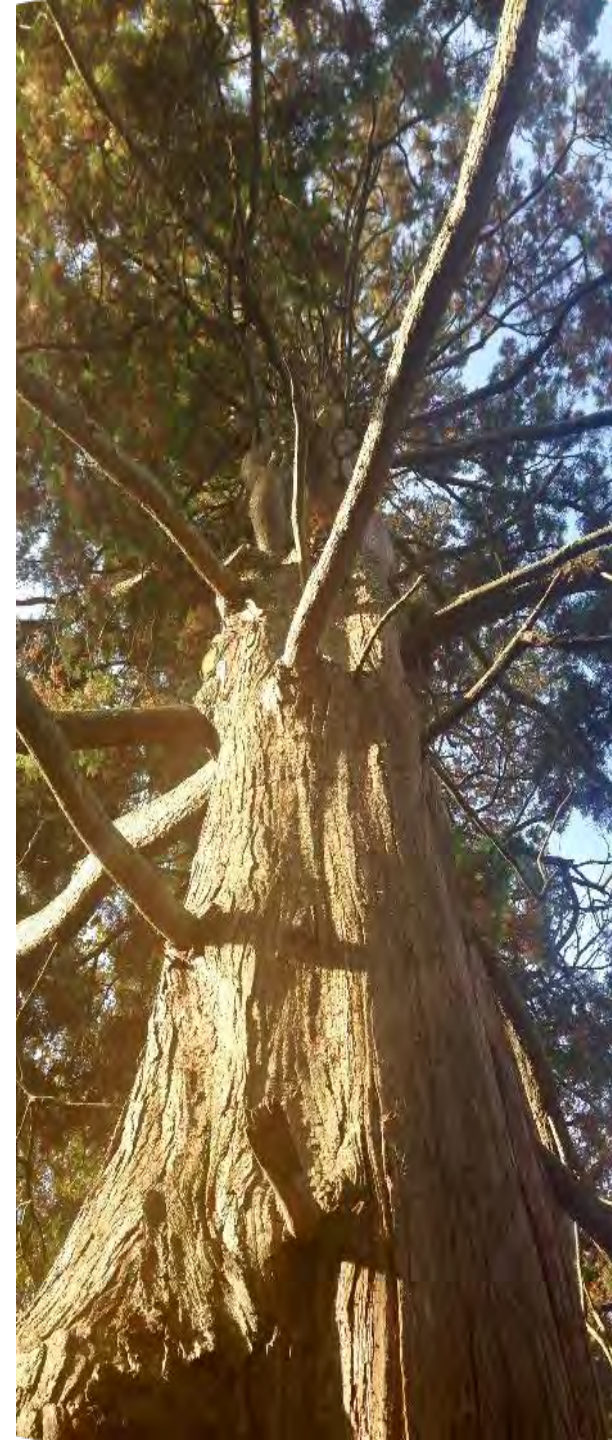
- Pocket Guide completed; Spring 2025
- Pocket Guide workshop #1 held at Arcadia Management Area; Spring 2025
- Expanded Manual currently in final design stages; expected Fall 2025
 - Digital (online PDF) only
- Landowner guide also in design; expected Winter
 - Digital (online PDF) only
- **Workshops in 2026**
 - Operators/foresters
 - Landowners



iNaturalist Project

(1.1.2, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.2.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.2)

- Documents biodiversity on RI's Forest Stewardship Properties
- Citizen science
- Communicates importance of the RI Forest Stewardship Program and the landowners who steward their lands
- Outreach and education materials currently in development
- Seeking “pilot” project testers!



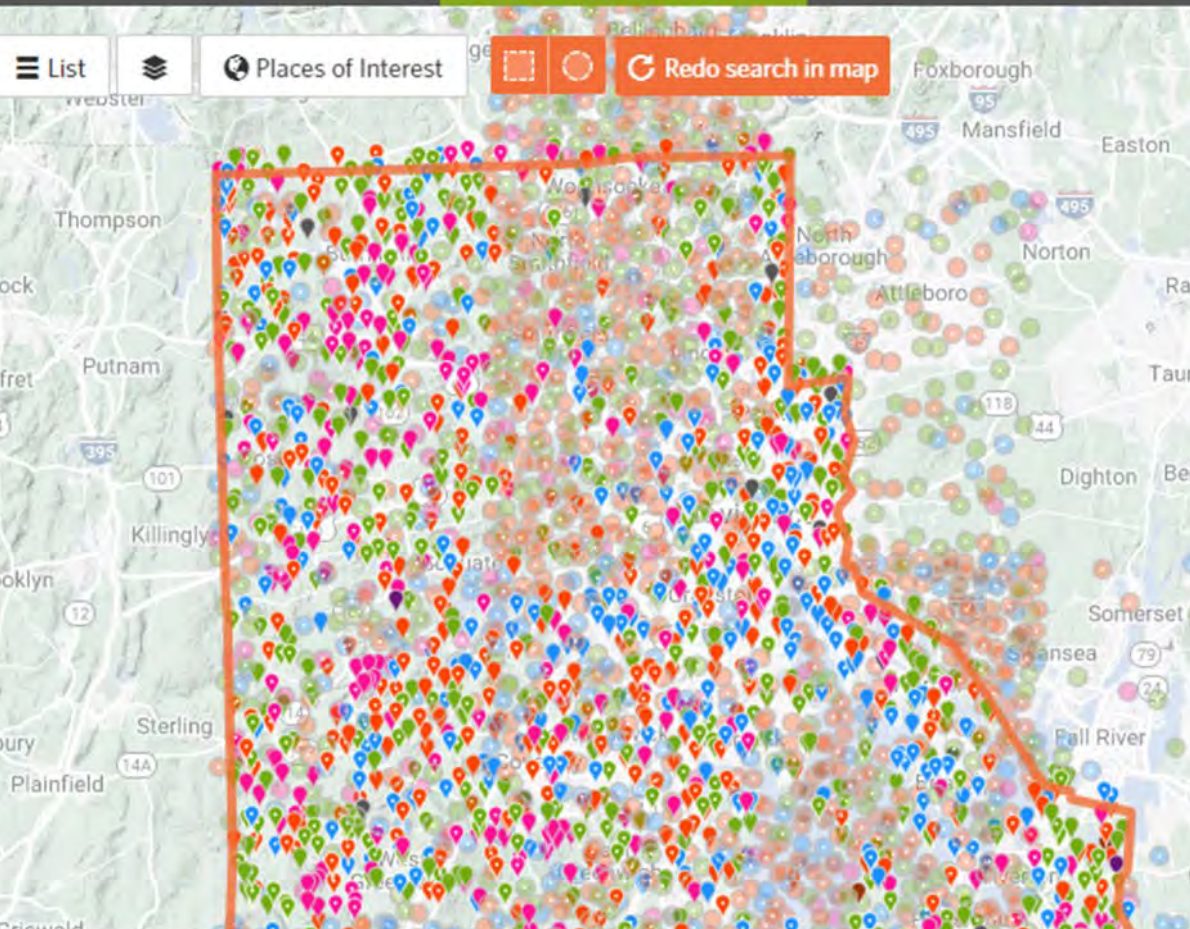
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SPECIES

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IDENTIFIERS

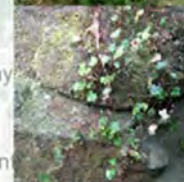
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OBSERVERS

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(*Tanacetum vulgare*)
Newport, RI, USA • Dec 10, 2023

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Cancerworts
(Genus *Cymbalaria*)
Newport, RI, USA • Dec 10, 2023

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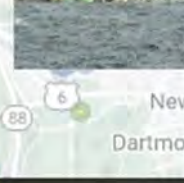
Grey Seal
(*Halichoerus grypus*)
Newport County, RI... • Dec 10, 2023

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Flowering Plants
(Subphylum Angiospermae)
Newport, RI, USA • Dec 10, 2023

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Harlequin Duck
(*Histrionicus histrionicus*)



Rock Harlequin (*Capnoides sempervirens*)

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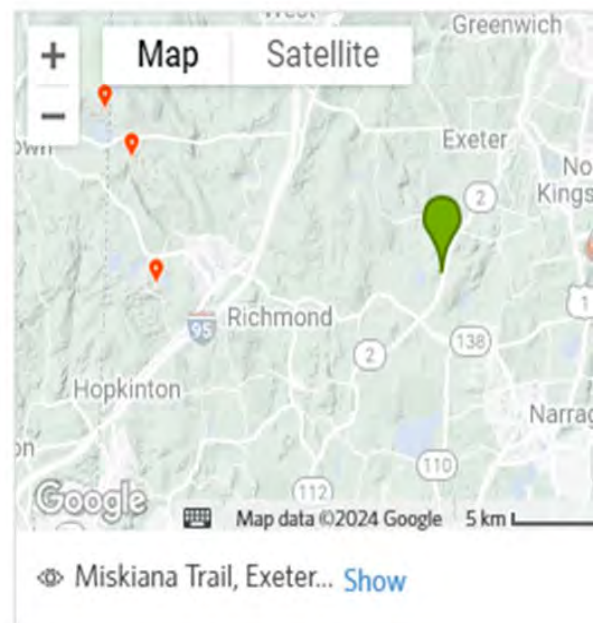
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