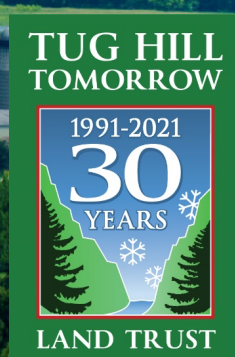


# Forest Conservation

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## Poll Question #1: How would you describe yourself?

Answer 1: Town board member

Answer 2: Planning board member

Answer 3: Forest landowner

Answer 4: Employed in wood products

Answer 5: Agency staff

Answer 6: Just interested

# New York's Forests at a Glance (from DEC)

New York Land Area: 30.2 million acres

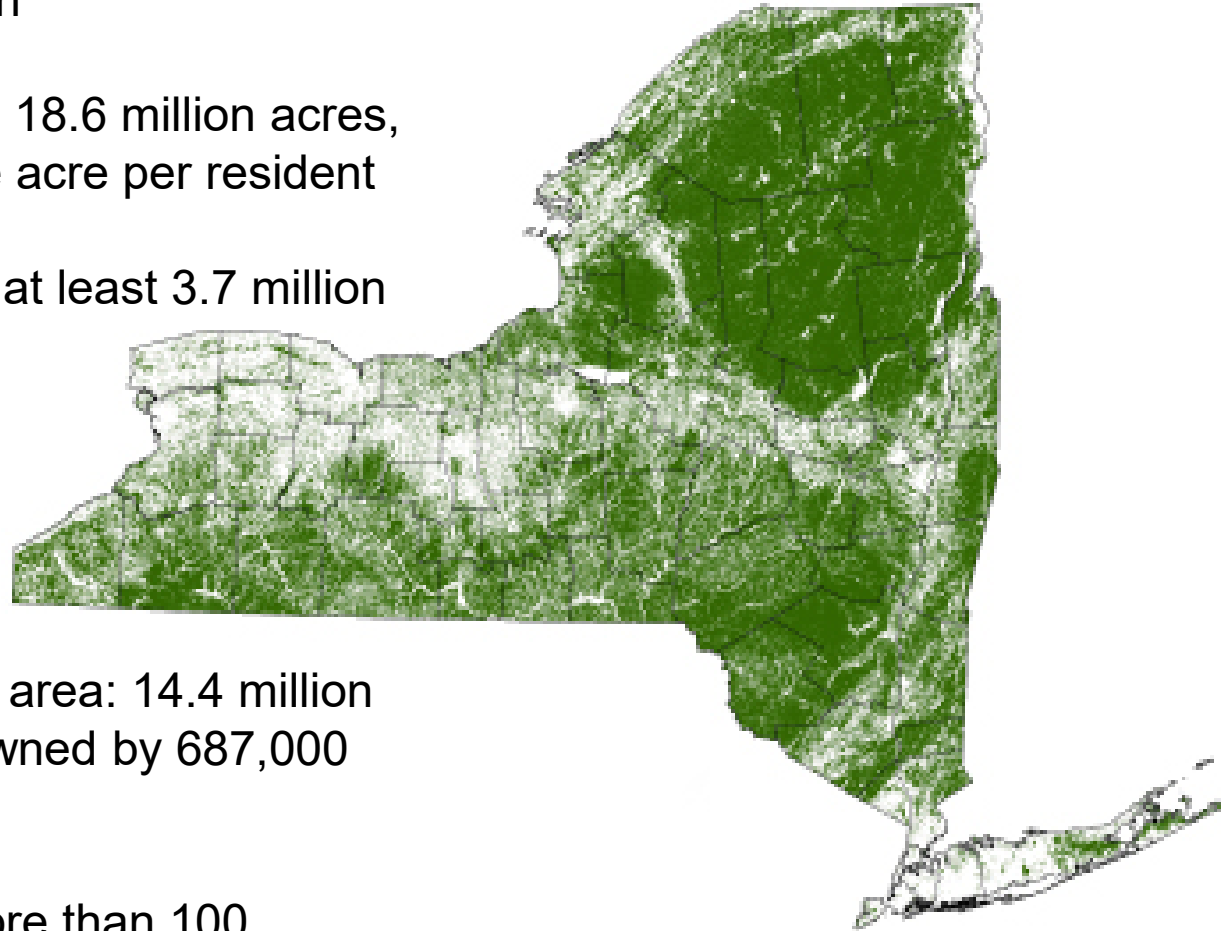
State Population: 19.4 million

- New York State forest area: 18.6 million acres, 61% of land area, about one acre per resident

- Publicly-owned forest land: at least 3.7 million acres

- Privately-owned forest land area: 14.4 million acres; 76% of forest land; owned by 687,000 landowners

- Number of tree species: more than 100 commercial and non-commercial, most common forest type: maple/beech/birch (53% of forest land area)





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# **U.S. Forest Service Forest Conservation Programs**

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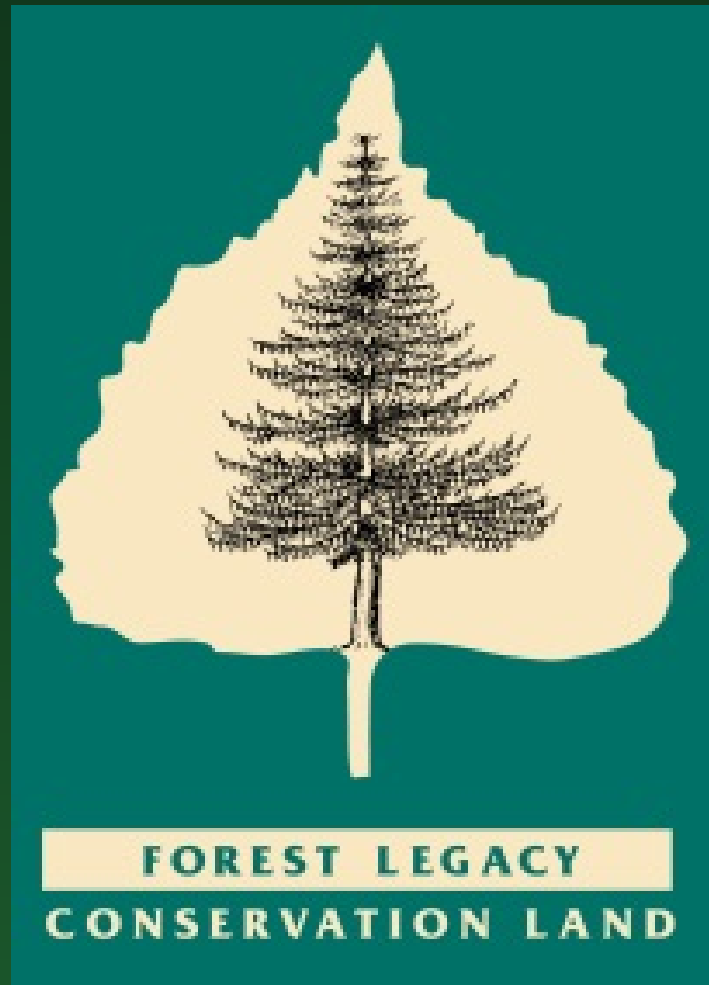
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- Agency of the US Department of Agriculture
  - National Forest System
  - Research
  - State and Private Forestry
    - Forest Health
    - Fire and Aviation Management
    - Cooperative Forestry

# Forest Legacy Program

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# Forest Legacy Program (FLP)

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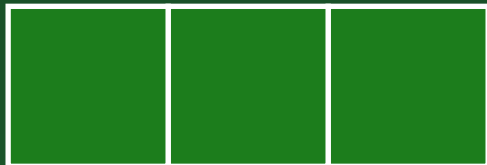
- Purpose
- History
- Implemented by the States
- Projects can be fully acquired OR conservation easement
- Projects selected on a Nationally competitive basis



# Full Purchase or Conservation Easement

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- Land or CE must be acquired by the State
- Land or CE must be in a designated Forest Legacy Area
- FLP can provide up to 75% of the total costs
  - The 25% must be from non-federal sources

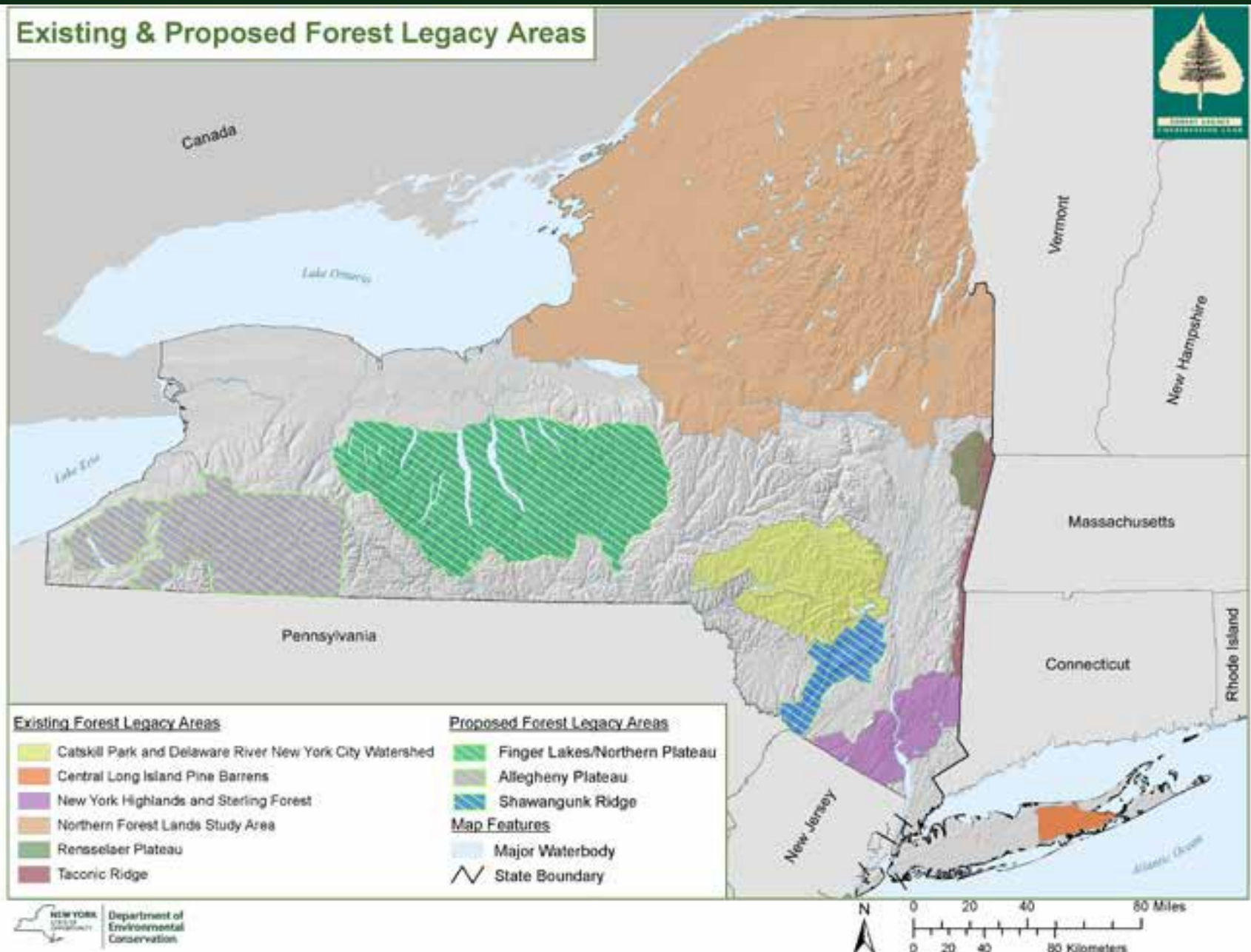


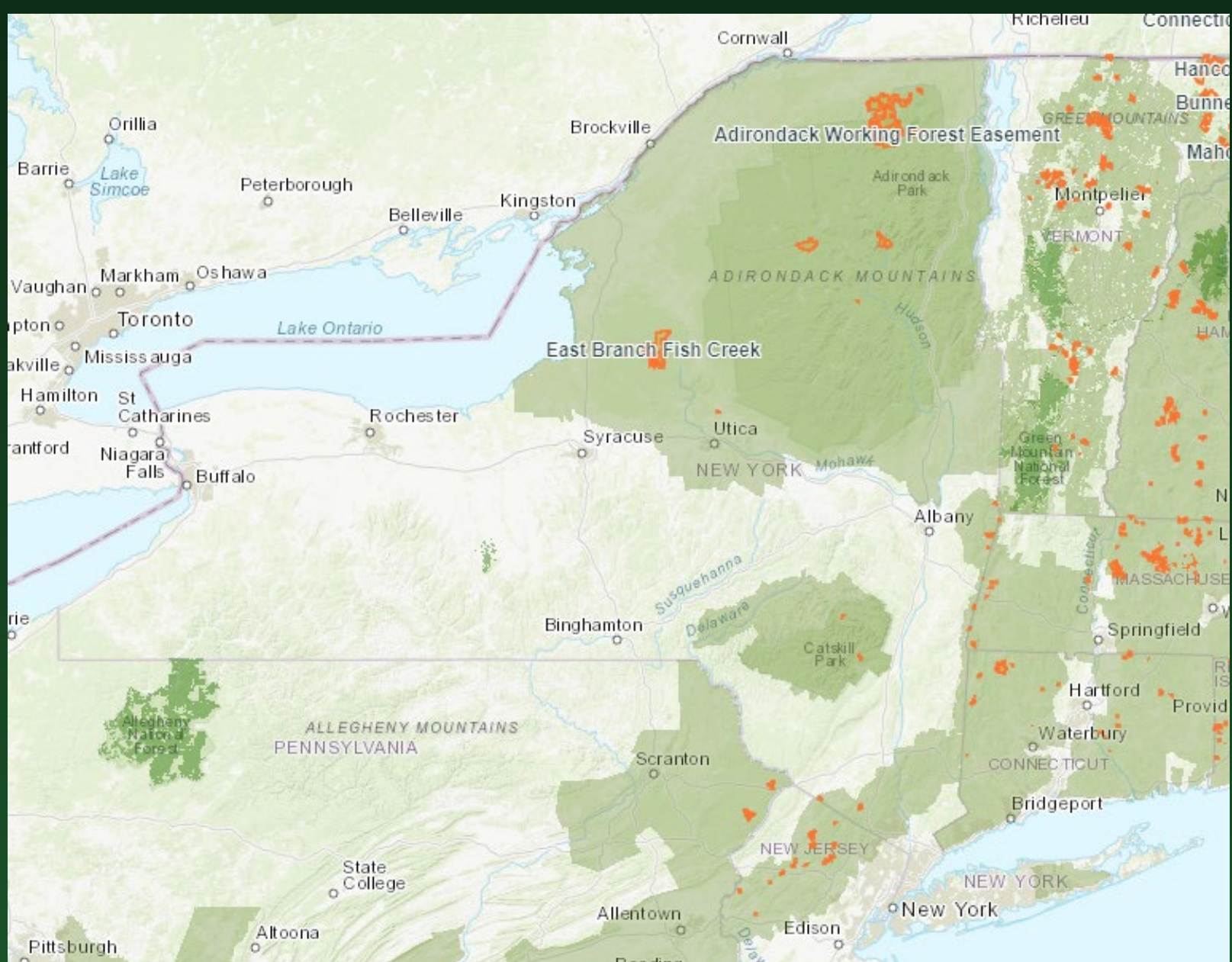
75%  
FLP



25%  
Non- Federal

# Existing & Proposed Forest Legacy Areas





Completed FLP Projects



Forest Legacy Area



# FLP Accomplishments in the Tug Hill Area



# FLP Accomplishments

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## New York State

- 13 projects
- 135,820 acres
- \$34,264,000 total value
- \$12,060,400 from FLP







# FLP funding

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- The program is funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Great American Outdoors Act signed into law August 2020
- FLP 2016-2020 Average  
~\$64,000,000 a year
- FLP 2021 \$94,255,000

# FLP Project Timeline

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- Next Round is for **FY2023** funding
- Applications due to State by summer 2021
- State submits applications to FS in fall 2021
- Winter 2022/2023 final project list
- If a project is funded the goal is to complete the project in 2 years or less

# Forest Legacy Program Contacts

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# Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program

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# Community Forest Program (CFP)

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- Purpose
- History
- Implemented at the local level
- Projects are for full acquisition, **NO** conservation easements
- Projects selected on a Nationally competitive basis

# Eligible Land

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## Private forest lands that:

- 1) Are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses;
- 2) Are not lands held in trust by the United States; and
- 3) If acquired by an eligible entity, can provide defined community benefits under the CFP and allow public access.



# Public Benefits

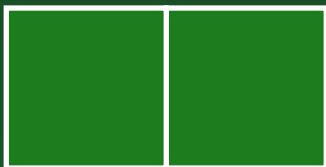
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- Economic
- Educational
- Environmental
- Recreational
  
- Community Involvement

# Acquisition

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- Land can be acquired by:
  - Local units of Government
  - Eligible non-profit organization
  - Federally recognized Tribes
- CFP can provide up to 50% of the total costs
  - The other 50% must be from non-federal sources



50%  
FLP

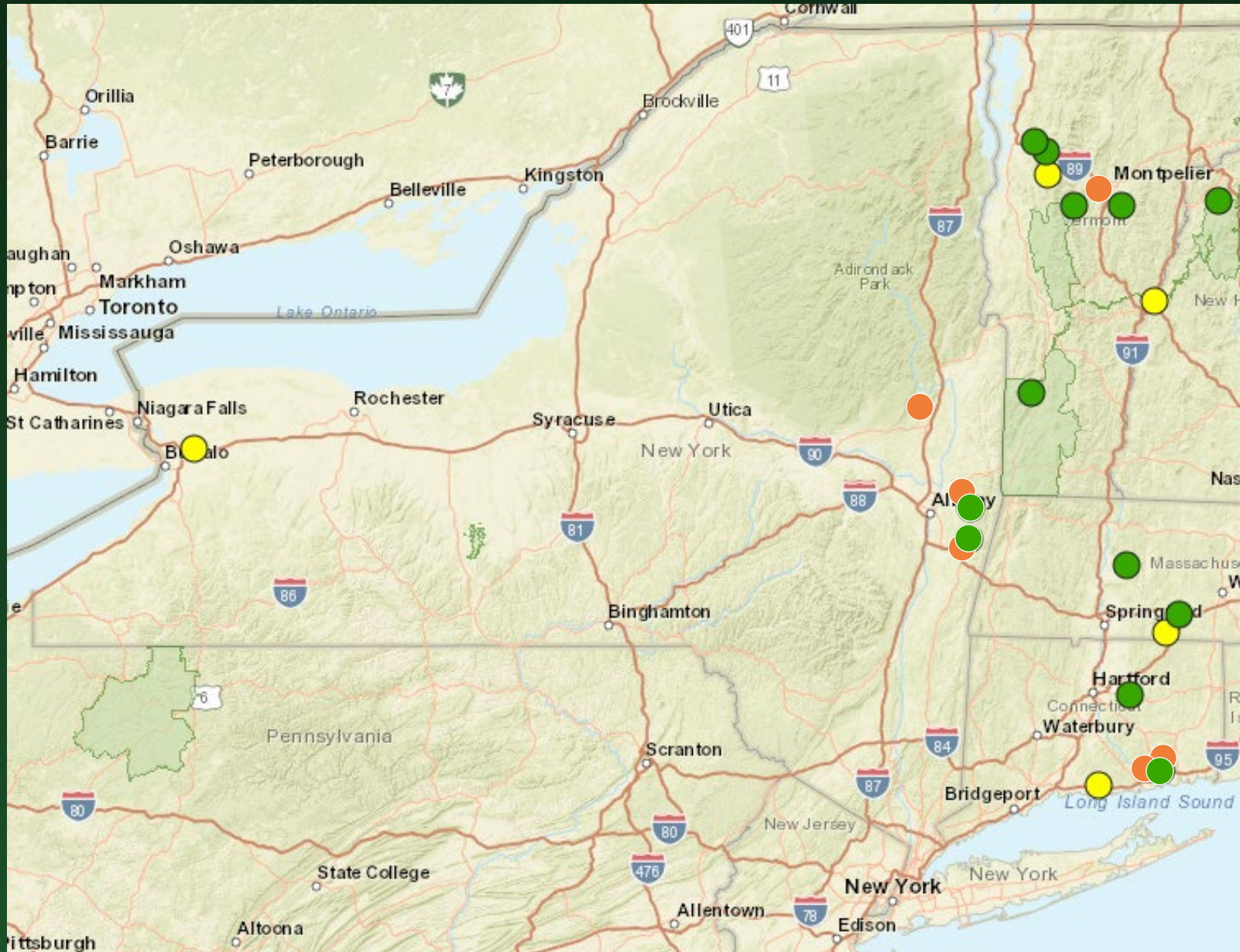


50%  
Non-Federal

# CFP funding

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- The program is funded through general appropriation, NOT LWCF
- CFP 2010 \$500,000
- CFP 2011 \$1,000,000
- CFP 2012-2017 \$2,000,000 each year
- CFP 2018-2021 \$4,000,000 each year



● Completed CFP Projects

● Funded CFP Projects

● 2021 Proposed CFP Projects

# CFP Accomplishments

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## New York State

- 2 projects
- 703 acres
- \$626,844 total value
- \$300,000 from CFP

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Poll Question #2:  
Would you be interested in having a community  
forest somewhere on Tug Hill?

Answer 1: Yes

Answer 2: No







# CFP Timeline

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- Next Round is for **FY2022** funding
- Applications due to State by January 2022\*
- State submits applications to Forest Service in February 2022\*
- April 2022\* final project list
- If a project is funded the goal is to complete the project in 2 years or less

\* based on past time frames

# CFP Contact

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