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## 2. AGS Reserves Workgroup Recommended Forest Reserves and Parklands Scenario

### PROPOSED MASSACHUSETTS STATE PARKLAND AND RESERVE SYSTEM Submitted to Forest Futures Visioning Process

#### SUMMARY

	Total Acres	Parkland Acres in Reserves	Net Parklands & Reserves Acres	% of Total DSPR	% of Total State Lands
DSPR Parks and Reservations Proposed as Parklands	77,762	15,854	61,908	20%	11%
DSPR State Forests Within "Sprawl Frontier" Proposed as Parklands	45,942	36,501	9,441	3%	2%
DSPR Lands Proposed as Large Reserves	176,024		176,024	57%	31%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>247,373</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>43%</b>

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#### PROPOSED PARKLANDS

Parklands would combine two existing land categories into one consistently managed category.

- **State Parks and Reservations Proposed for Parkland Designation.** All existing DCR state parks, reservations, historic sites, trails, recreation areas, greenways, and other park areas — **77,762 acres (61,908 net acres not in Large Reserves).**
- **State Forests within Massachusetts Audubon Eastern Massachusetts "Sprawl Frontier."**<sup>1</sup> Eastern Massachusetts state forests in areas of high population density or projected high population growth — **45,942 acres (9,441 net acres not in Large Reserves).**
- **TOTAL: 123,704 acres (71,349 net acres not in Large Reserves)**

#### State Parks and Reservations Proposed for Parkland Designation

Area	Municipality	Total Acres	Total Acres Minus Reserves
Abigail Adams SP	Weymouth	9	9
Acushnet Cedar Swamp SR	Dartmouth, New Bedford	2,100	
Alewife Brook Parkway	Cambridge	3	3
Alewife Brook Reservation	Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Somerville	136	136
Allied Veterans Rink	Everett	3	3
Amelia Earhart Dam	Somerville	2	2
Ames Nowell SP	Abington	610	610
Anthony A. Laconte Rink	Medford	1	1

<sup>1</sup> See *Losing Ground: Beyond the Footprint*, Massachusetts Audubon, 2009, p. 7  
[http://www.massaudubon.org/PDF/advocacy/losingground/LosingGround\\_print.pdf](http://www.massaudubon.org/PDF/advocacy/losingground/LosingGround_print.pdf)

Appalachiah Trail Corridor	Dalton, etc.	1,473	1,473
Ashland SP	Ashland	473	473
Ashmere Lake SP	Hinsdale, Peru	205	205
Ashuwillticook Rail Trail	Adams, Cheshire, Lanesborough	8	8
Baker Chocolate Factory	Boston	0	0
Balance Rock SP	Lanesborough	137	137
Baldpate Pond SP	Boxford, Georgetown	81	81
Bare Hill Pond Public Access	Harvard	2	2
Barefoot Brook Flood Control Site	Marlborough, Northborough	57	57
Barnstable Fire Tower	Barnstable	6	6
Bash Bish Falls SP	Mount Washington	424	424
Bates Memorial SP	Hancock	423	423
Bay Circuit Trail	Rowley	84	84
Bay Farm	Kingston	7	7
Beaver Brook Reservation	Belmont, Waltham	47	47
Beaver Brook North Reservation	Belmont, Lexington, Waltham	243	243
Belle Isle Marsh SR	Boston	188	188
Birmingham Parkway	Boston	3	3
Blackstone River SP	Northbridge	1,066	1,066
Blue Hills Reservation	Braintree, Canton, Milton, Quincy, Randolph	6,387	6,387
Boad Ramp	Hopkinton	1	1
Borderland SP	North Easton	1,776	1,776
Boston Harbor Islands SP	Hingham	335	335
Bradley Palmer SP	Topsfield	740	740
Breakheart Reservation	Saugus, Wakefield	652	652
Bristol Blake SP	Norfolk	141	141
Brook Farm Historic Site	West Roxbury	179	179
Buffumville RA	Oxford	400	400
Buttery Brook Memorial Pool	South Hadley	1	1
C.M. Gardner SP	Huntington	85	85
Callahan SP	Framingham	1,027	1,027
Camp Meigs	Boston	3	3
Campbell's Falls SP	Southfield	138	138
Cape Cod Rail Trail	Eastham	55	55
Carroll Parkway	Lynn	4	4
Carroll Holmes RA	Shutesbury	42	42
Cass Rink and Pool	Boston	3	3
Castle Island SP	Boston	22	22
Cedar Swamp	Hopkinton	9	9
Charles River Reservation	Boston, Cambridge, Dedham, Natick, etc	862	862
Chelsea Creek Beach	Boston	0	0
Chicopee Memorial SP	Chicopee	562	562
Chicopee State Boat Ramp	Chicopee	29	29
Cleaveland Farm	Boxford, Rowley	181	181
Cochituate SP	Coshituate	872	872
Columbia Road Park	Boston	0	0
Commercial Point	Boston	10	10
Conley and Tenean SP	Boston	1	1
Connecticut River Greenway	Deerfield, etc.	1,031	1,031
Connell Rink and Pool	Weymouth	7	7
Connery Rink	Lynn	2	2
Constitution Beach	Boston	82	82
Cushing Memorial SP	Scituate	7	7
Cutler Park SR	Dedham, Needham, Newton	745	745

Daniel S Horigan Memorial Rink	Auburn	5	5
Dealtry Pool	Watertown	1	1
Deer Hill SR	Cummington, Plainfield	350	350
Delaney Flood Control Site	Bolton, Boxborough, Havard, Stow	656	656
Demarest Lloyd SP	Dartmouth	216	216
Dennis Fire Tower	Dennis	7	7
Dighton Rock SP	Berkley	98	98
Dorothy Quincy House	Quincy	2	2
Dugger Park	Medford	3	3
Dunn Pond SP	Gardner	132	132
Ellisville Harbor SP	Plymouth	97	97
Elm Bank SR	Dover, Wellesley	175	175
Emmons-Horrigan-O'Neill Rink	Boston	2	2
Fall River Heritage SP	Fall River	14	14
Fire Tower-Essex	Essex	7	7
Flynn Rink	Medford	10	10
Forest Grove	Waltham	26	26
Fort Phoenix Beach SR	Fairhaven	28	28
Fort Revere SP	Hull	6	6
Foss Park	Somerville	15	15
Fountain Pond Park	Great Barrington	250	250
Franklin Park Zoo	Boston	83	83
Fresh Pond Parkway	Cambridge	1	1
Furnace Brook Parkway	Quincy	52	52
Gallivan Blvd	Boston	1	1
Gardner Heritage SP	Gardner	0	0
Gardner Veterans Skating Rink	Gardner	5	5
Gore Street (Simoni) Rink	Cambridge, Somerville	1	1
Governor Thomas Dudley Park	Billerica	11	11
Great Brook Farm SP	Carlisle	909	909
Groton Fire Tower	Groton	1	1
Halibut Point SP	Rockport	55	55
Hammond Pond Parkway	Brookline	26	26
Hammond Pond Reservation	Newton	60	60
Hampton Ponds SP	Southampton, Westfield	47	47
Hancock Woods	Boston	48	48
Havey Beach	Boston	17	17
Hawksnest SP	Harwich	236	236
Hemlock Gorge SR	Needham, Newton, Wellesley	16	16
Henry Graf Rink	Newburyport	14	14
High Head	Truro	1	1
Holland Memorial Pool	Malden	1	1
Holyoke Heritage SP	Holyoke	7	7
Holyoke Range SP	Amherst, etc.	3,729	3,729
Hop Brook Flood Control Site	Northborough	161	161
Hopkinton SP	Hopkinton	1,244	1,244
Horse Pond Flood Control Site	North Brookfield	176	176
Horseneck Beach SR	Westport Point	536	536
Hull Shore Reservation	Hull	4	4
J. Elwell Conservation Area	Northampton	2	2
John H. Thomas Memorial Pool	Springfield	2	2
John J. Janas Memorial Rink	Lowell	5	5
John J. Thompson Memorial Pool	Ludlow	1	1
Johnny Appleseed SP	Leominster	206	206

Jordan Marsh Service Center	Quincy	81	81
Josweph Sylvia State Beach	Edgartown, Oak Bluffs	117	117
Jug End SR	Egremont	19	19
Kelly Rink	Boston	5	5
Kennedy Park	Cambridge	5	5
Kings Beach	Swampscott	3	3
Kittredge Flood Control Site	North Brookfield, Spencer	120	120
Krug Sugarbush SP	Chesterfield	88	88
Lake Lorraine SP	Springfield	3	3
Lamberton Brook Flood Control Site	Warren, West Brookfield	13	13
Laurel Lake Boat Ramp	Lee	0	0
Lawrence Heritage SP	Lawrence	0	0
Lawrence Riverfront SP	Lawrence	46	46
Leo Martin Golf Course	Weston	31	31
Linden and Town Line Brook	Revere	11	11
Leominster State Pool	Leominster	6	6
Lowell Heritage SP	Lowell	60	60
Lowell Park	Cambridge	8	8
Lt. Col. E.J. Higgins Mem Pool	Lawrence	3	3
Lynn Fells Parkway	Melrose, Stoneham	3	3
Lynn Fishing Pier	Lynn	0	0
Lynn Heritage SP	Lynn	4	4
Lynn Shore Reservation	Lynn	22	22
Lynn Woods Reservation	Saugus	49	49
Malibu Beach	Boston	27	27
Marine Park	Boston	11	11
Mary O'Malley Waterfront Park	Chelsea	20	20
Massasoit SP	East Taunton	1,181	1,181
Maudslay SP	Newburyport	482	482
McCrehan Pool	Cambridge	2	2
McMorrow Playground	Boston	6	6
Medfield Charles River SR	Dover, Medfield, Millis	476	476
Medford Boat Club	Arlington	1	1
Melrose Pool	Melrose	2	2
Middlesex Fells Reservation	Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham, etc.	2,391	2,391
Moore SP	Paxton	738	738
Moose Hill Food Control Site	Leicester, Spencer	112	112
Morrissey Blvd	Boston	21	21
Morton Street	Boston	32	32
Mother Brook Reservation	Boston, Dedham	45	45
Museum of Science	Boston, Cambridge	81	81
Mount Everett SR	Egremont, Mount Washington, Sheffield	1,653	1,653
Mount Greylock SR	Adams, Cheshire, Lanesborough, etc.	12,728	12,728
Mount Sugarloaf SR	Deerfield	533	533
Mount Tom SR	Holyoke	1,967	1,967
Myles Standish Monument Sr	Duxbury	30	30
Mystic Lakes	Medford, Winchester	96	96
Mystic River Reservation	Arlington, Everett, Medford, Somerville	327	327
Mystic Valley Parkway	Arlington, Winchester	24	24
Mystic View Road	Everett	2	2
Nahant Beach/Lynn Shore Res	Nahant	67	67
Nantasket Beach SP	Hull	39	39
Nashua River Rail Trail	Ayer, Dunstable, Groton, Pepperell	57	57
Nasketucket Bay SR	Mattapoisett	211	211

Natural Bridge SP	North Adams	44	44
Neponset River Reservation	Boston, Canton, Dedham, Milton	1,407	1,407
Neponset Valley Parkway	Boston, Milton	20	20
New Charles River Dam	Boston	7	7
Newton Lower Falls Park	Newton, Weston	9	9
Nickerson SP	Brewster	1,953	1,953
North End (Steriti) Rink	Boston	3	3
Norwottuck Rail Trail	Northhampton	62	62
Oak Island Boat Ramp	Shresbury	6	6
Old Harbor Reservation	Boston	142	142
Pattens Cove	Boston	10	10
Peddocks Island	Hull	193	193
Pemberton Park	Lawrence	5	5
Pilgrim Memorial SP	Plymouth	61	61
Pilgrim Memorial Monument	Plymouth	11	11
Pine Swamp	Ipswich	5	5
Plum Island SR	Newburyport	64	64
Purgatory Chasm SR	Sutton	100	100
Quashnet Woods SR	Mashpee	32	32
Quincy Shore Drive	Quincy	8	8
Quincy Shore Reservation	Quincy	88	88
Quinsigimond SP	Worcester	38	38
Red Bridge SP	Ludlow, Palmer, Wilbraham	101	101
Red Wing Bay	Needham	2	2
Regional Headquarters-Central	Amherst, Hadley	14	14
Regional Headquarters-West	Pittsfield	80	80
Rehoboth Fire Tower	Rehoboth	1	1
Revere Beach Parkway	Everett, Revere	91	91
Revere Beach Reservation	Revere	84	84
River Street	Weston	2	2
Riverdale Park	Dedham	6	6
Riverwalk Park	Waltham	10	10
Robert M. Devine Rink	Boston	4	4
Robinson SP	Agawam, West Springfield, Westfield	1,025	
Ross Flood Control Site	Berlin	187	187
Roxbury Heritage SP	Roxbury	3	3
Rumney Marsh Reservation	Revere, Saugus	737	737
Rutland SP	Rutland	286	286
Salisbury Beach SP	Salisbury	355	355
Sandy Point SP	Ipswich	134	134
Saugus River Reservation	Saugus	8	8
Scusset Beach SR	Bourne, Sandwich	79	79
Sen. P. Eugene Casey Mem Pool	Milford	3	3
Sherrin and Dale St. Playground	Boston	8	8
Short Beach	Revere, Winthrop	5	5
Silver Brook N Flood Control	Sandisfield	160	160
Silver Brook S Flood Control	Sandisfield	53	53
Skinner SP	Hadley	843	843
South Beach SP	Edgartown	106	106
South Cape Beach SP	Mashpee	460	460
South New England Trail	Bellingham, Blackstone	33	33
South Watuppa Boat Ramp	Fall River	7	7
Southwest Corridor	Boston	0	0
Spot Pond Brook	Malden, Melrose	13	13

Squantum Point Park	Quincy	46	46
Stodders Neck	Hingham	26	26
Stone Zoo	Stoneham	15	15
Stony Brook Reservation	Boston, Dedham	613	613
Sucker Brook Flood Control	West Brookfield	68	68
Tenean Beach	Boston	10	10
Tisbury Fire Tower	West Tisbury	1	1
Toohig Park	Boston	2	2
Town Brook Flood Control	Braintree	54	54
Town Line Brook	Everett, Malden, Revere	12	12
Triphammer Woods	Hingham	26	26
Tyler Flood Control	Marlborough, Northborough	98	98
Vaughn Square	Melrose	1	1
Veterans Memorial Park	Medford	3	3
Veterans Memorial Rink	Franklin	4	4
Veterans Memorial Rink	Somerville	2	2
Victory Road Park	Boston	7	7
Village Falls Park	Needham	2	2
Wachusett Mountain SR	Princeton, Westminster	2,289	2,289
Wahconah Falls SP	Dalton, Hinsdale, Windsor	48	48
Walden Pond SR	Concord, Lincoln	335	335
Waquoit Bay NERR	Falmouth, Mashpee	110	110
Ware River Rail Trail	Phillipston, Templeton	33	33
Washburn Island SP	Falmouth	286	286
Watson Pond SP	Taunton	11	11
Webb Memorial SP	Weymouth	59	59
Wells SP	Sturbridge	1,238	1,238
West Island SR	Fairhaven	350	350
West Roxbury Parkway	Boston	36	36
Western Gateway Heritage SP	North Adams	8	8
Whitehall SP	Hopkinton	837	837
Willis Fishing Pier	Lynn	0	0
Wilson Mountain Reservation	Dedham	15	15
Wilson Mountain Reservation	Dedham	200	200
Winthrop Beach	Winthrop	18	18
Wompatuck SP	Hingham	3,584	3,584
Other-Parks and Recreation	Granby, Kingston, Royalston, Whately	136	136
Other-Urban Parks	Boston, etc.	22	22
	<i>State Parks and Reservations Total</i>	<i>77,762</i>	<i>61,908</i>

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**State Forests within Massachusetts Audubon eastern Massachusetts  
“sprawl frontier.”**

Area	Municipality	Total Acres	
		Total Acres	Minus Reserves
Barnstable	Barnstable	51	51
Billerica	Billerica	168	168
Boxford	Boxford	1,045	
Brewster	Brewster	26	26
Carlisle	Carlisle	22	22
Cleaveland Farms	Boxford	184	
Manuel F. Correllus	Martha's Vineyard	5,214	
Douglas	Douglas	5,318	
Franklin	Franklin	777	777
Freetown-Fall River	Fall River, Freetown	5,470	
Georgetown-Rowley	Georgetown	1,041	
Harold Parker	North Reading	3,329	
Kingston	Kingston	167	167
Lowell-Dracut	Dracut, Lowell, Tyngsboro	1,000	1,000
Marlboro-Sudbury	Marlboro, Sudbury	300	300
Myles Standish	South Carver	12,410	
Nantucket	Nantucket	137	137
Raynham	Raynham	15	15
Rehoboth	Rehoboth	140	140
J. Harry Rich	Groton	508	508
Shawme-Crowell	Sandwich	700	700
Sutton	Sutton	1,459	1,459
Upton	Upton	2,660	2,660
West Bridgewater	West Bridgewater	246	246
Willowdale	Ipswich	2,490	
Wrentham	Wrentham	1,064	1,064
	<i>Eastern State Forests to Parklands-Total</i>	45,942	9,441

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	PROPOSED PARKLANDS-GRAND TOTAL	123,704	71,349
	% OF TOTAL DSPR LAND	41%	23%

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PROPOSED LARGE RESERVES

PROPOSED LARGE RESERVES - SUMMARY [Existing reserves in italics]\*

Area	EPA Ecoregion*	DSCR		DFW		DSCR/DFW		DSCR		TSC DSCR		TSC DSCR		Other Potential State Addns	TOTAL POTENTIAL RESERVES
		Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed	Total Existing	Total Proposed	Scenario	"Expanded"	Scenario	"Expanded"				
Chalet	58c	329	6,469	6,798	1,495	1,824	645	-1,179	3,971	12,264					
October Mountain	58c			16,323	16,323	15,683	-640	2,345	18,668						
Mount Greylock	58e	8,328	0	8,328	8,029	11,926	-4,431	489	16,846						
Mount Washington	58a	6,282	738	7,020	371	6,653	383	2,085	9,476						
New Marlborough	58d			10,550	10,550	3,079	-7,471	722	11,272						
<i>E Br Westfield (Westhampton)</i>	59a58e	1,419	694	2,103	5,344	6,763	-4,879	6,766	14,213						
Wendell	58g			8,000	8,000	4,121	-3,879	643	8,643						
Warwick	58g			13,632	13,632	10,721	-2,911	2,831	16,463						
Royalston	58g			868	868	14	-854	6,188	7,056						
Cunningham Pond (Ware)	59h	0	3,029	3,029	0	2,717	2,717	16,058	19,087						
Otis	58d	482	0	482	4,275	4,757	-3,622	2,215	6,972						
Beartown	58d			11,389	11,389	0	-11,389	0	11,389						
Mohawk	58c	7,097	0	7,097	22,560	29,657	-11,525	0	29,657						
Middlefield-Peru	58e, 58c	3,165	0	3,165	4,106	7,271	-878	10,411	17,682						
Quinebaug	59c			5,318	5,318	0	-5,318	1,000	6,318						
Freetown-Fall River	59e			10,949	10,949	10,636	-313	3,541	14,490						
North Shore	59f			8,089	8,089	10,000	1,911	5,761	13,850						
Martha's Vineyard	84a			5,214	5,214	0	-5,214	0	5,214						
Myles Standish (Plymouth)	84a59e	10,973	167	11,140	1,437	12,410	-366	2,871	15,448						
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>38,075</b>	<b>11,087</b>	<b>49,162</b>	<b>137,949</b>	<b>176,024</b>	<b>-59,858</b>	<b>67,897</b>	<b>255,008</b>						
<b>% OF TOTAL DSCR LANDS</b>						<b>57%</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>45%</b>						
<b>% OF TOTAL STATE LANDS</b>						<b>31%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>45%</b>						

\* Potential reserves not included: Barkhamsted, Catamount, North Taconic, Pittsfield, Quabbin, Wachusett, Whately.

Ecoregions based on:

Level III and IV Ecoregions of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, U.S. EPA 1999 ftp://ftp.epa.gov/wed/ecoregions/ma\_ct\_ri/ma\_ct\_ri\_eco.pdf

3690 **LARGE RESERVES ELECTION CRITERIA**

3691 **DCR's Initial Reserve Criteria**

3692 The current Commonwealth of Massachusetts Reserve system is a step in the right direction.  
3693 However, the system falls far short of what is needed. One of the major problems is that the  
3694 criteria used by the committee to rank and select potential Reserves were incomplete. The criteria  
3695 were:

- 3696 • Acreage of old growth
- 3697 • Acreage of valley bottom land
- 3698 • % protected land in surrounding area
- 3699 • % 1830s forest
- 3700 • Number of viable rare communities
- 3701 • % forest cover in surrounding area
- 3702 • % BioMap ambystomid habitat
- 3703 • % riparian and wetland forest
- 3704 • % forest interior
- 3705 • Acreage of largest interior forest
- 3706 • % living waters critical supporting watershed

3707 **Proposed Additional Reserve Criteria**

3708 The Reserves Working Group revisited the process and added the following criteria:

- 3709 • Large blocks of contiguous forest, which should be ranked highest because the integrity and  
3710 value of natural areas increases significantly with size;
- 3711 • Opportunities for connectivity for plant and animal movement between large core Reserve  
3712 blocks;
- 3713 • Existing and potential connectivity with protected areas in adjacent states;
- 3714 • Potential for expansion through private land acquisition or by other conservation partners  
3715 such as land trusts or municipalities;
- 3716 • Substantial representation within each ecoregion;
- 3717 • Redundancy, geographically dispersed Reserves to distribute risk;
- 3718 • Anticipation of future impacts of climate change on existing ecosystems; and  
3719 • Contribution to carbon sequestration and mitigation of climate change.

3720 **SELECTION CRITERIA APPLIED TO PROPOSED LARGE RESERVES**

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3722 **CHALET [Expansion of existing Reserve]**

- 3723 • High number of rare or threatened communities.
- 3724 • Significant riparian and wetland forest.
- 3725 • Complex of several smaller areas that create one large core area.
- 3726 • Opportunity for connectivity with Mount Greylock, Mohawk, and Middlefield-Peru  
3727 (proposed) Reserves, as part of a corridor between Vermont and Connecticut.
- 3728 • Opportunity for expansion with lands of other state agencies.
- 3729 • High elevations to accommodate species movement in response to climate change.
- 3730 • Significant blocks of mature forest to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change.

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3732 **OCTOBER MOUNTAIN**

- 3733 • One of the largest blocks of contiguous, relatively unfragmented forest in state.
- 3734 • Opportunity for connectivity with Middlefield-Peru (proposed) and Beartown (proposed)  
3735 Reserves, as part of a corridor between Vermont and Connecticut.
- 3736 • Largest block of public land in ecoregion.

- 3737 • Significant blocks of mature forest to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change.  
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**MOUNT GREYLOCK [Expansion of existing Reserve]**

- 3740 • High number of rare or threatened communities.  
3741 • One of the largest blocks of contiguous, relatively unfragmented forest in state.  
3742 • Opportunity for connectivity with Chalet and Mohawk Reserves, as part of a corridor  
3743 between Vermont and Connecticut.  
3744 • Largest block of public land in ecoregion.  
3745 • One of only two proposed reserves in ecoregion.  
3746 • High elevations to accommodate species movement in response to climate change.  
3747 • Significant blocks of mature forest to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change.  
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**MOUNT WASHINGTON [Expansion of existing Reserve]**

- 3750 • Connectivity with adjacent New York, Vermont and Connecticut protected areas, as part of  
3751 a corridor between Vermont and Connecticut.  
3752 • One of only two proposed reserves in ecoregion.  
3753 • High elevations to accommodate species movement in response to climate change.  
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**NEW MARLBOROUGH**

- 3756 • Complex of several smaller areas that create one large core area.  
3757 • Opportunity for connectivity with Beartown (proposed) and Otis Reserves, as part of a  
3758 corridor between Vermont and Connecticut.  
3759 • Opportunity for expansion with lands of other state agencies.  
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**EAST BRANCH WESTFIELD RIVER [Expansion of existing Reserve]**

- 3762 • Significant riparian and wetland forest.  
3763 • Includes Westfield National Wild and Scenic River corridor.  
3764 • Complex of several smaller areas that create one large core area.  
3765 • Only Reserve in ecoregion.  
3766 • Opportunity for connectivity with Chalet, October Mountain (proposed), and East Branch  
3767 Westfield River Reserves, as part of a corridor between Vermont and Connecticut.  
3768 • Opportunity for major expansion with lands of other state agencies.  
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**WENDELL**

- 3771 • Complex of several smaller areas that create one large core area.  
3772 • Opportunity for connectivity with Royalston (proposed) Reserve and adjacent natural  
3773 areas in Vermont, as part of Vermont-to-Connecticut corridor.  
3774 • Opportunity for expansion with lands of other state agencies.  
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**WARWICK**

- 3777 • Complex of several smaller areas that create one large core area.  
3778 • Opportunity for connectivity with Royalston (proposed) Reserve and adjacent natural  
3779 areas in Vermont, as part of Vermont-to-Connecticut corridor.  
3780 • Opportunity for expansion with lands of other state agencies.  
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**ROYALSTON**

- 3783 • Complex of several smaller areas that create one large core area.  
3784 • Opportunity for connectivity with Wendell-Warwick (proposed) Reserve and adjacent  
3785 natural areas in Vermont, as part of Vermont-to-Connecticut corridor.  
3786 • Opportunity for major expansion with lands of other state agencies.  
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3788 **CUNNINGHAM POND (WARE) [Maintenance of existing Reserve]**

- 3789 • Significant riparian and wetland forest.
- 3790 • One of only two Reserves in ecoregion
- 3791 • Opportunity for major expansion with lands of other state agencies.

3792 **OTIS [Expansion of existing Reserve]**

- 3794 • High number of rare or threatened communities.
- 3795 • Significant riparian and wetland forest.
- 3796 • Complex of several smaller areas that create one large core area.
- 3797 • Opportunity for connectivity with Beartown (proposed) and New Marlborough (proposed)
- 3798 Reserves, as part of a corridor between Vermont and Connecticut.
- 3799 • Opportunity for expansion with lands of other state agencies.
- 3800 • Diverse habitats to adapt to climate change.

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3802 **BEARTOWN**

- 3803 • One of the largest blocks of contiguous, relatively unfragmented forest in state.
- 3804 • Opportunity for connectivity with October Mountain (proposed) and New Marlborough
- 3805 (proposed) Reserves, as part of a corridor between Vermont and Connecticut.
- 3806 • Significant blocks of mature forest to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change.

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3808 **MOHAWK [Expansion of existing Reserve]**

- 3809 • Significant old growth forest.
- 3810 • High number of rare or threatened communities.
- 3811 • Complex of several smaller areas that create one large core area.
- 3812 • Opportunity for connectivity with Mount Greylock and Chalet Reserves, as part of a
- 3813 corridor between Vermont and Connecticut.
- 3814 • Significant blocks of mature forest to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change.

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3816 **MIDDLEFIELD-PERU [Expansion of existing Reserve]**

- 3817 • Significant riparian and wetland forest.
- 3818 • Significant rivers and streams.
- 3819 • Complex of several smaller areas that create one large core area.
- 3820 • Opportunity for connectivity with Chalet, October Mountain (proposed), and East Branch
- 3821 Westfield River Reserves, as part of a corridor between Vermont and Connecticut.
- 3822 • Opportunity for major expansion with lands of other state agencies.

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3824 **QUINEBAUG**

- 3825 • Opportunity for connectivity with adjacent conservation lands in Connecticut, as part of a
- 3826 corridor between Vermont and Connecticut.
- 3827 • Largest block of public land in ecoregion.
- 3828 • Only Reserve in ecoregion
- 3829 • Opportunity for expansion with lands of other state agencies.

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3831 **FREETOWN-FALL RIVER**

- 3832 • High number of rare or threatened communities.
- 3833 • Significant riparian and wetland forest.
- 3834 • Largest block of public land in ecoregion.
- 3835 • One of only two Reserves in ecoregion.
- 3836 • Opportunity for major expansion with lands of other state agencies.

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3838 **NORTH SHORE**

- 3839 • Significant riparian and wetland forest.
- 3840 • Complex of several smaller areas that create one large core area.
- 3841 • Includes largest tracts of public land in ecoregion.
- 3842 • Only Reserve in ecoregion.
- 3843 • Opportunity for connectivity between inland protected areas and Atlantic Coast.
- 3844 • Opportunity for major expansion with lands of other state agencies and private lands.
- 3845 • Regenerating forest that can absorb and sequester carbon to mitigate climate change

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3847 **MARTHA'S VINEYARD (CORRELLUS)**

- 3848 • High number of rare or threatened communities.
- 3849 • One of only two Reserves in ecoregion.
- 3850 • Largest block of state public land on a Massachusetts island.
- 3851 • Significant opportunity for restoration of damaged ecosystems.

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3853 **MYLES STANDISH (PLYMOUTH)**

- 3854 • High number of rare or threatened communities.
  - 3855 • One of the largest blocks of contiguous, relatively unfragmented forest in state.
  - 3856 • Largest block of public land in ecoregion.
  - 3857 • One of only two Reserves in ecoregion, and the only one on the mainland.
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