Community Forests

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The Center helps create economic opportunity and community vitality from healthy working forests in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York.
30 Million acres, home to 2 million people
$3.7 million timber sales
Direct: 2 local jobs in forestry/logging
Indirect: up to 10 jobs in other forest sectors
Paid 50% of loan and interest
$100,000 expected annual NET income
Community Forests can drive economic and community development
Community Forest Model

Our model includes:

– Community ownership

– Community participation in management

– Community benefits tied to community priorities

– Permanent Protection
## Process

### Planning Activities

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Start → Time → Finish
Critical Elements for Success
1. Leadership capacity
2. Parcel Identification

- Conservation values
- Recreation values and access
- Other uses?
  - School?
- Costs and revenues
- Is it special to the people?
3. Time, Timing & Patience

- 2 – 4 years
- Engagement
- Fundraising
- Transaction
- Planning
4. Support and Assistance
“People come here for beautiful forests and clean water; if we don’t take care of these, who will come?”

—Bill Freedman, Errol, NH
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